CONSTITUTION OF THE TAMILS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL, SINGAPORE

NO.	CLAUSE
1	**NAME**
1.1	The name of the Representative Council shall be "TAMILS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL, SINGAPORE" (hereinafter referred to in these Rules as the Council).
2	**REGISTERED OFFICE/PLACE OF BUSINESS**
2.1	The Registered Office/Place of Business of the Council shall be at 101 Balestier Road, Singapore 1232 or such other address as may subsequently be decided upon by the Management Council and approved by the Registrar of Societies. The Council shall carry out its activities only in places and premises which have the prior written approval from the relevant authorities, where necessary.
3	**OBJECTIVES**
3.1	The aims and objectives of this Council shall be :-
3.1.1	To promote and safeguard the interest of the Tamil speaking community in the Republic of Singapore.
3.1.2	To foster unity, equality and fraternity amongst the Tamil speaking community in the Republic of Singapore.
3.1.3	To encourage co-operative and thrift movements amongst the Tamil speaking community in the Republic of Singapore.
3.1.4	To conduct activities to promote Tamil language, education, culture and uplift the Social, Educational and Economic status of the Tamils. This shall include wherever necessary, the establishment and organisation of clubs or branches in various districts in the Republic of Singapore. Such clubs or branches may not be set up in districts where an affiliate of the Council is already in existence, functioning and serving under the name of that particular district.
3.1.5	To co-ordinate Tamil educational, cultural, welfare, social, economic, sports and co-operative activities in the Republic of Singapore.
3.1.6	To take steps to help destitutes and orphans amongst the Tamil speaking community in the Republic of Singapore.
3.1.7	To establish a headquarters and centre for the Tamil speaking community in the Republic of Singapore.

3.1.8 To print and publish books, periodicals and pamphlets that will aid in achieving the objectives herein.

3.1.9 To actively promote, encourage and coach the youth in the Tamil speaking community to succeed as leaders of the community in the future.

3.1.10 To cultivate, promote and foster the exchange of ideas and understanding between the Tamils and other communities.

3.1.11 To do any or all such other things as are incidental to and/ or conducive to the attainment of the aforesaid objectives.

4 MEMBERSHIP

4.1 The categories of membership shall be as follows :-

4.1.1 Institutional Affiliate

4.1.2 Individual

4.2 The categories of individual membership shall be as follows :-

4.2.1 Life

4.2.2 Ordinary

4.2.3 Youth

4.2.4 Associate

4.2.5 Honorary

4.3 Any organisation, association, society or clubs having similar or compatible objects with that of this Council are eligible for institutional membership.

4.4 Any person, who is a Singapore Citizen or Singapore Permanent Resident and is either of Indian or Ceylonese origin and Tamil speaking, is eligible for individual membership as a life or ordinary member.

4.5 Any person, who is a Singapore Citizen or Singapore Permanent Resident and is either of Indian or Ceylonese origin, is Tamil speaking and is between the ages of 13 to 25 may apply as youth member of individual membership.

4.5.1 Youth members shall be eligible to attend the General Meetings but shall not be entitled to vote or hold any elected post.

4.5.2 Youth members shall be allowed to convert their membership to that of life or ordinary membership and thereafter be able to have all rights similar to that membership respectively.

4.6 Any person not coming within the ambit of Rule 4.4 and 4.5 above is eligible to become an Associate Member. An Associate Member shall not be entitled to hold any elected post nor have the right to vote at any meeting.

4.7 Any person who had rendered distinguished service to the Tamils Representative Council in particular or to the Tamil speaking Community in general may be invited by the Management Council to become an Honorary Member. An Honorary Member shall be eligible to attend the General Meetings but shall have no right to vote or hold office.

5 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

5.1 Application for the appropriate Membership should be made on the prescribed forms and accompanied by the appropriate Subscriptions and Entrance Fees.

5.2 All such applications shall be considered and may be approved by the Management Council.

5.3 The Management Council may reject any application without assigning any reason therefore and its decision shall be final.

