

Constitution

1) Name of the Association

1.1 The Association shall be called the History Teachers Association of South Australia (HTASA)

2) Aims

2.1 To stimulate interest in the study of History.

2.2 To support effective teaching and learning of History in schools.

2.3 To engender in students a love of History and its relevance to an individual and society.

2.4 To arrange meetings, lectures, seminars and other activities.

2.5 To arrange an annual conference of the Association.

2.6 To prepare and circulate publications, resources and educational research to advance the teaching of History.

2.7 To represent the views of the Association and its members in educational, government, business and community organisations.

3) Membership

3.1 The Association is open to all persons, schools and organisations interested in the teaching of History both directly and indirectly.

3.2 Schools, Universities and other institutions may be corporate members of the Association and entitled to the benefits of membership of the Association.

3.3 The Committee can nominate and second a person who has performed outstanding service to the HTASA for life membership of the Association. This nomination must be approved by a simple majority of participants at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

4) Finance and Membership

4.1 Membership of the Association is through the payment of an annual or biennial fee which shall entitle a member to the full benefits of the Association.

4.2 All annual subscriptions shall become due and payable in advance on the 1st day of January in every year. If the subscription of a member shall remain unpaid for a period of two calendar months after it becomes due, then the member's name may be removed from the Register of members by the Committee.

4.3 There shall be various categories of membership: teacher, student institution, unemployed and retired.

4.4 Membership fees for all categories of membership will be determined by the Annual General Meeting of its members acting on the advice of the outgoing committee. Such fees will come into effect on January 1st the following year.

4.5 The accounts of the Association shall be kept at a financial institution determined by the committee of the Association.

4.6 The signatories shall be the president of the association and/or his/her nominee and one of the Secretary or Treasurer.

4.7 The Treasurer shall furnish a financial report at each meeting of the Committee and at the Annual General Meeting of the Association. At the Annual General Meeting, a balance sheet and a profit and loss account will be made up to date as required by the Association.

4.8 The Association's finances will be audited annually. A properly qualified auditor or auditors will be appointed by a majority vote of the Committee and the report be made available to members at the Annual General meeting of the Association.

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5. Offices and Committee

5.1 The Annual General Meeting shall elect a committee of at least twelve and not more than twenty members.

5.2 The Committee of the Association shall have the power to co-opt further members where necessary.

5.3 The Committee may appoint ex-officio individuals and institutions to facilitate the work of the association. The fee for ex-officio duties shall be determined by negotiation between the individual / institution and the Association.

5.4 A quorum of the Committee shall consist of seven members. In the case of a tied vote, then the President shall have a casting vote.

5.5 The Committee shall elect an Executive committee from among its members.

5.6 The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

5.7 The Committee shall have power to appoint individual members or sub-committees for specific tasks where necessary.

5.8 The Committee shall have full power to conduct the affairs of the Association.

5.9 The Executive Committee shall have full power to conduct the affairs of the Association within the Aims as stated in the Constitution.

6, Annual General Meeting

6.1 The Annual General Meeting shall be held once in every calendar year at a time and place as may be determined by the Committee of the Association.

6.2 At any Annual General meeting, a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is (before or on declaration of the result of the show of hands) demanded: by the President; or by at least three committee members present. If a poll is duly demanded, it shall be taken in such a manner either at once or after an interval or adjournment or otherwise as the President directs. In the case of an equality of votes, whether by show of hands or on a poll, the President of the meeting at which the vote is taken shall be entitled to a casting vote.

7. Relationship with the History Teachers Association of Australia

7.1 The HTASA shall have formal and informal dealings with the History Teachers Association of Australia (HTAA).

7.2 The relationship between the HTASA and the HTAA shall be to benefit the teaching of History both in South Australia and Australia and in accordance with the aims of the Association as set out in the Constitution.

7.3 The HTASA shall send delegates to relevant meetings of the HTAA when appropriate.

7.4 The cost of sending delegates to relevant meetings of the HTAA shall be met by the HTASA.

7.5 Monies bestowed by the HTAA shall become the exclusive property of the HTASA.

8. Dispute Resolution

8.1 In the advent of a dispute between a member of the Association and a member of the HTASA Executive, the member shall be invited to present his/her case to the full Executive for resolution.

9, Alterations to the Constitution

8.1 The Constitution may be altered by a simple majority at the Annual General Meeting.

8.2 A month's notice in writing must be given of the intention to alter the Constitution.

8.3 The notice of intention to alter the constitution must include a written rationale for the change(s)

10. Dissolution

10.1 The Association may be wound up whenever a special resolution is passed requiring the Association to be wound up at a special general meeting of the Association called for this purpose.

10.2 A special resolution requires that not less than two-thirds of the members attending the meeting to vote in person and that a simple majority vote should prevail.

10.3 A notice of dissolution shall be published one month before the special meeting.

10.4 If upon winding up or dissolution of the Association, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any monies or property whatsoever remaining shall be paid to a selected charitable institution determined by a two-thirds majority of the registered members of the Association.