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Dear Amaze Member,

Amaze 2019 AGM

I have the pleasure of inviting you to attend the Annual General Meeting of Amaze Inc., which is to be held at the Kathleen Syme Library and Community Centre, 251 Faraday Street Carlton on Thursday 28th November 2019 at 5.30pm.

The Notice of the AGM for 2019 is attached. In accordance with the Amaze Inc. Constitution, should you wish to raise any business at the AGM, please advise the Company Secretary, Tina Chronis via email by 5.00pm on 21st November 2019 at companysecretary@amaze.org.au

Board elections

At each AGM a number of Board positions are declared vacant and elections are held to determine who will fill those vacancies, in accordance with the Constitution of Amaze. There are no board positions subject to election this year.

Robert Armour has been appointed to the casual vacancy caused by the resignation of Katherine Pye in February 2019. Robert is a CPA Accountant with experience working in large ASX listed organisations as well as in senior leadership roles for Charities such as Royal Flying Doctors Service, Wallara and Guide Dogs Victoria.

Amendments to the Rules

At the last AGM, members were advised of the proposed amendments to the Rules of Association. Members were further advised via mail and email of the upcoming changes with the final letter sent on 5th August 2019.

The changes will stream-line Amazes governance procedures, improve the efficiency and enhance the administration of Amaze in several ways:

- They will save resources spent maintaining a membership roll and giving notice of General Meetings to a large role of people, most of whom are more interested in supporting the work of Amaze than attending its formal meetings.
- They will save resources spent on administering several categories of membership subscription fees and renewals.
- They will save resources spent on organising elections and nominations for Board members, when in reality Board members are generally sought out by advertisement or found through referrals from the existing board rather than by nomination from the membership.
- They will allow us to ensure in Board appointments we have an appropriate mix of skills, backgrounds and diversity, rather than being governed by the present rules of nomination, rotation, and retirement.

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- They will lower the quorum requirement for member meetings from 20 members, which has proven difficult to meet, to 5 members (in line with requirement for board meetings)

At this AGM, the members will vote on a special resolution to amend Amaze's Rules of Association.

The key amendments are summarised as follows:

- instead of having 3 different classes of members, Amaze will now only have a single class of ordinary members, who will also be directors. This will significantly simplify the administration and governance of the organisation;
- since the number of members will be reducing, the quorum required for meetings of the members will be reduced to 5 people accordingly;
- the concept of "Nominated Representatives" will be removed. This is because Amaze does not currently have (and does not intend to have) members who are not individuals;
- the requirement to keep a common seal has been removed because Amaze does not currently have a common seal; and
- some minor non-substantive changes have been made to some of the words and phrases used in the Rules of Association.

It has been a year of substantial achievements for Amaze and I look forward to seeing you at the AGM and introducing our new Board Directors.

Yours faithfully

Professor Warren Bebbington
Chair