

VICTORIAN CANINE ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

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2. Continue the meeting, hearing or the like in the person's absence;
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Further recommend that the following regulation be adopted:

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Rationale:

The only procedure available to the Chairperson of VCA Committees to control unruly members is the procedure known as "naming" – as described in 'Guide for Meetings and Organisations' N E Renton Volume 2 Guide For Meetings 3.27 – 2.30. Whilst this procedure may be suitable for meetings such as the Annual General Meeting of the VCA, it is not considered to be suitable for meetings of VCA sub committees. In addition, the "naming" procedure is not readily understood by the membership and hence its application may cause greater disturbance.

Should the Management Committee adopt the policy as recommended above, the policy can then be published on the VCA website for immediate implementation thus giving protection for VCA Chairpersons and ensuring smooth operation of VCA committees. By approving the adoption of the policy as a regulation will allow incorporation of the regulation at the next amendment of regulations.