

**CONSTITUTION  
YOUNG SIKH ASSOCIATION (SINGAPORE)**

**NAME**

1. This Society shall be known as “Young Sikh Association (Singapore)”, (hereinafter referred to as the “Association”).

**PLACE OF BUSINESS**

2. Its place of business shall be at “Sikh Centre, 8 Jalan Bukit Merah, Singapore 169543” or such other address as may subsequently be decided upon by the Committee and approved by the Registrar of Societies. The Association shall carry out its activities only in places and premises which have the prior written approval from relevant authorities, where necessary.

**OBJECTS**

3. Its objects are:
  - a) to deepen understanding of national issues among young Sikhs and to encourage them to contribute to the betterment of our society as thoughtful and responsible citizens;
  - b) to provide varying platforms for young Sikhs to strive for intellectual and professional development;
  - c) to strengthen inter-racial friendship and harmony by organising and actively participating in inter-community activities;
  - d) to foster community spirit among young Sikhs through community service at home and abroad; and
  - e) to build networks with local and international youth groups so as to foster national identity and a global mindset among young Sikhs.

**MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATION AND RIGHTS**

- 4.1 There shall be two types of membership:
  - a) Ordinary Membership. This shall be open to Sikhs and non-Sikhs from the ages of 16 to 50 years who are residing in Singapore and they shall have the right to vote and subject to Article 10.3, the right to hold office.
  - b) Associate Membership. This shall be open to Sikhs and non-Sikhs of all ages who are residing in Singapore and they shall have no voting rights or the right to hold office in the Association.
- 4.2 The definition of a Sikh as referred to in Article 4.1 is one who professes to the tenets of Sikhism.
- 4.3 Persons who are below 18 years of age shall not be accepted as members without the written consent of their parent or guardian.
- 4.4 There shall be no limit to the number of members that the Association shall accept under each of the two types of membership in Article 4.1.

## **APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

- 5.1 A person who is desirous of becoming a member shall submit his particulars to the Honorary Secretary on the Association's Application for Membership form(s).
- 5.2 The Committee, in its absolute discretion, shall decide on the application for, and type of, membership. It may approve or reject the application without assigning any reason therefore and its decision shall be final.
- 5.3 The Committee may decide to change the membership status of an approved member from one type of membership to another type of membership as referred to in Article 4.1 at any time during his membership with the Association without assigning any reason therefore. The decision of the Committee shall be final.
- 5.4 A copy of the Constitution shall be furnished to every approved member upon payment of the entrance fee and subscription fee.

## **ENTRANCE FEES, SUBSCRIPTION AND OTHER DUES**

- 6.1 The funds of the Association shall be derived from entrance fees, subscription fees, free-will offerings, sponsorships, registration fees for activities organised by the Association and any other sources that the Association may deem appropriate.
- 6.2 An entrance fee of \$10.00 and subscription fee as set out in Article 6.7 are payable within two weeks of approval or renewal of membership, in default of which the membership may be cancelled by order of the Committee, or shall lapse, whichever is applicable. The entrance fee and/or subscription fee may either be (i) varied by the Association in General Meetings; or (ii) waived, either in whole or in portion thereof by the Committee.
- 6.3 Each member shall pay such amount of subscription fees for such subscription period as may be proposed by the Committee or the General Meeting. The amount and the subscription period for the subscription fees shall be approved by a simple majority vote at the General Meeting.
- 6.4 The subscription period for any of the membership as set out in Article 4.1 shall begin on the date on which the member accepts the invitation of the Committee to join the Association and makes payment of the entrance and/or subscription fee.
- 6.5 The subscription period shall end on the date which is one day before the date in the following year which corresponds to the date on which the subscription period begins as set out in Article 6.4.
- 6.6 Any payment by members, in respect of membership dues, entrance or subscription fees, shall be made at the date(s) or period(s) specified in this Constitution, or if no date(s) or period(s) are specified, promptly according to the directions or orders given by the Committee from time to time.
- 6.7 The following categories of members shall pay a six-year subscription at the following rates:
  - a) Ordinary Member : \$20.00
  - b) Associate Member : \$10.00
- 6.8 The Committee may remove from the Membership Register of the Association the name of any member whose membership dues and/or subscription fees remain outstanding and unpaid for more than one month after the dues and/or fees have become due.

