

'Equality for all'

People with Disabilities ACT Inc

Constitution

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People with Disabilities ACT Inc.

Proposal -

That the model Rules under Regulation 15 of the Associations Incorporations Regulations, 1991 be adopted as the rules of then was then

Disabled Peoples' Initiative ACT Inc, and then in 2004 as People with Disabilities ACT Inc subject to the following additions and or changes:-

Part 1 - PRELIMINARY

1. Interpretation

PWD ACT means People With Disabilities ACT Inc.

1A. Objects

The Objects of PWD ACT are:-

To be the ACT not for profit umbrella consumer organisation for all people with a disability and to actively represent their views through individual and Organisational membership.

b) To provide a link between Commonwealth and State disability issues.

To ensure that members enjoy the Rights set out in the Charter of Rights of People With Disabilities (appendix 3 to these Rules)

To advise government and bureaucracy about policies and programs affecting people with a disability.

e) To distribute information to the community about disability issues.

To increase the knowledge and awareness of the community about disability issues.

g) To seek input on matters of policy and direction, and to share information with people with a disability and their organisations.

h) To encourage research and programs on disability from a Disability Movement perspective.

PART 11 - MEMBERSHIP

2. Membership qualifications.

Part 11, Rule 2 of the Model Rules is repealed and replaced by new Rule 2.

2. PWD (ACT) shall have 4 categories of membership:

Individual Membership - This is open to anyone with a disability who is at least 15 years old, and who agrees with the objectives of PWD ACT. Each individual member has 1 vote at the Annual General Meeting. Individual members can be elected to the Committee;

Associate Membership - This is open to anyone who is at least 15 years old, who does not have a disability, but agrees with the objectives of PWD ACT. Associate members can not move or second motions, or vote at any meetings. They may not be elected to any Committee. Otherwise they may participate in all other aspects of PWD ACT;

Consumer Organisation Membership - This is open to any organisation which agrees with the objectives of PWD ACT, and in which:

1 At least 75% of the members are people with a disability; and

At least 75% of the members of the Organisations' Committee are people who have a disability. These members have 1 vote at meetings. A Consumer Organisation Member can only

vote and participate in PWD ACT through a nominated representative. Proof of this nomination must be presented before the start of any meeting.

Associate Organisation Member - This is open to any organisation which is not controlled by people with a disability, but which agrees with the objectives of PWD ACT. Associate Organisation Members can not move or second motions, or vote at any meetings. They may not be elected to any Committee. Otherwise they may participate in all other aspects of PWD ACT.

3. Nomination for Membership

Part 11, Rule 3 (1) (a) of the Model Rules is repealed and replaced by new Rule 3 (1) (a).

(1) A nomination of a person or organisation for membership of the association -

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(a) Shall be made in accordance with Appendix 1 to the Rules, as amended.

7. Fee, Subscriptions

Part 11, Rule 7 (1) and (2) of the Model Rules is repealed and replaced by:
"(1) The membership fee shall be fixed by the Committee,"

Part 111 - THE COMMITTEE

12. Constitution and membership.

Part 111, Rule 12, (!) (b) of the Model Rules is amended by the deletion of "3" and the substitution of "2"

Part V - MISCELLANEOUS

Part V of the model Rules is amended by adding a new Rule:

"39 . Assistants

Where a person's disability precludes him/her from completing a form or signing a document, it may be completed and signed on his/her behalf.

It

must be completed and signed in the presence of the disabled person.

Any member may appoint an assistant. An assistant is only to enable a member to communicate his/her views. The assistant must make a genuine attempt to ensure that the views expressed are those of the

member. The Committee shall rule on any dispute as to whether or not
a person is carrying out the role of an assistant according to the intent of this Rule.

A member may act as an assistant for another member. An assistant, is not prevented from voting as an individual member."

APPENDIX 1 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Appendix 1 is amended by deleting the reference to the 2 nominees

The Charter of Rights of Disabled Peoples' International, as written in the constitution of PWD ACT states that all people should be able to enjoy the following rights regardless of race, creed, colour, sex, religion or disability

The right to live independent, active and full lives.

