



CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION, AS ADOPTED AT THE AGM ON 31 MAY 2024.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments to the goFPA Constitution

1. By inserting the following definition, in alphabetical order, after the definition of "Board Members" in clause 1.1-

*""**Department**" means the national department as defined in section 1 of the Act;"*

2. By inserting the following definition, in alphabetical order, after the definition of "Members" in clause 1.1-

*""**Minister**" means the Minister as defined in section 2 of the Act;"*

3. By inserting the following two definitions, in alphabetical order, after the definition of "Register" in clause 1.1 -

*""**Regulations**" means the regulations promulgated in terms of the Act and more specifically those relating to Fire Protection Associations";"*

*""**Rules**" means the Association's rules as contemplated in section 5(1)(c) of the Act read with section 5(4) of the Act, which rules as at 31 May 2024 are to be attached to this Constitution, but which Rules may be updated on the Association's then current website;"*

4. By renumbering the sub-clauses of clause 1.1 after the above insertions, so that it now has 28 sub-clauses instead of 24.

5. By inserting the following clause after the word "prevent" in the second line of clause 7.1 (*Objects and Powers of the Association*) –

"(which includes but is not limited to identifying ecological conditions that affect any fire danger, organising and training Members in firefighting, management and prevention, providing management services, training and support for communities in their efforts to manage and control veldfires)"

6. By inserting the following clause as clause 7.2 after clause 7.1.7 (*Objects and Powers of the Association*)-



(Changes to Constitution continued)

"The secondary objects of the Association are to undertake activities in the general assistance of its members in relation to the management, prevention and mitigation of any disaster caused by and/or any potential disaster which could be caused, by veldfires, including but not limited to any potential damage to the landowner and ecological infrastructure, activities relating to invasive alien plant and/or tree clearing or prevention, removal of biomass and/or other hindrances or impediments pursuant to such disasters, as well as any activity which relates to any risk mitigation in respect of any fire danger, any disaster and/or potential disaster which has a risk of affecting the management of veldfires."

7. By inserting the following 3 subclauses after clause 8.1.13 (*Duties And Functions Of The Association*) as clauses 8.1.14, 8.1.15 and 8.1.16 –
 - 8.1.14 *"to identifying ecological conditions that affect any fire danger;"*
 - 8.1.15 *"organising and training Members in firefighting, management and prevention and support; and"*
 - 8.1.16 *"providing management services, training and support for communities in their efforts to manage and control veldfires and to promote sustainable land management by the Members".*

8. By inserting the following 3 subclauses after clause 8.2 (*Duties And Functions Of The Association*) as clauses 8.3, 8.4 and 8.5-
 - 8.3 *"The Rules contemplated in section 5(1)(c) of the Act must in accordance with subsection 5(l)(c) of the Act provide for-*
 - 8.3.1 *any matter which may or must be dealt with in terms of the Act;*
 - 8.3.2 *the minimum standards to be maintained by Members in relation to all aspects of veldfires prevention and readiness for firefighting;*
 - 8.3.3 *controlled burning to conserve ecosystems and reduce the fire danger; and*
 - 8.3.4 *any other matter which is necessary for the Association to achieve its objects.*

3. *The Rules are binding on the Members.*

4. *A copy of the Rules must be lodged with the Minister."*



9. By inserting the following clause, after clause 20.5 (*Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson & Treasurer*) as clause 20.6 -

"If the Association has an executive committee and the membership of that executive committee changes after registration of the Association, the Association must in accordance with Regulation 9, inform the Minister by completing and submitting the relevant section of the prescribed form, as is made available by the National Office or any regional office of the Department."

10. By inserting the following new subclause after clause 22.2.5 as clause 22.3 -

22.3 "Annual Report"

The Association must submit an annual report to the Minister by 30 June every year about its activities and the achievement of its objects as provide for in Regulation 17."

11. Replacement of Annexure B with an update domain map of the goFPA
12. By inserting the following new annexure, being Annexure D to the Constitution which consist of the Rules as at the adoption date of these amendments.