**PROPOSED MOTION**

I move that:

a) an additional Clause 1.5.2 be added after Clause 1.5.1 of the constitution, to read:

This Constitution must be interpreted having regard to the principles of institutional

neutrality. In exercising its powers the Board will, so far as is practicable and in keeping

with the objects of the Society, maintain neutrality on contentious issues. and that

b) definitions of Contentious Issues and Neutrality be added to clause 1.3 in their

appropriate alphabetic locations, as follows:

Contentious issue means a political, ideological, religious, moral or cultural issue on

which there are substantial differences of opinion or belief that are expressed as

significant hostility between communities or groups of New Zealanders, including views

on gender identities, sexual preferences, race relations and the role of Te Tiriti, but does

not include:

(i) Issues of fact; or

(ii) Issues directly related to the charitable objects of the Society as listed at or in

clause 1.4.1.

Neutrality means the eschewing of endorsement, promotion or support of or opposition

to perspectives or positions on a contentious issue including avoiding the appearance of

any such alignment.

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

Rationale:

The proposed clause and definition reaffirms the principle that institutions such as

InternetNZ, are tasked with governance of the .nz domain for all New Zealanders,

should be non-partisan and focus on its core objects. Avoiding bias and the appearance

of bias on contentious social and political issues would not preclude InternetNZ taking

stances on contentious issues where necessary for the pursuit of its objects, such as

advocacy against internet censorship.

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