The right to the equipment, assistance and support services necessary for full productivity, provided in a way that promotes dignity and independence.

The right to an adequate income or wage, substantial enough to provide food, clothing, shelter and other necessities.

The right to accessible, integrated, convenient and affordable housing.

The right to quality physical and mental health care that promotes one's ability to actively participate in society.

The right to training and employment, without prejudice or stereotype.

The right to accessible transportation, including public transportation, and freedom of movement.

The right to bear or adopt and raise children and to have a family.

The right to free and appropriate public education.

The right of equal access to and use of all business, facilities and activities in the community.

The right to communicate freely with all fellow citizens and those who provide services.

The right to a barrier free environment.

The right to legal representation and to full protection of all legal rights.

The right to determine one's own future and make one's own life choices.

The right to full access to all voting processes.

The right to an advocate of one's choice.

The right to participate in the planning of mainstream and disabilities specific services.

(DPI (A) Articles of Association 1993)

Associations Incorporation 1991 No. 31

Rate of Commission

For the purposes of subsection 95 (3) of the Act, the commission payable is an amount calculated at the rate of 5%.

Model Rules

For the purposes of paragraph 127 (1) (a) of the Act, the rules set out in the Schedule are prescribed as model rules for the purposes of the Act

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"In the event that the Association being dissolved the amount which remains after dissolution, and the payment of all debts and liabilities shall be paid and applied by the Committee in accordance with their powers with any

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with this amendment included it will not be necessary for PWD (ACT) to
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APPENDIX 1 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF ASSOCIATION

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PART 1 - PRELIMINARY

1. Interpretation

- (1) In these rules, unless a contrary intention appears -
"financial year" means the year ending 30 June;
"member" means a member, however described, of the association;
"ordinary committee member" means a member of the committee who
is
not an office-bearer of the association as referred to in paragraph 12 (1)
(a);
"secretary" means the person holding office under these rules as
secretary of the association or, where no such person holds that office,
the
public officer of the association;
"the Act" means the Associations Incorporation Act 1991
"the Regulations" means the Associations Incorporation Regulations.
- (2) In these rules-
a reference to a function includes a reference to a power, authority
and duty; and
a reference to the exercise of a function includes, where the function
is a power authority or duty, a reference to the exercise of the power
or authority or the performance of the duty.

The provisions of the Interpretation Act 1967 apply to and in respect of these rules in the same manner as those provisions would also apply if these rules were an instrument made under the Act.

PART 11 - MEMBERSHIP

2. Membership qualifications

A person is qualified to be a member if-

- the person is a person referred to in paragraph 21 (2)(a) or (b) of the Act and has not ceased to be a member of the association at any time after incorporation of the association under the Act; or
- (b) the person-
 - has been nominated for membership in accordance with sub rule 3(1); and
 - has been approved for membership of the association by the committee of the association

3. Nomination for membership

- (1) A nomination of a person for membership of the association-
 - shall be made by a member of the association in writing in the form set out in Appendix 1 to these rules; and
 - (b) shall be lodged with the secretary of the association
- (2) As soon as is practicable after receiving a nomination for membership, the secretary shall refer the nomination to the committee which shall determine whether to approve or to reject the nomination.
- (3) Where the committee determines to approve a nomination for membership, the secretary shall as soon as practicable after that determination notify the nominee of that approval and request the nominee to pay within 28 days after receipt of the notification the sum payable under these rules by a member as the entrance fee and the first year's annual subscription.

The secretary shall, on payment by the nominee of the amounts referred to in subrule (3) within the period referred to in that subrule, enter the nominee's name in the register of members and, upon the name being so entered, the nominee shall become a member of the association.

4. Membership entitlements not transferable

A right, privilege or obligation which a person has by reason of being a member of the association-

is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person;
and
(b) terminates upon cessation of the person's membership

5. Cessation of membership.

A person ceases to be a member of the association if the person-

- (a) dies or, in the case of a body corporate, is wound up;
- (b) resigns from membership of the association;
- (c) is expelled from the association or
- (d) fails to renew membership of the association.

6. Resignation of membership.

A member is not entitled to resign from membership of the association except in accordance with this rule.

