

## CPA UK: RULES: EXPLANATORY NOTE ON PROPOSED CHANGES, JUNE 2019

The substantive changes are in the following four areas:

- **Membership of Executive Committee**
  - Existing paragraphs 15 and 16 provide for annual election of members to the Executive Committee
  - New paragraph 7 would give effect to the Exec proposal to change this to the Committee being elected after a General Election and serving until the next General Election is called and Parliament is dissolved.
  
- **Chair, Treasurer and Vice-Chairs of the Executive Committee**
  - Existing paragraphs 11 and 12 are inconsistent on election and tenure of the Chair and Treasurer roles. Para 11b provides for annual election; para 12 says their term will be for the period of the “fixed term” (sic) parliament. In addition, para 12 also says neither office-holder may be re-elected to their office during the term of the subsequent Parliament.
  - New para 8 would make clear that the tenure in either Post is from election at the Exec following the General Election until the following General Election is called; and also give effect to the Exec proposal to allow a Member to seek re-election to these Posts following a General Election.
  - New para 8 would also give the three Vice-Chairs similar tenure, as opposed to annual election as at present.
  
- **Removal of “Associate Member” category; and of offices of Vice-President and ex-officio Chair of the Branch**
  - Existing paras 5 and 6 create a category of **Associate Member**, potentially open to: all former Members; to former Members of other CPA Branches now resident in the UK; and to staff of Parliament and of CPA UK. This serves no apparent useful purpose, while carrying some risk.
  - Existing para 10 creates the office of **Vice-President**, filled ex-officio by PM, Leader of the Opposition, Foreign and Development Secretaries and Members who have held a long list of similar existing and predecessor roles. This office is in abeyance and does not seem to be a useful one to retain.
  - Similarly, existing para 11a creates the office of **Chair of the Branch**, filled ex-officio by the Prime Minister. There seems little benefit in retaining this role, which is also sometimes confused with that of Chair of the Executive Committee.
  
- **Smaller amendments to better reflect existing practice and/or as a consequence of changes above.**
  - Shown in tracked changes