

FOLK DANCE AUSTRALIA
INCORPORATED

OBJECTS AND RULES

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ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION ACT, 1984

FOLK DANCE AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

1. The name of the Association is 'Folk Dance Australia Incorporated' .
2. THE OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION ARE;
 - ◆ To promote the development of folk dance in Australia.
 - ◆ To promote an understanding and mutual respect for the ethnic groups living in Australia.
 - ◆ To encourage and develop the skills of folk dance teachers by providing courses and workshops.
 - ◆ To serve as a folk dance information network.

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PART ONE PRELIMINARY

1. INTERPRETATION

(1) In these rules, except in so far as the context or subject matter otherwise indicates or requires

"ordinary member" means a member of the committee who is not an office bearer of the association, as referred to in rule 13(2);

"secretary" means -

- (a) the person holding office under these rules as secretary of the association; or
- (b) where no such person holds that office - the public officer of the association;

"graduate member" means a member of the association who has graduated from the recreational folk dance teacher training course or such other course of study that the graduate sub-committee shall determine;

"special general meeting" means a general meeting of the association other than the annual general meeting;

"the Act" means the Association Incorporation Act, 1984;

"the Regulation" means the Associations Incorporation Regulation, 1985.

(2) In these rules

- (a) a reference to a function includes a reference to a power, authority and duty; and
- (b) a reference to the exercise of a function includes, where the function is a duty, a reference to the performance of the duty.

(3) The provisions of the Interpretation Act, 1987, apply to and in respect of these rules in the same manner as those provisions would so apply if these rules were an instrument made under the Act.

PART TWO MEMBERSHIP

2. MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

A person is qualified to be a member of the association if, but only if -

- (a) the person is a person referred to in section 15(1)(a), (b) or (c) of the Act and has not ceased to be a member of the association at any time after incorporation of the association under the Act; or
- (b) the person is a natural person who –
 - (i) has applied for membership of the association as provided by in rule 3;
 - (ii) has been approved for membership of the association by the committee of the association; and
 - (iii) pays the sum payable under these rules as entrance fee and annual subscription.

3. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

- (1) An application of a person for membership of the association -
 - (a) shall be made by the applicant in writing in the form set out in Appendix 1 to these rules; and
 - (b) shall be lodged with the secretary of the association.
- (2) As soon as practicable after receiving an application for membership, the secretary shall refer the application to the committee which shall determine whether to approve or to reject the application.
- (3) Where an applicant claims graduate membership the secretary shall forward the application to the facilitator of the graduate sub-committee for confirmation of the right to the graduate membership.
- (4) Where the committee determines to approve an application for membership, the secretary shall, as soon as practicable after that determination, notify the applicant of that approval and request the applicant to pay within the period of twenty-eight days after receipt by the applicant of the notification the sum payable under these rules by a member as entrance fee and annual subscription.
- (5) The secretary shall, on payment by the applicant of the amounts referred to in clause (4) within the period referred to in that clause, enter the applicant's name in the register of members and, upon the name being so entered, the applicant becomes a member of the association.

4. CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- (1) A person ceases to be a member of the association if the person
 - (a) dies;
 - (b) resigns that membership;
 - (c) is expelled from the association; or
 - (d) fails to pay the annual fee as provided by rule 8.
- (2) When a person ceases to be a member of the association, the secretary shall make an appropriate entry in the register of members recording the date on which the member ceased to be a member.

5. MEMBERSHIP ENTITLEMENTS NOT TRANSFERABLE

A right, privilege or obligation which a person has by reason of being a member of the association -

- (a) is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person; and
- (b) terminates upon cessation of the person's membership.

6. RESIGNATION OF MEMBERSHIP

A member of the association may resign from membership of the association by first giving notice (being not less than one month or not less than some other period as the committee may determine) in writing to the secretary of the member's intention to resign and, upon the expiration of the period of notice, the member ceases to be a member.

7. REGISTER OF MEMBERS

(1) The public officer of the association shall establish and maintain a register of members of the association specifying the name and address of each person who is a member of the association together with the date on which the person became a member.

(2) The register of members shall be kept at the principle place of administration of the association and shall be open for inspection, free of charge, by any member of the association at any reasonable hour.

8. FEES, SUBSCRIPTIONS, ETC.

(1) A member of the association shall, upon admission to membership, pay to the association a fee of \$10.00 or, where some other amount is determined by the committee, of that other amount.

(2) A member of the association shall pay to the association between the start of the financial year and the opening of the annual general meeting in each calendar year an annual membership fee of \$10.00 or, where some other amount is determined by the committee, that other amount.