A member who has paid all amounts payable by the member to the association may resign from membership of the association by first giving notice (being not less than 1 month or, if the committee has determined a shorter period, that shorter period) in writing to the secretary of the member's intention to resign and, upon the expiration of the period of notice, the member ceases to be a member.

Where a person ceases to be a member, the secretary shall make an appropriate entry in the register of members recording the date on which the member ceased to be a member

7. Fee, subscriptions etc.

The entrance fee to the association is \$1.00, or if any other amount has been determined by resolution of the committee, such other amount.

The annual membership fee of the association is \$5.50, or if any other amount has been determined by resolution of the committee that other amount

- (3) The annual membership fee is payable-
except as provided by paragraph (b), before 1 July in each calendar year; or

where a person becomes a member on or after 1 July in any calendar year, before 1 July in each succeeding calendar year.

8. Members' liabilities

The liability of a member to contribute towards the payment of the debts and liabilities of the association or the costs, charges and expenses of the

winding up of the association is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid by the member in respect of membership of the association as required by rule 7.

9. Disciplining of members

- (1) Where the committee is of the opinion that a member-
- has persistently refused or neglected to comply with a provision of these rules; or
 - has persistently and willfully acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the association,
- the committee may, by resolution-
- (c) expel the member from the association; or
 - (d) suspend the member from such rights and privileges of membership of the association as the committee may determine for a specified period.

A resolution of the committee under sub rule (1) is of no effect unless the committee at a meeting held not earlier than 14 days and not later than 28 days after service on the member of a notice under subrule (3) , confirms the resolution in accordance with this rule.

Where the committee passes a resolution under subrule (1), the secretary shall, as soon as practicable, cause a notice in writing to be served on the member-

setting out the resolution of the committee and the grounds on which it is based;

stating that the member may address the committee at a meeting to be held not earlier than 14 days and not later than 28 days after service of

the notice;

(c) stating the date, place and time of that meeting; and

(d) informing the member that the member may do either or both of the following:

(i) attend and speak at that meeting;

(ii) submit to the committee at or prior to the date of that meeting written representations relating to the resolution.

Subject to section 50 of the Act, at a meeting of the committee mentioned in subrule (2), the committee shall-

give to the member mentioned in subrule (1) an opportunity to make oral representations;

give due consideration to any written representations submitted to the committee by that member at or prior to the meeting; and

by resolution determine whether to confirm or to revoke the resolution of the committee made under subrule (1)

Where the committee confirms a resolution under subrule (4), the secretary shall, within 7 days after that confirmation, by notice in writing

inform the member of that confirmation and of the member's right of appeal under rule 10

A resolution confirmed by the committee under subrule (4) does not take effect-

until the expiration of the period within which the member is entitled to appeal against the resolution where the member does not exercise the right of appeal within that period; or

where within that period the member exercises the right of appeal, unless and until the association confirms the resolution in accordance with subrule 10 (4).

10. Right of appeal of disciplined member

A member may appeal to the association in general meeting against a resolution of the committee which is confirmed under subrule 9 (4), within 7 days after notice of the resolution is served on the member, by lodging with the secretary a notice to that effect.

Upon receipt of a notice under subrule (1), the secretary shall notify the committee which shall convene a general meeting of the association to be held within 21 days after the date on which the secretary received the

notice or as soon as possible after that date.

Subject to section 50 of the Act, at a general meeting of the association convened under subrule (2)-

no business other than the question of the appeal shall be transacted; the committee and the member shall be given the opportunity to make representations in relation to the appeal orally or in writing, or both; and

the members present shall vote by secret ballot on the question of whether the resolution made under subrule 9 (4) should be confirmed or revoked.

If the meeting passes a special resolution in favour of the confirmation of the resolution made under subrule 9(4), that resolution is confirmed.

PART 111 - THE COMMITTEE

11. Powers of the committee

The committee, subject to the Act, the Regulations, these rules, and to any resolution passed by the association in general meeting-

- (a) shall control and manage the affairs of the association;
- (b) may exercise all such functions as may be exercised by the association by the association in general meeting; and
- (c) has power to perform all such acts and do all such things as appear to the committee to be necessary or desirable for the proper management of the affairs of the association.

