



Constitution for DEGNOS

Diens en Getuienis Noord-ooste Streek

Definitions

In this constitution, unless otherwise required by the context, the following words and expressions shall have the meaning set out hereunder:

Annual General Meeting	A meeting of members with all the stakeholders in DEGNOS including community members with a view on reporting on the previous fiscal year and promoting the objectives of DEGNOS.
DEGNOS	Acronym for the Afrikaans <i>Diens en Getuienis: noord-oostelike streek</i>
DRCN	Dutch Reformed Church of Namibia
Founders	Partners involved with DEGNOS at the time of founding the legal persona, that is: Synods Namibia Synod: Dutch Reformed Church Free State Synod: Dutch Reformed Church Congregations of the Dutch Reformed Church: Woodland Hills Heuwelsig Heuwelkruin Bloemheuwel Universitas Universitas-Rif Berg-en-Dal Langenhovenpark Oostersee Stellenberg Worcester-Noord Outeniqualand Suidpunt Windhoek-Oos Suiderhof Grootfontein Windhoek-Eros Otavi Tsumeb Pionierspark Tsumkwe Luhebu-Noord Western Caprivi Wildevy Welkom-Noord Karasburg Hentiesbaai Koës Congregation of the "Ned. Herv. Kerk in Suid-Afrika" Grootfontein Not for profit Trust Mergon Foundation
Governance Body	A selected group of natural persons responsible for governance of DEGNOS.
Manager	A natural person appointed by the Governance Body as executive manager of DEGNOS.
Management Committee	A subcommittee appointed in terms of Section 10 and to whom the operational management of DEGNOS is delegated.
Members	Founders as well as new partners who may be accepted by the AGM from time to time. An updated list of members will be attached to every approved constitution.
Ministry	A witness ministry founded as a legal persona through a joint venture of the Founders.

INTRODUCTION

Whereas the Founders of DEGNOS intends to found an independent ministry with the objects described herein in order to achieve the common lawful objects described herein, and;

Whereas the persons involved intends to create a legal relationship, based on an agreement between the Ministry to be founded and the Founders;

Now therefore those present agrees as follows:

SECTION 1 – NAME

The name of the Ministry is: DEGNOS.

SECTION 2 – BASIS

DEGNOS is a mutual missional diaconate ministry of members who confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Savior according to the Old and New Testament and therefore seek to together fulfil their common calling to the glory of one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



SECTION 3 – VISION AND MISSION

3.1 Vision

Educated communities of indigenous people who are spiritually and socially sustainable.

3.2 Mission

DEGNOS facilitates a holistic missional diaconate ministry by empowering indigenous faith-based communities to fruitful and accountable ministries.

SECTION 4 – OBJECTIVES OF DEGNOS

The missional objectives of DEGNOS are:

- 4.1 to manage accredited training facilities to identify and educate leaders of faith-based communities in accordance with the ecclesiastical expectations of the Dutch Reformed Church in Namibia;
- 4.2 to help develop a contextual relevant church culture for indigenous believers;
- 4.3 to act as conduit for financial support to indigenous faith-based communities and congregations.

The Diaconate objectives of DEGNOS are:

- 4.4 to identify and train indigenous pre-primary schoolteachers in order to support the school readiness of San children;
- 4.5 to stimulate and facilitate processes to promote social sustainability with-in the indigenous communities, whether it be agricultural, small businesses, food for craft projects or projects of any other nature;
- 4.6 to act as conduit for support to indigenous community pre-schools; small and medium enterprises, agricultural and other community development projects.

