

RULES OF MALAYSIAN ORTHOPAEDIC NURSES ASSOCIATION

MONA



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ARTICLE I:

Name

The association shall be known as “Malaysian Orthopaedic Nurses Association” (MONA), hereinafter referred to as the “Association” and a Member as “He”. The approved abbreviation for the name of the Association shall be **MONA**.

ARTICLE II:

Place of Business

The registered place of business of the Association shall be at the Nursing Unit, Hospital Tengku Ampuan Rahimah, Jalan Langat, 41200 Klang, Selangor Darul Ehsan or at such other place as may from time to time be decided by the Association. The registered place of business of the Association shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Registrar of the Association.

Article III:

Emblem and Other Insignia

1. The Association shall have an Official Emblem for the Identity and Propriety Use of the Association and its Members (enclosed as an attachment);

a. The design of the emblem depicts an olive tree represent the oldest cultivated tree that brings about tremendous benefits to mankind, whereas the lit lamp represents nursing. Together, it signifies nursing as one of the oldest professions that provide care and the existence of nurses bring tremendous benefit to mankind.

- b. Rope that ties the bend tree is a traditional symbol of orthopaedic – the braced tree make it grow upward and straight.
- c. The year '2018' signifies the year of the establishment of the association.
- d. The name of the Association is written on the bottom of the circle.
- e. The motto of the Association is written above the circle “Knowledge Mandates Action”. The motto depicts the importance and the necessity for every Orthopaedic nurses to act base upon the knowledge that they have in order to provide a well-structured quality and holistic care towards patients.
- f. The colour green represent the ‘colour of life”, where the Orthopaedic nurses contribution covers every aspect of patients life.
- g. The colour light yellow is the colour of Earth, it dominates the entire emblem and it represents the essence of the earth that is nurturing. In this contexts, it symbolizes the Association as a nurturing place for Orthopaedic nurses to develop from novice to an expert Orthopaedic nurses.

2. The Motto of the Association shall be “ Knowledge Mandates Action”.

3. The association shall have a Common Seal, which shall be in the custody of the Honorary Secretary. The Common Seal shall be affixed to any document by the Honorary Secretary in the presence of the President or President Elect, whenever authorized by a resolution of the Council.

ARTICLE IV:

Aims and Objects

The Objectives of the Association are to:

1. Promote and be recognized as the leading authority that consults with, makes representation to and advises government, governing bodies, educators, health care providers and consumers in regards to best practice in musculoskeletal nursing care (*Political power*) [L] [SEP]
2. Create a dynamic association responsive to our members needs and leading developments in orthopaedic nursing (*Communication with our members*) [L] [SEP]
3. Promote orthopaedic nursing as a specialised field (recognition of skills) [L] [SEP]
4. Establish and promote standards which promote positive outcomes for individuals [L] [SEP] with musculoskeletal conditions (*Standards*) [L] [SEP]
5. Respond to the educational needs of our members (*Communication*) [L] [SEP]
6. Develop and disseminate recourses which contribute to advances in musculoskeletal nursing care (*Education & Communication*) [L] [SEP]
7. Promote evidence based practice and research in the care of patients with musculoskeletal conditions (*EBP & Research*) [L] [SEP]
8. Promote active involvement of members in health promotion and disease prevention activities as appropriate to musculoskeletal nursing (*Health promotion*) [L] [SEP]
9. Foster and maintain a collaborative, productive working relationship between all MONA regional groups (*Communication process*) [L] [SEP]
10. Develop and maintain representation on relevant national and international associations or groups (*Communication process*) [L] [SEP]
11. Promote communication and collaboration with in a multidiscipline arena (*Communication*) [L] [SEP]
12. Promote the development of special interest groups in musculoskeletal nursing (*Skills recognition*) [L] [SEP]
13. Generally to do any of the things an Association is permitted to do under the Association Act, 1966.

ARTICLE V:
Membership

The Association shall consist of Ordinary, Life, Honorary and Associate Members.

1. Ordinary membership shall be open to any Orthopaedic Nurses with post-basic Orthopaedic training certification above the age of 18, registered under the Nursing Board of Malaysia.
2. Life membership shall be open to all Ordinary Members who have settled all any previous subscriptions due.
3. Honorary Membership may be conferred upon person/s that have rendered notable service to the Association or contributed to the Art and Science of Orthopaedic Nursing.
4. Associate membership is open to any professional person who is either retired, not actively involved in the management of musculoskeletal health care, is a student or resides in another country or does not have recognized Nursing, Medical, Academic, Scientific or Allied Health qualifications.