12. Constitution and membership

(1) The committee shall consist of-

- (a) the office bearers of the association; and
- (b) 2 ordinary committee members;
each of whom shall be elected pursuant to rule 13 or appointed in accordance with subrule (4)

(2) The office bearers of the association shall be-

- (a) the president;
- (b) the vice-president;
- (c) the treasurer; and
- (d) the secretary

Each member of the committee shall, subject to these rules, hold office until the conclusion of the annual general meeting following the date of the member's election, but is eligible for re-election.

In the event of 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 shall hold office, subject to these rules, until the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of the appointment.

13. Election of committee members

Nominations of candidates for election as office bearers of the association or as

ordinary committee members-

shall be made in writing, signed by 2 members of the association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be

endorsed on the nomination form); and shall be delivered to the secretary of the association not less than 7 days before the date fixed for the annual general meeting at which the election is to take place.

If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the committee, the candidates nominated shall be deemed to be received at the annual general meeting.

If insufficient further nominations are received, any vacant positions remaining on the committee shall be deemed to be vacancies.

If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated shall be taken to be elected.

If the number of nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot shall be held.

The ballot for the election of office bearers and ordinary committee members shall be conducted at the annual general meeting in such manner as the committee may direct.

A person is not eligible to simultaneously hold more than 1 position on the committee.

14. Secretary

The secretary of the association shall, as soon as practicable after being appointed as secretary, notify the association of his or her address.

(2) The secretary shall keep minutes of-
all elections and appointments of office bearers and ordinary committee members;

the names of members of the committee present at a committee meeting or a general meeting; and

(c) all proceedings at committee and general meetings.

(3) Minutes of proceedings at a meeting shall be signed by the person presiding at the meeting or by the person presiding at the next succeeding meeting

15. Treasurer

- (1) The treasurer of the association shall-
collect and receive all moneys due to the association and make all
payments authorised by the association; and
keep correct accounts and books showing the financial affairs of the
association with full details of all receipts and expenditure
connected with the activities of the association.

16. Vacancies

For the purposes of these rules, a vacancy in the office of a member of the committee occurs if the member -

- (a) dies;
- (b) ceases to be a member of the association;
- (c) resigns the office;
- (d) is removed from office pursuant to rule 17; becomes an insolvent
under administration within the meaning of the Corporations Law;
- (e) suffers from mental or physical incapacity;
- (f) is disqualified from office under subsection 63 (1) or the Act; or
- (g) is absent without the consent of the committee from all meetings of
the committee held during a period of 6 months.

17. Removal of committee members

The association in general meeting may by resolution, subject to section 50 of the Act, remove any member of the committee from the office of member of the committee before the expiration of the member's term of office.

18. Committee meetings and quorum

The committee shall meet at least 3 times in each calendar year as such place and time as the committee may determine

Additional meetings of the committee may be convened by any member of the committee

Oral or written notice of a meeting of the committee shall be given by the secretary to each member of the committee at least 48 hours (or such

other period as may be unanimously agreed upon by the members of the

committee) before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting. Notice of a meeting given under subrule (3) shall specify the general

nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting and no business other than that business shall be transacted at the meeting, except business which the committee members present at the meeting unanimously agree to treat as urgent business.

Any 3 members of the committee constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the committee.

No business shall be transacted by the committee unless a quorum is present and if within half an hour after the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present the meeting stands adjourned to the same place and at the same hour of the same day in the following week.

If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour after the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting shall be dissolved.

(8) At meetings of the committee-

the president or in the absence of the president, the vice-president shall preside;

or

if the president and the vice-president are absent, 1 of the remaining members of the committee may be chosen by the members present to preside.

19. Delegation by committee to sub-committee

The committee may, by instrument in writing, delegate to 12 or more sub-committees (consisting of such member or members of the association as the committee thinks fit) the exercise of such of the functions of the committee as are specified in the instrument, other than-

- (a) this power of delegation; and
- (b) a function which is a function imposed on the committee by the Act, by any other law of the Territory, or by resolution of the association in general meeting.

A function, the exercise of which has been delegated to a sub-committee under this rule may, while the delegation remains unrevoked, be exercised from time to time by the sub-committee in accordance with the terms of the delegation.