9. MEMBERS' LIABILITIES

The liability of a member of the association to contribute towards the payment of the debts and liabilities of the association or the cost, charges and expenses of the winding up of the association is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid by the member in respect of membership of the association as required by rule 8.

10. DISCIPLINING OF MEMBERS

(1) Where the committee is of the opinion that a member of the association

- (a) has persistently refused or neglected to comply with a provision or provisions of these rules; or
- (b) has persistently and wilfully acted in a manner prejudicial to the interest of the association, the committee may, by resolution
- (c) expel the member from the association; or
- (d) suspend the member from membership of the association for a specified period.

(2) A resolution of the committee under clause (1) is of no effect unless the committee, at a meeting held not earlier than fourteen days and not later than twenty-eight days after service on the member of a notice under clause (3), confirms the resolution in accordance with this rule.

- (3) Where the committee passes a resolution under clause (1), the secretary shall, as soon as practicable, cause a notice in writing to be served on the member -
 - (a) setting out the resolution of the committee and the grounds on which it is based;
 - (b) stating that the member may address the committee at a meeting to be held not earlier than fourteen days and not later than twenty-eight days after service of the notice;
 - (c) stating the date, place and time of that meeting; and
 - (d) informing the member that the member may do either or both of the following:
 - (i) attend and speak at the meeting;
 - (ii) submit to the committee at or prior to the date of that meeting written representations relating to the resolution.
- (4) At a meeting of the committee held as referred to in clause (3), the committee shall -
 - (a) give to the member an opportunity to make oral representations;
 - (b) give due consideration to any written representations submitted to the committee by the member at or prior to the meeting; and
 - (c) by resolution determine whether to confirm or to revoke the resolution.
- (5) Where the committee confirms a resolution under clause (4), the secretary shall, within seven days after that confirmation, by notice in writing inform the member of the fact and of the member's right of appeal under rule 11.
- (6) A resolution confirmed by the committee under clause (4) does not take effect -
 - (a) until the expiration of the period within which the member is entitled to appeal against the resolution where the member does not exercise the right of appeal within that period; or
 - (b) where within that period the member exercises the right of appeal, unless and until the association confirms the resolution pursuant to rule 11(4).

11. RIGHT OF APPEAL OF DISCIPLINED MEMBER

- (1) A member may appeal to the association in general meeting against a resolution of the committee which is confirmed under rule 10(4), within seven days after notice of the resolution is served on the member by lodging with the secretary a notice to that effect.
- (2) Upon the receipt of a notice from a member under clause (1), the secretary shall notify the committee which shall convene a general meeting of the association to be held within twenty-one days after the date on which the secretary received the notice.

- (3) At a general meeting of the association convened under clause(2),
 - (a) no business other than the question of the appeal shall be transacted;
 - (b) the committee and the member shall be given the opportunity to state their respective cases orally or in writing, or both; and
 - (c) the members present shall vote by secret ballot on the question of whether the resolution should be confirmed or revoked.
- (4) If at the general meeting the association passes a special resolution in favour of the confirmation of the resolution, the resolution is confirmed.

PART THREE THE COMMITTEE

12. POWERS, ETC., OF COMMITTEE

The committee shall be called the committee of management of the association and, subject to the Act, the Regulation and these rules and to any resolution passed by the association in general meeting –

- (a) shall control and manage the affairs of the association;
- (b) may exercise all such functions as may be exercised by the association other than those functions that are required by these rules to be exercised by,
 - (i) the graduate sub-committee or
 - (ii) a general meeting of members of the association; and
- (c) has power to perform all such acts and do all such things as appear to the committee to be necessary or desirable for the proper management of the affairs of the association.

13. CONSTITUTION AND MEMBERSHIP

- (1) Subject in the case of the first members of the committee to section 21 of the Act, the committee shall consist of
 - (a) the office bearers of the association;
 - (b) three, or such greater number as the association in general meeting shall determine, ordinary members each of whom shall be elected from among the members of the association at the annual general meeting pursuant to rule 14; and
 - (c) one representative elected from among the members of the graduate sub-committee.

(2) The office bearers of the association shall be

- (a) the president;
- (b) the vice-president;
- (c) the treasurer; and
- (d) the secretary.

- (3) Each member of the committee shall, subject to these rules, hold office until the conclusion of the annual general meeting following the date of the member's election.
- (4) With the exception of the president all members of the committee are eligible for re-election. The office of president may not be held by a member of the association for more than three consecutive years.
- (5) In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the membership of the committee, the committee may appoint a member of the association to fill the vacancy and the member so appointed shall hold office, subject to these rules, until the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of the appointment.

