

MEMBERSHIP (cont.)

Honorary Member May be bestowed on a person approved by a General Meeting. Honorary Members are not required to pay a subscription.

Honorary Life Member Granted to a person approved by a General Meeting. Honorary Life Members are not required to pay a subscription.

***Amended, Motion 5 AGM 23/8/98**

Full, and Honorary Life Members have the right to vote. Honorary Members have no right to vote but do have the right to be heard.

6. FINANCE

- a) The subscription fees for each category of membership shall be such sum as the members shall determine from time to time at a General Meeting.
- b) Membership subscriptions to cover administrative costs will be reviewed and published annually, on the authority of the Annual General Meeting.

*** Amended, Motion 4 AGM 23/8/98.**

Annual Subscriptions are payable in advance on 1 January each year unless exempted by the Committee. The Committee may use its discretion to reduce or waive fees for members whose circumstances prevent them from paying their dues either temporarily or permanently.

- c) 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 Committee may reinstate such a person's membership on payment of the full current subscription.
- d) Costs for social functions will be on a cost-share basis for those who signify their attendance.

***Amended, Motion 1(b) AGM 23/8/98.**

- e) The Association Financial Year shall be deemed to end at the conclusion of the **31st day of December** each year.
- f) A duly admitted member who has paid the first subscription, shall be entitled to all benefits and privileges of membership, and shall be bound by the Constitution and rules of the Association.
- g) The Association shall open and maintain an interest bearing cheque savings account with a bank or building society.
- h) All withdrawals shall be authorised by the Committee of management minutes and cheques will be signed by the Treasurer and one other member of the Committee.
- i) The Treasurer shall deposit all monies received into the Association's account. Receipts are to be issued for all monies received.
- j) The Treasurer shall maintain proper books of account which shall be subject to audit. The audited accounts will be submitted to the Annual General meeting. They will be audited by an Auditor appointed by the members at the previous Annual General Meeting.
- k) Balance sheets are to be presented at each Annual General Meeting and General Meeting of the Association.
- l) A Financial Statement is to be presented by the Treasurer at each meeting of the Committee.
- m) Monies held by the Association may be invested as authorised by a General Meeting.
- n) The income and property of the Association shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Association. No portion of the income or property shall be paid, transferred or distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the Association, provided that nothing shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officer or employee of the Association or to any person other than a member, in return for services rendered to the Association.

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7. RESIGNATION

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 current year outstanding subscriptions which shall be recovered as a debt due to the Association.

8. EXPULSION OF A MEMBER

The Committee may decide to expel a member because the members actions show disregard for the Objects and Purposes of the Association, or the member is un-financial. The ex-member then has the opportunity to write to the Committee to propose reconsideration of the expulsion. If that request is unsuccessful the ex-member may address the next General Meeting. The decision of the General Meeting will be final.

9. THE COMMITTEE

a) The affairs of the Association shall be managed and controlled by a Committee from the membership. The Committee shall exercise such powers and do such things that are within the Objects and Purposes of the Association.

b) The Committee shall consist of a President (Chairperson), **Vice President**, Secretary, Treasurer and up to **five** other members. ****Amended Motion 11 (a) (i) AGM 16th February 2003**

b) In addition, a serving member formally nominated by the Senior officer commanding each Royal Australian Signals unit located in South Australia, and approved by the Committee, may represent units on the Committee.

c) The President, Vice President and all other members of the Committee shall be elected annually and shall continue in office until the next Annual General Meeting. Each member of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election.

e) A quorum shall be no less than five (5) elected members.

f) The Committee shall decide the conduct of its own affairs.

Notices for persons seeking election to the Committee shall be given to all members of the Association with the notice calling the Annual General Meeting at which the election is to take place. The nominations, duly proposed and seconded by members, are to be returned to the Secretary no later than 7 days before the Annual General Meeting

10. POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE

a) The Committee shall control and manage the business and affairs of the Association and may exercise, subject to the Constitution, all the powers and authorities necessary to meet the Objects and Purposes of the Association.

b) The Committee will ensure that minutes of all meetings are separately recorded and permanently maintained.

c) The Committee may appoint members to fill a casual vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting.

d) The Committee shall have the power to appoint such Sub-Committees as it deems necessary.

e) The Secretary shall be the Public Officer of the Association.

11. GENERAL MEETINGS

a) An Annual General Meeting is to be conducted each calendar year at a time most suitable to the Association, with at least six months elapsing between each such Meeting. Notice of the Annual General Meeting, and details thereof, are to be given to financial members of the Association at least thirty days in advance. Notices are to be served in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

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b) A General Meeting of the Association may be called by the Committee at any time for any purpose. On the written request of 15% of financial members or 30 financial members whichever is the lesser, the Committee shall call a General Meeting within one month. Such request must set forth fully the objects of the required General Meeting. Notices are to be served in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

c) A quorum at all General Meetings shall be 15% of the current financial membership of the Association.

d) Minutes of all General Meetings will be separately recorded and permanently maintained by the Secretary.

e) Each financial member present in person shall be entitled to one vote on issues put to the meeting.

12. ALTERATIONS

The Constitution may be altered, amended or introduced by a motion and vote of the majority of members attending an Annual General Meeting or General Meeting, provided notice of the proposed alteration, amendment or introduction is given to the financial membership at least thirty days prior to such meetings.

13. COMMON SEAL

The common seal of the Association engraved with the name of the Association, shall be kept in the care of the President. The seal shall not be used or affixed to any deed or other document except pursuant to the resolution of the Committee and in the presence of the President and two members of the Committee, both of whom shall subscribe their names as witnesses.

14. NOTICE

Where a notice is required to be given under this Constitution, it shall be deemed to have been given to the parties where a written notice is sent pre-paid to each financial member at the members last known address, in sufficient time to be delivered in the normal course of the post for the required period of notice to be given. **Notice shall also be deemed to have been given to those financial members who have the capacity to receive notices by the use of electronic mail providing those members agree and acknowledge receipt of such notices also by electronic mail.**

****Amended Motion 11 (a) (ii) AGM 16th February 2003**

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