A delegation under this rule may be made subject to such conditions or limitations as to the exercise of any function, or as to time or circumstances, as may be specified in the instrument of delegation.

Notwithstanding any delegation under this rule, the committee may continue to exercise any function delegated.

Any act or thing done or suffered by a sub-committee acting in the exercise of a delegation under this rule has the same force and effect as it

would have if it had been done or suffered by the committee.

The committee may, by instrument in writing revoke wholly or in part any delegation under this rule.

(7) A sub-committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper.

20. Voting and decisions

Questions arising at a meeting of the committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the committee shall be determined by a majority of the votes of members of the committee or sub committee at the meeting.

Each member present at a meeting of the committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the committee (including the person presiding at

the meeting) is entitled to 1 vote but, in the event of an equality of votes

on any question, the person presiding may exercise a second or casting vote.

Subject to subrule 18(5) , the committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy on the committee.

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

PART 1V - GENERAL MEETINGS

21. Annual general meetings - holding of

With the exception of the first annual general meeting of the association, the association shall at least once in each calendar year and with in the period of 5 months after the expiration of each financial year of the association, convene an annual general meeting of its members

(2) The association shall hold its first annual general meeting-
within the period of 18 months after its incorporation under the Act;
and

within the period of 5 months after the expiration of the first financial year of the association.

- (3) Subrules (1) and (2) have effect subject to the powers of the Registrar of Incorporated Associations under section 120 of the Act in relation to extensions of time.

Annual general meetings - calling of and business at

The annual general meeting of the association shall, subject to the Act, be convened on such date and at such place and time as the committee thinks fit.

In addition to any other business which may be transacted at an annual general meeting, the business of an annual general meeting shall be-

- to confirm the minutes of the last preceding annual general meeting and of any general meeting held since that meeting;
- to receive from the committee reports on the activities of the association during the last preceding financial year;
- to elect members of the committee, including office bearers; and
- to receive and consider the statement of accounts and the reports that are required to be submitted to members pursuant to subsection 73 (1) of the Act.

An annual general meeting shall be specified as such in the notice convening it in accordance with rule 24.

An annual general meeting shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of this part.

General meetings - calling of

The committee may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a general meeting of the association.

The committee shall, on the requisition in writing of not less than 5 per cent of the total number of members, convene a general meeting of the association.

A requisition of members for a general meeting-

- shall state the purpose or purposes of the meeting;
- shall be signed by the members making the requisition;
- shall be lodged with the secretary; and
- may consist of several documents in a similar form, each signed by 1 or more of the members making the requisition.

If the committee fails to convene a general meeting within 1 month after the date on which a requisition of members for the meeting is lodged with the secretary, any 1 or more of the members who made the requisition may convene a general meeting to be held not later than 3

months after that date.

A general meeting convened by a member or members referred to in subrule (4) shall be convened as nearly as is practicable in the same manner as general meetings are convened by the committee and any member who thereby incurs expense is entitled to be reimbursed by the association for any reasonable expense so incurred.

Notice

Except where the nature of the business proposed to be dealt with at a general meeting requires a special resolution of the association, the secretary shall at least 14 days before the date fixed for the holding of the general meeting, cause to be sent by pre-paid post to each member at the member's address appearing in the register of members, a notice specifying the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business proposed to be transacted at the meeting.

Where the nature of the business proposed to be dealt with at a general meeting requires a special resolution of the association, the secretary shall, at least 21 days before the date fixed for the holding of the general meeting, cause notice to be sent to each member in the manner provided in subrule (1) specifying, in addition to the matter required under that subrule, the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution,

No business other than that specified in the notice convening a general meeting shall be transacted at the meeting except, in the case of an annual general meeting, business which may be transacted pursuant to subrule 22(2)

A member desiring to bring any business before a general meeting may give notice in writing of that business to the secretary who shall include that business in the next notice calling a general meeting given after receipt of the notice from the member.

General meetings - procedure and quorum

No item of business shall be transacted at a general meeting unless a quorum of members entitled under these rules to vote is present during the time the meeting is considering that item.