## **RESIGNATION**

- 7.1 Any member may resign from the Association by giving two weeks' written notice to the Honorary Secretary.
- 7.2 The member shall, before the expiration of the said two weeks, pay all arrears of subscriptions due and/or other monies owing by the member to the Association.
- 7.3 The Honorary Secretary shall, subject to Article 7.2, accept any such resignation on behalf of the Association.
- 7.4 The member shall, before the expiration of the said two weeks, return his membership card, insignias, emblems, etc., in respect of his membership with the Association, given to him by the Association while he was a member of the Association.
- 7.5 In the event that a member resigns from the Association subject to Articles 7.1, 7.2, 7.3 and 7.4, the Association shall not refund the entrance fee or subscription fee or any other fees paid by the member to the Association while he was a member of the Association.

## **RE-ADMISSION**

- 8.1 When any person, who has previously ceased to be a member of the Association from any cause whatsoever, applies for re-admission, such person may be re-admitted by the Committee to membership subject to Article 8.2.
- 8.2 Any member whose name has been removed from the membership register under Article 8.3 or for any other reason and who applies for re-admission shall only be accepted after paying up such arrears and re-admission fee as the Committee may determine.
- 8.3 A member who has been expelled from the Association shall only be re-admitted to the Association after one year from the date of the last expulsion.

## **SUPREME AUTHORITY AND GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 9.1 The supreme authority of the Association is vested in a General Meeting of the members presided over by the President.
- 9.2 An Annual General Meeting shall be held by July.
- 9.3 At other times, an Extraordinary General Meeting must be called by the President on the request in writing of not less than 25% of the total voting membership or six voting members, whichever is the lesser, and may be called at any time by order of the Committee. The notice in writing shall be given to the Honorary Secretary setting forth the business that is to be transacted. The Extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened within one month from the receipt of the request by the Honorary Secretary to convene the Extraordinary General Meeting.
- 9.4 If the Committee does not, within one month after the date of the receipt of the written request, proceed to convene an Extraordinary General Meeting, the members who requested for the Extraordinary General Meeting shall convene the Extraordinary General Meeting by giving ten days' notice to voting members setting forth the business to be transacted and simultaneously posting or causing the Honorary Secretary to post the agenda on the Association's notice board or other place, including but not limited to, a web address designated for use by the Association to post notices to members.
- 9.5 At least two weeks' notice shall be given of an Annual General Meeting and at least ten days' notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting. A Notice of Meeting stating the date, time and place of meeting and requesting for nominations and motions for discussion and any

amendments to the Constitution shall be sent by the Honorary Secretary to all voting members. The agenda for the meeting shall be posted on the Association's notice board or other place, including but not limited to, a web address designated for use by the Association to post notices to members, three days in advance of the meeting.

