



Constitution of the Royal Australian Air Force Staff College Association, Inc.

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Part 1 PRELIMINARY

1.1 Name

The name of the Association is the 'Royal Australian Air Force Staff College Association Incorporated'. The short title is RAAFSCA.

1.2. Definitions

1.2.1 In these rules, unless a contrary intention appears, the following terms shall have the meanings specified:

the Act	means the <i>Associations Incorporation Act 1991</i> of the ACT together with all acts of the ACT Legislative Assembly amending the same
ACT	means the Australian Capital Territory
AGM	means the annual general meeting
the Association	means the RAAF Staff College Association Incorporated
Committee	means the Committee of the RAAFSC Association Inc. duly elected under clause 3.5
Executive	means the Executive Committee of the Association duly constituted to manage the affairs of the Association
Member	means Graduate Member, Associate Member, or Honorary Member
Office Bearers	means the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Association
Registrar	means the Registrar as defined in the <i>Associations Incorporation Act 1991</i> as amended from time to time
Regulation	means the ACT Associations Incorporation Regulations – Schedule
Secretary & Treasurer	mean the persons duly elected to these offices, or any other persons appointed to act in these offices by the Executive should a vacancy occur through retirement, resignation, dismissal or temporary absence
Year	means the Association year which is from 1 July to 30 June in the next succeeding year

1.2.2 Words importing the singular number only shall include the plural number, and vice-versa.

1.2.3 Words importing the masculine gender only shall include the feminine gender; and words importing persons shall include corporations.

1.3 Reserved

1.4 Objects

1.4.1 The Objects of the Association are:

- a. to foster friendship, communication and understanding between Members;
- b. to maintain the unique bond of professionalism and camaraderie established through Staff College participation; and
- c. to promote a continuing awareness within the RAAF and elsewhere of defence issues and of aerospace power in particular.

1.5 Patronage

1.5.1 Serving or retired senior RAAF officers may be invited to be Patrons of the Association.

1.6 Powers

1.6.1 General Powers

1.6.1.1 Solely for furthering the Objects, the Association, in addition to any other powers it has under the Act, has the legal capacity and powers of an incorporated association as set out in the Act.

1.6.2 Specific Powers

1.6.2.1 The Association, through the Committee, has (but not so as to limit or diminish any power granted to the Association by the Act or any other law) the following powers, which subject to any relevant law may be exercised within the ACT:

1.6.2.2 **Fundraising.** To make arrangements or agreements solely or with other parties for the purposes of improving the financial resources of the Association.

1.6.2.3 **Membership Fees.** To set fees payable by Members of the Association.

1.6.2.4 **By-Laws.** To make, amend and repeal by-laws for the regulation and good governance of the Association.

1.7 Application of certain Acts

1.7.1 The following ACT Government Legislations applies to this Constitution:

The Legislation Act 2001. The Legislation Act 2001 applies to these rules in the same way as it would as if they were an instrument made under the Act.

The Associations Incorporation Act 1991 of the ACT.

The Electronic Transactions Act 2001. Under the Act, information required to be given in writing may be given and received electronically.

Part 2 MEMBERSHIP

2.1 The Association shall be constituted of Graduate Members, Associate Members and Honorary Members.

2.2 Membership eligibility

2.2.1 The following persons shall be eligible for membership:

- a. As Graduate Members: All graduates of RAAF Staff College or of similar institutions as approved by the Executive,
- b. As Associate Members: Non-graduate Members of the Directing Staff of the RAAF Staff College or of similar institutions as approved by the Executive, and
- c. As Honorary Members: Persons who have rendered distinguished service to the RAAF Staff College Association.

2.2.2 The Executive may, at its discretion, prescribe conditions of membership in respect of one or more of the foregoing categories of Members, in particular, the Executive may waive or vary the subscription payable and associated privileges.

2.3 Prior Right

2.3.1 No person is entitled to or has any prior right to membership of the Association.

2.4 Application to Membership

2.4.1 In respect of Graduate and Associate, membership is dependent upon the individuals concerned informing the Secretary in writing of their desire to join the Association.

2.4.2 In respect of Honorary Members, Members shall be elected by the Executive on the nomination of a Member of the Executive seconded by another.

2.5 Membership Rights not Transferable

2.5.1 A right, privilege or obligation that a person has because of being a Member of the Association:

- a. cannot be transferred or transmitted to another person, and
- b. terminates on cessation of the person's membership.

