

Articles for Amendments

ARTICLE – I

1. Name

1.1 The name of the incorporated association is called the Bhutanese Australian Association of South Australia, herein after referred to as BAASA.

ARTICLE – II

2. Definitions

2.2 ‘Association’ means the Bhutanese Australian Association of South Australia.

2.4 ‘Council’ means the Apex Council as defined under ARTICLE VI.6.1

2.9 ‘Board’ means the Executive Board as defined under ARTICLE VI.6.2

2.10 ‘Constitutional Bodies’ means other Constitutional Bodies as defined in ARTICLE VI.6.3

ARTICLE –I V

4. Memberships

4.1 Types

There shall be four types of membership as described in Sub-Article 4.1.1, 4.1.2, 4.1.3 and 4.1.4

4.1.1 Voting Member

Any Bhutanese settled in Australia over the age of 18 years old who supports, upholds and abides by the Constitution of Association and provides cooperation and support for the realization of its aims shall be eligible for voting membership.

Any non-Bhutanese married to Bhutanese shall also be eligible for voting membership.

4.1.2 Member-in-Formation

Bhutanese settled in Australia, who are below 18 years of age, as non-voting members.

4.1.3 Associate membership

Any non-Bhutanese persons over the age of 18 years old who supports, upholds and abides by the Constitution of Association and provides cooperation and support for the realization of its aims shall be eligible for associate membership.

4.1.4 Honorary Membership

The Council shall grant honorary membership, to any person of eminence, who supports and upholds the aims and aspirations of the Association.

4.2 Subscriptions

4.2.1

The subscription fees for membership shall be such amount as determined from time to time by the annual general meeting.

4.2.2

The subscription fees shall be paid by voting member and be payable annually on 1 July.

4.2.3

Any member whose subscription is outstanding for more than three months after the due date for payment shall cease to be a member of the Association. The Council shall review such a person's membership and may reinstate on terms as it thinks fit.

4.3 Resignations

A member may resign from membership of the Association by giving written notice thereof to the Secretary of the Association. Any member so resigning shall be liable for any outstanding subscriptions and assets of association, which may be recovered as a debt due to the Association.

4.4 Expulsion of Member

Member shall be expelled from the Association in accordance with the provision in the Internal Rules.

4.5 Register of Member

A register of members shall be maintained and shall contain name and address of each member, date on which each member was admitted to the Association and the date of and reason(s) for termination of membership.

ARTICLE – V

5. POWERS

5.1 The Association shall have all the powers conferred by Section 25 of the Act and other rules adopted and enacted by the Association in accordance with the Act.

5.2 The Association shall invest its funds in such manner as the Board considers the most beneficial to the financial security of the Association in consultation and consent from Council.

ARTICLE – VI

6.1 Apex Council

6.1.1 Apex Council shall be inclusive, consisting of members, one female and one male from each distinctive community/caste, nominated by general consensus from voting members of respective community/caste.

6.1.2 The Council shall be headed by the Chair.

6.1.3 The Vice-Chair shall discharge the duties of Chair in her/his absence or unavailability.

6.1.4 Any new member or members originating from Bhutan, belonging to distinctive community/caste from northern, southern or eastern Bhutan, coming for settlement in Australia and not represented in the Association shall be encouraged to become member representatives of the Council.

6.1.5 The Council shall be the guardian body of association that will ensure the upholding of constitution and the monitoring and reviewing of programs, actions and activities undertaken by board and other constitutional bodies and propose change, when felt for.

6.1.6 A council member shall be a natural person.

6.2 Executive Board

6.2.1 The board shall be comprised of five members elected by voting members of the association.

6.2.2 The board members along with council members will elect chairperson, secretary and treasurer and nominate the public officer from amongst elected board members.

6.2.3 Chairperson shall be the head of the board as well as of the Association.

6.2.4 Secretary shall perform all the administrative function relating to the Association.

6.2.5 Treasury shall perform all the financial function relating to the Association.

6.2.6 The affairs of the association shall be managed and controlled by a board which, in addition to any powers and authorities conferred by Constitution, may exercise all such powers and do all such things as are within the objects of the association, and are not by the Act or by this Constitution required to be done by the association in general meeting.

6.2.7 The Board shall have authority to interpret the meaning of these rules and any other matter relating to the affairs of the association on which these rules are silent.

6.2.8 A board member shall be a natural person.

6.3 Other Constitutional Bodies

6.3.1 The Other Constitutional Bodies shall comprise of Advisory Board, Ombudspersons, Board of Inclusion, Financial committee and other bodies as required with auxiliary powers and functions.

6.3.2 The appointment, power and duties of bodies respectively shall be according to the internal rules.

ARTICLE – VII

7.1 Proceedings of Council

- 7.1.1 The Council shall meet with the Board for the dispatch of business twice a year or whenever required.
- 7.1.2 The Chair of the Council or one third members of the Council may call the meeting.
- 7.1.3 Questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes, and in the event of equality of votes the Chair shall have a casting vote in addition to a deliberative vote.
- 7.1.4 The quorum for the meeting shall be two third of the current members of the Council.
- 7.1.5 As required by the Act, a member of the Council having direct or indirect interest in a contract or proposed contract or any matter from which s/he may accrue benefit shall disclose that interest and shall not vote vis-à-vis that contract.

7.2 Proceedings of Board

- 7.2.1 The Board shall meet together for the dispatch of business once a month and whenever required.
- 7.2.2 The Chairperson or one third members of the Board may call the meeting.
- 7.2.3 Questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes, and in the event of equality of votes the Chairperson shall have a casting vote in addition to a deliberative vote.
- 7.2.4 The quorum for the meeting shall be two third of the current members of the board.
- 7.2.5 As required by the Act, a member of the board having direct or indirect interest in a contract or proposed contract or any matter from which s/he may accrue benefit shall disclose that interest and shall not vote vis-à-vis that contract.

7.3 Proceedings of other constitutional bodies

- 7.3.1 The proceedings of other constitutional bodies shall be according to the internal rules.

ARTICLE – VIII

8 Disqualification of Council Member, Board member and other constitutional body member

- 8.1 Disqualified from being a council member, board member or any other constitutional body member by the Act.
- 8.2 Expelled as a member under the rules adopted and enacted by the Association.
- 8.3 Permanently incapacitated by ill health.
- 8.4 Absent without apology for more than two meetings in a financial year.

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