- 9.6 Unless otherwise stated in this Constitution, voting by proxy shall not be allowed at all General Meetings.
- 9.7 The following points will be considered at the Annual General Meeting:
- a) the annual report of the Committee;
  - b) the previous financial year's account;
  - c) motions submitted by the Committee and other members; and
  - d) where applicable, the election of office-bearers and Honorary Auditors for the following term.
- 9.8 Any nomination, motion and/or proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be in writing signed by a proposer and a seconder and must reach the Honorary Secretary at least one week prior to the day of an Annual General Meeting and at least five days prior to the day of Extraordinary General Meeting. Any contravention of Article 9.8 shall cause the Committee not to accept the nomination, motion and/or proposed amendment to the Constitution for the General Meeting.
- 9.9 Nominations, motions and amendments will not be circulated to members who have no voting rights.
- 9.10 At least 25% of the total voting membership or six voting members, whichever is the lesser, present at a General Meeting shall form a quorum. Proxies shall not be constituted as part of the quorum.
- 9.11 In the event of there being no quorum at the commencement of a General Meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned for half an hour and should the number then present be insufficient to form a quorum, those present shall be considered a quorum, but they shall have no power to amend any provision, or part thereof, of the existing Constitution.
- 9.12 Any reference to time with respect to the conduct of meetings and/or the giving/posting of notices will be interpreted in the following manner:
- a) Where an act is required to be done within a specified period after or from a specified date, the period begins immediately after that date.
  - b) Where the act is required to be done within or not less than a specified period before a specified period, the period ends immediately before that date.
  - c) Where the act is required to be done a specified number of clear days before or after a specified date, at least that number of days must intervene between the day on which the act is done and that date.
  - d) Where, apart from this paragraph, the period in question, being a period of seven days or less, would include a day other than a working day, that day shall be excluded.
  - e) Where the time for doing any act expires on a day other than a working day, the act shall be in time if done on the next working day.
- 9.13 Any failure to give notices will be an irregularity that may invalidate the proceedings conducted subsequently which are related to the said irregularity if 25% of the voting membership or six voting members, whichever is lesser, raise objections on grounds of such

irregularity. The onus shall be on the Committee to bring to the attention of the General Meeting any irregularity which is within its actual knowledge.

### **MANAGEMENT AND COMMITTEE**

- 10.1 The administration of the Association shall be entrusted to a Committee consisting of the following to be elected at alternate Annual General Meetings:

A President  
Two Vice-Presidents  
An Honorary Secretary  
An Assistant Secretary  
A Honorary Treasurer  
An Assistant Treasurer  
Up To Fourteen Ordinary Committee Members

Unless with the prior approval in writing of the Registrar or an Assistant Registrar of Societies, all Committee Members should be either Singapore Citizens or Permanent Residents.

- 10.2 The election for the positions of the President and the Vice-Presidents shall only be opened to Sikhs, as defined in Article 4.2.
- 10.3 Names for the above offices shall be proposed and seconded at the Annual General Meeting and election will follow on a simple majority vote.
- 10.4 An Ordinary Member shall only be eligible to hold office after being a member under Article 4.1 (a) of the Association for period of no less than two years. Article 10.3 shall come into effect two years after the formation of the Association.
- 10.5 All office-bearers, except the Honorary Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, may be re-elected or co-opted to the same or related post for a consecutive term of office.
- 10.6 The term of office of the Committee is two years.
- 10.7 Election will be either by a show of hands or, subject to the agreement of the majority of the voting members present, by a secret ballot. In the event of a tie, the Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote.
- 10.8 A Committee Meeting shall be held at least once every three months after the Honorary Secretary giving seven days' notice to the Committee Members. The President may call a Committee Meeting at any time by giving five days' notice. At least one-third of the Committee Members must be present for its proceedings to be valid.
- 10.9 Any Committee Member absenting himself from three meetings consecutively without satisfactory explanations shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the Committee and a successor may be co-opted by the Committee to serve as a replacement until the next Annual General Meeting at which there is election of the Committee. Any change(s) in the Committee Members shall be notified to the Registrar of Societies within two weeks of the change(s). A person co-opted to the post of Honorary Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer cannot, in the period equivalent to one term which precedes the date of assumption of the responsibilities of a co-opted member, have served as Honorary Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer.
- 10.10 The duty of the Committee is to organise and supervise the day-to-day activities of the Association. The Committee may not act contrary to the expressed wishes of the General Meeting without prior reference to it and always remains subordinate to the General Meeting.
- 10.11 The Committee has power to authorise, in writing, the expenditure of a sum not exceeding \$20,000.00 per project from the Association's funds for the Association's purposes. For expenditure above \$20,000.00 for projects not previously approved by the General Meeting,

the Committee must seek the approval of these projects at a General Meeting through a simple majority vote.