An Associate member does not have any voting rights and must not hold office, be an active member of any of the Association's committees or have any share in the assets of the Association.

5. Only Malaysian citizens shall be eligible for Ordinary and Life Membership. Both Malaysian citizens and non-citizens shall be eligible for Associate and Honorary membership.

6. Approval of Ordinary, Life and Associate members shall be made by the Council of the Association. The Council may at its discretion reject any application without assigning any reason thereof.
7. Every applicant whose application has been approved as aforesaid shall, upon payment of the prescribed entrance fee and first annual subscription, be admitted as a Member of the Association and shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership.
8. Honorary memberships shall be awarded on the recommendation of the Association and approved by the Annual General Meeting. Honorary members shall be approved by half (1/2) of the Members attending at a General Meeting of the Association.
9. No member shall be entitled to enjoy the privileges of membership without payment in full of all fees, subscription and levies due and payable by members.
10. Ordinary and Life members shall be entitled to participate in the activities of the Association and to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Association. At such a meeting they will be entitled to vote and if elected, to hold office.
11. Honorary and Associate members shall be entitled to all the benefits and privileges of Ordinary members, except that they shall not be entitled to hold office or vote or have any say in the management of the Association.

ARTICLE VI:

Entrance fees, Subscriptions and Other Dues

The entrance fee and subscription payable by each member shall be as follows:

1. The financial year starts on the 1st April and end on the 31st March the following year.
2. Honorary members shall not be required to pay any entrance fee or subscription.
3. The annual subscription payable by Associate members shall be RM 100.00 per year.
4. The annual subscription payable by Ordinary members shall be RM 50.00.
5. The entrance fee payable by Ordinary and Associate members shall be RM 20.00.
6. The subscription payable by Life members shall be RM 500.00. No further subscription shall be payable thereafter.
7. All annual subscriptions shall be payable in advance within thirty (30) days of the commencement of the financial year. Payment shall be made to the Honorary Treasurer.
8. Any members who allows his subscription arrears to exceed one (1) years subscription shall receive a written notification signed by or on behalf of the Honorary Secretary, and if he has not paid up within two (2) months from the date of such notice shall be deemed to have defaulted and shall automatically cease to be a member of the Association.
9. The Council shall have the power to fix a re- entrance fee for any person who has allowed his membership to lapse through arrears.

10. Members proceeding overseas for periods lasting a year or more continuously may apply for their membership subscription to be suspended for the period to be spend overseas.
11. Exemption from payment of the annual subscription may, at the discretion of the Council, be allowed for any member deserving such consideration.
12. Special subscriptions or levies for particular purposes may be raised from members by resolution of the Annual General Meeting of the Association. If any members fails to pay such subscription or levies within such period as may be resolved, the amount due shall be treated in the same way as arrears of annual subscription.

ARTICLE VII:

Resignation and Termination

1. Any member of the Association who wishes to resign shall give one (1) month notice to the Honorary Secretary in writing to that effect provided that any such member giving such notice will be liable to pay his subscription up to and including the year until such notice was given.
2. Such resignation shall take effect from the date of receive of such letter, provided that such a resignation shall not bar the Council from taking legal proceedings to recover any documents, account books or monies and damages as may be due and payable from such members to the Association.
3. Any member who fails to abide by the Association's Constitution or whose actions affects the good name of the Association can be expelled or suspended from his/ her membership for such period as

may be determined by the Council, as the case may be. Before any action to expel or suspend is taken the member concerned must be told in writing of the reasons for the expulsion or suspension and must be given the opportunity to explain and to defend himself/herself. Expulsion or suspension must be carried out as soon as possible unless the General Meeting postpones or cancels the decision on appeal by the member concerned.

4. Where the said member whose membership has been terminated is desirous of rejoining the Association, shall reapply in writing and shall pay the entrance fee as well as whatever arrears of his subscription incurred during his or her previous membership of the Association.
5. Any member who becomes of unsound mind or a detriment to the Association shall be liable to have his membership terminated by the Council. He shall have the right to appeal to the General Meeting whose decision will then be final.

ARTICLE VIII:

Annual and General Meeting of the Association

1. The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held on the 31th May of that year at a venue decided by the Council.
2. The Annual General Meeting shall be held for the following purposes;
 - a. To receive from the Council and to adopt a report of activities of the Association during the year proceeding.
 - b. To receive from the Council and to adopt an audited statement of accounts for the preceding financial year.