2.6 Cessation of Membership

2.6.1 A Member ceases to be a Member of the Association if the person:

- a. dies; or
- b. resigns from membership of the Association; or

- c. is expelled from the Association; or
- d. if applicable, fails to renew membership of the Association by being financial as of 30 June each calendar year.

2.7 Members' Liability

2.7.1 The liability of the Members is limited. Every Member of the Association undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Association in the event of it being wound up during the time that he or she is a Member for payment of the debts and liabilities of the association and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up the same and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories amongst themselves such amount as may be required not exceeding the sum of one dollar (\$1.00).

2.8 Subscriptions and Other Payments

2.8.1 New Member Subscriptions.

2.8.1.1 The Executive reserves the right to charge new Member subscriptions.

2.8.2.2 Except for Honorary Members a subscription will be paid on appointment to Membership. This subscription will cover Membership of the Association until the Member resigns or otherwise ceases to be a Member.

2.9 Annual Subscriptions

2.9.1 As at 1 January 2025, and until otherwise determined, annual subscriptions are not charged.

2.10 Grievance and Disciplining of Members

2.10.1 The Executive may nominate a sub-committee of three independent Members for the hearing and determination of grievances by any Member who feels aggrieved by a decision or action of the Association.

2.11 Disciplining of Members

2.11.1 Where the Executive is of the opinion that a Member:

- a. has persistently refused or neglected to comply with a provision of these rules; or
- b. has persistently and wilfully acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the Association,

the Committee may by resolution:

- a. expel the Member from the Association, or
- b. suspend the Member from the rights and privileges of membership of the Association that the Committee may decide for a specified period.

2.12 Right of Appeal of Disciplined Member

2.12.1 A Member may appeal to the Association in general meeting against a resolution of the Executive within seven days after notice of the resolution is served on the Member, by lodging with the Secretary a notice to that effect.

2.12.2 On receipt of a notice under this clause 2.12.1, the following must occur:

- a. the Secretary must notify the Committee which must call a general meeting of the Association to be held within 21 days after the date when the Secretary received the notice or as soon as possible after that date.
- b. Subject to the Act, at a general meeting of the Association called under this clause:
 - (i). No business other than the question of appeal may be transacted; and
 - (ii). The Committee and the Members must be given the opportunity to make representations in relation to the appeal orally or in writing, or both; and
 - (iii). The Members present must vote by secret ballot on the question of whether the resolution made under clause 2.11.1 should be confirmed or rescinded.
- c. If the meeting passes a special resolution in favour of the confirmation of the resolution made under clause 2.11.1, that resolution is confirmed.

2.13 Dispute Resolution

2.13.1 Application

2.13.1.1 This clause sets out the dispute resolution procedure for dealing with a dispute under the Act or the Association's rules between:

- a. a Member and another Member; or
- b. a Member and the committee.

2.13.2 Meaning of *party* to a dispute

2.13.2.1 *a party*, to a dispute, means:

- a. if the dispute is between Members—the Members; or
- b. if the dispute is between a Member and the committee—the Member and the committee.

2.13.3 Resolving dispute by agreement

2.13.3.1 The parties to a dispute must attempt to resolve the dispute by agreement between themselves.

2.13.3.2 A party to the dispute may ask the committee to help the parties resolve the dispute by agreement if:

- a. the committee is not a party to the dispute; and
- b. the parties are unable to resolve the dispute between themselves.

2.13.4 Dispute resolution procedure—starting

2.13.4.1 If the parties to a dispute do not resolve the dispute by agreement, any party to the dispute may start the dispute resolution procedure by giving written notice to the committee.

2.13.4.2 The notice must:

- a. include the names and contact details of the parties to the dispute; and
- b. give a brief summary of the matters in dispute (a *dispute summary*), including the relevant provisions of the Act and the Association’s rules (if known.); and
- c. briefly state the steps the parties have taken to resolve the dispute.

2.13.5 Dispute resolution procedure—appointing decision-maker

2.13.5.1 As soon as practicable after receiving a notice under clause 2.13.4.1, the committee must appoint a decision-maker to decide the outcome of the dispute.

2.13.5.2 The committee must ensure that the decision-maker:

- a. is unbiased; and
- b. has, or can quickly acquire, knowledge of the following:
 - (i). the Act;
 - (ii). the Association’s rules;
 - (iii). the Association’s objects;
 - (iv). the management and operation of the Association; and
- c. does not have a conflict of interest.

