

## 5. Membership

### 5.1 Types of Membership

There shall be three types of memberships of the Association:

- (a) “Broadcasting Member” which shall be defined as a group regardless of ethnic origin which produces its own programmes to be broadcast. Members in this category shall have one vote for each group.
- (b) “Non-Broadcasting Member” shall be defined as another group, organisation or individual, which does not produce its own programmes to be broadcast, but who may nevertheless participate in programme production. Members in this category shall have no voting rights whatsoever.
- (c) “Life Member” which shall be defined as individuals recommended by the Council for such membership, and presented to the General Membership for voting in.
  - (i) The required criteria for Life Membership shall be:
    - a) Outstanding/Longstanding service to the Association
    - b) Extraordinary deed(s) performed for the benefit of the Association
  - (ii) Such individuals shall have voting rights only as part of a Broadcasting Group they belong to.
  - (iii) The number of Life Members shall not exceed 10% of the total number of members.

### 5.2 The number of members of the Association is declared to be unlimited

### 5.3 The following Applicants shall be eligible to become members of the Association:

- 5.3.1 any person who satisfies the Council that he subscribes to the objects of the Association;
- 5.3.2 any duly elected or appointed representative of any unincorporated body that satisfies the Council that it subscribes to the objects of the Association.
- 5.3.3 any incorporated body that satisfies the Council that it subscribes to the objects of the Association.

### 5.4 Applications for membership shall be made to the Association in the prescribed form supplied by the Association and accompanied by (i) the prescribed non-refundable application fee, (ii) annual membership fee, and (iii) such information as is necessary to satisfy the Association of the applicants eligibility for membership.

### 5.5 The Council members shall consider each application made under sub-rule 5.4 at a Council meeting and shall at the Council meeting or a subsequent Council meeting accept or reject that application.

5.5.1 If an application for membership to the Association is refused by the Council, then short reasons for rejection of the application shall be supplied to the applicant

5.5.2 Should the applicant be dissatisfied with the short reasons pursuant to sub-rule 5.5.1, the unsuccessful applicant shall be entitled to require the application for membership to be referred to the next Annual General Meeting of the Association for reconsideration. If the application for membership to the Association is again refused, such decision shall be final, and no further right

of appeal or reconsideration of application for membership to the Association shall be provided.

5.5.3 Should the application be rejected, the annual membership fee paid under sub-rule 5.4 (ii) shall be refunded.

5.6 Upon admission of the person, group, or organization as a member of the Association in any of the categories of membership referred to in paragraph 5.1 of this Constitution, his (its) name and address shall be recorded in the Register of Members.

5.7 All members of the Association shall have the same rights except where specifically otherwise provided within this Constitution.

5.8 Neither the Association nor any member of the Association may use the name of the Association in support of any political and/or religious campaign, or in support of any candidate for public office.

## **6. Register of Members of Association**

6.1 The Secretary shall on behalf of the Association keep and maintain the register of members in accordance with section 27 of the Act and that register shall be so kept and maintained at the registered office of the Association.

6.2 The Secretary shall cause the name of a person who dies or who ceases to be a member under rule 7.3, 8.1, or 9 to be deleted from the register of members referred to in 6.1.

## **7. Subscriptions of Members of Association**

7.1 The members shall from time to time at a general meeting determine the amount of the subscription to be paid by each member.

7.2 Each member, be it an individual, incorporated, or unincorporated Association, shall pay to the Treasurer, annually on or before 1 July or such other date as the Council from time to time determines, the amount of the subscription determined under 7.1.

(a) The membership fee for Non-Broadcasting Members shall be set to 50% the rate for Broadcasting Members.

(b) Life Members shall be exempt from any membership fees whatsoever.

7.3 A member is a financial member for the purposes of these rules if his subscription is paid on or before the relevant date fixed by or under sub-rule 7.2 , or within 3 months thereafter.

7.4 A member whose subscription is not paid within 3 months after the relevant date fixed by or under 7.2 ceases on the expiry of that period to be a member, unless the Council decides otherwise.

## **8. Resignation of Members of Association**

8.1 A member who delivers notice in writing of his resignation from the Association to the Secretary or another member of the Executive Committee ceases on that delivery to be a member.

8.2 A person who ceases to be a member under sub-rule 8.1 remains liable to pay to the Association the amount of any subscription due and payable by that person to the Association but unpaid at the date of that cessation.

## **9. Expulsion of Members of Association**

9.1 If the Council considers that a member should be expelled from membership of the Association because of his conduct detrimental to the interests of the Association, the Council shall communicate in writing to the member:

- (a) notice of the proposed expulsion and of the time, date and place of the Council meeting at which the question of that expulsion will be decided; and
- (b) particulars of that conduct, not less than 30 days before the date of the Council meeting referred to in paragraph (a).

9.2 At the Council meeting referred to in a notice communicated under sub-rule 9.1, the Council may, having afforded the member concerned a reasonable opportunity to be heard by, or to make representations in writing to, the Council, expel or decline to expel that member from membership of the Association and shall, forthwith after deciding whether or not so to expel that member, communicate that decision in writing to that member.

9.3 Subject to sub-rule 9.5, a member who is expelled under sub-rule 9.2 from membership of the Association ceases to be a member 14 days after the day on which the decision so to expel him is communicated to him under sub-rule 9.2.

9.4 A member who is expelled under sub-rule 9.2 from membership of the Association shall, if he wishes to appeal against that expulsion, give notice to the Secretary of his intention to do so within the period of 14 days referred to in sub-rule 9.3.

9.5 When notice is given under sub-rule 9.4:

- (a) the Association in a general meeting may, after having afforded the member who gave that notice a reasonable opportunity to be heard by, or to make representations in writing to, the Association in the general meeting, confirm or set aside the decision of the Council to expel that member; and
- (b) the member who gave that notice does not cease to be a member unless and until the decision of the Council to expel him is confirmed under this sub-rule.