14. ELECTION OF MEMBERS

- (1) Nominations of candidates for election as office bearers of the association or as ordinary members of the committee may;
 - (a) be made in writing, signed by two members of the association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination) and be delivered to the secretary of the association not less than seven days before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting at which the election is to take place; or
 - (b) be orally proposed and seconded by members of the association and consented to by the candidate at the time of the election at the annual general meeting.
- (2) If the number of nominations received is less than or equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated shall be deemed to be elected.
- (3) If insufficient nominations are received any vacant positions remaining on the committee shall be deemed to be casual vacancies.
- (4) If the number of nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot shall be held.
- (5) A ballot for the election of office bearers or ordinary members of the committee shall be conducted at the annual general meeting in such usual and proper manner as the committee may direct.
- (6) A member may not hold more than one position on the committee of management.

15. SECRETARY

- (1) The secretary of the association shall, as soon as practicable after being appointed as secretary, lodge notice with the association of his or her address.
- (2) It is the duty of the secretary to keep minutes of -
 - (a) all appointments of office bearers and members of the committee;
 - (b) the names of members of the committee present at a committee meeting or a general meeting; and
 - (c) all proceedings at committee meetings and general meetings.
- (3) Minutes of proceedings at a meeting shall be signed by the chairperson of the meeting or by the chairperson of the next succeeding meeting.

16. TREASURER

It is the duty of the treasurer of the association to ensure that -

- (a) all monies due to the association is collected and received and that all payments authorised by the association are made; and
- (b) correct books and accounts are kept showing the financial affairs of the association including full details of all receipts and expenditure connected with the activities of the association.

17. CASUAL VACANCIES

For the purpose of these rules, a casual vacancy in the office of a member of the committee occurs if the member -

- (a) dies;
- (b) ceases to be a member of the association;
- (c) becomes an insolvent under administration within the meaning of the Companies (New South Wales) Code;
- (d) resigns office by notice in writing given to the secretary;
- (e) is removed from office under rule 18;
- (f) becomes of unsound mind or a person whose person or estate is liable to be dealt with in any way under the law relating to mental health; or
- (g) is absent without the consent of the committee from all meetings of the committee held during a period of six months.

18. REMOVAL OF MEMBER

- (1) The association in general meeting may by resolution remove any member of the committee from the office of member before the expiration of the member's term of office and may by resolution appoint another person to hold office until the expiration of the term of office of the member so removed.
- (2) Where a member of the committee to whom a proposed resolution referred to in clause (1) relates makes representations in writing to the secretary or president (not exceeding a reasonable length) and requests that the representations be notified to the members of the association, the secretary or the president may send a copy of the representations to each member of the association or, if they are not so sent, the member is entitled to require that the representations be read out at the meeting at which the resolution is considered.

19. MEETINGS AND QUORUM

- (1) The committee shall meet at least three times in each period of twelve months at such place and time as the committee may determine.
- (2) Additional meetings of the committee may be convened by the president or by any member of the committee.
- (3) Oral or written notice of a meeting of the committee shall be given by the secretary to each member of the committee at least forty-eight hours (or such other period as may be unanimously agreed upon by the members of the committee) before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting.
- (4) Notice of a meeting given under clause (3) shall specify the general nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting and no business other than that business shall be transacted at the meeting, except business which the committee members present at the meeting unanimously agree to treat as urgent business.
- (5) Any three members of the committee constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the committee.
- (6) No business shall be transacted by the committee unless a quorum is present and if within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present then the meeting shall be dissolved.
- (7) At a meeting of the committee the president or if the president is absent or unwilling to act such one of the remaining members of the committee as may be chosen by the members present at the meeting shall preside.

20. DELEGATION BY COMMITTEE TO SUB-COMMITTEE

- (1) The committee may, by instrument in writing, delegate to one or more sub-committees (consisting of such member or members of the association as the committee thinks fit) the exercise of such of the functions of the committee as are specified in the instrument, other than
 - (a) this power of delegation; and
 - (b) a function which is a duly imposed on the committee by the Act or by any other law.
- (2) A function the exercise of which has been delegated to a sub-committee under this rule may, while the delegation remains unrevoked, be exercised from time to time by the sub-committee in accordance with the terms of the delegation.
- (3) A delegation under this section may be made subject to such conditions or limitations as the exercise of any function thereof, or as to time or circumstances, as may be specified in the instrument of delegation.
- (4) Notwithstanding any delegation under this rule, the committee may continue to exercise any function delegated.
- (5) Any act or thing done or suffered by a sub-committee acting in the exercise of a delegation under this rule has the same force and effect as it would have if it had been done or suffered by the committee.
- (6) The committee may, by instrument in writing, revoke wholly or in part any delegation under this rule.
- (7) A sub-committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper.

