

**CONSTITUTION**

**of**

**U3A ONLINE INC.**

*An Association*

*Incorporated in NSW on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2004*

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## **Objects of the association**

- (1) Through the use of existing and emerging technologies to provide educational opportunities and resources for older persons.
- (2) To provide a resource centre and information clearing-house to assist and promote the University of the Third Age movement by providing support, service and promotion to that movement, its members and the general public.
- (3) To subscribe to, become a member of and co-operate with any organisation or body, whether incorporated or not, whose objects are altogether or in part similar to those of the association, provided that the association shall not subscribe to or support with its funds any organisation or body which does not prohibit the distribution of its income and property among its members to an extent at least as great as that imposed on the association under or by this constitution.
- (4) To enter into arrangements with any government or authority, supreme, municipal, local or otherwise, that may seem conducive to the association's objects or any of them, and to obtain from any such government or authority any rights, privileges and concessions which the association may think it desirable to obtain, and to carry out, exercise and comply with any such arrangements, rights, privileges and concessions.
- (5) To take such steps by personal or written appeals, public meetings, or otherwise, as may from time to time be deemed expedient for the purpose of procuring contributions to the funds of the association, in the shape of donations, annual subscriptions or otherwise.
- (6) To print and publish any newspapers, periodicals, books or leaflets that the association may think desirable for the promotion of its objects.
- (7) In furtherance of the objects of the association to amalgamate with organisations or bodies having objects altogether or in part similar to those of the association and which prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members to an extent at least as great as that imposed upon the association under or by virtue of this constitution.
- (8) To do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects and the exercise of the powers of the association.

## Part 1 Preliminary

### 1 Definitions

(1) In this constitution:

**Director-General** means the Director-General of the Department of Fair Trading.

**in writing** means in the usually accepted written form which includes anything handwritten, typed or printed and includes electronic messaging by means of computer, facsimile or other electronic machine or device.

**meeting** means, in addition to the assembly of persons at one location, any arrangement including by electronic means facilitating the conduct of a meeting by persons at different locations replacing the need to assemble at one location.

**member** means a person who is, or a body or organisation that is, under this constitution, a member of the association. In the case of a body or organisation which is a member that organisation or body is represented by a natural person nominated by that body or organisation.

**orally** means in the usually accepted spoken form which includes the spoken word transmitted by telephone, conference call, videoconferencing and also includes messages recorded and delivered by means of audiotape and videotape devices.

**place** means, in addition to its usual meaning in the context of this constitution as a geographical address for the assembly of persons, a location or number of locations chosen individually where messages may be dispatched and received electronically.

**present** means physically attending a meeting in person or represented by proxy, or in the case of a meeting held electronically, at a place where electronic messages relating to the meeting and its conduct are sent and received including by an appointed proxy and where the person attending the meeting electronically has signed in to confirm his or her attendance.

**quorum** means, in addition to its usual meaning in the context of this constitution as the number or proportion of persons attending a meeting required to make the proceedings of the meeting valid, the number or proportion of persons attending the meeting electronically.

**read out** means deliver or delivered orally.

**secretary** means :

(a) the person holding office under this constitution as secretary of the association,

or

- (b) if no such person holds that office, the public officer of the association.

**show of hands** means, in addition to its usual meaning in the context of this constitution, the electronic messaging of a person's voting intention.

**sign** or **signature** means any mode of endorsement or encryption of identification approved by the committee for the purpose of validating electronic messaging.

**special general meeting** means a general meeting of the association other than an annual general meeting.

**the Act** means the Associations Incorporation Act 1984.

**the Regulation** means the Associations Incorporation Regulation 1999.

## **Part 2 Membership**

### **1 Membership qualifications**

- (1) A person is qualified to be a member of the association if, but only if:
- (a) the person is a person referred to in section 15 (1) (a), (b) or (c) of the Act and has not ceased to be a member of the association at any time after incorporation of the association under the Act, or
  - (b) the person is a natural person who has been nominated for membership of the association as provided by clause 3, has paid all of the applicable fee(s), and has been accepted as a member by the committee.
  - (c) the person has initially been accepted as a registrant of the association, has paid all of the applicable fee(s) and has subsequently been accepted as a member by special resolution of the committee.
- (2) An organisation or body is qualified to be a member of the association if, but only if:
- (a) the organisation or body is represented by a person who is a person referred to in section 15 (1) (a), (b) or (c) of the Act and has not ceased to be a member of the association at any time after incorporation of the association under the Act, or
  - (b) the organisation or body has been nominated for membership of the association as provided by clause 3, has paid all of the applicable fee(s), and has been accepted as a member by the committee.

