

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**  
**For the Proposal to Amended the**  
**Constitution of the Association of Singapore Patent Agents**

Clause 2. The change to the place of business is to remove the necessity to change the constitution every time there is a change to the secretary.

Clause 4. The deletion of "Executive" is for consistency of terminology.

Clause 9. The amendment is to give some flexibility in meeting month. May is a very busy month for international meetings (e.g. Bio, INTA, AIPLA) and this can impact on attendance at the AGM.

Clause 10. The changes in clause 10.1 are for grammatical correctness. The changes to clause 10.2 are to clarify the situation. The Retiring President is not a member of the defined committee and is ex-officio for the first year only. It is believed this will provide clarity, and consistency in quorum numbers during the two year term of the committee. The first change to clause 10.3 again is to give the committee more flexibility. The other two changes are to avoid a clash with the defined Committee Members.

Clause 14. This is to clarify the situation. Some Ordinary Members have regional roles and may work in Singapore on a regular basis but may not actually reside here. It also allows an Ordinary Member to live in JB and work in Woodlands.