

Rules of the Australia Japan Society of NSW ~~(Inc)~~Incorporated

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Part 1 Preliminary

1 Background

The Australia Japan Society of NSW (~~Inc~~)Incorporated, referred to in these rules as the “association”, is one and the same entity that was registered as a company limited by guarantee on 14 July 1975 known as the Australia Japan Society of NSW (Inc), Australian Company Number 001 250 228, which on its incorporation on 14 July 1975 took over the funds and other assets and liabilities of the then unincorporated association known as the Australia Japan Society.

2 Objectives

The objects for which the association is established are:

- (a) To promote mutual understanding between the peoples of Australia and Japan,
- (b) To stimulate amongst Australians an informed interest in the Japanese people and in Japanese political, economic, business, social and cultural matters,
- (c) To encourage an interest in Australian political, economic, business, social and cultural matters in Japanese people,
- (d) To provide opportunities and facilities for contact between Australians having a common interest in Japan and between Australians and Japanese,
- (e) To cooperate with other organizations in Australia and Japan with similar objects,
- (f) To subscribe to or become a member of and cooperate with any other club, association or organization whether incorporated or not whose objects are altogether or in part similar to those of the Society, and
- (g) To hold or arrange cultural, academic, languages and sporting contests, festivals or displays, or competitions which tend to promote or further mutual understanding between the peoples of Australia and Japan.

3 Definitions

(1) In these rules:

~~*Commissioner* means the Commissioner of the Office of Fair Trading.~~

ordinary committee member means a member of the committee who is not an office-bearer of the association, as referred to in rule 19(2).

secretary means:

- (a) the person holding office under these rules as secretary of the association, or
- (b) if no such person holds that office – the public officer of the association.

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

the Act means the *Associations Incorporation Act 1984/2009*.

the Regulation means the *Associations Incorporation Regulation 1999/2016*.

- (2) In these rules:
 - (a) a reference to a function includes a reference to a power, authority and duty, ~~and~~
 - (b) a reference to the exercise of a function includes, if the function is a duty, a reference to the performance of the duty, and-
 - (b)(c) a reference to any provision of any Act, Regulation or other legislation is a reference to the provision of that Act, Regulation or legislation as amended or replaced from time to time.
- (3) The provisions of the *Interpretation Act 1987* apply to and in respect of these rules in the same manner as those provisions would so apply if these rules were an instrument made under the Act.

Part 2 Membership

4 Membership qualifications

A person is qualified to be a member of the association if, but only if:

~~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~~

the person is a natural person, corporation or other entity:

- (i) who has applied for membership of the association as provided by rule 5, and
- (ii) who has been approved for membership of the association by the committee of the association or its delegate.

5 Application for membership

- (1) An application of a person for membership of the association:
 - (a) must be in writing in the form set out in Appendix 1 to these rules (or such other form as the committee from time to time determines), accompanied by the entrance fee (if any) and the annual membership fee and
 - (b) must be lodged with the secretary of the association.
- (2) As soon as practicable after receiving an application for membership, the secretary must refer the application to the committee which is to determine whether to approve or to reject the ~~nomination~~[application](#).
- (3) As soon as practicable after the committee makes that determination, the secretary must:
 - (a) notify the applicant, in writing, that the committee approved or rejected the application (whichever is applicable), and
 - (b) if the committee rejected the application, return the entrance fee and annual membership fee (if any) to the applicant.
- (4) ~~T~~he secretary must, on approval of the application, enter the applicant's name in the register of members and, on the name being so entered, the applicant becomes a member of the association.
- (5) The committee need give no reason for the rejection of an application.
- ~~(5)~~(6) [References to the secretary in this rule 5 are to the secretary or such other person or persons to whom the committee has delegated the role of administering membership matters. The committee may also delegate its function of approving or rejecting applications, on such terms or conditions as the committee thinks fit, and any approval or rejection under delegated authority must be reported to the next meeting of the committee.](#)

6 Cessation of membership

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) has not paid all arrears of annual membership fees within 2 months of payment being due, or
- (e) being a body corporate, is wound up or is otherwise dissolved or deregistered.

A member ceases to be a member if the committee requests in writing the resignation of the member and the member does not resign within 2 months after the request is sent. Despite anything in these rules, the committee need give no reason for a request to a member to resign.

7 Membership entitlements not transferable

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

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

8 Resignation of membership

- (1) A member may resign from membership of the association by giving written notice to the secretary.
- (2) The resignation of a member takes effect on the date of receipt of the notice of resignation or any later date provided in the notice.
- (3) If a member of the association ceases to be a member the secretary must make an appropriate entry in the register of members recording the date on which the member ceased to be a member.

9 Register of members

- (1) 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 who is a member of the association together with the date on which the person became a member.
- (2) The register of members must be kept ~~at the principal place of administration of the association and must be open for inspection by any member of the association at any reasonable hour, but in such electronic or other form as the committee determines and~~ cannot be inspected, copied or transcribed without the prior consent of the committee or as required by law.