6 ENTRANCE FEE

6.1 Each Institutional Affiliate Member shall forward an Entrance Fee of $100/- together with the Application Form for membership. In the event that the Management Council rejects the application, the Entrance Fee of $100/- shall be returned to the applicant.

6.2 Each Individual Life Member or Ordinary Member shall forward an Entrance Fee of $5/- together with the Application Form for membership and the prescribed subcription amount. In the event that Management Council rejects the application, the Entrance Fee of $5/- and the subscription amount shall be returned to the applicant.

7 SUBSCRIPTION

7.1 Each Institutional Affiliate Member shall pay an annual subscription of $100/-. Subscriptions are due on the 1st date of each calendar year and shall be payable latest by 31st March of the current year.

7.1.1 The Institutional Affiliate Member shall submit the names of its Management/Executive Committee members to the General Secretary by 31st January of each year or within one (1) month of any changes to the list.

7.2 Individual Ordinary Member shall pay a subscription of $24/- for every calendar year and it shall be paid latest by 31st March of the current year.

7.3 Youth Members shall pay a subscription of $5/- as stipulated by the Management Council for every calendar year and it shall be paid latest by 31st March of the current year.

7.4 Individual Life Members shall pay an amount of $250/- (once only) and it shall be paid at the submission of the membership application.

7.4.1 Individual Life Members who are 60 years and above shall pay an amount of $100/- (once only) and it shall be paid at the submission of the membership application.

7.5 Individual Associate Members shall pay an amount of $100/- (once only) and it shall be paid at the submission of the membership application.

7.6 It shall be the responsibility of the members to pay their subscriptions without demand and within the respective stipulated timelines.

7.7 If by the end of the stipulated timeline a member has not paid the subscriptions for the current year, his membership may be cancelled by the Management Council at its absolute discretion. This shall include the Institutional Affiliate Membesrhip.

7.7.1 Upon payment of all outstanding arrears, the Membership may be reinstated at the sole discretion of the Management Council

7.8 No voting member shall participate or vote at any monthly meeting or AGM or EOGM unless the member has paid all his/their subscriptions for the current year without any arrears and upon his membership having been reinstated.

8 FORMATION OF BRANCHES OR CLUBS AND ITS WORKING

8.1 The formation of branches or clubs in the Republic of Singapore shall be at the exclusive determination of the Management Council. The workings and functions of these clubs or branches shall be in accordance with the rules laid down by the Management Council from time to time.

9 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

9.1 The supreme authority of the Council shall be vested in the Annual General Meeting which shall be held not later than June on a date to be decided by the Management Council.

9.1.1 The General Secretary shall issue Notices convening Annual General Meeting to all members at least 14 days before the date (s) of the Annual General Meeting setting out the date, time, venue and the agenda of the Annual General Meeting.

9.1.2 The quorum for all Annual General Meetings shall be 25% or 50 (fifty) eligible voting members, whichever is lesser as at the Notice date of the meeting.

9.1.3 If at the end of 30 minutes after the announced time a quorum is not present, the voting members present shall constitute the quorum and shall carry on the business of the General Meeting but shall not alter, amend or make additions to this Constitution.

9.2 Each Institutional Affiliate Member, which is not in arrears of its subscriptions, shall be entitled to be represented at the Annual General Meeting. Each Institutional Affiliate Member shall be represented by 2 persons from amongst its Management Council / Executive Committee only. No other member can attend the Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting on behalf of the Institutional Member.

9.3 Names and designations of the 2 officials who are to represent the Institutional Affiliate Member shall be forwarded to the General Secretary not later than 7 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

9.4 Each Individual Ordinary Member shall be regarded as a Representative and shall so attend and vote at a General Meeting. Each Individual Ordinary Member shall have 1 vote.

9.4.1 Each Individual Life Member shall be regarded as a Representative and shall so attend and vote at a General Meeting. Each Individual Life Member shall have 1 vote.