SECTION 5 – NATURE OF DEGNOS

- 5.1 DEGNOS is a legal persona and may exercise all the powers of a corporate body through the Governance Body, including owning of assets, contracting and the right to conduct legal proceedings in its own name. DEGNOS may therefore sue and be sued in the name of DEGNOS and the *domicilium citandi et executandi* will be at its main office at Grootfontein.
- 5.2 DEGNOS shall continue as a corporate body despite any changes in its members or the composition of the Governance Body.
- 5.3 The members of DEGNOS and persons forming part of the Governance Body and its subcommittees are not personally liable for any consequences of *bona fide* decisions or actions taken in good faith.
- 5.4 DEGNOS will utilize its income and property solely for the promotion of its objectives, as stated in Section 4 of the constitution;
- 5.5 All assets and liabilities of DEGNOS belong to DEGNOS independent from any members or persons forming part of the Governance Body. Thus, no asset of DEGNOS can be claimed as a private asset by any of its members, or persons acting on the Governance Body, employees or manager or anyone else, nor can DEGNOS claim any of the asset(s) of the above-mentioned members or persons as an asset of the Ministry. No portion of income or property of DEGNOS shall also directly or indirectly or in any manner whatsoever, be transferred to a member of DEGNOS, except the payment in good faith of reasonable remuneration to employees of DEGNOS for services delivered to DEGNOS.
- 5.6 DEGNOS has in general such powers to take such steps and to perform such acts as may be necessary in order to achieve its objects. In addition to these general powers, and without limiting them, DEGNOS has the powers as set out in this constitution.

SECTION 6 - THE OPERATIONAL AREA (WORK AREA)

DEGNOS serves within the borders of the Republic of Namibia.

SECTION 7 – MEMBERSHIP

- 7.1 DEGNOS as a body-corporate will continue despite changes in the composition of its members.
- 7.2 Membership shall be open to congregations and faith-based communities who subscribe to the vision and mission of DEGNOS and wishes to support DEGNOS.
- 7.3 Admission to and termination of membership shall be by the decision of the Annual General Meeting.



- 7.4. Membership shall lapse automatically:
 - 7.4.1 when a member submits his/her resignation in writing;
 - 7.4.2 when the conduct of a member is detrimental to the interests of DEGNOS;
 - 7.4.3 when the member is absent without notice from two consecutive Annual General Meetings;
- 7.5 The Governance Body shall keep a Membership Register.

SECTION 8 – STRUCTURE OF DEGNOS

8.1 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 8.1.1 The highest body of DEGNOS shall be the Annual General Meeting.
- 8.1.2 Each Member shall be represented by two (2) natural persons duly appointed.
- 8.1.3 The chairperson of the Governance Body shall preside over meetings of the Annual General Meeting.
- 8.1.4 The Annual General Meeting shall convene within six (6) months of the end of the fiscal year, or in the alternative within one (1) month after receiving the audited statements.
- 8.1.5 The quorum necessary to transact business at the Annual General Meeting shall be the presence of a simple majority of the representatives as indicated in 8.1.2. Representatives may be present by written proxy.
- 8.1.6 Employees of DEGNOS shall not have voting rights in the Annual General Meeting.
- 8.1.7 The Annual General Meeting shall be required to:
 - 8.1.7.1 determine the general policy of DEGNOS;
 - 8.1.7.2 consider and approve the reports of chairperson, Manager and the auditor;
 - 8.1.7.3 endorse the budget of DEGNOS;
 - 8.1.7.4 consider the annual reports of the Governance Body;
 - 8.1.7.5 appoint auditors for the forthcoming year;
 - 8.1.7.6 appoint a Governance Body in terms of Section 9.
 - 8.1.7.7 lay down its own rules of procedure.
- 8.1.8 Members shall bear their own costs for attending the Annual General Meeting.
- 8.1.9 The Governance Body shall convene an Annual General Meeting by written notice (including e-mail) to all members at least 30 (thirty) days in advance of the meeting.

8.2 EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

- 8.2.1 An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened to transact any such business as would normally be dealt with by the Annual General Meeting, but which is of such an urgent nature that it cannot be postponed.
- 8.2.2 The Governance Body shall have the right to convene an Extraordinary General Meeting by written notice (including e-mail) to all members at least 15 (fifteen) days in advance of the meeting, including provisional notice of the business to be transacted at the meeting; provided that notice of additional business may be given not less than 3 (three) days before the meeting.
- 8.2.3 Business transacted at the Extraordinary General Meeting shall be limited to that stated in the notices of the meeting.
- 8.2.4 The quorum for the Extraordinary General Meeting shall be two-thirds and voting shall be by ballot. Attendance may be by written proxy or electronic media (telephone conference or Skype).