2.13.5.3 The committee must give the decision-maker a copy of the notice.

2.13.6 Dispute resolution procedure—notice to parties about decision-maker

2.13.6.1 As soon as practicable after a decision-maker is appointed, the secretary must give written notice to each party to the dispute that the dispute resolution procedure has started.

2.13.6.2 However, if the committee is a party to the dispute, the secretary is not required to give the committee notice under subsection 3.13.2.

2.13.6.3 The notice must include:

- a. a copy of the dispute summary for the dispute; and
- b. the name and contact details of the decision-maker; and
- c. information about the dispute resolution procedure.

2.13.7 Dispute resolution procedure—opportunity to be heard

2.13.7.1 Before deciding the outcome of a dispute, the decision-maker must invite each party to make a written or oral submission (or both. about the dispute).

2.13.7.2 The invitation must state:

- a. if the decision-maker invites the parties to make a written submission—a period of not less than 14 days in which a party may make a written submission (the *submission period*.); and
- b. if the decision-maker invites the parties to make oral submissions—the day and time (within the submission period). when the party can make their oral submissions.

2.13.7.3 The decision-maker may also attempt to resolve the dispute with the agreement of the parties to the dispute.

2.13.8 Dispute resolution procedure—outcome

2.13.8.1 As soon as practicable after the submission period has ended, the decision-maker must:

- a. consider any submissions received by the decision-maker during the submission period; and
- b. decide the outcome of the dispute (the *dispute decision*.); and
- c. give the parties to the dispute a written notice stating:
 - (i). the dispute decision; and
 - (ii). the reasons for the dispute decision; and
 - (iii). that a party to the dispute may appeal the dispute decision; and
- d. if the committee is not a party to the dispute—give the committee a copy of the notice mentioned in paragraph (c).

2.13.9 Dispute resolution procedure—ending dispute by agreement

2.13.9.1 The parties to a dispute may agree to end the dispute at any time before the decision-maker decides the outcome of the dispute.

2.13.9.2 If the parties agree to end the dispute, they must give written notice to the following people:

- a. if the committee is not a party to the dispute, the committee; or

- b. if a decision-maker has been appointed for the dispute, the decision-maker.

2.13.9.3 The notice must state:

- a. that the parties have agreed to end the dispute; and
- b. the terms of the agreement.

Part 3 THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The business and the affairs of the Association shall be under the management of an Executive committee.

3.1 Composition of the Executive

3.1.1 The Executive shall consist of:

- a. a President,
- b. a Vice-President,
- c. a Secretary, and
- d. a Treasurer.

3.1.2 The Executive may from time to time appoint Members to assist officers of the Executive and the Members so appointed may attend meetings of the Executive as appropriate, but they shall not have power to vote by virtue of their appointment.

3.2 Role and Powers of the Executive

3.2.1 The Committee, subject to the Act, the regulations, these rules, and to any resolution passed by the Association in a general meeting:

- a. controls and manages the affairs of the Association, and
- b. may exercise all functions that may be exercised by the Association other than those functions that are required by these rules to be exercised by the Association in general meeting; and
- c. has power to perform all acts and do all things that appear to the Committee to be necessary or desirable for the proper management of the Association, including delegation of specific responsibilities to Subcommittees and also to make and promulgate by-laws and policies not inconsistent with these rules and which shall have the same force and effect as these rules.

3.2.2 No act or resolution of the Committee will be invalidated by reason only of the existence of any vacancy or vacancies among Members of the Committee.

3.3 Powers of the Executive

3.3.1 In addition to those powers mentioned elsewhere the Executive shall have the power to:

- a. make by-laws under this Constitution and to alter, amend or rescind the same, such bylaws shall have full force and effect provided they are not inconsistent with this Constitution;
- b. approve ordinary expenditure of funds of the Association;
- c. decide the depreciation rate for the property of the Association; and
- d. appoint honorary staff and committees not elsewhere mentioned.

3.4 Constitution and Membership of the Committee

3.4.1 The Committee consists of:

- a. the Office Bearers of the Association; and
- b. up to six ordinary Committee Members, each of whom must be elected under clause 3.5 or appointed in accordance with this clause 3.4.4.

3.4.2 The Office Bearers of the Association are the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer.

3.4.3 Each Member of the Committee holds office, subject to this Constitution, until the conclusion of the annual general meeting following the date of the Member's election but is eligible for re-election.