### **3 Application for membership**

- (1) A nomination of a person, organisation or body for membership of the association:
  - (a) must be made in writing in the form set out in Appendix 1 to this constitution, and
  - (b) must be completed and lodged with the secretary of the association together with the applicable fee(s).
- (2) As soon as practicable after receiving a nomination for membership, the secretary must refer the application to the committee which is to determine whether to approve or to reject the application.
- (3) As soon as practicable after the committee makes that determination the secretary must:
  - (a) notify the nominee in writing that the committee approved or rejected the nomination (whichever is applicable), and
  - (b) if the committee approved the nomination, enter the nominee's name in the register of members and, on the name being so entered, the nominee becomes a member of the association.
- (4) If the committee rejects the application for membership the secretary must, as soon as practicable, notify the nominee in writing accordingly and return the fees paid by the nominee.

### **4 Cessation of membership**

- (1) A person ceases to be a member of the association if the person:
  - (a) dies, or
  - (b) resigns membership, or
  - (c) is expelled from the association., or
  - (d) fails to pay the annual membership fee within the time prescribed by the committee.
- (2) An organisation or body ceases to be a member of the association if the organisation or body:
  - (a) ceases to exist, or
  - (b) resigns membership, or

- (c) is expelled from the association, or
- (d) fails to pay the annual membership fee within the time prescribed by the committee.

## **5 Membership entitlements not transferable**

A right, privilege or obligation which a person, organisation or body has by reason of being a member of the association:

- (a) is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person, organisation or body and
- (b) terminates on cessation of the membership of the person, organisation or body.

## **6 Resignation of membership**

- (1) A member of the association is not entitled to resign that membership except in accordance with this rule.
- (2) A member of the association who has paid all amounts payable by the member to the association in respect of the member's membership may resign from membership of the association by first giving to the secretary written notice of at least one month (or such other period as the committee may determine) of the member's intention to resign and, on the expiration of the period of notice, the member ceases to be a member.

## **7 Register of members**

- (a) The public officer of the association must establish and maintain a register of members of the association specifying the name and address of each person, organisation or body who is a member of the association together with the date on which the person, organisation or body became a member.
- (b) the register of members must be kept at the principal place of administration of the association and must be open for inspection, free of charge, by any member of the association at any reasonable hour.
- (c) A member of the association may obtain a copy of any part of the register on payment of a fee of \$1 for each page copied or, if some other amount is determined by the committee, that other amount.

## **8 Fees**



(1) A member of the association must, on nomination for membership, pay to the association a fee of \$1 or, if some other amount is determined by the committee, that other amount.

(2) In addition to any amount payable by the member under clause (1), a member of the association must pay to the association an annual membership fee of \$2 or, if some other amount is determined by the committee, that amount

(3) The annual membership fee shall be payable on applying to become a member, and in each succeeding calendar year before the last day of the month in which the member first joined.

## 9 Member's liabilities

The liability of a member of the association to contribute towards the payment of the debts and liabilities of the association or the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up of the association is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid by the member in respect of membership of the association as required by clause 8.

## 10 Resolution of internal disputes

(1) Disputes between members (in their capacity as members) of the association, and disputes between members and the association, are to be referred to a community justice centre for mediation in accordance with the Community Justice Centres Act 1983.

(2) At least 7 days before a mediation session is to commence, the parties are to exchange statements of the issues that are in dispute between them and supply copies to the mediator.

## 11 Disciplining of members

(1) A complaint may be made to the committee by any person that a member of the association:

(a) has persistently refused or neglected to comply with a provision or provisions of this constitution, or

(b) has persistently and wilfully acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the association.