9.4.2 Each Institutional Affiliate Member shall be regarded as 2 Representatives and shall so attend and vote at a General Meeting. Each Institutional Affiliate Member shall have a maximum of 2 votes on the basis of 1 vote per official attending and voting. A representative of an Institutional Affiliate Member shall have only one vote irrespective of the fact that such a person is Life Member and/or Ordinary Member.

9.5 A member shall have only one vote at General Meetings or Management Council Meetings or other committee Meetings if the member is a Life member and / or Ordinary Member.

9.5.1 Individual Members who have been a member for at least 3 months before a General Meeting are eligible to attend and participate at the General Meeting.

9.5.2 Individual Members shall have the right to attend and vote provided their annual subscriptions have been fully paid (without any arrears) before the General Meeting.

9.6 It shall be the business of the Annual General Meeting :-

9.6.1 To receive and adopt the report of the Management Council.

9.6.2 To receive and adopt the Audited Statement of Accounts.

9.6.3 To elect the Management Council.

9.6.4 To deal with any other matter which the Management Council may place on the agenda.

9.6.5 To deal with motions submitted by members, written notice whereof has been given to the General Secretary not less than 7 calendar days before the Annual General Meeting.

10 EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

10.1 An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by the Management Council at any time.

10.2 An Extraordinary General Meeting shall also be called by the Management Council within one month of receipt of a written requisition stating the purpose of the meeting signed by two-thirds of the total membership of the Council eligible to vote as at 31st March of the current year of the Extra Ordinary General Meeting and not in arrears of subscriptions.

10.3 Institutional and Individual members shall be represented at Extraordinary General Meetings in the same context as stated in Clauses 9.2; 9.4; 9.4.1; 9.4.2 and 9.4.3

10.4 Extraordinary General Meetings shall transact only the specified Business on the agenda, notice of which shall be circulated to all members not less than 7 days before the meeting.

10.4.1 The quorum for Extraordinary General Meetings shall be 25% or 50 (Fifty) eligible voting members, whichever is lesser as at the Notice date of the meeting.

10.4.2 If at the end of 30 minutes after the announced time a quorum is not present the voting members present shall constitute the quorum and shall carry on the business for which the Extraordinary General Meeting was convened but shall not alter, amend or make additions to these Constitution.

10.5 The decision of any Extraordinary General Meeting shall be binding on all members of the Council.

11 VOTING

11.1 Voting at the Annual General Meetings or Extraordinary General Meetings shall be by show of hands except for the following which shall be by secret ballot:-

11.1.1 Election of Management Council;

11.1.2 Amendment of this Constitution;

11.1.3 Appeal by an expelled member.

11.2 In the event of any equal division of the votes recorded the Chairman of the Meeting shall have the casting vote.

12 MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

12.1 The Management of the Council shall be vested in a Management Council of 21 elected Councillors who shall be elected biennially (once in two years) as follows:-

a) 12 Councillors with the highest votes nominated from amongst the Individual Life and Ordinary members and;

b) 9 Councillors with the highest votes nominated from amongst Institutional

12.1.2 Each Institutional Affiliate member shall nominate only 1 member from amongst its current Management Council/Executive Committee to stand for election at any General Meeting and if elected the individual shall become a member of the Management Council. The nominee of the Institutional member must also be an individual Life or Ordinary member of the TRC.

12.2 The following Office bearers of the Management Council shall be chosen from amongst the 21 elected Councillors in the very first Council Meeting to be held within 14 days after the AGM election: -

One President
One Deputy President
Four Vice Presidents
One General Secretary
Two Deputy General Secretaries
One General Treasurer
One Assistant Treasurer
Ten (10) Councilors
And the immediate past President

12.3 The immediate Past President of the Council shall automatically be a member of the Management Council for 1 term after his/her term of office and he shall have all the powers, duties and authority of a Management Council member.

12.4 All elected members of the Management Council shall hold office for a two-year term and shall be eligible for re-election except the posts of Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer which shall not be held by the same members for 2 consecutive terms.