3.4.4 If there is a vacancy in the membership of the Committee, the Committee may appoint a Member of the Association to fill the vacancy and the Member so appointed holds office, subject to these rules, until the conclusion of the next AGM after the date of the appointment.

3.5 Election of the Executive

3.5.1 At each Annual General Meeting of the Association an Executive committee shall be elected for the ensuing year.

3.5.2 Candidates, who must be financial Members, shall be nominated in writing by two (2) Members of the Association and every Member so nominated shall indicate on the form of nomination a willingness to serve.

3.5.3 All Members of the Executive, being eligible and subject to re-election annually, may serve for an indefinite period.

3.5.4 Nominations shall be lodged with the Secretary at least seven (7) days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

3.5.6 In the event of there being more nominations than vacancies for the Executive the matter shall be decided by election at the Annual General Meeting.

3.5.7 Notwithstanding anything herein before mentioned, if there shall be no more nominations lodged than vacancies, those nominations shall be deemed to be duly elected by

the Members and nominations for any remaining vacancies may be made at the Annual General Meeting.

3.5.8 Candidates so nominated shall either be present or have signified in writing their willingness to stand. If there shall be more than the remaining vacancies, the matter shall be decided by election at the Annual General Meeting and if not, any remaining vacancies shall become casual vacancies.

3.6 Casual Vacancies

3.6.1 Casual vacancies that may occur during the year shall be filled by the Executive by appointment and persons so appointed shall retire at the next succeeding Annual General Meeting but shall then be eligible for election in the normal manner.

3.7 Other Vacancies

3.7.1 For these rules, a vacancy in the office of a Member of the Committee happens if the Member:

- a. dies; or
- b. ceases to be a Member of the Association; or
- c. resigns the office; or
- d. is removed from office under clause 3.8; or
- e. becomes bankrupt or personally insolvent; or
- f. suffers from mental or physical incapacity such that they cannot carry out their duties; or
- g. is disqualified from the office under the Act; or
- h. is absent without consent of the Committee from all meetings of the Committee held during a period of six months.

3.8 Removal of Committee Members

3.8.1 The Association in general meeting may by resolution, subject to the Act, remove any Member of the Committee from the office of a Member of the Committee before the end of the Member's term of office.

Part 4 MEETINGS

4.1 Meetings of the Executive

4.1.1 **Frequency.** The Executive shall meet at least once each year on such dates and at such a time as the President or his representative shall decide.

4.1.2 **Quorum.** At meetings of the Executive three Members present at the meeting shall constitute a quorum.

4.2 Voting and Decisions

4.2.1 Questions arising at a meeting of the Executive or of any sub-committee appointed by the Executive shall be determined by a majority of the votes of Members of the Executive or subcommittee present at the meeting.

4.2.2 Each Member present at a meeting of the Executive or of any sub-committee appointed by the Executive (including the person presiding at the meeting) is entitled to one (1) vote but, in the event of an equality of votes on any question, the person presiding may exercise a second or casting vote.

4.2.3 A vote will be held by a show of hands.

4.2.4 Any act or thing done or suffered, or purporting to have been done or suffered, by the Executive or by a sub-committee appointed by the Executive, is valid and effectual notwithstanding any defect that may afterwards be discovered in the appointment or qualification of any Member of the Executive or sub-committee.

4.3 General Meetings, Including Annual General Meetings

4.3.1 The order of business at an AGM is:

- a. To confirm the minutes of the preceding AGM and of any general meeting held since that AGM.
- b. To receive from the Committee reports on the activities of the annual general meeting during the last financial year.
- c. To receive and consider the statement of accounts and the reports that are required to be submitted to Members under the Act.
- d. To consider motions of which due notice has been given to the Secretary in accordance with the Constitution of the Association.
- e. The election of office bearers and Committee Members in the following order
 - (i). President,
 - (ii). Vice-President,
 - (iii). Secretary,
 - (iv). Treasurer,
 - (v). Committee Members (up to six), and
 - (vi). The election of Life Members,
- f. Confirmation of the appointment of the Association's Honorary Finance Reviewer, and
- g. The fixing of the annual subscription for the forthcoming year for all membership categories.

4.4 General Meetings – calling of

4.4.1 Notice Paper of a General Meeting. Excepting for requisitioned General Meetings, at least twenty-one (21) days' notice shall be given to Members by despatch of the Notice Paper for the General Meeting in written or electronic form.