SECTION 9 – GOVERNANCE BODY

9.1 Composition

- 9.1.1 The Governance Body of DEGNOS shall consist of at least seven (7) persons.
- 9.1.2 The Manager of DEGNOS shall serve in the Governance Body with full voting rights and shall ensure that the decisions of the meeting are executed, unless the meeting decides otherwise.
- 9.1.3 The chairman and vice chairman are elected during the first Governance Body meeting of the term.
- 9.1.4 The work of the secretary / treasurer may be united in one person and it is not necessary that the person is a member of the Governance Body.
- 9.1.5 Members of the Management Committee of DEGNOS may attend meetings of the Governance Body in advisory capacity.
- 9.1.6 The representative of the Synod of the DRCN is an *ex officio* non-voting member of the Governance Body of the Program.
- 9.1.7 The rights and privileges of a member of the Governance Body shall be his only and shall not be transferable to any other person, whether through the action of a member or by any other means.



9.1.8 The Governance Body shall have the right to co-opt members with no voting rights.

9.2 Term of Office

9.2.1 The tenure of the Governance Body is two-years.

9.2.1.1 The term of any individual member starts on the date of his/her appointment.

9.2.1.2 Members will be elected and appointed for a one or a two-year period.

9.2.1.3 At the election of the first Governance Body half of the members will be elected for one-year (1) and half for two-years.(2)

9.3 Vacancies

9.3.1 Vacancies in the Governance Body are filled by the Governance Body for the completion of the remaining period of the vacancy, with notification to the Annual General Meeting.

9.4 Discontinuation of membership of the Governance Body

A member of the Governance Body will cease to be a member if:

9.4.1 his/her membership DEGNOS Governance Body will lapse, or

9.4.2 the member is absent without notice from two consecutive meetings; or

9.4.3 his/her conduct is detrimental to the interests of DEGNOS, or

9.4.4 the person is legally incapacitated, or

9.4.5 the person's estate is sequestrated or surrendered to the benefit of its creditors, or

9.4.6 the person is convicted, whether in Namibia or elsewhere, of theft, fraud, forgery or any similar crime, or

9.4.7 the person is removed from a position of trust by a competent court as a result of misconduct, or

9.4.8 the person is convicted and sentenced to imprisonment without the option of a fine on any charge, or,

9.4.9 an internal investigation reveals that the person acted in conflict with the vision, mission, values and goals of DEGNOS, or,

9.4.10 the person resigns from the Governance Body by giving not less than 7 days' (or such shorter period as the remaining members may agree to) written notice to the remaining members, or

9.4.11 At the time of a members' death or dissolution of DEGNOS.

Should a person cease to be a member of the Governance Body for one of the above reasons, such a person cannot ordinarily become a member again without being nominated by the Founders and without the discretion of the Governance Body being applied.

9.5 Ethical obligations of members of the Governance Body

Every member of the Governance Body shall –

9.5.1 Comply with and observe this constitution of DEGNOS

9.5.2 Not cause real or potential disrepute upon DEGNOS as a result of any of his/her activities and not be guilty of conduct to the real or potential detriment of DEGNOS in his/her attempts to achieve personal goals;

9.5.3 Comply fully and strictly with any decision of the Governance Body in terms of the constitution;

9.5.4 Be loyal to DEGNOS and endeavour to promote the image of DEGNOS, and conduct his/her personal life in such a manner as not to prejudice either his/her reputation or that of DEGNOS;

9.5.5 Not criticize a fellow member in the presence of the public but treat all members with fairness and in accordance with strict principles of courtesy and integrity.

9.5.6 No member of the Governance Body shall have direct or indirect interest in or benefit from any contract that the Governance Body enters into with any company.

9.6 Powers and jurisdiction of the Governance Body



9.6.1 The Governance Body is responsible to pursue the objectives of DEGNOS as defined in Section 4 hereof, as well as for the daily management of DEGNOS.