21. VOTING AND DECISIONS

- (1) Questions arising at a meeting of the committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the committee shall be determined by a majority of the votes of members of the committee or sub-committee present at the meeting.
- (2) Each member present at a meeting of the committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the committee (including the person presiding at the meeting) is entitled to one vote but, in the event of an equality of votes on any question, the person presiding may exercise a second or casting vote.
- (3) Subject to rule 19(5), the committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy on the committee.
- (4) Any act or thing done or suffered, or purporting to have been done or suffered by the committee or by a subcommittee appointed by the committee, is valid and effectual notwithstanding any defect that may afterwards be discovered in the appointment or qualification of any member of the committee or sub-committee.

PART FOUR THE GRADUATE SUB-COMMITTEE

22. POWERS

- (1) The graduate sub-committee shall have sole control and management of all training courses conducted in the name of the association to develop the skills of teachers of folk dance.
- (2) The powers of the graduate sub-committee are not powers delegated by the committee of management under rule 20.

23. CONSTITUTION AND MEMBERSHIP

- (1) The graduate sub-committee shall consist of
 - (a) the facilitator of the graduate sub-committee; and
 - (b) three graduate sub-committee members, or such greater number as the graduate sub-committee shall determine, each of whom shall be elected from among the graduate members of the association by a postal ballot of the graduate members.
- (2) Each member of the graduate sub-committee shall, subject to these rules, hold office for a period of three years following the date of their election, but is eligible for re-election.
- (3) In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the membership of the graduate sub-committee, the graduate sub-committee shall hold a postal ballot of the graduate members to fill the vacancy.

24. ELECTION OF MEMBERS

- (1) Notice of a pending election shall be sent to all graduate members requesting nominations for the vacant position or positions.
- (2) Nominations of candidates for election as graduate subcommittee members shall;
 - (a) be made in writing, signed by two graduate members of the association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination); and
 - (b) be delivered to the facilitator of the graduate subcommittee not less than seven days before the date fixed for the holding of the election.
- (3) If the number of nominations received is less than or equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated shall be deemed to be elected.
- (4) If the number of nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, then a postal ballot of the graduate members shall be held.
- (5) The postal ballot for the election of members of the graduate sub-committee shall be conducted in such usual and proper manner as the graduate sub-committee may direct.

25. FACILITATOR OF THE GRADUATE SUB-COMMITTEE

The facilitator of the graduate sub-committee shall be elected by the graduate sub-committee from its membership.

26. CASUAL VACANCIES

For the purpose of these rules, a casual vacancy in the graduate sub-committee occurs if the member -

- (a) dies;
- (b) ceases to be a member of the association;
- (c) resigns office by notice in writing given to the facilitator of the graduate sub committee;
- (e) is removed from office under rule 27;
- (f) becomes of unsound mind or a person whose person or estate is liable to be dealt with in any way under the law relating to mental health; or
- (g) is absent without the consent of the graduate subcommittee from all its meetings held during a period of one year.

27. REMOVAL OF MEMBER

The graduate members in general meeting may by resolution remove any member of the graduate sub-committee from the office of member before the expiration of the member's term of office and may by resolution appoint another person to hold office, subject to these rules, from that date.

28. MEETINGS AND QUORUM

- (1) The graduate sub-committee shall meet at such place and time as the graduate sub-committee may determine.
- (2) Oral or written notice of a meeting of the graduate subcommittee shall be given by the facilitator to each member of the sub-committee at least forty-eight hours (or such other period as may be unanimously agreed upon by the members of the graduate sub-committee) before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting.
- (3) Notice of a meeting given under clause (2) shall specify the general nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting and no business other than that business shall be transacted at the meeting, except business which the graduate sub-committee members present at the meeting unanimously agree to treat as urgent business.
- (4) A majority of members of the graduate sub-committee constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the graduate sub-committee.
- (5) No business shall be transacted by the graduate subcommittee unless a quorum is present and if within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present then the meeting shall be dissolved.
- (6) At a meeting of the graduate sub-committee one of the members of the graduate sub-committee as may be chosen by the members present at the meeting shall preside.

