

**CONSTITUTION
of the
NATIONAL ORAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND INC**

1. Name:

The name of the association shall be the National Oral History Association of New Zealand, hereafter referred to as 'the Association', or 'NOHANZ'.

2. Aims:

The aims of the Association are:

- (a) to promote the practice and methods of oral history.
- (b) to educate in the use of oral history methods, including the encouragement of an accepted code of ethics and standards in the collection and preservation of material.
- (c) To encourage discussion of all aspects of oral history and associated matters, and to circulate appropriate material regularly.
- (d) to foster the collection and preservation of oral history records and related sound recordings in New Zealand.
- (e) to engage in relevant activities beneficial to members

3. Membership:

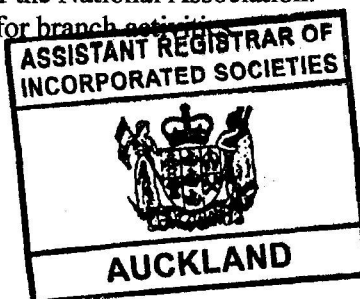
- (a) Membership shall be open to all individuals or societies or institutions who are interested in the objects of the Association and who pay the annual subscription.
- (b) Membership may be terminated at any time by written notice to the Secretary.
- (c) Membership will be deemed to have lapsed by resolution of the Executive Committee if a member's annual subscription is unpaid within six months of the beginning of the financial year.
- (d) Honorary membership may be conferred by decision of a Biennial or Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association
- (e) Life membership may be conferred by decision of a Biennial or Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association

4. Annual Subscription:

The annual subscription shall be determined by resolution of the Biennial General meeting

5. Branches:

- (a) Any group of five or more members of the Association who share some affinity such as origin, locality or interest may form a branch of the Association subject to ratification by the Executive Committee.
- (b) Each branch shall be at liberty to make its own rules and constitution subject to the provisions of this constitution.
- (c) Members of branches must be financial members of the National Association.
- (d) Each branch shall have power to levy its members for branch activities.



6. Executive Committee:

- (a) An Executive Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Committee) shall be constituted to manage the affairs of the Association.
- (b) The Committee shall consist of a President, Secretary, Treasurer, the immediate Past-President and three other members.
- (c) The committee shall be elected at the Biennial General Meeting and shall have the power to appoint a member to fill any vacancy on the Committee.
- (d) At least three Committee meetings shall be held each year.
- (e) A meeting of the Committee may be called at any time by the President on the requisition of any two committee members.
- (f) The President shall preside at all Committee and Biennial General Meetings but in the event of the absence of the President any other committee member may be elected.
- (g) The quorum shall be three.
- (h) The committee shall have powers to co-opt additional members as it deems fit.

7. Biennial General Meeting

- (a) A Biennial General Meeting shall be held at a date and place decided by the Committee
- (b) The business shall comprise a report, a financial statement, the election of officers, and any other matters as may properly be put before the meeting.
- (c) Notice and agenda of the meeting shall be circulated at least one month beforehand
- (d) Nominations for office shall be accepted up to the time of and from the meeting
- (e) The quorum for the Biennial General Meeting shall be fifteen financial members.

8. Extraordinary General Meeting

The committee may at any time convene an Extraordinary General Meeting and shall do so within one calendar month of a request to the Secretary in writing, specifying the proposed business and signed by fifteen financial members.

9. Method of Voting:

The election of the Committee shall be by recorded vote but other voting at all meetings shall be by show of hands and any motion shall be deemed to be carried by majority vote. If the result is questioned a recorded vote shall be taken.

10. Constitution and Rules:

- (a) The Committee may at its discretion make Rules concerning the conduct of members and the activities of the Association.
- (b) The Constitution and Rules may be altered, added to or rescinded by resolution at the Biennial General Meeting, or at an Extraordinary General Meeting. Any such motion or to alter, add to or rescind shall be notified to the Secretary no less than two months before the meeting and must be set out in the Agenda for the meeting concerned.
- (c) An amendment to the Constitution may be made by two thirds majority of financial members attending the Biennial General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting provided that no amendment shall be permitted if it any way affects the non-profit status of the Association.

11. Control of Funds:

- (a) The Treasurer shall be authorised to receive money and issue receipts.
- (b) All expenditure shall be authorized by the Committee provided that there shall be no distribution, whether by way of money, property or otherwise, howsoever, to any member of the Association.
- (c) The Committee shall have authority to operate a bank account or accounts and to invest funds in any authorized Trustee Investment as shall be decided.
- (d) Any two of the Treasurer, President or Secretary shall be given signing authority to operate the Association's bank accounts and investments.
- (e) The financial year of the Association shall run from 1 April of each year to the following 31 March.

12. Auditor:

An Auditor, who shall not be a member of the Committee, shall be elected at the Biennial General Meeting. A vacancy incurring to the office of Auditor during the year shall be filled by the Committee.

13. Financial Statements:

A reviewed statement of Income and Expenditure, a Balance Sheet and a report from the Committee shall be made available to members annually

14. Winding Up

In the event of the winding up of the Association, all assets shall be given to exclusively charitable organizations.

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