

Amendments made to the Constitution of Association of Bhutanese in Perth Incorporated – ABPI (endorsed and ratified during the 6th Annual General Meeting of ABPI)

Under the power of the Constitution of ABPI and the Amendments to Constitution (as specified under Section 17), and as endorsed during the 5th and 6th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the ABPI held on 13th January 2019 and 30th November 2019, the following amendment is hereby proposed, discussed and endorsed:

Resolution 6.1 Members

1. All interested individuals regardless of age, gender, race and religion are invited to, and encouraged to join the ABPI.
2. There is a nominal non-refundable annual membership fee of AUD 20. The fee is subject to change. Any change in fee has to be implemented in accordance with Article 9.
3. *A person who serves, as an Executive Committee Member and for their outmost selfless contribution shall always be honoured as a member of ABPI.*
4. This constitution becomes a legal document between the members and the Association.
5. The Secretary, on behalf of the ABPI, must comply with section 27 of the Act by keeping and maintaining-in an up to date condition a register of the members of the ABPI and their postal or residential addresses and, upon the request of a member of the ABPI, shall make the register available for the inspection of the member and the member may make a copy of or take an extract from the register but shall have no right to remove the register for that purpose.
6. The details of the members must not be used for any other purposes other than for the Association's use.

Resolution 6.2 Membership benefits

All members are automatically eligible to contest for any Executive committee position *who shall then become an automatic member of the ABPI if he/she is a non- member.*

Resolution 6.3

Section 6 Area representative (addition of sub-section vi):

vi – a proper classification shall be made to ensure that the area representatives have equal distribution and that members are designated under a proper area profile.

Resolution 6.4 Election of Executive committee members

Section 8. Election of Executive committee members

1. *Nomination of a member for any Executive committee position should be submitted in writing and signed by at-least three members, along with the consent of the candidate.*
2. *Members aspiring for any Executive committee positions should be submitted in writing.*

3. All the document/s should be delivered to General Secretary the Interim Committee two weeks before the election date *and a time frame as specified by the Interim Committee. However, this time frame should be at least two weeks before the election date.*
4. An Election coordination team *Interim Committee shall* should be nominated from the members one month before during the AGM to coordinate and oversee the election. The team should at-least comprise five members.
5. *The Interim Committee shall comprise of at least 5 members who shall serve for one year from 1 July of that financial year until 30 June the following year.*
6. *The Interim Committee shall be formed to oversee the election related matters of the ABPI Executive Committee.*
7. *The terms of reference for the Interim Committee shall be drafted and put in place to oversee the election related matter that shall be endorsed during the AGM and not amend it for at least 2 years. However, as the terms of reference should be dynamic and effective, changes to the terms of reference may be made as deemed necessary, that shall be endorsed through a special general meeting (SGM) of the ABPI.*
8. *A member is as defined under Section 6 of this Constitution and amendments made thereto. A person shall be above the age of 18 and an active member of ABPI to be eligible to vote.*
9. *If insufficient nomination is received any position remaining in the Executive Committee will be taken as casual position until an aspiring candidate indicates his/her interest. If any candidate does express his or her interest, President must declare those persons to be duly elected as members of the Executive Committee subject to sub-rule (6).*
10. *If vacancies remain on the Executive Committee after the declaration under sub-rule (5), additional nominations of the Executive Committee members may be accepted from the floor of the annual general meeting. If such nomination from the floor exceeds the remaining number of vacancies on the Executive Committee, election for those must be conducted.*

Resolution 6.5 Terminology for clauses of the Constitution

For the purpose of uniformity and applicability, the clauses and sub-clauses shall hence be referred to as "Section and sub-section."



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