- 10.12 The Committee shall decide on the projects that the Association shall undertake, participate or assist in, or otherwise support.
- 10.13 The Committee may appoint Sub-Committees consisting of such persons as it thinks fit for such purposes or projects and delegate any appropriate responsibilities to them, save that such Sub-Committees may not exercise any greater power than the Committee itself, properly constituted, would have exercised in the circumstance. All Sub-Committees shall report on the work done by them to the Committee.
- 10.14 The Committee may, from time to time, lay down guidelines not inconsistent with the Constitution as it may deem necessary or convenient for the proper conduct and management of the work of the Committee and/or the Sub-Committees.
- 10.15 No act or proceeding of the Committee shall be invalidated by any vacancy of any post on the Committee, save for acts and proceedings which require the specific approval of the President and/or Honorary Treasurer.
- 10.16 A Committee Member shall vacate his office if he:
  - a) ceases to be a member of the Association or his membership is suspended;
  - b) expelled by the Committee or Association;
  - c) resigns from his seat on the Committee;
  - d) becomes bankrupt or insolvent or enters into a composition with any creditor or takes or attempts to take the benefit of the provisions of any written law to liquidate his assets or affairs;
  - e) becomes of unsound mind;
  - f) is disciplined under Articles 22.2 and 22.4 or requested to resign from office by a resolution of the General Meeting;
  - g) has been convicted of an offence involving moral turpitude by a court of law and sentenced to imprisonment for a term of not less than three months; or
  - h) resigns from his office by written notice to the Association.
- 10.17 The Association shall have the authority to institute and defend any proceedings brought on behalf of or against the Committee or the Association.

#### **DUTIES OF OFFICE-BEARERS**

- 11.1 The President shall chair all General and Committee meetings. He shall also represent the Association in its dealings with outside persons.
- 11.2 The Vice-President shall assist the President and deputise for him in his absence.
- 11.3 The Honorary Secretary shall keep all records, except financial, of the Association and shall be responsible for their correctness. He will keep minutes of all General and Committee meetings. He shall maintain an up-to-date Membership Register at all times.
- 11.4 The Assistant Secretary shall assist the Honorary Secretary and deputise for him in his absence.

- 11.5 The Honorary Treasurer shall keep all funds and collect and disburse all monies on behalf of the Association and shall keep an account of all monetary transaction and shall be responsible for their correctness. He is authorised to expend up to \$500.00 per month for expenses on behalf of the Association. He will not keep more than \$500.00 in the form of cash and any cash in excess of this will be deposited in a bank designated by the Committee. Withdrawals from the bank by cheques shall be signed by any one person from each of the following categories:
- a) Category A: President and Vice-President
  - b) Category B: Honorary Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer
- 11.6 Withdrawals from the bank by any other means must be with the consent of the Committee.
- 11.7 The Assistant Treasurer shall assist the Honorary Treasurer and deputise for him in his absence.
- 11.8 The Ordinary Committee Members shall assist in the general administration of the Association and perform duties assigned to them collectively or to any of them particularly by the Committee from time to time.

#### **AUDIT AND FINANCIAL YEAR**

- 12.1 Two voting members, not being Committee Members, shall be elected as Honorary Auditors at alternate Annual General Meetings and will hold office for a term of two years only and shall not be re-elected for a consecutive term.
- 12.2 They :
- a) will be required to audit each year's accounts and present a report upon them to the Annual General Meeting; and
  - b) may be required by the President to audit the Association's accounts for any period within their tenure of office at any date and make a report to the Committee.
- 12.3 The financial year shall be from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December.

#### **ADVISORS**

- 13.1 The Association may appoint a panel of Advisors who shall advise and make recommendations on issues raised by the Committee.
- 13.2 The Committee shall have regard to the advice and recommendations made by the Advisors but shall not be bound to accept or implement the same.
- 13.3 The Advisors of the Association shall:
- a) not be more than five in number; and
  - b) be appointed by the Committee for a term of one year. They may be re-appointed by the Committee.
- 13.4 The Advisors may, at the invitation of the Committee, attend the meetings of the Committee or the Association, including General Meetings. However, they shall not exercise any voting rights thereat.

