



**GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY
OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED**
ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΗ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΗΤΑ ΝΟΤΙΑΣ ΑΥΣΤΡΑΛΙΑΣ

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting (**EGM**) of the Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia Inc. (**GOCSA**) has been called by direction of the Council

at **2:00pm** on **Sunday 27 October 2024** at the **Olympic Hall, 288 Franklin Street, Adelaide** to address the items of business contained in this Notice, which are hereby notified to members of GOCSA.

No other business will be conducted at the Meeting.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

To consider and (if thought fit) pass the following resolution:

***ADD** ‘Articles 29 to 33: REAL ESTATE OF THE ASSOCIATION’ to the Constitution of the Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia Inc.*

2. PROPOSED MOTION TO RESIGN GOCSA’S MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUTOCEPHALIC GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF AMERICA AND AUSTRALIA (“THE AUTOCEPHALIC CHURCH”) AND TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AUSTRALIA (“GOAA”)

To consider and (if thought fit) pass the following resolutions (as a **single motion**) that:

- “ The *Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia Inc. resign its membership of the Autocephalic Greek Orthodox Church of America and Australia.*”; and
- “ The *Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia Inc enter into a Deed with the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia in the form enclosed with this Notice.*”; and
- “ *Any resolution to exit the said Deed with the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia must receive the approval of at least 75% of the votes cast by the financial members of GOCSA who are present in accordance with the terms of the proposed resolution.*”; and
- “ The *Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia Inc will not sell or otherwise change the use of the Association’s Churches for a period of five years from the date that this resolution is passed.*”

3. PROPOSED MOTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ART. 2B OF THE CONSTITUTION TO DETERMINE FROM TIME TO TIME THE MEANING OF “ORTHODOX FAITH” AND “GREEK ORTHODOX FAITH”

To consider and (if thought fit) pass the following resolution:

“ That members decide that the following resolution concerned with matters involving the exercise of the power under Article 2B of the Constitution will require the votes of at least 75% of financial members present at a Meeting of the Association in order to be supported”.

If that resolution is supported, to consider (and if thought fit) pass the following resolutions (as a single motion):

Process to determine from time to time interpretation of “Orthodox Faith” and “Greek Orthodox Faith”

“ Where the Constitution of the Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia Inc, and particularly Art. 2B provides that the Community does not bind itself to any interpretation of the “Orthodox Faith” and “Greek Orthodox Faith” but may follow and conform to any interpretation and Church which in its absolute discretion it shall from time to time determine”, the membership resolves that:

- (i) the membership of the Association shall make that determination;
- (ii) such determination shall be made on a resolution at a General Meeting called under Art. 18; and
- (iii) a resolution making that determination must for the purposes of a vote undertaken at a meeting under Art. 18 be supported by at least 75% of financial members present at a Meeting of the Association.”

Interpretation of “Orthodox Faith” and “Greek Orthodox Faith”

“ In accordance with Art. 2B of the Constitution, the Community in its absolute discretion, and until further resolution, determine to follow and conform with an interpretation of “Orthodox Faith” and “Greek Orthodox Faith” as meaning the doctrine, canons, administrative rulings, discipline, divine worship, usages and customs as formulated in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the sacred Traditions of the Greek Orthodox Church as set by the Seven Ecumenical Synods and the regulations and encyclicals of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, the Holy Synod of the Archdiocese and the Archbishop.”

Please note the following important information in relation to the EGM:

1. **Further information** – accompanied with this notice is:
 - 1.1. an Explanatory Memorandum providing background information in respect of the above Deed;
 - 1.2. a copy of:
 - 1.2.1. the proposed Articles 29 to 33; and
 - 1.2.2. the proposed Deed of Agreement between GOCSA and GOAA;referred to above.

2. Approval thresholds

2.1. Articles 29 to 33: Real estate of the Association

To be passed, the proposed resolution must receive the approval of at least 60% of the votes cast by the financial members of GOCSA who are present, in accordance with Article 28(2) of the Constitution of GOCSA.

2.2. Resignation by GOCSA of its membership of the Autocephalic Church and to enter into the proposed Deed with GOAA

In order to be passed, the proposed resolution must receive the approval of at least 75% of the votes cast by the financial members of GOCSA who are present, in accordance with Article XVIII of the Constitution of the Autocephalic Church.

2.3. Determination as to the interpretation of “Orthodox Faith” and “Greek Orthodox Faith”

To be passed, the proposed *special resolutions* must receive the approval of at least 75% of the votes cast by the financial members of GOCSA who are present in accordance with the terms of the proposed resolution.

3. Quorum

A quorum in respect of the EGM shall be in accordance with Article 18 of the Constitution of GOCSA, which provides that such quorum:

“ ... shall be 2/3 of the financial members of the Association. In the event of the absence of such quorum at any such meeting it shall be adjourned for one hour and at which subsequent meeting it shall not be necessary to have a quorum.”

4. No proxies

Proxy voting will not be permitted in relation to the meeting called by this notice.

BY DIRECTION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL



SMARO SKORDAS
GENERAL SECRETARY
Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia Inc.

2 October 2024