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ORDINARY MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE FAQS



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WHO ARE ORDINARY MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES?

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- Representatives are eligible individuals nominated formally by the Ordinary Member itself at the time of applying to become a FNMA Ordinary Member.
- FNMA does not have a role in identifying Ordinary Member Representatives, other than ensuring they meet the eligibility requirements under the FNMA Constitution being an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person aged 18 years or over.
- Ordinary Members may change a Representative through writing to FNMA when there is a need to change the Representative.

WHAT CAN ORDINARY MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES DO?

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- They represent the interests of their organisation and its Board and staff.
- They can put forward resolutions at General Meetings.
- They are eligible for Director positions where they have been a member for 12 months or more.
- They nominate (including themselves) and second eligible FNMA Representatives and Associates to Board positions.
- They vote at FNMA General Meetings, including voting for Director positions.
- They speak at FNMA General Meetings.
They may appoint a proxy if unable to attend a General Meeting.
- They can ask Directors to call a General Meeting.
- They can ask to inspect the Register of members.
- They may ask to inspect books and records according to Clause 3.5.1.6 of the FNMA Constitution.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A REPRESENTATIVE LEAVES THE ORDINARY MEMBER ORGANISATION?

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- The person is no longer eligible to be the Representative. The Ordinary Member organisation is to inform IRCA officially of the new member Representative.
 - Depending on their work situation persons moving out of a Representative role may be eligible to be an Associate member.
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