10 Fees and subscriptions

- (1) The entrance fee (if any) of the association is determined by the committee from time to time.
- (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 or pro rata membership fee in respect of each period of 12 months commencing on 1st July and ending on the following 30th June. Such membership fee is to be determined by the committee from time to time and incorporated in the membership application or renewal form. Annual membership fees are due on 1st July each year.

- (3) Subject to the other provisions of these rules, no entrance fee or annual membership fee is payable by any life member or honorary member.

11 Members' 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 rule 10.

12 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.

13 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 these rules, 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 rule 14.

- (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 rule 14(5),
- whichever is the latter.

14 Right of appeal of disciplined member

- (1) A member may appeal to the association in general meeting against a resolution of the committee under rule 13, 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 by secret ballot 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.

15 Life membership

- (1) If, in the opinion of the committee, a member has made over a period of years a significant contribution to the association the committee may nominate the member as a life member of the association.

- (2) A member nominated under rule 15(1) becomes a life member of the association on the nomination being approved by an ordinary resolution of members at a general meeting.
- (3) A life member has all the rights and privileges of membership and is otherwise subject to these rules.
- (4) The association in general meeting, on the recommendation of the committee, may make provision for the granting to members of life membership (paid life membership) on payment of an amount recommended by the committee, and approved by the association in general meeting, as a reasonable equivalent of payment in advance of an annual membership fee over a period of years.
- (5) If the association provides for paid life membership it is open to any member, and the amount to be paid is the same for any member, whatever the member's age.
- (6) The association in general meeting may, on the recommendation of the committee, remove the provision for paid life membership, or change the amount to be paid for it, but this does not affect the rights of members who were granted paid life membership while the provision was in force.

16 Honorary membership

- (1) If, in the opinion of the committee, a person, not being a member of the association, has made over a period of years a significant contribution to the association, the committee may nominate that person as an honorary member of the association.
- (2) A person nominated under rule 16(1) becomes an honorary member of the association on the later to occur of the person consenting in writing to be an honorary member and the nomination being approved by an ordinary resolution of members at a special general meeting.
- (3) An honorary member has no rights and privileges of membership, other than the right to receive notices of and attend and be heard at any general meeting, and is otherwise subject to these rules.

17 Patrons

The committee shall have the power to appoint at any time Patrons to a number not exceeding three (3). Patrons shall not exercise any voting rights.

Part 3 The committee

18 Powers of the committee

The committee is to be called the board of the association and, subject to the Act, the Regulation and these rules 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 these rules 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, and
- (d) has power to determine categories of membership of the Association, differential fees applicable to those categories and the rights applicable to those categories.

19 Constitution and membership

- (1) ~~Subject in the case of the first members of the committee to section 21 of the Act, t~~The committee is to consist of a maximum of 12 members including:
 - (a) the office-bearers of the association, and
 - (b) the remainder of ordinary committee members,each of whom is to be elected at the annual general meeting of the association under rule 20.
- (2) The office-bearers of the association are to be:
 - (a) the president
 - (b) the vice-president
 - (c) the treasurer, and
 - (d) the secretary
- (3) Each member of the committee is, subject to these rules, 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. However, no office-bearer may be elected to the same office for more than 4 consecutive terms.
- (4) 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 these rules, until the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of the appointment.

20 Election of members

- (1) Nominations of candidates for election as office-bearers of the association or as ordinary committee members ~~of the committee~~:
 - (a) must be proposed and seconded in writing, signed by 2 financial members of the association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of the nomination), and
 - (b) 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.
 - (c) If a member stands for election for more than 1 position as an office bearer separate nominations must be received in respect of each position.
- (2) No member may propose more than 1 person as a candidate but may second more than one nomination.
- (3) If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the committee, the candidates nominated are taken to be elected.
- (4) Any vacant positions remaining on the committee are taken to be casual vacancies.
- (5) If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated are taken to be elected.
- (6) If the number of nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot is to be held.
- (7) The ballot for the election of office-bearers and ordinary committee members ~~of the committee~~ is to be conducted at the annual general meeting in such ~~usual and proper~~ manner as the committee may direct. Voting for office-bearers and ordinary committee members by proxy is not permitted but a member that is not a natural person may, by any form the committee determines, appoint a representative who is a natural person to vote at a general meeting including any election.
- (8) A life member (which includes a paid life member) or a natural person who is the nominated representative of a corporate or other member that is not a natural person, may be a committee member.

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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.

22 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 books 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.

23 Casual vacancies

For the purposes of these rules, 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 rule 24, 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.

24 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 representation 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.

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Meetings and quorum

- (1) The committee must meet at least 3 times in each period of 12 months 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, one of whom must be an office bearer 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 the same place and at the same hour of the same day in the following week.
- (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 the remaining members of the committee as may be chosen by the members present at the meeting is to preside.

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Circulating Resolutions

- (1) The committee may pass a resolution without a committee meeting being held if all the committee members entitled to vote on the resolution ~~(except a committee member absent from Australia who has not left a facsimile number at which he or she may be given~~

~~notice~~) sign a document containing a statement that he or she is in favour of the resolution set out in the document.

