

4. Definitions

(1) In this Constitution:

members financial year means 12 months after the member joins the association

ordinary committee member means a member of the committee who is not an office-bearer of the association.

secretary means:

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

(b) if no 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 2009.

the Regulation means the Associations Incorporation Regulation 2016.

(2) In this Constitution:

(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.

(3) The provisions of the Interpretation Act 1987 apply to and in respect of this Constitution in the same manner as those provisions would so apply if this Constitution were an instrument made under the Act.

5. Membership generally

(1) A person is eligible to be a member of the association if:

(a) the person is a natural person, and

(b) the person has applied and been approved for membership of the association in accordance with clause 7

(2) A person is taken to be a member of the association if the person was one of the individuals on whose behalf an application for registration of the association under section 6(1)(a) of the Act was made.

7. Application for membership

(1) An application by a person for membership of the association:

(a) must be made in writing (including by email or other electronic means, if the committee so determines) in the form determined by the committee, and

(b) must be lodged (including by electronic means, if the committee so determines) 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 application

(3) The committee may, in its absolute discretion, refuse an application for membership without assigning any reason for such refusal.

(4) As soon as practicable after the committee makes that determination, the secretary must:

(a) notify the applicant in writing (including by email or other electronic means, if the committee so determines) that the committee approved or rejected the application (whichever is applicable), and

(b) if the committee approved the application, request the applicant to pay within the period of 14 days after receipt by the applicant of the notification the sum payable under this Constitution by a member as entrance fee and annual subscription.

(5) The secretary must, on payment by the applicant of the amounts referred to in subclause (4)(b) within the period referred to in that provision, enter or cause to be entered the applicant's name in the register of members and, on the name being so entered, the applicant becomes a member of the association.

8. 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) fails to pay the annual membership fee under clause 12(2) within 14 days from the members financial year.

12. Fees and subscriptions

(1) A member of the association must, on admission to 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 subclause (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 other amount within 14 days of the members financial year.