(2) On receiving such a complaint, the committee:

(a) must cause notice of the complaint to be served on the member concerned, and

- (b) must give the member at least 14 days from the time the notice is served within which to make submissions to the committee in connection with the complaint, and
  - (c) must take into consideration any submissions made by the member in connection with the complaint.
- (3) The committee may, by resolution, expel the member from the association or suspend the member from membership of the association if, after considering the complaint and any submissions made in connection with the complaint, it is satisfied that the facts alleged in the complaint have been proved.
- (4) If the committee expels or suspends a member, the secretary must, within 7 days after the action is taken, cause written notice to be given to the member of the action taken, of the reasons given by the committee for having taken that action and of the member's right of appeal under clause 12.
- (5) The expulsion or suspension does not take effect:
- (a) until the expiration of the period within which the member is entitled to appeal against the resolution concerned, or
  - (b) if within that period the member exercises the right of appeal, unless and until the association confirms the resolution under clause 12 (5),
- whichever is the later.

## **12 Right of appeal of disciplined member**

- (1) A member may appeal to the association in general meeting against a resolution of the committee under clause 11, within 7 days after notice of the resolution is served on the member, by lodging with the secretary a notice to that effect.**
- (2) The notice may, but need not, be accompanied by a statement of the grounds on which the member intends to rely for the purposes of the appeal.**
- (3) On receipt of a notice from a member under clause (1) the secretary must notify the committee which is to convene a general meeting of the association to be held within 28 days after the date on which the secretary received the notice.**
- (4) At a general meeting of the association convened under clause (3):**
  - (a) no business other than the question of the appeal is to be transacted, and**
  - (b) the committee and the member must be given the opportunity to state their respective cases orally or in writing, or both, and**

**(c) the members present are to vote on the question of whether the resolution should be confirmed or revoked.**

**(5) If at the general meeting the association passes a special resolution in favour of the confirmation of the resolution, the resolution is confirmed.**

## **Part 3 The committee**

### **13 Powers of the committee**

**The committee is to be called the committee of management of the association and, subject to the Act, the Regulation and this constitution and to any resolution passed by the association in general meeting;**

- (a) is to control and manage the affairs of the association, and**
- (b) may exercise all such functions as may be exercised by the association, other than those functions that are required by this constitution to be exercised by a general meeting of members of the association, and**
- (c) has power to perform all such acts and do all such things as appear to the committee to be necessary or desirable for the proper management of the affairs of the association.**
- (d) is responsible for the appointment of an auditor**

### **14 Constitution and membership**

**(1) Subject in the case of the first members of the committee to section 21 of the Act, the committee is to consist of:**

- (a) the office-bearers of the association, and**
- (b) at the discretion of the committee, up to 6 ordinary members,**  
**each of whom is to be elected at the annual general meeting of the association under clause 15**

**(2) The office-bearers of the association are to be:**

- (a) the president,**
- (b) the vice-president,**

**(c) the treasurer, and**

**(d) the secretary**

**each of which office shall be filled by a separate natural person, except that the offices of the treasurer and the secretary may be combined into one office at the discretion of the committee from time to time and in such instance the office shall be filled by one natural person.**

- (3) Each member of the committee is, subject to this constitution, to hold office until the conclusion of the annual general meeting following the date of the member's election, but is eligible for re-election.**
- (4) A member shall not be eligible for the election of President more than three times in succession**
- (5) In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the membership of the committee, the committee may appoint a member of the association to fill the vacancy and the member so appointed is to hold office, subject to this constitution, until the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of the appointment.**

## **15 Election of members**

- (1) Nominations of candidates for election as office-bearers of the association or as ordinary members of the committee:**
  - (a) candidates must be financial individual members of the association.**
  - (b) must be made in writing, signed by 2 members of the association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of the nomination), and**
  - (c) must be delivered to the secretary of the association at least 7 days before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting at which the election is to take place.**
- (2) If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the committee, the candidates nominated are taken to be elected and further nominations are to be received at the annual general meeting.**
- (3) If insufficient further nominations are received, any vacant positions remaining on the committee are taken to be casual vacancies.**
- (4) If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated are taken to be elected.**