- (2) Separate copies of a document may be used for signing by the committee member if the wording of the resolution and statement is identical in each copy.
- (3) The resolution is passed when the last committee member signs.
- (4) A facsimile or other electronically transmitted document addressed to or received by the association and purporting to be signed or sent by a committee member for the purpose of this Rule must be treated as a document in writing by that committee member.

27 Delegation by committee to sub-committee

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

28 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 rule 25(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 meeting

29 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, or any later time as permitted under the Act, 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 Commissioner under section 26(3) of the Act.~~

30 Annual general meetings – calling of and business at

- (1) The annual general meeting of the association is, subject to the Act and to rule 29, to be convened on such date and at such place 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 committee members ~~of the committee~~,
 - (d) to receive and consider the any financial statement or report which is required to be submitted to members under section 26(6) ~~of~~ the Act.
- (3) An annual general meeting must be specified as such in the notice convening it.

31 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 per cent 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 expenses is entitled to be reimbursed by the association for any expense so incurred.

32 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 and the nature of the business proposed to be transacted at the meeting.
- (2) 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.

- (3) 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 rule 30(2).
- (4) 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.

33 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 the same day in the following week at the same time and (unless another place is specified at the time of the adjournment by the person presiding at the meeting or communicated by written notice to members given before the day to which the meeting is adjourned) at the same place.
- (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.

34 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.

35 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.

36 Making of decisions

- (1) A question arising at a general meeting of the association is to be determined on a show of hands and, unless before or on the declaration of the show of hands a poll is demanded, a declaration by the chairperson that a resolution has, on a show of hands, 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 or by proxy 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.

37 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 or by proxy 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 Commissioner 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 Commissioner if it complies with such other requirements as permitted by the Act for a special resolution.

38 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 or (subject to these rules) by proxy but no member except the chairperson may hold more than 5 proxies.
- (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 or proxy is not entitled to vote at any general meeting of the association unless all money due and payable by the member or proxy to the association has been paid.

39 Appointment of proxies

- (1) Each member is to be entitled to appoint another member as proxy by notice given to the secretary no later than 24 hours before the time of the meeting in respect of which the proxy is appointed.
- (2) The notice appointing the proxy is to be in the form set out in Appendix 2 to these rules.

Part 5 Miscellaneous

40 Insurance

The association may effect and maintain insurance.

41 Funds – source

- (1) The funds of the association are to be derived from entrance fees and annual subscriptions of members, donations, grants, function fees 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, cash management account or term deposit account.
- (3) The association must, as soon as practicable after receiving any money, issue an appropriate receipt if requested.

42 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 office bearers

43 Alteration of objects and rules

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

44 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.

45 Custody of books

Except as otherwise provided by these rules, the public officer must keep in his or her custody or under his or her control all records, books and other documents relating to the association.

46 Inspection of books

The records, books and other documents of the association ~~must be open to inspection by a member of the association at any reasonable hour, but are not open to inspection except as required by law or permitted by the committee and~~ cannot be copied or transcribed without the prior consent of the committee.

47 Service of notices

- (1) For the purpose of these rules, 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 these rules, 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.

48 Non Profit Organisation

- (1) The assets and income of the association shall be applied solely in furtherance of its objects set out in these rules and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the association except as bona fide compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the association.
- (2) In the event of the association being dissolved, the amount that remains after such dissolution and the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall be transferred to another organisation with similar purposes which is not carried on for the profit or gain of its individual members.

49 Postal or electronic ballots

- (1) The association may hold a postal or electronic ballot (as the committee determines) to determine any issue or proposal other than an appeal under rule 14.
- (2) A postal or electronic ballot is to be conducted in accordance with Schedule 3 of the Regulations.

50 Use of technology at general or committee meetings

- (1) A meeting may be held at 2 or more venues using any technology approved by the committee that gives each person attending reasonable opportunity to participate.
- (2) A person who participates in a meeting using that technology is taken to be present at the meeting and, if the person votes at the meeting, is taken to have voted in person.

Appendix 1

(Rule 5 (1))

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF ASSOCIATION

..... Incorporated (incorporated under the *Associations
Incorporation Act ~~1984~~2009*.

I,.....
(full name of applicant)

of.....
(address)

.....hereby apply to become a
(occupation)
member of the above-named incorporated association. In the event of my admission as
a member, I agree to be bound by the rules of the association for the time being in force.

.....
Signature of applicant

Date.....

Appendix 2

(Rule 39 (2))

FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

I,.....of
(full name) *(address)*

being a member of
(name of incorporated association)

hereby appoint of
(full name of proxy) *(address)*

being a member of that incorporated association, as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the general meeting of the association (annual general meeting or special general meeting, as the case may be) to be held on the

.....day of.....
(month and year)

and at any adjournment of that meeting.

* My proxy is authorised to vote in favour of/against (delete as appropriate) the resolution (insert details).

* to be inserted if desired.

.....
Signature of member appointing proxy

Date.....

NOTE: A proxy vote may not be given to a person who is not a member of the association.