

MACI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025

**St Peter and Paul's Parish Hall, Dublin Rd, Borris Little, Portlaoise, Co.
Laois, R32 R684.**

6th December 2025 at 1.00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Registration of Proxy votes
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of MACI Annual General Meeting 2024
4. Matters Arising
5. President's Address
6. Chairman's Report
7. Secretary-General's report
8. Treasurer's report
9. Membership Secretary's report
10. CIAM Delegates report
11. NACI Delegates report
12. R/C Aerobatics Secretary's report
13. R/C Scale Secretary's report
14. Control Line Secretary's report
15. Glider Secretary's report
16. R/C Helicopter Secretary's report
17. Insurance Officer's report
18. IAA Liaison Officer's report
19. Website Administrator's report
20. Jet Models Secretary's report
21. A/B Co-Ordinator's report
22. Education Officer's report
23. Election of officers
24. Proposed changes to MACI Constitution and By-Laws
25. Membership fees

Proposals for changes to MACI Constitution and By-Laws for consideration at 2025 AGM

I would like to propose the following:

That the AGM minutes are distributed to the paid up membership within 2 months of the date of the AGM meeting

Proposed by Bill Thompson IRL-862

Seconded by William Bowles IRL-1895

In relation to meetings other than the AGM such as Council Meetings, EGMs etc, I propose the following:

That the minutes of such meetings be distributed to the paid up membership within 4 working weeks of the date of the said Meeting.

Proposed by Bill Thompson IRL-862

Seconded by William Bowles IRL-1895

Article 11:

Original 2 nd Paragraph:

“The term of office for the Chairman, Honorary President, Secretary General, Treasurer, and Flight Lines Editor shall be two years and for all other officers shall be one year. For the purpose of continuity, the Hon President, Secretary General and Flightlines Editor shall be elected on even numbered years and the Chairman and Treasurer on odd numbered years.”

To be replaced with :

“The term of office for the Chairman, Honorary President, Secretary General, Treasurer, and for all other officers shall be one year.”

Proposed : Liam Broderick, IRL 921

Seconded Declan Heneghan IRL 4391

Background

The annual changeover of officers at the AGM has traditionally occurred over a few weeks following the AGM. The following proposal formalises this procedure

Proposal 1

Add the following paragraph to Article 11 as paragraph 2 which ends with the sentence “No one person may fill more than two posts”

All officers elected at the AGM held in the last 3 months of a calendar year shall take office on the 1st January following the AGM. Where an election at an EGM or where an GM is occurs during another month, the change of office shall occur on the 1st of the month following election.

Proposal 2

Background

There is now a big emphasis on proper behaviour of sporting organisations in Ireland. This includes data protection, correct procedures and controls, and possible conflicts of interest both perceived and actual. It follows a number of scandals and the Sports Council has already penalised some associations for breaches in governance and ethics.

Also there is considerable discussion in Ireland about ethics following the failures of TDs to register their interests to the Dail.

MACI is attempting to get back the recognition of the Sports Council which was lost some years ago. One of MACI's failures is the lack of an ethics policy.

This is the 7th occasion we have proposed such a code of ethics. The first time around it was passed by the Council but subsequently not ratified. The following 5 occasions it was rejected by AGMs.

It is really amazing that in 2025 an organisation with public membership does not have an ethics policy. There is no doubt that, not having an ethics policy may be looked on somewhat badly by authorities but making a deliberate choice not to have one would be black mark. I dread to think what the IAA would say if they found out.

Therefore we propose MACI place an ethics policy in its constitution and the Council will be responsible for enforcing it as needed.

Proposal

Add the following new Article after Article 12 of the constitution and renumber articles 13 onward accordingly:

Article 13: All officers must within one month of election or co-option make an ethics declaration of interests to the council in a manner and covering such items as shall be decided by the council. This declaration shall be made again on subsequent re-election and also within one month where the circumstances in a previous declaration have changed. Failure to submit such a declaration shall disqualify the person from holding office.

Explanatory note, which do not form part of the proposal.

This is proposed for reasons of ethics, as any person dealing with or requested to deal with, any government, regulatory, state or semi-state body, (local, national or international) should first declare (on a suitable form prepared by the Council):

any connection he, or any member of his family, has with any person in the body, or associated or affiliated bodies, with whom the discussions are held

all interests in any business, which he or any member of his family has, which is related, or could be construed to be so related, to subject matter of the discussions

all interests which he, or any member of his family, has with any business which, anytime in the previous 10 years, has had dealings with the body involved or any associated body

Proposed: Finbar Constant, IRL 569

Seconded: Kevin Barry, IRL 87

Proposals For Changes to MACI Constitution