

## SAICA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING E-VOTING TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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These Terms and Conditions apply to your use, as a Member of SAICA, of the e-Voting Service and Webcast, to participate at the SAICA Annual General Meeting (AGM).

### 1. Definitions

- 1.1. Unless the context indicates otherwise, the words and expressions set out below shall have the following meaning:
  - 1.1.1. **Good Standing** refers to good standing as defined in the SAICA Constitution;
  - 1.1.2. **e-Voting Service** refers to the online voting services implemented by SAICA which enables the Members to participate at the AGM electronically;
  - 1.1.3. **Member (s)** refers to a member as defined in the SAICA Constitution (meaning a person who has satisfied the requirements of membership pursuant to the By-Laws and who has been admitted to membership of the institute);
  - 1.1.4. **Personal Information** refers to the meaning ascribed to it in the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013;
  - 1.1.5. **SAICA** refers to the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants, a body corporate not for gain established in terms of its own Constitution and incorporated in accordance with the laws of the Republic of South Africa; and
  - 1.1.6. **Webcast** refers to the broadcast of the AGM over the internet to enable access to the proceedings of the AGM by Members during the AGM.
- 1.2. The words importing the feminine gender shall include the masculine and neuter genders.

### 2. Rights and Obligations of Members

- 2.1. A Member shall be eligible to cast a single vote per resolution:
  - 2.1.1. through the use of e-Voting Service at least **48 (forty-eight) hours** prior to the commencement of the AGM; or
  - 2.1.2. at the AGM cast his/her vote per resolution tabled through the use of e-Voting Service for the on-the-day voting.
- 2.2. A Member may appoint a proxy holder to cast votes on his/her behalf through the e-Voting Service.
- 2.3. If a Member has appointed a proxy holder, the Member shall be entitled to participate via a Webcast, but shall not be able to cast any votes on the e-Voting Service, unless the proxy vote has been revoked by the Member in terms of **clause 4** (Proxy Revocation) below.
- 2.4. No Member shall be able to cast any votes prior to the on-the-day voting portal being activated or after the conclusion of the AGM.
- 2.5. Every member of SAICA who is a Member in Good Standing shall be entitled to be present via a Webcast or by proxy at an AGM.
- 2.6. Members agree to:
  - 2.6.1. commit their password to memory and not record it in any form including written or electronic;
  - 2.6.2. treat the password as confidential and not to reveal same to any third party; and

- 2.6.3. be vigilant and ensure no unauthorized access to their electronic devices occurs or leave such devices unattended whilst accessing the e-Voting Service.

### **3. Registration and On-the-day Voting**

- 3.1. Registration on the e-Voting Service is required to enable the allocation of proxy votes and the appointment of a proxy holder.
- 3.2. The e-Voting Service will be activated to enable registration of proxy voting and the appointment of proxy holders on the day on which the Notice of the SAICA AGM is issued.
- 3.3. The e-Voting Service shall be open for allocation of proxy votes and appointment of proxy holders and shall close **48 (forty eight) hours** prior to the AGM.
- 3.4. On submission of the proxy votes and appointment of a proxy holder confirmation of the submission of the proxy votes and the details of the appointed proxy holder shall be sent to the Member.
- 3.5. Once the Member appoints a proxy holder and submits the proxy vote on the e-Voting Service, the proxy holder shall be informed of their appointment as proxy holder, and the number of proxies that have been allocated to that proxy holder.
- 3.6. The submission of the proxy votes and appointment of a proxy holder shall not preclude any Member from attending the AGM and speaking thereafter. Should the Member wish to vote at the AGM, the Member shall be required to adhere to the provisions of **clause 4** (Proxy Revocation) below.
- 3.7. Should a proxy holder fail to cast discretionary votes allocated at the AGM, the right to exercise the discretionary proxy votes shall automatically default to the Chairman.
- 3.8. Only Members who have not submitted their proxy votes (and appointed a proxy holder), and if submitted, have adhered to the provisions of **clause 4** below (Proxy Revocation), are entitled to vote on the day at the AGM.
- 3.9. The procedure for voting at the AGM shall be announced by the Chairman during the course of the AGM.

### **4. Proxy Revocation**

- 4.1. Should a Member wish to revoke her proxy vote, a Member must:
- 4.1.1. depose to an affidavit before a Commissioner of Oaths with the Member's Identity Document, SAICA membership number and confirmation of submission of proxy votes appended thereto;
- 4.1.2. send a copy of the affidavit ("Notice of Revocation") to the respective proxy holder; and
- 4.1.3. email the original affidavit (referred to in clause 4.1.1) together with a certified copy of the Member's ID, confirmation email from SAICA of the proxy allocation and proof of receipt of the Notice of Revocation by the proxy holder to **agm@saica.co.za**, at least **1 (one) hour** prior to the commencement of the AGM.

### **5. Disclosure of Personal Information**

- 5.1. Members agree and consent to the collection, processing and use of their Personal Information by SAICA for the purpose of participating at the AGM.
- 5.2. Members consent to the disclosure of such Personal Information by SAICA, in strict confidence, to other institutions, should it be reasonably necessary for reasons including, but not limited to, compliance with the law and/or for safety measures such as prevention of unauthorized access

and/or breach and/or fraud in so far as such disclosure pertains to the use of the e-Voting Service and the Webcast.

## **6. Liability**

- 6.1. SAICA shall not be liable to Members for the use of and/or any transactions executed on the e-Voting Service and Members hereby indemnify and hold SAICA harmless against any action, suit or proceedings initiated against them or any loss, cost or damages incurred as a result thereof.
- 6.2. SAICA shall under no circumstances be liable to Members if access is not available in the desired manner for reasons including, but not limited to, natural calamities, legal restraints, fault in telecommunication network or network failure or any other reason beyond SAICA's control.
- 6.3. Under no circumstances shall SAICA be liable for damages whatsoever whether such damages are direct, indirect, incidental, consequential and irrespective whether any claim is based on loss of revenue, interruption of business or any loss of any character or nature, and whether sustained by Members or any other person.
- 6.4. Illegal or improper use of the e-Voting Service and Webcast by Members shall result in suspension of access to the e-Voting Service and Webcast, and Members shall be held liable for any damages incurred by SAICA.

## **7. Recognition of e-Voting Service**

- 7.1. By using the e-Voting Service, Members agree that they have read, understood and accepted these terms and conditions.
- 7.2. These terms and conditions and/or the use of e-Voting Service and Webcast shall be governed by the laws of the Republic of South Africa.
- 7.3. Members consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of the high court located in Johannesburg, South Africa with regards to claims and/or disputes arising from the use of the e-Voting Service, Webcast and/or these terms and conditions.

## **8. Attendance and Access Control**

- 8.1. Only bona fide SAICA members in Good Standing are eligible to attend the SAICA AGM, participate in the proceedings and vote at a SAICA AGM.

## **9. Changes to the Terms and Conditions**

SAICA shall, at its sole discretion, amend and/or supplement any of the terms and conditions for the e-Voting Service and Webcast, and will endeavour to give notice of such changes as and when they become available to its Members. It is the Members' responsibility to visit SAICA's website from time to time to ensure they are familiar with the most current version of these terms and conditions and agree to be bound by the revised terms and conditions as may be amended from time to time.