- 13.5 The Advisor shall be a person who:
- a) is of good repute;
  - b) is not a bankrupt or insolvent or entered into a composition with any creditor or takes or attempts to take the benefit of the provisions of any written law to liquidate his assets or affairs;
  - c) is not of unsound mind; or
  - d) has not been convicted of an offence involving moral turpitude by a court of law and sentenced to imprisonment.

#### **VISITORS AND GUESTS**

14. Visitors and guests may be admitted into the premises of the Association but they shall not be admitted into the privileges of the Association. All visitors and guests shall abide by the Association's rules and regulations.

#### **PROHIBITIONS**

- 15.1 Gambling of any kind, excluding the promotion or conduct of a private lottery which has been permitted under the Private Lotteries Act Cap 250, is forbidden on the Association's premises. The introduction of materials for the purposes of gambling or drug-taking and of persons of bad character into the premises is prohibited.
- 15.2 The fund of the Association shall not be used to pay the fines of members who have been convicted in a court of law, save where the act that forms the substance of the offence was done in the capacity of the member qua member and/or was authorised by the Committee.
- 15.3 The Association shall not engage in any trade union activity as defined in any written law relating to trade unions currently in force in Singapore.
- 15.4 The Association shall not attempt to restrict or interfere with trade or make direct or indirectly any recommendation 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.
- 15.5 The Association shall not indulge in any political activity or allow its funds and/or premises to be used for political purposes.
- 15.6 The Association shall not hold any lottery, whether confined to its members or not, in the name of the Association or its office-bearers, committee or members unless with the prior approval of the relevant authorities. Article 15.6 shall be read as complementary to Article 15.1.
- 15.7 The Association shall not raise funds from the public for whatever purposes without the prior approval in writing from the Head, Licensing Division, Singapore Police Force and other relevant authorities.

#### **AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION**

16. No alteration or addition/deletion to this Constitution shall be made except at a General Meeting and with the consent of two-thirds of the voting members present at the General Meeting, and these amendments shall not come into force without the prior sanction of the Registrar of Societies.

## **INTERPRETATION**

17. In the event of any question or matter pertaining to the day-to-day administration of the affairs of the Association or of the Committee which is not expressly provided for in this Constitution, the Committee shall have power to use its discretion, save that this should not be exercised to defeat, or in a manner inconsistent with the objects and purposes of the Association. The decision of the Committee shall be final unless it is reversed after consideration at a General Meeting.

## **AFFILIATION AND DISAFFILIATION**

18. The Association shall not affiliate to or disaffiliate from any organisation unless a majority of the members present at a General Meeting agree.

## **TRUSTEES**

- 19.1 If the Association, at any time, acquires any immovable property, such property shall be vested in Trustees subject to a declaration of trust.
- 19.2 The Trustees of the Association shall:
- a) not be more than four and not less than two in number;
  - b) be elected by a General Meeting; and
  - c) not effect any sale or mortgage of property without the prior consent of the General Meeting.
- 19.3 The office of the Trustee shall be vacated if he:
- a) submits notice of resignation from his trusteeship;
  - b) ceases to be member of the Association or his membership is suspended;
  - c) resigns his trusteeship, dies, or becomes of unsound mind;
  - d) is an undischarged bankrupt;
  - e) moves away permanently or is absent from the Republic of Singapore for a period of one year; or
  - f) is disciplined under Articles 22.2 and 22.4 or requested to resign from office by a resolution of the Association.
- 19.4 Notice of any proposal to remove a Trustee from his trusteeship or to appoint a new Trustee to fill a vacancy must be given by posting it on the Association's notice board or other place, including but not limited to, a web address designated for use by the Association to post notices to members, at least two weeks before the General Meeting at which the proposal is to be discussed. The result of such General Meeting shall then be notified to the Registrar of Societies.
- 19.5 The address of each of any immovable property, name of each Trustee and any subsequent change(s) in these must be notified to the Registrar of Societies.
- 19.6 Any Trustee may be appointed and/or removed by a resolution passed at the General Meeting.

