**Agenda Item 6 – Motion to Amend Rules**

1. **The Name of the Society**

Motion proposed by Steven Phipps:

*Amendment of Rule 1 – Establishment and Title*

Our current name, as defined in our Rules, is “Australia-Japan Society (Tasmania) Inc.”. However,

the punctuation of this name is problematic. Placing “Tasmania” in parentheses creates the

widespread impression that we are merely the Tasmanian branch of a larger society, which is incorrect. Although there are many Australia-Japan Societies in Australia, each of these is a separate society in their own right.

It is therefore proposed to refine the punctuation of our name by replacing “(Tasmania)” with “of Tasmania”. As well as removing the current ambiguity, this also brings our name into line with that of other Australia-Japan Societies in Australia (e.g. Australia-Japan Society of NSW, Australia-Japan Society of Victoria).

Accordingly, the following Motion is put:

*That the Rules of the Society be amended as follows:*

*Amend Rule 1 to read:*

*“There shall be, in Tasmania, an incorporated cultural and social organisation known as the*

*Australia-Japan Society of Tasmania Inc., hereinafter referred to as the Society.”*

1. **Removal of requirement for Common Seal**

Motion proposed by Kira White:

*Removal of Rule 20 – The Common Seal of the Society*

As investigated by the Committee during 2018-19, it has been determined that a Common Seal is no longer an official requirement for incorporated associations.

The 2018-19 Committee is unaware of the whereabouts of the Society’s Common Seal stamp, and by consensus of the Committee, it was decided that the expense of creating and purchasing a new one was not of notable worth to warrant expenditure of Society funds.

Accordingly, the following Motion is put:

*That Rule 20 requiring the use of a Common Seal for the Society be removed.*