In order to do this the Governance Body has the authority:

- 9.6.1.1 to receive regular reports regarding the service, including finance and labour relations, from the staff and subcommittees as appropriate.
- 9.6.1.2 to independently appoint staff, excluding the Manager, who is appointed in conjunction with the members.
- 9.6.1.3 to receive funds, donations and grants and to use such funds according to the goals of DEGNOS.
- 9.6.1.4 to negotiate contracts for the lease or purchase of land, buildings, equipment and vehicles that may be necessary to operate DEGNOS.
- 9.6.1.5 to determine its own managerial policies and procedures which are aligned with policies and procedures of the Ecumenical Social Services (EcSOS).
- 9.6.1.6 to appoint an accountant for DEGNOS. Annual reports and financial statements shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting and be distributed to the Members.
- 9.6.1.7 The Governance Body may only make loans or overdraw accounts with the explicit authorisation of the Annual General Meeting or with prior written permission obtained from a simple majority of the Members.
- 9.6.1.8 The Governance Body may from time to time propose, enact and subsequently amend, vary or rescind by-laws for the purpose of regulating matters connected with DEGNOS, provided such by-laws shall not be inconsistent with these Governance Rules.
- 9.7 The manager of DEGNOS reports directly to the Governance Body.
- 9.8 The Governance Body is responsible for sound financial management of DEGNOS.

SECTION 10 – SUBCOMMITTEES

- 10.1 The Governance Body may appoint subcommittees. The subcommittees may include both members and non-members of the Governance Body. Beneficiaries of services should preferably also serve in sub-committees.
- 10.2 Subcommittees shall have decision-making power in accordance to mandates contained with-in their Terms of Reference
- 10.3 Subcommittees may be appointed to handle specific portfolios, or specific projects of DEGNOS.

SECTION 11 – MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNANCE BODY

11.1 Frequency

- 11.1.1 The Governance Body shall meet at least once a quarter, preferably on the day and date as determined at a previous meeting. Members included in any meeting through technology (e.g. telephone, Skype, etc) will be deemed present at such meeting.
- 11.1.2 An extraordinary meeting of the Governance Body shall be convened either by the chairperson if he deems it fit, or when three (3) members of DEGNOS make such an application with written notification of the point of discussion, or by a quorum of the Governance Body itself when an urgent matter necessitates it.

11.2 Quorum

- 11.2.1 A simple majority of the members of the Governance Body shall form a quorum. (50% +1)
- 11.2.2 If a quorum is not present with-in thirty minutes of the start of a meeting at any meeting, notice of two weeks shall be given for a future meeting and at which meeting the attendees shall form a quorum.

11.3 Agenda

Written notice (including e-mail) of an ordinary meeting shall be given to all members of the Governance Body at least five (5) days before the meeting.



11.4 Minutes

- 11.4.1 Minutes shall be kept for meetings of the Governance Body. Copies shall be made available to members within fourteen (14) days after a meeting. Changes made to minutes, shall be comprehensively documented in the following minutes and be ratified and approved by the Governance Body.
- 11.4.2 Minutes shall be available on request to Members of DEGNOS after the minutes was approved by the Governance Body. The persons who represented a Member at the last Annual General Meeting shall be the official contact person for the year following that Annual General Meeting.

SECTION 12 – STATUTORY COMPLIANCE

- 12.1 The Governance Body shall comply with all relevant statutory requirements.
- 12.2 Any employee as well as member of the Governance Body guilty of statutory non- compliance will be guilty of misconduct and face summary dismissal.

SECTION 13 - FUNDS

- 13.1 The financial year of DEGNOS begins on March 1 of each year and ends on 28/29 February of each year.
- 13.2 DEGNOS derives its funds from any lawful action.
- 13.3 The Governance Body may invest or deal with all financial assets that DEGNOS acquire, as well as open and operate deposit accounts only with registered financial institutions.
- 13.4 Books of accounts are to be kept as are necessary to exhibit a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of DEGNOS. Accounting for the funds of DEGNOS will be done under general accepted accounting practice and will be audited annually.
- 13.5 The Manager of DEGNOS will serve the Governance Body with quarterly financial income-statements and receive permission for any expenses not approved per budget or exceeding the authorising limit of the Manager.

SECTION 14 – AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND DISSOLUTION

- 14.1 The terms of this constitution may be amended by the AGM with a two-third majority.
- 14.2 DEGNOS may be dissolved by means of a two-third decision of the AGM: provided that proper notice of the meeting is given not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of the meeting and such notice states the nature of the proposed decision to be taken.
- 14.3 In the event of dissolution or winding-up of DEGNOS, all its remaining assets, after payment of its liabilities, shall on resolution by the AGM be distributed to one or more ministries or congregations with similar objectives to DEGNOS.

