

Progress report on considering transition to company structure

The 2016 Conference agreed in principle that OA should continue to pursue a transition from an Incorporated Association to a Company Limited by Guarantee.

The Conference also recommended that a working group be established, with suitable expertise, to consider this further. Melissa Gangemi has agreed to join this working group. Melissa is a member of Yarra Valley (Victoria) with a legal background. She has also served on the board of Flying Disc Australia (the governing body for Ultimate Frisbee) and oversaw a similar transition process for that organisation.

Despite a number of requests, no states have yet put forward additional members for the working group. We believe that we need at least one representative from a state association on the working group before progressing its work much further. Such representative(s) would need some level of experience in organisational governance (whether inside or outside orienteering), but not necessarily a formal legal background.

Providing a working group can be properly established, we would be looking to pursue the proposal further between now and the 2017 Conference, including engaging actively with State Associations on whatever proposals are developed.

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