



Dear Fellow Member,

Extraordinary General Meeting, 12th December 2021 – Please vote at this EGM!

You're probably aware that our Club has had a difficult year, that for the last few months, the Club's leadership has been sadly and visibly dysfunctional and unfit for purpose. That's a disservice to Members, our staff, our partners, suppliers and advertisers.

The good news is that you now have the power to fix this by voting on a Special Resolution at an upcoming Extraordinary General meeting. (EGM)

As our chairman mentioned in last month's AM News, the AMOC Committee of Management (CoM) voted for an EGM to be held in early December to sort this situation out, this is now set for the 12th at 11am UK time. The resolution to be voted on will, if approved, create a permanent improvement in the way our Club operates

The headline challenge is that the current CoM, effectively the Board of Directors of AMOC, consists of 22 directors. It's an unworkable number that has proven itself to be unable to respond quickly and collectively to the challenges that are affecting the world of car clubs and in particular the current leadership needs of AMOC.

It is proposed to replace that existing 22 Member CoM with a much smaller Executive Committee (ExCo) of 7 elected Directors. This smaller group, working together with each other and with a number of specialised sub-committees, will create the vision for AMOC and run the day-to-day business of the Club, worldwide.

We are fortunate to have an amazing resource in our Membership, the goal is that the new ExCo will be filled by suitably qualified and experienced Members who are not only passionate about our Aston Martin Owners Club, but who also know how to run the Club in a business-like way for the benefit of a large and worldwide Membership. To vote please fill out the separate AMOC Proxy form attached, (not the one in the new articles), your local Area Representative can advise you how to complete the form

We are all customers as well as Members of this great Club, we deserve our Club to be run by professionals, elected from our ranks in a leadership team that's fit for purpose.

The updated Articles also implement a long overdue new complaints, grievances and appeals process that is absent from the Club's outdated 2003 Articles of Association. Never again will a dispute between Club directors have only the courts as its route to a resolution.

We all value the great heritage and rich traditions of AML and AMOC. This is not about change for change's sake. It's vital that our Club is able to adapt, to make decisions, to invest in Membership benefits, to level-up the distribution of Membership funds fairly around the world and to get back to doing what we all love, enjoying our cars and sharing that joy with like-minded enthusiasts.

We are a great car club. We want to remain a great car club.

Please vote YES to this change so that we can make this Club fit for all of us – your vote to change the Articles of Association will mean a smaller 7 Member CoM will be elected and announced at the next AGM at the end of February 2022

Thank you

Peter Saglietti
Director and COR Committee Chairman

Your Questions Answered

Q. What does all this mean for me as a Member?

A. In the short term there will be no noticeable change. This is all about the vision of how the Club works for Members and improving our standard of Corporate Governance.

Q. What about the medium to longer term?

A. Early in 2022 there will be an election for the 7 person Executive Committee. You will then have a vote to decide which of the candidates best fits the role of:

- Chairman
- Finance Director (Treasurer)
- Communications Director
- Membership Director
- International Director
- UK Events Director
- Club Development Director

When the elected Executive Committee is in post, it will be supported by a number of sub-committees that run the day-to-day operational aspects of the Club. In some cases, they will be long-standing committees (such as Publications) whereas other may be short-term to address specific points.

Q. Why will this be better than now?

A. The new 7 Member Executive Committee will be focussed on improving the Club for the benefit of all the Members worldwide putting the politics and turmoil of the last few months behind us for good.

Q Who will be eligible for those roles?

A. Any member of the AMOC based anywhere in the world can apply for any of the directorship roles. Candidates should be able to demonstrate some level of expertise/qualifications/experience appropriate for the role they are applying to fill. This will ensure that the Club's leadership team comprises the necessary mix of skills and other attributes suitable for running our international Club

Q. How will the roles be advertised?

A. Outline job specifications will be published on the Club website in late December. Anyone wishing to apply will complete a form that seeks their response to each aspect of the role. Those responses will be published on the website for all members to read in advance of an invitation to vote in an election that will be conducted by both paper and e-mail responses. More details will follow regarding the election process.

Q. Why do I need to appoint a proxy?

A. It does seem rather archaic in 2021 not to be able to accept postal and email votes in a simple way but although the Club has been using postal and email votes for a while, under the existing Articles in UK corporate law we need to follow the procedure where Members who can't be at the EGM in person - and that's most Members - give their proxy vote to a Member who will be there to vote on the remote Member's behalf.

A list of members attending the meeting, agreeing to act as proxy will be emailed shortly. You may also contact the Club for further details. Email back your proxy at least 48 hours before the commencement of the EGM to EGM@amoc.org. Do not forget to instruct your nominated Proxy on how you wish to vote.

You can still send your proxy in by post to arrive at AMOC HQ by 5pm on Thursday 9th December UK time and appointing a proxy will ensure your vote is properly recorded.

For other questions an 'EGM Q&A' page will be created on the Club website and forum and will be updated regularly. Please email your questions EGM@amoc.org