- c. To receive from the Council and to adopt a budgeted statement of accounts for the following financial year.
 - d. The President shall uphold the position for two consecutive years.
 - e. The President Elect, the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Assistant Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer and the Honorary Assistant Treasurer shall uphold the position for two consecutive years.
 - f. To elect nineteen (19) other Ordinary/ Life members as Members of the Council.
 - g. To appoint two (2) Honorary Auditors for the coming year.
 - h. To decide on any resolution that may be submitted to the meeting as provided for under Article XXIV.
 - i. To deal with such other matters as maybe put before it.
3. At least one (1) calendar month before the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting of the Association, the Honorary Secretary shall inform all Members, in writing, of the date, time and place fixed for the meeting and he shall draw their attention to sub-section (4) of this article.
4. Any member desirous of moving any resolution or amendment of the Constitution at the Annual General Meeting shall give notice in writing thereof to the Honorary Secretary not less than twenty one (21) days before the date of such meeting.
5. At least fourteen (14) days before the Annual General Meeting of the Association, the Honorary Secretary shall notify all Members of the agenda to be transected and this shall include any resolutions or

amendments, which members have indicated their intention of proposing under the previous sub-section (4) of this Article.

ARTICLE IX:

Special General Meetings of the Association

1. A Special General Meeting of the Association may be convened by the Council at any time for any special reason.
2. Upon the receive of a requisition in writing from 50% of the Council in the Association stating the purpose for which they require a Special General Meeting to convene, the Council shall within fourteen (14) days notify all Members of the date, time and place fixed for the Special General Meeting.
3. A notice summoning a Special General Meeting shall be sent to all Members not less than fourteen (14) days before the date fixed for such a meeting and shall state the business to be discussed at the meeting.

ARTICLE X:

Quorum for General Meetings.

1. The quorum at the General Meetings of the Association shall be at least half of the membership or at least twice the number of the Council Members, whichever is less.
2. In the event of a lack of quorum on the day fixed for the Annual General Meeting, the President shall postpone the Annual General Meeting to a day not earlier that fourteen (14) days and not later than one (1) month from that day.

3. At the postponed Annual General Meeting, the Members present (whatever their number) shall constitute a quorum.
4. In the event of a lack of quorum at a Special General Meeting summoned at the request in writing by fifty (50) Ordinary/ Life Members, the President shall then postpone the Special General Meeting to a day not earlier than fourteen (14) days and not later than one (1) month from that day. At the postponed Special General Meeting, if there is no quorum then the President shall declare the Meeting dissolved and no such Special General Meeting shall be convened for the same purpose for a period of six months.

ARTICLE XI:

Council

1. The Association shall be managed by a Council consisting of the President, the President Elect, the Immediate Past President, the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Assistant Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer, the Honorary Assistant Treasurer and nineteen (19) Ordinary/ Life members – **15 representing each chapter (state + 1 Wilayah Pesekutuan), 4 Exco members.**
2. The President Elect, the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Assistant Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer, the Honorary Assistant Treasurer and the nineteen (19) Ordinary/ Life Members of the Council shall be

elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for the period of two (2) years until the following Annual General Meeting.

3. The function of the Council is to organize and supervise the day-to-day activities of the Association and to make decisions on matters affecting its running within the general policy laid down by the General Meeting. The Council shall not act contrary to the expressed wishes of the General Meeting without prior reference to it and shall always remain subordinate to the General Meeting. It shall furnish a report to each Annual General Meeting on its activities during the previous year.
4. The Council shall meet at least once every three times in a year including Annual General Meeting, seven (7) days notice of each meeting shall be given to members. The President acting alone or not less than three of its members acting together may call for a meeting of the Council to be held at any time. At least half (1/2) of the Council Members must be present for its proceedings to be valid and to constitute a quorum.
5. Where any urgent matter requiring the approval of the Council arises and it is not possible to convene a meeting, the Honorary Secretary may obtain such approval by means of a circular letter/ email. The following conditions must be fulfilled before a decision of the Council is deemed to have obtained.
6. The issues must be clearly set out in the circulate/ email and forwarded to all members of the Council. At least half (1/2) of the members of the Council must indicate whether they are in favour or against the proposal; and the decision must be by majority vote.

