

# Constitution (Section 11-18)

## **11. VOTING**

11.1 No member is allowed to vote by proxy at any meeting and at all meetings all questions shall be decided by simple majority. If a resolution is split by 50-50 votes the Chairman shall request for further deliberations and if it is still split by 50-50 votes the Chairman shall have a casting vote. After the casting vote the resolution shall be deemed to have been resolved by the majority.

## **12. QUORUM**

12.1 Majority of the Council members present at each Council Meeting shall form a quorum. One fourth of the total life membership plus valid ordinary membership i.e. members whose subscriptions are paid up to the preceding year of the General Meeting or a Special General Meeting shall form a quorum.

12.2 In the event of there being no quorum, the meeting shall be adjourned for half an hour and should the number then present be insufficient to form a quorum, those present shall be considered a quorum, but they shall have no power to alter, amend or make additions to any of the existing rules or to the existing Constitution.

## **13. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTIONS**

13.1 The Society shall not amend its Constitution without the prior approval in writing of the Registrar of Societies. Any proposal for amendment to the Constitution must be submitted in writing to the General Secretary on or before November the 30th preceding the AGM. Any proposal involving an amendment to the Constitution shall not be carried except by 2/3 majority vote from the voting members forming a quorum at an AGM or SGM called for the purpose.

## **14. INTERPRETATION**

14.1 In the event of any question, issues and/or matter arising out of any point which is not expressly provided for in the Constitution, the Council shall have the power to use their own discretion. However, the issues must be brought up in the following AGM for deliberation and voting if necessary.

## **15. COMPLAINTS AND SUGGESTIONS**

15.1 All complaints and suggestions by the members shall be made in writing to the General Secretary who shall enquire into or bring such complaints and suggestions to the notice of the Council. The General Secretary shall acknowledge receipt of the suggestion/complaint within seven days and shall seek the resolution of the Council within (07) days of the scheduled Council meeting.

15.2 If the conflict/issue is not resolved by the Council, then pro-active consultation is to be made with the Advisory Committee to reach a resolution. If the grievances are not addressed satisfactorily, the complainant may take recourse to clause 10.2 or raise the issue in the AGM with due notice to the Secretary.

#### **16. DAMAGE AND COMPENSATION**

16.1 Any member breaking or damaging any article, the property of the Society, shall pay the cost of replacing or repairing the same.

#### **17. PROHIBITIONS**

17.1 Drinking intoxicating liquids and gambling of any kind will be prohibited in the premises of the Society.

17.2 The funds of the Society shall not be used to pay the fines of members who have been convicted in the court.

17.3 The Society shall not attempt to restrict or in any other manner interface with trade or prices or engage in any Trade Union activity as defined in any written law relating to trade unions for the time being in force in Singapore.

17.4 The Society shall not hold any lottery, whether confined to its members or not, in the name of the Society or its office bearers, Committees or members.

17.5 The Society shall not indulge in any political activity or allow its funds and/or premises to be used for political purposes.

#### **18. DISSOLUTION**

18.1 The Society shall not be dissolved, except with the consent of not less than 3/5 of the ordinary and life members of the Society for the time being resident in Singapore expressed in person at a general meeting convened for the purpose.

18.2 In the event of the Society being dissolved as provided above, all debts and liabilities legally incurred on behalf of the Society shall be fully discharged, and the remaining funds will be transferred to a charitable organisation and must be decided at the meeting of dissolution.

18.3 Notice of dissolution shall be given within 7 days of dissolution to the Registrar of Societies.

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