13 FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

13.1 The Management Council shall have general and financial control of the business of the Council and shall carry out the policy as determined by the Annual General Meeting. It shall in all things act for and in the name of the Council and all acts orders under the powers delegated to the Management Council shall have the like force and effect as the acts and order of the Council at the Annual General Meeting. The Management Council shall have to make regulations to meet the special circumstances of any case subject to report to the next Annual General Meeting.

13.2 It shall see that this Constitution is properly observed and shall decide upon any point on which this Constitution is silent. Such decisions after being notified to all members shall be binding on all members unless revoked at the next Annual General Meeting.

13.3 The Management Council shall be empowered by after due inquiry to remove from office any officer or to expel a member who in its opinion has been guilty of injuring or attempting to injure the Council or of acting contrary to its interests.

13.4 The Management Council shall have the power to set up Sub-Committees for special purposes.

13.5 The Management Council shall have the power to do all such things as are necessary for properly carrying out and fulfilling the objectives of the Council.

13.6 The decision of the Management Council shall be binding on all members of the Council.

13.7 Any vacancy in the Management Council shall be filled by a person who shall be co-opted by Management Council. Any changes in the Management Council shall be notified to the Registrar of Societies within two weeks of the change.

13.8 The Management Council shall meet at least once every two months or as often as required by the General Secretary or the President acting in consultation with one other. The quorum at all Management Council meetings shall be more than half of the elected members.

13.8.1 The notice convening a meeting of the Management Council shall be sent to all members of the Management Council by the General Secretary at least 7 days before the meeting.

13.9 The Management Council shall have the powers to elect prominent Singapore Citizens as Patrons. Patrons shall be eligible to attend all meetings of the Management Council and General Meetings but shall not have the right to vote.

13.1 The Management Council shall have powers to invite any person as an advisor. Advisors shall be eligible to attend all meetings of the Management Council and General Meetings but shall not have the right to vote.

13.11 Any member of the Management Council who absents himself without satisfactory excuse from three consecutive duly summoned meetings of the Management Council shall be deemed to have vacated his seat.

13.12 To approve expenditure of not more than Dollars Ten Thousand ($10,000/-) on any one item.

13.13 Honoraria may be paid to the General Secretary and Treasurer of the Council with the approval of and subject to regulations drawn out the Management Council.

14 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

14.1 The Management Council shall approve the formation of an Executive Committee to carry out the daily administrative and financial functions.

14.2 The Executive Committee shall report to the Management Council and its term of office shall coincide with that of the Management Council.

14.3 The following members of the Management Council shall be members of the Executive Committee and shall be appointed by the Management Council.

President
Deputy President
General Secretary
Two Deputy General Secretaries
General Treasurer
Assistant Treasurer

14.4 The President may invite any Council member to attend the Executive Committee meeting.

14.5 The President may invite any person to the Executive Committee meeting to provide expert advice or guidance. Such invited persons shall not have any voting rights or any other privileges accorded to the Executive Committee members.

15 Terms of Reference of the Executive Committee

15.1 Propose overall strategic directions to the Management Council and approve policies and detailed strategies for the Council. Such policies and strategies shall be ratified by the Management Council;

15.2 Review and monitor the financial performance and progress of TRC;

15.3 Oversee the business and affairs of the Council and monitor the performance of the Management Council against pre-agreed targets;

15.4 Assume full responsibility for the corporate governance framework of the Council and have oversight in the proper conduct of the Council's business.

15.5 Functions and Powers of the Executive Committee

15.6 A simple majority of vote shall decide all matters. Each member shall be have one vote on all matters before the Committee. In the event of any equal division of votes recorded, the Chairman of the meeting shall have the casting vote.

15.7 The President shall convene the meeting as and when necessary. However the Executive Committee shall meet no less than 6 times in a calendar year. No meetings of the Executive Committee shall be convened without the approval of the President.

15.8 The President or Deputy President shall chair all meetings. In the event both are not available, the General Secretary or Treasurer may chair the meeting.