7. Any decision obtained by circular letter/email shall be reported by the Honorary Secretary to the next Council meeting and recorded in the minutes thereof.
8. Any member of the Council who fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings of the Council without satisfactory explanation shall be deemed to have resigned from the Council.
9. In the event of the death or resignation of a member of the Council, the Council shall have the power to co-opt any other member of the Association to fill the vacancy until the next election of office-bearers.
10. The Council shall give instructions to the Honorary Secretary and other Officers for the conduct of the affairs of the Association. It may appoint such Officers and such Staff as it deems necessary. It may suspend or dismiss any Officers or Member of the Staff for neglect of duty, dishonesty, incompetence, refusal to carry out the decisions of the Council, or for any other reason, which it deems good and sufficient in the interest of the Association.
11. The Council may appoint any Sub-committee for any purpose arising out of or connected with any of the duties, functions and aims laid down under the rules. Any Member can become Members of this Sub-committee.

ARTICLE XII:

Powers and Duties of Officers of the Association

1. The President

The President shall take the Chair at all General Meetings of the Association and all Council Meetings. The President shall have the

right to call meetings of the Council. The President shall have the casting vote at any meeting of Council.

2. The President Elect

All the duties, powers and responsibilities of the President shall in his absence be filled by the President Elect.

3. Immediate Past President ^[L]_[SEP]

The Immediate Past President must- ^[L]_[SEP]

(a) Facilitate the changeover process from their term of office for the newly elected President.

(b) Provide a role as a mentor and resource for the newly elected President. ^[L]_[SEP]

4. The Honorary Secretary and The Honorary Assistant Secretary

a. The Honorary Secretary shall be responsible for summoning all General Meetings of the Association and all Council Meetings. The Honorary Assistant Secretary shall assist the Honorary Secretary in the performance of his duties.

b. The Honorary Secretary shall keep the minutes of all General Meetings of the Association and all Council Meetings. He shall keep all members informed of the activities of the Association.

c. The Honorary Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Association under the direction of the President of the Council and shall keep a register of all members of the Association.

- d. At least one (1) calendar month before the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting of the Association, the Honorary Secretary shall inform all members of the Association in writing of the date fixed for such Annual General Meeting.
- e. At least two (2) weeks before the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting of the Association, the Honorary Secretary shall send to all members of the Association;
 - i. A report of the Council on the activities of the Association during the year preceding.
 - ii. An agenda for the Annual General Meeting.
 - iii. An audited statement of accounts for the preceding financial year.
- f. The council may delegate to a paid secretary such of the above duties of the Honorary Secretary as the Council shall from time to time decide.

5. The Honorary Treasurer and The Honorary Assistant Treasurer

- a. The Honorary Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection and accounting of all funds of the Association and shall issue receipts for all payments made to the Association.
- b. The Honorary Treasurer shall open such banking accounts as the Council may direct and shall deposit therein all monies received by him on behalf of the Association.
- c. At the end of February of each year the Honorary Treasurer shall give notice to all Members whose subscriptions for the year remain unpaid.

- d. The Honorary Treasurer shall be responsible for the preparation of the audited statement of accounts for the preceding financial year of the Association.
 - e. The Honorary Treasurer shall be responsible for the preparation of the budgeted statement of accounts for the following financial year of the Association.
- 6. Four (4) Exco Members and Fifteen (15) Members representing each State/ Wilayah Persekutuan in Malaysia.**

7. Chapters ^[1]_[SEP]

There will be no more than one Chapter formed in each state (total 14 states). The three (3) *Wilayah Persekutuan* will be under 1 chapter.

A Chapter of MONA shall be autonomous in matters relating to the affairs of the Chapter but shall be subject to the control and direction of which must be in harmony with the Constitution of MONA. ^[1]_[SEP]

ARTICLE XIII:

Financial Provisions

- 1. Subject to the following provisions in this Rule, the funds of the Association may be expended for any purpose necessary for the carrying out of its Objects, including the expanses of its administrations, the payment of salaries (including salaries of the Council members), allowances and expanses to its office bearers and paid staff, and the audit of its accounts, but they shall on no account be used to pay the fine of any member who may be convicted in a court of law except when the conviction arises out of any officers carrying out, in good faith, the Objects of the

Association. In such a circumstance, payments will be decided by a majority vote at the General Meeting.