SECTION 15 – ACCEPTED AND RATIFIED BY THE MEMBERS

- 15.1 This constitution was accepted by the 1st Annual General meeting that was held on the 4th of July 2015 at Grootfontein.
- 15.2 By acceptance of this constitution, the Annual General Meeting also has the authority, for all intends and purposes, to ratify and confirm whatsoever previous actions that may be needed, or cause to be done, in respect of those prior actions and decisions, which may be in line with the Objects and vision of DEGNOS.
- 15.3 Any changes to this constitution will be noted in the minutes of the meeting where the changes were approved and all changes will be noted in this document in Section 16 that is titled “**Amendments to the constitution**”



Section 16 :Amendments to the constitution

2016 AGM

13.5 – remove the word monthly and replace with quarterly

- 13.5 The Manager of DEGNOS will serve the Governance Body with ~~monthly~~ quarterly financial income-statements and receive permission for any expenses not approved per budget or exceeding the authorising limit of the Manager.

2017 AGM

No Changes were made to the Constitution

2018 AGM

No Changes were made to the Constitution

2019 AGM

4.1 Remove the word – indigenous – from the paragraph.

- 4.1 to manage accredited training facilities to identify and educate leaders of ~~indigenous~~ faith-based communities in accordance with the ecclesiastical expectations of the Dutch Reformed Church in Namibia;

9.1.1 Remove the words - four (4) - and replace with the words - seven (7)

- 9.1.1 The Governance Body of DEGNOS shall consist of at least ~~four (4)~~ seven (7) persons but not more than six (6) persons, excluding the Manager.

9.2.1.2 Half of the members will be elected in even numbered years for a two-year period and half will be elected in odd-numbered years for a two-year period. ~~The General Annual Meeting may in exceptional circumstances prolong the term of members of the Board with an extra two years~~

2020 AGM

No Changes were made to the Constitution

7 June 2021 special request to members and approved by members and subsequently changes done by Governance Body.

- a) Under the heading of the document to write out the full – Diens en Getuienis Noordooste Streek.

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- b) Under Section 2 – insert diaconate between missional and ministry

SECTION 2 – BASIS

DEGNOS is a mutual missional **diaconate** ministry of members who confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Savior according to the Old and New Testament and therefore seek to together fulfil their common calling to the glory of one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

- c) Under 3.2 insert Diaconate between the word missional and ministry so that the new sentence reads:

3.2 Mission

DEGNOS facilitates a holistic missional **diaconate** ministry by empowering indigenous faith-based communities to fruitful and accountable ministries.

- d) Under Section 4 – Change the wording of the whole section so as to clearly distinguish between missional and diaconal ministry. The section to read as follows with changes indicated in blue.

SECTION 4 – OBJECTIVES OF DEGNOS

The **missional** objectives of DEGNOS are:

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- 4.2 **to identify and train indigenous pre-primary school teachers;**
- ~~4.3~~ 4.2 to help develop a contextual relevant church culture for indigenous believers;
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The Diaconate objectives of DEGNOS are:

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Proposed Changes 2021 AGM

- a) Under the heading definitions:
Remove EcSOS and replace with DRCN

~~Ecumenical Social Services~~
(EcSOS) DRCN

~~The registered Welfare Organization jointly founded by the synods of the Dutch Reformed Church of Namibia and Uniting Reformed Church Southern Africa in Namibia.~~

- b) Under the heading definitions:
Add the sentence – “An updated list of members will be attached to every approved constitution”

Members

Founders as well as new partners who may be accepted by the AGM from time to time. An updated list of members will be attached to every approved constitution.

- c) Under Section 5 point 5:6
Remove the wording -“or expedient”

5.6 DEGNOS has in general such powers to take such steps and to perform such acts as may be necessary ~~or expedient~~ in order to achieve its objects. In addition to these general powers, and without limiting them, DEGNOS has the powers as set out in this constitution.

- d) Under Section 7 point 7.1
Replace the wording –“is continued” -with the words - “will continue”

7.1 DEGNOS as a body-corporate ~~is continued~~ will continue despite changes in the composition of its members.

- e) Under Section 9 point 9.1.1
Remove the last part of the sentence - “but not more than six (6) persons, excluding the Manager.”