5 members present in person (being members entitled under these rules to vote at a general meeting) constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a general meeting.

If within half an hour after the appointed time for the commencement of a

general meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting is convened upon the requisition of members shall be dissolved and in any other case shall stand adjourned to the same day in the following week at the same time and (unless another place is specified at the time of adjournment by the person presiding at the meeting or communicated by written notice to members given before the day to which the meeting is adjourned) at the same place.

If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour after the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, the members present (being not less than 3) shall constitute a quorum.

Presiding member

The president, or in the absence of the president, the vice-president, shall preside at each general meeting of the association.

If the president and the vice-president are absent from a general meeting, the members present shall elect 1 of their number to preside at the meeting.

Adjournment

The person presiding at a general meeting at which a quorum is present may, with the consent of the majority of members present at the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place, but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting at which the adjournment took place.

Where a general meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, the secretary shall give written or oral notice of the adjourned meeting to each member of the association stating the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting.

Except as provided in subrules (1) and (2), notice of an adjournment of a general meeting or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting is not required to be given.

Making of decisions

A question arising at a general meeting of the association shall be determined on a show of hands and, unless before or on the declaration of the show of hands a poll is demanded, a declaration by the person presiding that a resolution has, on a show of hands, been carried or carried unanimously or carried by a particular majority or lost, or an entry to that effect in the minute book of the association, is evidence of

the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against that resolution.

At a general meeting of the association, a poll may be demanded by the person presiding or by not less than 3 members present in person or by proxy at the meeting.

Where a poll is demanded at a general meeting, the poll shall be taken- immediately in the case of a poll which relates to the election of the person to preside at the meeting or to the question of an adjournment; or

in any other case, in such manner and at such time before the close of the meeting as the person presiding directs, and the resolution of the poll on the matter shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting on that matter.

Voting

Subject to subrule (3), upon any question arising at a general meeting of the association a member has 1 vote only.

All votes shall be given personally or by proxy but no member may hold more than 5 proxies.

In the case of an equality of votes on a question at a general meeting, the person presiding is entitled to exercise a second or casting vote.

A member or proxy is not entitled to vote at any general meeting of the association unless all money due and payable by the member or proxy to the association has been paid, other than the amount of the annual subscription payable in respect of the then current year.

Appointment of proxies

Each member shall be entitled to appoint another member as proxy by notice given to the secretary no later than 24 hours before the time of the meeting in respect of which the proxy is appointed.

The notice appointing the proxy shall be in the form set out in Appendix 2 to these rules.

PART V - MISCELLANEOUS

Funds - source

The funds of the association shall be derived from entrance fees and annual subscriptions of members, donations and, subject to any resolution passed by the association in general meeting and subject to section 114 of the Act, such other sources as the committee determines.

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

The association shall, as soon as practicable after receiving any money, issue an appropriate receipt.

Funds - management

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 committee determines.

All cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments shall be signed by any 2 members of the committee or employees of the association, being members of the committee or employees authorised to do so be the committee.

Alteration of objects and rules

Neither the objects of the association referred to in section 29 of the Act nor these rules shall be altered except in accordance with the Act.

Common seal

The common seal of the association shall be kept in the custody of the secretary.

The common seal shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the committee and the affixing of the common seal shall be attested by the signatures either of 2 members of the committee or of 1 member of the committee and of the secretary.

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.

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.

Service of notices

For the purpose of these rules, a notice may be served by or on behalf of the association upon any member either personally or by sending

it by post to the member at the member's address shown in the register of members.

Where a document is sent to a person by properly addressing, prepaying and posting to the person a letter containing the document, the document shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed for that purposes of these rules to have been served on the person at the time at which the letter would have been delivered in the ordinary course of post.

Surplus property

At the first general meeting of the association, the association shall pass a special resolution nominating-
another association for the purpose of paragraph 92 (1) (a) of the Act;
or
a fund, authority or institution for the purpose of paragraph 92 (1) (b) of the Act, in which it is to vest its surplus property in the event of the dissolution or winding up of the association.

An association nominated under paragraph (1) (a) must fulfil the requirements specified in subsection 92(2) of the Act.