2. The Honorary Treasurer may hold a petty cash advance not exceeding RM 1000.00 (Ringgit Malaysia one thousand only) at any time. All monies in excess of this sum shall within seven (7) days of receipt be deposited in a bank approved by the Council. The account shall be in the name of the association.
3. All cheques or withdrawal notices on the Association's account shall be signed jointly by the Honorary Treasurer and either the President or the Honorary Secretary.
4. No expenditure exceeding RM 5000.00 (Ringgit Malaysia five thousand only) at any one time shall be incurred without the prior sanction of a General Meeting. Expenditure less than RM 5000.00 (Ringgit Malaysia five thousand only) at any one time shall be incurred by the President together with the Secretary or the Treasurer.
5. As soon as possible after the end of each financial year, a statement of receipts and payments, a statement of income and expenditure and a balance sheet for the year shall be prepared and audited by the Auditor/Auditors. The audited accounts shall be submitted for the approval of the year Annual General Meeting and copies shall be made available at the registered office of the Association for the perusal of its members. Also, Audited Annual Accounts and list of Office Bearers of the Association shall be submitted annually to the Registrar of Association.

6. The income and property of the Association whensoever's derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the Objects of the Association as set forth in this Rule and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profits, to Members of the Association. Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payments in good faith of remuneration to any Officers or Servants of the Association or to any Member of the Association in return for any services actually rendered to it or of allowances and traveling expenses to a Member of the society when engaged on any business connected with or arising out of the carrying out of any of the Objects of the Association.
7. The financial year of the Association shall commence on the 1ST April and end on 31ST March the following year.

ARTICLE XIV:

Audit

1. Not more than two (2) Members, who shall not be holding positions in the Council, shall be appointed during the Annual General Meeting as Honorary Internal Auditors. They shall hold office for two (2) year and may be re-appointed.
2. A qualified Public Auditor shall be appointed during the Annual General Meeting as External Auditor. They shall hold office for two (2) year and may be re-appointed.

3. The Internal and External Auditors shall be required to audit the accounts of the Association and to prepare a Report for the Annual General Meeting.
4. The Internal and External Auditors may also be required by the President to audit the accounts of the Association for any period within their tenure of office at any date and to make a Report to the Council.
5. The Internal and External Auditors shall have free access to all books and documents necessary for the completion of their audit.

ARTICLE XV:

Trustees

1. If the Association at any time acquires any immovable property such property shall be vested in Trustees upon the execution of a Deed of Trust by such Trustees.
2. The Trustees, who must be over 21 years of age, shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office during the pleasure of the Association.
3. The Trustees shall not sell, withdraw or transfer any of the property of the Association without the consent and authority of a General Meeting of Members.
4. A trustee may be removed from office by a General Meeting on the grounds that, owing to ill health, unsoundness of mind, absence from the country or for any other reasons, he is unable to perform his duties or unable to do so satisfactorily. In the event of the death, resignation or removal of Trustee the vacancy shall be filled by a

new Trustee appointed by a General Meeting, but so that the number shall not be greater than five (5) or less than (2).

5. The result of such Meeting shall then be notified to the Registrar of Association.

ARTICLE XVI:

Interpretation

1. Between Annual General Meetings, the Council shall interpret the rules of the Association and when necessary, determine any point on which the rules are silent.
2. Except where they are contrary to or inconsistent with the policy previously laid down by the General Meeting, the decisions of the Council shall be binding on all Members of the Association unless and until countermanded by a resolution of a General Meeting.

ARTICLE XVII:

Advisory Panel

1. The Council shall appoint an Advisory Panel to serve in an advisory capacity for the Association.
2. The Advisory Panel Members shall :
 - a. Act in an Advisory and Resource Person capacity, offering insight and guidance with the growth and establishment of the Association and in fulfilling its Aims and Objects.
 - b. Identify issues and possible solutions related to achieving the work and Objects of the Association.

- c. Identify individuals/organizations to act as Experts or Resource Persons in implementing the Association's Plans and Projects.
3. The Advisory Panel shall consist of one (1) experienced senior Orthopaedic Surgeon and Nursing Director, KKM.
4. Each Advisory Panel Member shall be appointed for a three (3) year period and may be reappointed by the Council, as appropriate.
5. The Advisory Panel Members are appointed to serve in honorary capacity and therefore shall receive no fees for their services.
6. The appointments shall commence on 1st April and end on 31st March three (3) years later. In the event of a vacancy in the Advisory Panel occurring for any reason, the Council shall appoint a successor to fill the unexpired term of the said Panel Member.

ARTICLE XVIII:

Patron

The Council shall if it deems fit and necessary appoint an appropriately qualified individual to serve as the Patron of the Association to help further the Aims and Objects of the Association .The person appointed must give his consent in writing.