4.4.2 The non-receipt by any Member of such notice shall not invalidate the proceedings of the Meeting.

4.5 Quorum and Adjournment of General Meeting:

4.5.1 If half an hour after the time appointed for a General Meeting, a quorum of ten percent (10%) of financial Members living within a 20-kilometre radius of the venue for the Meeting is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned until the same time of day in fourteen days' time. If a quorum is not present at the subsequent meeting, the Members present shall be considered to form a quorum.

4.5.3 Chair. The President shall take the Chair at the General Meeting, or in his absence, the Vice-President may preside. In the absence of the Vice-President any Executive Member present may be elected by the Members present to preside and while so presiding shall have all the powers and perform all the functions of the President.

4.5.2 The Chair at any General Meeting may with the consent of the Meeting adjourn such Meeting from time to time or place to place, but no business shall be transacted at such subsequent Meetings other than the business left unfinished at the Meeting from which the adjournment took place.

4.6 Voting at General Meetings:

4.6.1 Only Members present in person shall be entitled to vote at any General Meeting and each Member present other than the Chairman shall have only one vote.

4.6.2 Except as prescribed in Clause 5.10 for alterations to this Constitution, a simple majority of those voting shall carry the issue; and

4.6.3 In the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

4.7 Appointment of Proxies

4.7.1 There shall be no limit on the number of proxies which may be held by a member. A Member appointing another Member as their proxy must notify the Secretary in writing, by letter or electronically, prior to the meeting.

4.7.2 On a poll, every Member present shall be entitled to cast one vote on their own behalf and one vote for every Member they represent by proxy.

4.8 Date of Annual General Meeting

4.8.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held within five (5) months of the end of the Association's previous financial year.

4.9 Requisition for General Meetings

4.9.1 The Executive shall on a requisition in writing by at least ten (10) Members convene a General Meeting to deal with such business as is set out in the requisition. At least seven (7) days' notice shall be given to Members in written or electronic form of a General Meeting specifying the business covered by the requisition which is to be considered at the Meeting. The non-receipt by any Member of such notice shall not invalidate the proceedings of the Meeting. Ten percent (10%) of financial Members living within a 20-kilometre radius of the venue for the Meeting shall constitute a quorum.

4.10 Rights of Members

4.10.1 Subject to this Constitution all Members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all General Meetings and attend all other functions of the Association. Honorary Members and Honorary Affiliate Members may attend functions unless the Executive shall decide to the contrary; also, they may be invited to General Meetings but shall not be entitled to vote or to hold office.

4.11 Members Resigning

4.11.1 A Member may resign by giving notice in writing to the Secretary, such resignation being accepted subject to the return to the Association of any books or other property in the possession of the retiring Member, or replacement thereof, and to payment of all outstanding dues.

4.12 Effect of Cessation of Membership

4.12.1 A person ceasing to be a Member shall forfeit all rights to and claims upon the funds and privileges to which, as a Member of the Association, the person may be entitled.

Part 5 MISCELLANEOUS

5.1 Finance

5.1.1 The Association's financial year is between 1 July and 30 June each calendar year.

5.1.2 **Banking.** An account in the name of the Association shall be opened at an appropriate branch of a recognised financial institution as approved by the Executive and the moneys received by the Association shall be paid into this account and disbursements made from it. Documents relative to this account shall be signed by such officers as the Executive shall from time to time decide.

5.1.3 **Petty Cash Advance.** An advance on the imprest system may be made to the Secretary and to any other officer approved by the Executive of such amount as the Executive may from time to time decide.

5.2 Source of Funds

5.2.1 The funds of the Association shall be derived from subscriptions of members, donations and, subject to any resolution passed by the Association in general meeting, such other sources as the Committee determines.

5.2.2 All money received by the Association shall be deposited as soon as practicable and without deduction to the credit of the Association's bank account.

5.3 Funds Management

5.3.1 Subject to any resolution passed by the Association in general meeting, the funds of the Association shall be used in pursuance of the objects of the Association in such manner as the Executive determines.

5.3.2 All negotiable instruments shall be signed by any two (2) Members of the Executive, being Members of the Executive authorised to do so by the Executive.

5.4 Duties of the Treasurer

5.4 The Treasurer shall keep the accounts of the Association and shall be responsible for the prompt banking of all moneys received and for such disbursements as the Executive may from time to time approve. The Treasurer shall as soon as possible after the thirtieth day of June in each year prepare a Statement of Accounts.