- (5) If the number of nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot is to be held.**
- (6) the ballot for the election of office-bearers and ordinary members of the committee is to be conducted at the annual general meeting in such usual and proper manner as the committee may direct.**

## **16 Secretary**

- (1) the secretary of the association must, as soon as practicable after being appointed as secretary, lodge notice with the association of his or her address.**
- (2) it is the duty of the secretary to keep minutes of:**
  - (a) all appointments of office-bearers and members of the committee**
  - (b) the names of members of the committee present at a committee meeting or a general meeting, and**
  - (c) all proceedings at committee meetings and general meetings.**
- (3) Minutes of proceedings at a meeting must be signed by the chairperson of the meeting or by the chairperson of the next succeeding meeting.**

## **17 Treasurer**

**It is the duty of the treasurer of the association to ensure:**

- (a) that all money due to the association is collected and received and that all payments authorised by the association are made, and**
- (b) that correct financial records and accounts are kept showing the financial affairs of the association, including full details of all receipts and expenditure connected with the activities of the association.**

## **18 Casual vacancies**

**For the purposes of this constitution, a casual vacancy in the office of a member of the committee occurs if the member:**

- (a) dies, or**
- (b) ceases to be a member of the association, or**
- (c) becomes an insolvent under administration within the meaning of the Corporations Act 2001 of the Commonwealth, or**
- (d) resigns office by notice in writing given to the secretary, or**

- (e) is removed from office under clause 19, or**
- (f) becomes a mentally incapacitated person, or**
- (g) is absent without the consent of the committee from all meetings of the committee held during a period of 6 months**

## **19 Removal of member**

- (1) The association in general meeting may by resolution remove any member of the committee from the office of member before the expiration of the member's term of office and may by resolution appoint another person to hold office until the expiration of the term of office of the member so removed.**
- (2) If a member of the committee to whom a proposed resolution referred to in clause (1) relates makes representations in writing to the secretary or president (not exceeding a reasonable length) and requests that the representations be notified to the members of the association, the secretary or the president may send a copy of the representations to each member of the association or, if the representations are not so sent, the member is entitled to require that the representations be read out at the meeting at which the resolution is considered.**

## **20 Meetings and quorum**

- (1) The committee must meet at least 3 times in each period of 12 months in person or by electronic means at such place and time as the committee may determine.**
- (2) Additional meetings of the committee may be convened by the president or by any member of the committee.**
- (3) Oral or written notice of a meeting of the committee must be given by the secretary to each member of the committee at least 48 hours (or such other period as may be unanimously agreed on by the members of the committee) before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting.**
- (4) Notice of a meeting given under clause (3) must specify the general nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting and no business other than that business is to be transacted at the meeting, except business which the committee members present at the meeting unanimously agree to treat as urgent business.**
- (5) Any 3 members of the committee constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the committee.**
- (6) No business is to be transacted by the committee unless a quorum is present and if, within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting,**

**a quorum is not present, the meeting is to stand adjourned to a time and place determined by the person presiding at the meeting.**

**(7) If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting is to be dissolved.**

**(8) At a meeting of the committee:**

**(a) the president or, in the president's absence, the vice-president is to preside, or**

**(b) if the president and the vice-president are absent or unwilling to act, such one of remaining members of the committee as may be chosen by the members present at the meeting is to preside.**

## **21 Delegation by committee to subcommittee**

**(1) The committee may, by instrument in writing, delegate to one or more sub-committees (consisting of such member or members of the association as the committee thinks fit) the exercise of such of the functions of the committee as are specified in the instrument, other than:**

**(a) this power of delegation, and**

**(b) a function which is a duty imposed on the committee by the Act or by any other law.**

**(2) A function the exercise of which has been delegated to a sub-committee under this clause may, while the delegation remains unrevoked, be exercised from time to time by the sub-committee in accordance with the terms of the delegation.**

**(3) A delegation under this section may be made subject to such conditions or limitations as to the exercise of any function, or as to time or circumstances, as may be specified in the instrument of delegation.**