ARTICLE XIX:

Fellowship

- (1) Advancement to Fellowship status may be granted to Ordinary

and Life Members who have been an active member (in benefit) of the Association for 10 or more consecutive years. The criteria for consideration of advancement to Fellowship status shall be as follows;

- a. The Member has shown substantive and consistent leadership, contributions and service on Council or in other capacities in relation to the Association ;or
 - b. The Member has shown substantive and consistent leadership, contributions and service in advancing the Art and Science of Orthopaedic Nursing at National and/or International level.
- (2) Members of the Advisory Panel after 2 consecutive terms of appointment may be considered for the Fellowship status. Under rare and exceptional circumstances, in recognition of significant contributions to the Association, Advisory Panel Members may be granted Fellowship status without meeting the above requirement.
- (3) All Fellows shall be nominated by the Council and approved by half (1/2) of the members attending at a General Meeting of the Association. Notwithstanding any of the above, no more than two (2) Fellowships shall be awarded in any one-year.
- (4) Upon approval, the Fellow's name shall be entered in the Register of Fellows of The Association. A Fellow of the Association shall be entitled to the following Benefits and Privileges.
- a. Describe himself as a Fellow of the National Malaysian Orthopaedic Nurses Association and use the letters NMONA after his name and statutory qualifications.
 - b. Receive a scroll indicating that he is a Fellow of the NMONA.
 - c. Receive a distinctive insignia which he may wear to show that he is a Fellow of the NMONA.

- d. Be invited by the Association (as a Fellow) to participate in any Forums/Meetings organized by the Association to further the Aims and Objectives of the Association.
- e. Make recommendations to the Council, alone or in discussion with other Fellows of the Association on matters related to the Association.
- f. Be entitled to attend all General Meetings and Scientific Meetings organized by the Association (with the waiver of all and any Registration fees due).

ARTICLE XX:

Affiliation

1. The Association may be affiliated or associated with National/International Orthopaedic Nurses Societies /Associations within/outside Malaysia devoted to Objects substantially similar to those of the Association.
2. Any step in this direction shall be taken by a decision of the Council and endorsed by the Annual General Meeting.

ARTICLE XXI:

Press Release

All Press Releases and Communications of any kind to any Public Body or the Government on behalf of the Association shall only be made by:

- a. The President of the Association or
- b. The honorary Secretary when authorized by the Council of the Association or
- c. A Member of the Council who shall have been previously appointed by the Council to serve as its Public Relations Officer

ARTICLE XXII:

National Scientific Meetings Of the Association

1. These will be held regularly at dates fixed by the Council of the Association in different parts of Malaysia. Local Scientific Meetings may be organized as and when necessary.
2. No quorum is required for a Scientific Meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE XXIII:

Prohibitions

1. None of the following games shall be played in the premises of the Association: Roulette, Lotto, all games of dice, banker's games, all video games and all games of mere chance.
2. Neither the Association nor its Members shall attempt to restrict or in any other manner interfere with the trade or prices or engage in any Trade Union activities as defined in the Trade Union Act, 1959.
3. The Association shall not hold any lottery, whether confined to its Members or not, in the name of the Association, its Office – bearers or Members without prior approval from the authorities concerned.
4. "Benefits" as mentioned under section 2 of the Societies Act 1966 shall not be given by the Association to any of its Member.
5. The Association shall not indulge in any political activities or allow its fund and/or Premises be used for such purposes.

ARTICLE XXIV

Amendments of Rules

1. The amendments of these Rules shall only be made at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.
2. The Proposed Amendments to the Rules shall be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary at least twenty one (21) days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.
3. The Proposed Amendment shall be circulated to all Members of the

Association, at least fourteen (14) days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

4. The Proposed Amendment shall only be entered in the Rules if:
 - a. Two thirds (2/3) of those Members attending the Annual General Meeting vote in favor, And
 - b. Such amendments have been approved by the Registrar of the Association.

ARTICLE XXV:

Dissolution of the Association

1. The Association shall not be dissolved, except with the consent of not less than 75% of the Members of the Association expressed, either in person at a General Meeting convened for the purpose, or by postal/ email vote.
2. In the event of the Association being dissolved as provided above, all debts 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 decided in the same General Meeting.
3. Notice of dissolution duly signed by three (3) Principle Office Bearers of the Association will be given within fourteen (14) days of the dissolution to the Registrar of the Association.