5.5 Honorary Finance Reviewer

5.5.1 The Executive shall appoint a suitably qualified person as Honorary Finance Reviewer. As per para 4.3, that appointment will be confirmed by the Annual General Meeting. The Reviewer shall examine the books and accounts of the Association and shall report on the truth and fairness of the Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet which shall be presented to each Annual General Meeting.

5.6 Duties of the Secretary

5.6.1 The Secretary shall be responsible for the general administration of the affairs of the Association and shall act in such manner as the Executive may from time to time direct. The Secretary shall keep Minutes of the meetings of the Executive and the Association and other such records as the Executive shall decide. The Secretary may be assisted by such other Members as may be decided by the Executive.

5.6.2 **Custody of Books.** Subject to the Act, the Regulations and these rules, the Secretary shall keep in his or her custody or under his or her control all records, books, and other documents relating to the Association.

5.6.3 **Inspection of Books.** The records, books and other documents of the Association shall be open to inspection at a place in the Territory, free of charge, by a Member of the Association at any reasonable hour.

5.7 Public Officer

5.7.1 The Committee shall appoint a Public Officer in accordance with the Act, to carry out the duties and responsibilities as detailed in that Act. The Committee shall have the power to revoke the appointment and appoint another Member to the position of Public Officer at any time.

5.8 Common Seal

5.8.1 The common seal of the Association shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary.

5.8.2 The common seal shall not be affixed except by the authority of the Executive and the affixing of the common seal shall be attested by the signatures either of two (2) Members of the Executive or of one (1) Member of the Executive and the Secretary.

5.9 Amendments to By-laws

5.9.1 No alteration to the by-laws of the Association shall be made by the Executive unless proposals for such alteration submitted to the Executive shall be passed by a majority of two-thirds of the Executive present and voting.

5.10 Amendments to the Constitution

5.10.1 No alteration shall be made to this Constitution except on a proposition submitted to a General Meeting of the Association and approved by a majority of at least three quarters (75%) of those Members present and voting.

5.10.2 No alteration or amendment of the Constitution shall be made except by a special resolution at an Annual or Extra-Ordinary General Meeting of the Members of which twenty-one days' notice shall be given in written or electronic form by the Secretary to the Members, such notice shall state the exact nature of the proposed alteration or amendment. The non-receipt by one or a minority of Members of the notice of such a Meeting shall not invalidate the proceedings of the Meeting.

5.11 Logo of the Association

5.11.1 The Logo of the Association shall be that of the former RAAF Staff College.

5.12 Insurance

5.12.1 The Executive shall insure any property of the Association against loss and/or damage by fire, explosion, lightning, storm, flood, water, and/or theft.

5.13 Indemnity

5.13.1 Any Member of the Association shall be indemnified out of the funds by the Association against all reasonable losses and expenses incurred in the discharge of any duties imposed upon the Member or Members by the Executive except such loss or expense as shall happen by the wilful neglect or default of such Member or Members.

5.14 Incorporation

5.14 The Association is incorporated in accordance with the Australian Capital Territory Associations Incorporation Act 1991.

5.15 Trustees

5.15.1 The property of the Association shall be vested in three (3) Members as Trustees, such Trustees being elected by the Members in General Meeting. The Trustees shall not be

personally responsible for any loss or damage to the property of the Association except where such loss or damage may have been caused by their wilful neglect. They shall deal with the property of the Association as directed by resolution of the Executive, or as required by the provisions of the Trustee Ordinance 1957 in the Australian Capital Territory.

5.16 Dissolution or Change of Name

5.16.1 The Association shall not be dissolved, nor its name changed, without the consent of at least two thirds of the voting Members present at a general meeting convened for the purpose of considering such dissolution or change of name.

5.16.2 The Association shall not be wound up until the provisions of the Act have been complied with.

5.16.3 The name of the Association shall not be changed until approved by the registrar under the provisions of the Act.

5.16.4 Upon dissolution, the funds, assets and records of the Association will be provided to an agreed charity.

5.17 Saving Clause

5.17.1 Any act or thing done or suffered, or purporting to have been done or suffered, by the Association or the Committee or any person appointed or co-opted to any position or role by the Association or the Committee will be valid and effectual notwithstanding any defect that may afterwards be discovered in the appointment or co-opting of any person who participated in the relevant decision as a voting Member of the Association or as a Member of the Committee, as the case may be.