## **INVESTMENTS**

- 20.1 The Association shall have the power to establish, acquire, maintain and/or dispose of any form of investments as may be permitted by the laws in Singapore or the Articles in the Constitution or as may be approved by a resolution passed at a General Meeting. Such forms of investments shall include investments relating to any real, intangible or tangible properties and/or bank deposits.
- 20.2 Any investments made pursuant to Article 20.1 by the Association shall be held by and titles to such investments shall be vested in the joint names of not less than any two Trustees, the President and two Committee Members as may be nominated by the Committee in such manner as may be permitted by law or the Articles of this Constitution and approved by a resolution passed at a General Meeting. For purposes of clarification, any two Trustees, the President and two Committee Members as may be nominated by the Committee and approved at a General Meeting shall be entitled to sign any agreement, contract, deed or any other legal documents relating to such investments on behalf of the Association which shall be considered legal and binding for all practical purposes for which this provision shall be sufficient indemnity.
- 20.3 Income from the investment in Article 20.1 shall be credited to a Special Account. The Committee shall designate the bank in which the Special Account shall operate.

## **DISPUTE**

- 21.1 Should any dispute arise with respect to the construction and application of the Articles in this Constitution or any additions or alterations to them or any point upon which the Articles in this Constitution are silent or ambiguous, the dispute shall be referred to the Committee whose decision shall be final unless it is reversed at a General Meeting.
- 21.2 In the event of any dispute arising amongst members with respect to the conduct of the affairs of the Association, they shall attempt to resolve the dispute at a General Meeting in accordance with this Constitution.
- 21.3 Should the members fail to resolve the dispute at a General Meeting, they are bound to attempt a resolution through arbitration by a Panel of Arbitrators who do not have vested interest in the dispute. The Committee shall ensure that such arbitration proceedings cause minimal disruption to the activities of the Committee and the Association and shall determine the timeline for the arbitration process and other administrative and logistics arrangements with regards to the arbitration. The arbitration should be conducted by a Panel of Arbitrators, one of whom shall be appointed by each disputing party and the Chair of the Panel appointed by these appointed arbitrators. In the case of there being multiple parties to the dispute(s), all parties with a sufficient communality of interest in the outcome of the dispute(s) will be treated as a single party.
- 21.4 The parties involved in a dispute which has not been resolved shall not discuss and/or raise any aspect of the dispute at the meetings of the Association, including General Meetings. The same shall apply to third parties and non-parties to the dispute.
- 21.5 The costs of the resolution of the dispute shall be paid by parties unless they concern matters of fundamental importance to the Association. The Committee shall then decide on whether the Association should bear the cost of the dispute by a simple majority vote of the Committee Members (excluding any parties to the dispute).
- 21.6 The decision of the Panel of Arbitrators shall be final and binding.

