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SWIB Constitution – proposed changes

This motion proposes a change to the Constitution of Scottish Women in Business, which was last amended in 2018. These changes have been approved for presentation to the membership by the current committee (August 2020).

The impetus for this addition was the COVID-19 pandemic which placed tough restrictions on the running of SWIB. It is felt by the committee that now is not the right time to handover the presidency. The constitution does not allow the flexibility to do this.

Changes apply to section 6 of the constitution and are marked in red below. The current constitution can be found by following this link [https://www.scottishwomeninbusiness.org.uk/files/swib-constitution-\(2018\)-approved.pdf](https://www.scottishwomeninbusiness.org.uk/files/swib-constitution-(2018)-approved.pdf)

The current constitution states

The president

The current vice president will normally become the new president. Where this is not possible, the committee will elect the president from among its membership. Generally, though not always, the president should have had at least one year's experience on the club's committee. The president will serve for one year.

The revised constitution would state

The president

The current vice president will normally become the new president. Where this is not possible, the committee will elect the president from among its membership. Generally, though not always, the president should have had at least one year's experience on the club's committee. The president will customarily serve for one year which may be extended for a period of time, up to a maximum extension of 1 year as approved at any committee meeting. The membership will be notified of any extension and the reason for this extension.