

**To: The Members**  
**From: BCA Board**  
**Subject: Item 8 – Selection of Honorary Members**  
**Date: 9 September 2024**

The BCA's Memorandum and Articles of Association (adopted 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018 and updated 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019) define under Clause 43 the procedure for the election of Honorary members:

*43. HONORARY MEMBERS A person may be elected an Honorary Member, following nomination by the Board and resolution by the membership at an AGM.*

Requiring a resolution at the AGM makes the process more bureaucratic than necessary, and restricts the BCA's ability to honour worthy recipients. The proposal is to amend this clause to reflect the preferred process in which Fellows or Board members of the BCA are invited to nominate candidates for honorary membership, with final approval given by the Board and President. Nominations would still be required to meet certain criteria, to ensure that Honorary membership was reserved for those who have made very significant contributions.

Other amendments to the M&As have been proposed in a separate resolution, and so it would be sensible to make all changes at the same time. This proposal would remove an unneeded level of bureaucracy from the process of granting honorary membership.

**Resolution:**

**That the BCA revises the Memorandum and Articles of Association to allow the Board to elect honorary members to the Association without an AGM resolution.**