**(4) Despite any delegation under this clause, the committee may continue to exercise any function delegated.**

**(5) Any act or thing done or suffered by a sub-committee acting in the exercise of a delegation under this clause has the same force and effect as it would have if it had been done or suffered by the committee.**

**(6) The committee may, by instrument in writing, revoke wholly or in part any delegation under this clause.**

**(7) A sub-committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper.**

## **22 Voting and Decisions**

**(1) Questions arising at a meeting of the committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the committee are to be determined by a majority of the votes of members of the committee or sub-committee present at the meeting.**

**(2) Each member present at a meeting of the committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the committee (including the person presiding at the meeting) is entitled to one vote but, in the event of an equality of votes on any question, the person presiding may exercise a second or casting vote.**

**(3) Subject to clause 20 (5), the committee may act despite any vacancy on the committee.**

**(4) Any act, or thing done or suffered, or purporting to have been done or suffered, by the committee or by a sub-committee appointed by the committee, is valid and effectual despite any defect that may afterwards be discovered in the appointment or qualification of any member of the committee or sub-committee.**

## **Part 4 General meetings**

### **23 Annual general meetings—holding of**

**(1) With the exception of the first annual general meeting of the association, the association must, at least once in each calendar year and within the period of 6 months after the expiration of each financial year of the association, convene an annual general meeting of its members.**

**(2) The association must hold its first annual general meeting:**

**(a) within the period of 18 months after its incorporation under the Act, and**

**(b) within the period of 6 months after the expiration of the first financial year of the association.**

**(3) Clauses (1) and (2) have effect subject to any extension or permission granted by the Director-General under section 26 (3) of the Act.**

### **24 Annual general meetings—calling of and business at**

**(1) The annual general meeting of the association is, subject to the Act and to clause 23, to be convened on such date and at such place and time, or to be held electronically at a date and time, as the committee thinks fit.**



- (2) In addition to any other business which may be transacted at an annual general meeting, the business of an annual general meeting is to include the following:**
- (a) to confirm the minutes of the last preceding annual general meeting and of any special general meeting held since that meeting,**
  - (b) to receive from the committee reports on the activities of the association during the last preceding financial year,**
  - (c) to elect office-bearers of the association and ordinary members of the committee,**
  - (d) to receive and consider the statement which is required to be submitted to members under section 26 (6) of the Act. Such statement being a statement of the financial affairs of the association must have been audited prior to the meeting. A signed statement to that effect by the auditor must accompany and be part of the above statement.**
- (3) An annual general meeting must be specified as such in the notice convening it.**

## **25 Special general meetings—calling of**

- (1) The committee may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a special general meeting of the association.**
- (2) The committee must, on the requisition in writing of at least 5 percent of the total number of members, convene a special general meeting of the association.**
- (3) A requisition of members for a special general meeting:**
  - (a) must state the purpose or purposes of the meeting, and**
  - (b) must be signed by the members making the requisition, and**
  - (c) must be lodged with the secretary, and**
  - (d) may consist of several documents in a similar form, each signed by one or more of the members making the requisition.**
- (4) If the committee fails to convene a special general meeting to be held within 1 month after that date on which a requisition of members for the meeting is lodged with the secretary, any one or more of the members who made the requisition may convene a special general meeting to be held not later than 3 months after that date.**

**(5) A special general meeting convened by a member or members as referred to in clause (4) must be convened as nearly as is practicable in the same manner as general meetings are convened by the committee and any member who consequently incurs expense is entitled to be reimbursed by the association for any expense so incurred.**

## **26 Notice**

**(1) Except if the nature of the business proposed to be dealt with at a general meeting requires a special resolution of the association, the secretary must, at least 14 days before the date fixed for the holding of the general meeting, give a notice to each member specifying the place, date and time of the meeting or the electronic arrangements in place for the meeting and the nature of the business proposed to be transacted at the meeting.**

**(1) If the nature of the business proposed to be dealt with at a general meeting requires a special resolution of the association, the secretary must, at least 21 days before the date fixed for the holding of the general meeting, cause notice to be given to each member specifying, in addition to the matter required under clause (1), the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution.**