15.9 The quorum for all Executive Committee meetings shall be 4.

15.1 The General Secretary shall keep records of the minutes of all meetings. The Chairperson must approve all minutes and the approved minutes shall be circulated to the Management Council.

16 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICERS

16.1 President

16.1.1 The President shall be chairman at Management Council Meetings, Executive Committee Meetings, Annual General Meetings and at Extraordinary General Meetings.

16.1.2 He shall be one of the signatories to cheques issued by the Council.

16.1.3 He shall address the Annual General Meeting and such address shall first be approved by the Management Council.

16.2 Deputy President

16.2.1 The Deputy President shall act as Chairperson of the Management Council Meeting in the absence of the President.

16.2.2 The Deputy President shall assist the President at all times.

16.3 Vice President

16.3.1 The Vice Presidents shall assist the President in the running of the Council.

16.4 General Secretary

16.4.1 The General Secretary shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Council; and

16.4.1.1 shall be responsible for the proper administration and maintenance of the records of the Council;

16.4.1.2 execute such other functions as the Management Council shall from time to time direct;

16.4.1.3 deal with all general matters and keep the membership informed of the Council's activities and decisions;

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16.4.1.5 prepare and present to the Management Council a half yearly report of the work and activities of the Council;

16.4.1.6 prepare and present to the Annual General Meeting an annual report of the work and activities of the Council;

16.4.1.7 keep such records as required by law to be kept by the Council;

16.4.1.8 collect and collate statistical and general information for the purposes of the Council;

16.4.1.9 prepare the agenda and maintain the minutes of the Management Council, Delegates Council, Annual and Extraordinary General Meetings;

16.4.1.10 employ with the approval of the Management Council such staff whether temporary or permanent as he may require to assist him in discharge of the aforesaid duties;

16.4.1.11 authorise all items of sundry expenditure provided that no one item of an expenditure so authorised shall exceed the sum of $1,000/-,

16.4.1.12 he shall be one of the signatories to cheques issued by the Council.

16.5 Deputy General Secretaries

16.5.1 The Deputy General Secretaries shall carry out and discharge under the direction of the General Secretary or in the absence of the General Secretary, such duties connected with the business of the Council as may from time to time be assigned to them individually or collectively by the Management Council

16.6 General Treasurer

16.6.1 The General Treasurer shall :-

16.6.1.1 receive all monies due to the Council and deposit them in a bank or banks as directed by the Management Council or invest them in such investments as directed by the Management Council;

ensure that the petty cash in hand shall never exceed $1000 and that any cash in excess of this amount shall be banked at the first opportunity the bank is open for business;

16.6.1.2 keep all accounts and pay all expenses of the Council as are authorized by the Annual General Meeting, the Management Council, or the General Secretary;
present a financial statement every two months to the Management Council;

16.6.1.3 prepare annually a detailed statement of income and expenditure and a balance sheet in accordance with the requirement of the Registrar of Societies with shall be presented to the Annual General Meeting;

16.6.1.4 submit all accounts to the Internal Auditors for monthly audit and to the External Auditor for annual audit;

16.6.1.5 keep a general register showing the names and relevant particulars of all members of the Council as required by the Management Council;

16.6.1.6 ensure that all subscriptions due to the Council are promptly collected; and

16.6.1.7 he shall be one of the signatories to cheques issued by the Council.

16.7 Assistant Treasurer

16.7.1 The Assistant Treasurer shall carry out and discharge under the direction of the General Treasurer or in the absence of the General Treasurer under the direction of the General Secretary such duties in regard to the business of the Council as may be assigned from time to time.

16.8 Internal Auditors

16.8.1 Two Internal Auditors shall be appointed by the Management Council for a period of two years. No member of the Management Council shall be an Internal Auditor.

16.8.2 The Internal Auditors shall at the beginning of each month thoroughly examine all the accounts kept by the General Treasurer, check all receipts and payments and certify accordingly. The Internal Auditors shall have access to all books, accounts, vouchers and other documents of the Council which they may require.