9.1.1 The Governance Body of DEGNOS shall consist of at least seven (7) persons. ~~but not more than six (6) persons, excluding the Manager.~~

- f) Under Section 9 point 9.1.6
Remove the 1st part of the sentence - The EcSOS Chief Executive Officer or his/her authorized representative(s) are - and insert the following part – “The representative of the Synod of the DRCN is an” before *ex officio*

9.1.6 ~~The EcSOS Chief Executive Officer or his/her authorized representative(s) are~~ The representative of the Synod of the DRCN is an *ex officio* non-voting members of the Governance Body of the Program.]

- g) Under Section 9 point 9.2.11



Remove the last part of the sentence that reads – “ ~~No member may serve more than four consecutive years.~~”

9.2.1.1 The two-year term of any individual member starts on the date of his/her appointment. ~~No member may serve more than four consecutive years.~~

h) Under Section 9 point 9.2.12

Replace the complete sentence in 9.2.1.2 that read :

Half of the members will be elected in even numbered years for a two-year period and half will be elected in odd-numbered years for a two-year period. The General Annual Meeting may in exceptional circumstances prolong the term of members of the Board with an extra two years.

With a sentence that reads:

Members will be elected and appointed for a one or a two-year period

9.2.1.2 ~~Half of the Members will be elected and appointed in even numbered years for a one or a two-year period and half will be elected in odd-numbered years for a two-year period. The General Annual Meeting may in exceptional circumstances prolong the term of members of the Board with an extra two years.~~

i) Under Section 9 point 9.5.1

Insert the word –“of DEGNOS” after constitution

Remove the last part of the sentence that reads – “ ~~as well as the constitution of the Founders and not contravene any provision thereof;~~”

9.5.1 Comply with and observe this constitution of DEGNOS ~~as well as the constitution of the Founders and not contravene any provision thereof;~~

j) Under Section 9 point 9.5.6

Remove the words –“~~may enter~~” and replace with the wording – “enters”

9.5.6 No member of the Governance Body shall have direct or indirect interest in or benefit from any contract that the Governance Body ~~may enter~~ enters into with any company.

k) Under Section 9 point 9.6.1.2

Remove the words – “ ~~or other ordained staff~~”

Insert the word–“ members”

Remove the words – “. Founders and Ecumenical Social Services (EcSOS).”

9.6.1.2 to independently appoint staff, excluding the Manager ~~or other ordained staff~~, who is appointed in conjunction with the members. ~~Founders and Ecumenical Social Services (EcSOS).~~



l) Under Section 10 point 10.2

Insert the words – “**mandates contained with-in**”

10.2 Subcommittees shall have decision-making power in accordance to **mandates contained with-in** their Terms of Reference

m) Under Section 11 point 11.2.2

Insert the words – “**with-in thirty minutes of the start of a meeting**”

11.2.2 If a quorum is not present **with-in thirty minutes of the start of a meeting** at any meeting, notice of two weeks shall be given for a future meeting and at which meeting the attendees shall form a quorum.

n) Under Section 11 point 11.4.2

Remove the words –“**distributed**” and “**being**”

Insert the words – “**available on request**” and the words –“**the minutes was**”

11.4.2 Minutes shall be **distributed available on request** to Members of DEGNOS after **the minutes was** ~~being~~ approved by the Governance Body. The persons who represented a Member at the last Annual General Meeting shall be the official contact person for the year following that Annual General Meeting.



o) Under Section 15

The whole of Section 15 to be changed from the current wording and layout

SECTION 15 – ACCEPTED AND RATIFIED BY THE MEMBERS AT THE FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT GROOTFONTEIN ON JULY 4, 2015.

- 15.1 This constitution is accepted on the _____ by means of acceptance thereof by all of the members at the first Annual General Meeting of DEGNOS held at _____.
- 15.2 By acceptance of this constitution, the Annual General Meeting also has the authority, for all intends and purposes, to ratify and confirm whatsoever previous actions that may be needed, or cause to be done, in respect of those prior actions and decisions, which may be in line with the Objects and vision of DEGNOS.

To the new wording and lay-out.

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