**(2) No business other than that specified in the notice convening a general meeting is to be transacted at the meeting except, in the case of an annual general meeting, business which may be transacted under clause 24 (2).**

**(3) A member desiring to bring any business before a general meeting may give notice in writing of that business to the secretary who must include that business in the next notice calling a general meeting given after receipt of the notice from the member.**

## **27 Procedure**

**(1) No item of business is to be transacted at a general meeting unless a quorum of members entitled under these rules to vote is present during the time the meeting is considering that item.**

**(2) Five members present in person (being members entitled under these rules to vote at a general meeting) constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a general meeting.**

**(3) If within half an hour after the appointed time for the commencement of a general meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting:**

**(a) if convened on the requisition of members, is to be dissolved, and**

**(b) in any other case, is to stand adjourned to a time and place determined by the person presiding at the meeting.**

**(4) If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour after the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, the members present (being at least 3) is to constitute a quorum.**

## **28 Presiding member**

- (1) The president or, in the president's absence, the vice-president, is to preside as chairperson at each general meeting of the association.**
- (2) If the president and the vice-president are absent or unwilling to act, the members present must elect one of their number to preside as chairperson at the meeting.**

## **29 Adjournment**

- (1) The chairperson of a general meeting at which a quorum is present may, with the consent of the majority of members present at the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place, but no business is to be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting at which the adjournment took place.**
- (2) If a general meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, the secretary must give written or oral notice of the adjourned meeting to each member of the association stating the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting.**
- (3) Except as provided in clauses (1) and (2), notice of an adjournment of a general meeting or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting is not required to be given.**

## **30 Making of decisions**

- (1) A question arising at a general meeting of the association is to be determined on a show of hands or by electronic messaging and, unless before or on the declaration of the show of hands or electronic messaging a poll is demanded, a declaration by the chairperson that a resolution has, on a show of hands or by electronic messaging, been carried or carried unanimously or carried by a particular majority or lost, or an entry to that effect in the minute book of the association, is evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against that resolution.**

- (2) At a general meeting of the association, a poll may be demanded by the chairperson or by at least 3 members present in person at the meeting.**
- (3) If a poll is demanded at a general meeting, the poll must be taken:**
- (a) immediately in the case of a poll which relates to the election of the chairperson of the meeting or to the question of an adjournment, or**
  - (b) in any other case, in such manner and at such time before the close of the meeting as the chairperson directs,**
- and the resolution of the poll on the matter is taken to be the resolution of the meeting on that matter.**

### **31 Special resolution**

**A resolution of the association is a special resolution:**

- (a) if it is passed by a majority which comprises at least three-quarters of such members of the association as, being entitled under these rules so to do, vote in person at a general meeting of which at least 21 days' written notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution was given in accordance with these rules, or**
- (b) where it is made to appear to the Director-General that it is not practicable for the resolution to be passed in the manner specified in paragraph (a), if the resolution is passed in a manner specified by the Director-General.**

### **32 Voting**

- (1) On any question arising at a general meeting of the association a member has one vote only.**
- (2) All votes must be given personally**
- (3) In the case of an equality of votes on a question at a general meeting, the chairperson of the meeting is entitled to exercise a second or casting vote.**
- (4) A member is not entitled to vote at any general meeting of the association unless all money due and payable by the member to the association has been paid other than the amount of the annual subscription payable in respect of the then current year.**

## **Part 5 Miscellaneous**

### **34 Insurance**

**The association may effect and maintain insurance.**

### **35 Funds—source**

- (1) The funds of the association are to be derived from entrance fees and/or annual fees of members, donations and, subject to any resolution passed by the association in general meeting, such other sources as the committee determines.**
- (2) All money received by the association must be deposited as soon as practicable and without deduction to the credit of the association's bank account.**
- (3) The association must, as soon as practicable after receiving any money, issue an appropriate receipt.**