16.9 External Auditor

16.9.1 The Management Council shall at its first meeting appoint a qualified accountant to be the External Auditor of the Accounts of the Council.

16.9.2 The External Auditor shall prepare a report on the financial position of the Council and the manner in which the accounts have been kept having regard to the provisions of the Societies Act or any other law affecting the accounts of the Council. This report shall be submitted to the Management Council which shall publish it and send a copy to all its members together with the Annual Report.

16.9.3 The External Auditor may be called upon by the Management Council to conduct a thorough examination of the accounts at any time during the course of the year in addition to the annual audit of accounts.

16.9.4 The Management Council shall be empowered to pay such expenses as may be incurred in employing the services of a qualified accountant to the External Auditor.

16.1 Bank Signatories

16.10.1 Signatories to any cheques of the Council shall be as follows:
Group A: Treasurer and either the President or General Secretary
Group B: Assistant Treasurer and either the President or General Secretary

17 TRC DELEGATES MEETING

17.1 The TRC Delegates Meeting shall comprise of the TRC Management Council and 1 Representative each from the Institutional Affiliate Organisation.
Reproduce Clause 15.1/17.1 below

17.1 The Management Council may hold a TRC Delegates' Meeting twice in a calendar year or when required.

17.2 The General Secretary shall call for a TRC Delegates Meeting by giving 14 days notice of the date, time, venue and agenda of the meeting.

17.3 The President shall have conduct of the meeting.

17.4 Every Institutional Member, which is not in arrears of its subscriptions, shall be entitled to nominate 1 representative from among its Management / Executive Committee to attend and participate in the TRC Delegates Meeting.

17.5 The TRC Delegates Meeting cannot pass any resolutions that require the Council to depart from the objectives of the Council.

18 SPECIAL FUNDS

18.1 A Tamils Representative Council General Fund shall be set up combining the funds from the Education Fund, Building Fund and Cultural Fund and all monies in the Tamils Representative Council General Fund shall be used only in accordance of the Constitution.

19 TRUSTEES

19.1 Five Trustees who must be fully paid-up members of the Council shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office at the pleasure of the Council.

19.2 They shall have vested in them as joint tenants all the movable and immovable property whatsoever belonging to the Council, for the use and benefit of the Council and the members thereof. In the event of the death, bankruptcy, incapability or resignation of any such Trustee or Trustees in his or their place.

19.3 The Trustees shall not sell, withdraw or transfer any the invested capital of the Council without the consent and authority of the Management Council. Such consent and authority must be certified in writing on behalf of the Management Council by the General Secretary, who shall affix to it the Council seal.

19.4 The Trustees shall attend the Annual General Meeting. They shall also attend the Management Council Meetings when invited by the General Secretary.

19.5 They shall hold all deeds and documents of title of the Council and they may take such measures for the safe custody and preservation thereof, at the expenses of the Council, as they shall think fit. They shall be responsible for the safe custody of all such deeds, documents and securities as are placed in their hand or under their control, shall produce them for inspection when required by a resolution of the Management Council or Annual General Meeting and shall produce them when required either by the Internal Auditors or External Auditor.

19.6 A Trustee shall not invest any part of the funds of the Council upon the security of his own property or otherwise than in accordance with law.

20 RESIGNATION

20.1 Any member who is not in arrears of subscriptions may resign from the Council by giving three months notice in writing to the General Secretary.

21 EXPULSION OF MEMBERS (Institutional or Individual)

21.1 Any Individual Member whose conduct is in the considered opinion of the Management Council prejudicial or contrary to the interest of the Council, shall be requested to resign or be asked to exculpate himself in writing. If the exculpatory statement, considered in the sole discretion of the Management Council exercised in good faith, is unsatisfactory, the member shall be expelled by resolution if moved. Any member so expelled shall have the right to appeal to the next Annual General Meeting.