## **DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

- 22.1 The Association shall establish an Appeals Committee to preside over appeals by members resulting from action(s) by the Committee in Article 22.2. The Appeals Committee shall:
- a) be appointed by the Committee for a term of two years. They may be re-appointed by the Committee; and
  - b) comprise a total of eight voting members who are not members of the Committee.
- 22.2 The Committee shall have the power to admonish or censure or suspend or expel from membership or debar from holding office or dismiss from office any member for any act against the interests of the Association or for any breach of or offence against the Articles, Regulations, or any Code of Ethics or other by-laws laid down in accordance with this Constitution or any applicable laws, provided that such member be given five clear days notice of the specific charge(s) or allegation(s) against him and a reasonable opportunity to refute the charge(s) or allegation(s) by making representation in writing for the Committee to answer. Such notice shall be deemed properly sent if it complies with the provisions of Article 23.2 of this Constitution.
- 22.3 Any member admonished or censured or suspended or expelled from membership or debarred from holding office or dismissed from office may appeal to the Appeals Committee. Such member shall submit a request, in writing, for the convening of the Appeals Committee. The said request shall be submitted within seven days of the decision of the Committee on any action against him being communicated to him, provided that any such decision shall only be taken after the member is given reasonable opportunity to respond to the charge(s) or allegation(s) as set out in Article 22.2. Should the member fail to lodge an appeal within the stipulated time, the right to appeal shall deem to have lapsed and the decision of the Committee final and binding on the member.
- 22.4 The Appeals Committee shall appoint three members from among itself to convene a meeting to hear the appeal of the member referred to in Article 22.3. The appointed Appeals Committee Members shall not be members who took part in the decision to admonish or censure or suspend or expel from membership or debar from holding office or dismiss from office the member in respect of Article 22.2.
- 22.5 The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final and binding and there shall be no further appeal on the decision of the Appeals Committee.
- 22.6 In the event that a member is expelled from the Association arising from Articles 22.2 and 22.4, the Association shall not refund the entrance fee or subscription fee or any other fees paid by the member to the Association while he was a member of the Association.
- 22.6 The member shall, within five days of his expulsion, pay all arrears of subscriptions due and/or other monies owing by the member to the Association.
- 22.7 The expelled member shall, within five days of his expulsion, return his membership card, insignias, emblems, etc., in respect of his membership with the Association, given to him by the Association while he was a member of the Association.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

- 23.1 All communications shall be sent to the Honorary Secretary at the registered place of business or other addresses, electronic, postal or otherwise, as may be determined from time to time by the Committee and communicated to the members, save that any legal correspondence, including service of legal process, must be sent to the registered address of the Association.

- 23.2 Any and all communications to be sent by the Association to its members or the Committee whether pursuant to this Constitution or otherwise, including any announcement, notice, letter, annual report and/or any document of any nature whatsoever may be sent by way of letter, facsimile, courier or any electronic means (including electronic mail and short messages services) or by hand. Such communications shall be deemed to be properly sent if delivered to the latest address which is recorded in the Membership Register of the Association or last notified by the members to the Association. Such communications shall be deemed to be received by the applicable members (i) within 24 hours if the communications have been sent by facsimile or electronic means (including electronic mail and short messages services) and (ii) within three calendar days if the communications have been sent by post or courier to an address within the Republic of Singapore.

#### **LIABILITY OF ASSOCIATION**

- 24.1 The Association shall not be responsible for any property left at the Association or at venues where its activities are held or organised, by members, their children or guests and visitors of the Association.
- 24.2 The Association shall not be liable for the loss or damage to any article or property whatsoever brought to the Association premises or compound or to venues where its activities are held or organised by a member, his children or guests or visitors of the Association or entrusted to any servant of the Association.
- 24.3 The Association shall not be liable in respect of the death of or personal injuries to any member, his children or guests or visitors of the Association arising in any way out of his membership of the Association or though his or their use or participation or enjoyment of the Association, its amenities, privileges, facilities or activities or otherwise howsoever arising.
- 24.4 No member shall be entitled to maintain any claim whatsoever, howsoever they may arise, against the Association or the Committee in respect of Articles 24.1, 24.2 and 24.3.

#### **GENERAL**

- 25.1 Nothing in the Articles shall be deemed to authorise the Association or any member or officer of the Association to do anything which may be contrary to the provisions of this Constitution or of any law in force in the Republic of Singapore.
- 25.2 References to the male gender include references to the female gender.

#### **DISSOLUTION**

- 26.1 The Association shall not be dissolved, except with the consent of not less than three-fifths of the total voting membership of the Association for the time being resident in Singapore expressed, either in person or by proxy at a General Meeting convened for the purpose.
- 26.2 In the event of the Association being dissolved as provided above, all debt and liabilities legally incurred on behalf of the Association shall be fully discharged, and the remaining funds will be disposed of in such manner as the General Meeting of members may determine or donated to an approved charity or charities in Singapore.
- 26.3 A Certificate of Dissolution shall be given within seven days of the dissolution to the Registrar of Societies.

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