### **36 Funds---management**

- (1) Subject to any resolution passed by the association in general meeting, the funds of the association are to be used in pursuance of the objects of the association in such manner as the committee determines.**
- (2) All cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments must be signed by any 2 members of the committee or employees of the association, being members or employees authorised to do so by the committee, unless for reasons of practicality the committee authorises in writing any one member of the committee to carry out one or more of these functions. Any such authorisation must clearly set out limitations, if any, in the authorisation.**

### **37 Alteration of objects and constitution**

**The statement of objects and this constitution may be altered, rescinded or added to only by a special resolution of the association.**

### **38 Common seal**

- (1) The common seal of the association must be kept in the custody of the public officer.**

- (2) The common seal must not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the committee and the affixing of the common seal must be attested by the signatures either of 2 members of the committee or of 1 member of the committee and of the public officer or secretary.**

### **39 Custody of records**

**Except as otherwise provided by this constitution, the public officer must keep in his or her custody or under his or her control all records, including financial records and other documents relating to the association.**

### **40 Inspection of records**

**The records, including financial records and other documents of the association must be open to inspection, free of charge, by a member of the association at any reasonable hour.**

### **41 Service of notices**

- (1) For the purpose of this constitution, a notice may be served on or given to a person:**

- (a) by delivering it to the person personally, or**
- (b) by sending it by pre-paid post to the address of the person, or**
- (c) by sending it by facsimile transmission or some other form of electronic transmission to an address specified by the person for giving or serving the notice.**

- (2) For the purpose of this constitution, a notice is taken, unless the contrary is proved, to have been given or served:**

- (a) in the case of a notice given or served personally, on the date on which it is received by the addressee, and**
- (b) in the case of a notice sent by pre-paid post, on the date when it would have been delivered in the ordinary course of post, and**
- (c) in the case of a notice sent by facsimile transmission or some other form of electronic transmission, on the date it was sent, or if the machine from which the transmission was sent produces a report indicating that the notice was sent on a later date, on that date.**

### **42 Policies and procedures**

**The committee may, at its option develop and implement policies and procedures to assist in the effectiveness and smooth running of the association, such policies and procedures being supportive of and in addition to this**

**constitution. The policies and procedures may include, amongst other things, job descriptions for office bearers and ordinary members of the committee and others, instructions to subcommittees, further details of membership categories, and any other items where it is considered that the inclusion of such items in the policies and procedures may assist in the effectiveness and smooth running of the association and where they comply with the requirements of this constitution.**

#### **43 Winding up of the association**

**If upon the winding up or dissolution of the association there remains after satisfaction of all of its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever the same shall not be paid to or distributed among members of the association but shall be given or transferred to some other incorporated organisation or body having the same or similar objects as this association and which prohibits the distribution of its income and property among its members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on this association, such organisation or body to be chosen and identified by the members of this association at or before the time of dissolution and in default thereof by such federal or state court as may have or acquire jurisdiction in such matter.**

#### **44 Privacy**

**(1) Personal information provided by members will be used internally by the association as required and will not be provided in part or whole to any organisation, body, company or person outside the association under any circumstances.**

**(2) Members are able to request limitations on that use, which will be recorded.**

**(3) The association will make this policy available to members who handle data so that they can take responsible steps to ensure accuracy and security of data.**

**(4) Upon request a member will be informed of the scope of data held and be given access to his or her own data.**

# Appendix 1

(Clause 3(1))

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF ASSOCIATION

.....Incorporate  
d (incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 1984)

I,.....  
(full name of applicant. In the case of an organisation or body, the name of the organisation or  
body)

of.....  
(address)

.....  
(email address)

hereby apply to become a member of the abovenamed incorporated association. In the event of my  
admission as a member, I agree to be bound by the constitution of the association for the time  
being in force.

.....  
Signature of applicant

Date.....

In the case of a body or organisation applying for membership, the following information must  
also be provided

I,.....a member  
(full name)

of the organisation or body applying for membership, nominate the following person as the  
representative of the body or organisation. I confirm that I am authorised by the organisation or  
body to act on behalf of the organisation or body in nominating the person below.

.....  
(full name of representative)

.....  
(email address of representative if different from the one given above)