21.2 Any Institutional Affiliate Member whose conduct is in the considered opinion of the Management Council prejudicial or contrary to the interest of the Council, shall be removed as an institutional member or be asked to exculpate themself in writing. If the exculpatory statement, considered in the sole discretion of the Management Council exercised in good faith, is unsatisfactory, the member shall be removed as an institutional member by resolution if moved. Any Institutional Affiliate Member so removed shall have the right to appeal to the next Annual General Meeting, whose decision shall be final.

22 STANDING ORDERS OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

22.1 The Management Council shall have the power to adopt Standing Orders for the conduct of election. Such Standing Orders shall be distributed to all members at least 14 days before the Annual General Meeting.

22.2 The General Secretary shall prepare a Nomination paper giving a full list of nominations to be made and the date and time of the Annual General Meeting and shall send to each Institutional, Life and Individual Member two weeks before the date of each Annual General Meeting when elections to the Management Council shall take place.

22.3 The date of closing nominations shall be 7 clear days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting when elections will take place. Members wishing to make nominations shall return the nomination papers duly filled to the General Secretary not later than the date appointed as above. The General Secretary shall not accept any nominations from members which are received after the closing date of the nomination.

22.4 The nomination paper shall be signed by the member nominated to office indicating his assent to accept the office to which he is nominated by the proposer and seconder.

22.5 In the event of nominations exceeding the required number, election shall be by ballot. In the event of insufficient nominations being received, the members present at the Annual General Meeting shall be entitled to propose, second and elect such members of the Council as are necessary to complete the required number. And in the event that any number is not filled at the AGM, the Management Council be authorised to do so at its next meeting.

22.6 In the event a nominee is absent at the Annual General Meeting, the members present shall by a show of hands accept or reject the nomination.

23 PROHIBITIONS

23.1 Gambling of any kind whether for stakes or not, is forbidden on the council's premises. The introduction of materials for gambling or drug taking and of bad characters into the premises is prohibited.

23.2 The funds of the Council shall not be used to pay the fines of members who have been convicted in Court.

23.3 The Council shall not engage in any trade union activity as defined in any written law relating to trade unions for the time being in force in Singapore.

23.4 The Council shall not attempt to restrict or interfere with trade or make directly or indirectly any recommendations to, any arrangement with its members which has the purpose or is likely to have the effect of fixing or controlling the price or any discount, allowance or rebate relating to any goods or service which adversely affect consumer interests.

23.5 The Council shall not indulge in any political activity or allow its funds and/or premises to be used for political purposes.

23.6 The Council shall not hold any lottery, whether confined to its members or not, in the name of the Council or its office-bearers, Committee or members unless with the prior approval of the relevant authorities.

23.7 The Council shall not raise funds from the public for whatsoever purposes without the prior approval in writing of the Head, Licensing Division, Singapore Police Force and other relevant authorities.

24 AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

24.1 No alterations or additions to these Rules shall be made except at a general meeting, and the consent of a simple majority of the voting members present at the general meeting and they shall not come into force without the prior sanctions of the Registrar of Societies.

25 INTERPRETATION

25.1 In the event of any question or matter arising out of any point which is not expressly provided for in this Constitution, the Management Council shall have power to use its own discretion. The decision of the Management Council shall be final unless it is reversed at a General Meeting of members.

26 DISPUTES

26.1 In the event of any dispute arising amongst members, they shall attempt to resolve the matter at an Extraordinary General Meeting in accordance with the Constitution and whose decision shall be final.

27 DISSOLUTION

27.1 Unless three-fifth (3/5) of the total voting membership of the Council agree, their consent expressed either in person or by proxy at a general meeting convened for the purpose; the Council shall not be dissolved.

27.2 In the event of the Council being dissolved, all debts and liabilities legally incurred by the Council shall be fully discharged and the remaining assets shall be transferred to a charitable organisation or institution in Singapore.

27.3 A certificate of Dissolution shall be given to the Registrar of Societies within 7 days of the dissolution.

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