29. VOTING AND DECISIONS

- (1) Questions arising at a meeting of the graduate subcommittee shall be determined by a majority of the votes of members of the graduate sub-committee present at the meeting.
- (2) Each member present at a meeting of the graduate subcommittee (including the person presiding at the meeting) is entitled to one vote but, in the event of an equality of votes on any question, the facilitator or in his/her absence the person presiding, may exercise a second or casting vote.
- (3) Subject to rule 28(4), the graduate sub-committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy on the graduate sub-committee.
- (4) Any act or thing done or suffered, or purporting to have been done or suffered by the graduate sub-committee, is valid and effectual notwithstanding any defect that may afterwards be discovered in the appointment or qualification of any member of the graduate sub-committee.

PART FIVE GENERAL MEETINGS

30. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS -HOLDING OF

- (1) With the exception of the first annual general meeting of the association, the association shall, at least once in each calendar year and within the period of six months after the expiration of each financial year of the association, convene an annual general meeting of its members.
- (2) The association shall hold its first annual general meeting
 - (a) within the period of eighteen months after its incorporation under the act; and
 - (b) within the period of two months after the expiration of the first financial year of the association.
- (3) Clauses (1) and (2) have effect subject to any extension or permission granted by the Commission under section 26(3) of the Act.

31. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS - CALLING OF AND BUSINESS AT

- (1) The annual general meeting of the association shall, subject to the Act and to rule 30, be convened on such date and at such place and time as the committee thinks fit.
- (2) In addition to any other business which may be transacted at an annual general meeting, the business of an annual general meeting shall be
 - (a) to confirm the minutes of the last preceding annual general meeting and of any special general meeting held since that meeting;
 - (b) to receive from the committee reports upon the activities of the association during the last preceding financial year;
 - (c) to receive from the graduate sub-committee a report on its activities during the preceding financial year;
 - (d) to elect office bearers of the association and ordinary members of the committee; and
 - (e) to receive and consider the statement which is required to be submitted to members pursuant to section 26(6) of the Act.
- (3) An annual general meeting shall be specified as such in the notice convening it.

32. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING - CALLING OF

- (1) The committee may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a special general meeting of the association.
- (2) The committee shall, on the requisition in writing of not less than five per cent of the total number of members, convene a special general meeting of the association.
- (3) A requisition of members for a special general meeting
 - (a) shall state the purpose or purposes of the meeting;
 - (b) shall be signed by the members making the requisitions;
 - (c) shall be lodged with the secretary; and
 - (d) may consist of several documents in a similar form, each signed by one or more of the members making the requisition.
- (4) If the committee fails to convene a special general meeting to be held within one month after the date on which a requisition of members for the meeting is lodged with the secretary, anyone or more of the members who made the requisition may convene a special general meeting to be held not later than three months after that date.
- (5) A special general meeting convened by a member or members as referred to in clause (4) shall be convened as nearly as is practicable in the same manner as general meetings are convened by the committee and any member who thereby incurs expense is entitled to be reimbursed by the association for any reasonable expense so incurred.

33. NOTICE

- (1) Except where the nature of the business proposed to be dealt with at a general meeting requires a special resolution of the association, the secretary shall, at least fourteen days before the date fixed for the holding of the general meeting, cause to be sent by pre-paid post to each member at the member's address appearing in the register of members, a notice specifying the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business proposed to be transacted at the meeting.
- (2) Where the nature of the business proposed to be dealt with at a general meeting requires a special resolution of the association, the secretary shall, at least twenty one days before the date fixed for the holding of the general meeting, cause notice to be sent to each member in the manner provided in clause (1) specifying, in addition to the matter required under clause (1), the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution.
- (3) No business other than that specified in the notice convening a general meeting shall be transacted at the meeting except, in the case of an annual general meeting, business which may be transacted pursuant to rule 31(2).
- (4) A member desiring to bring any business before a general meeting may give notice in writing of that business to the secretary who shall include that business in the next notice calling a general meeting given after receipt of the notice from the member.

34. PROCEDURE

- (1) No item of business shall be transacted at a general meeting unless a quorum of members entitled under these rules to vote is present during the time the meeting is considering that item.
- (2) Five members present in person (being members entitled under these rules to vote at a general meeting) constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a general meeting.
- (3) If within half an hour after the appointed time for the commencement of a general meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting if convened upon the requisition of members shall be dissolved and in any other case, the members present (being not less than three) shall constitute a quorum.

35. PRESIDING MEMBER

- (1) The president or, in the president's absence, the vice-president, shall preside as chairperson at each general meeting of the association.
- (2) If the president and the vice-president are absent from a general meeting or unwilling to act, the members present shall elect one of their number to preside as chairperson at the meeting.

36. ADJOURNMENT

- (1) The chairperson of a general meeting at which a quorum is present may, with the consent of the majority of members present at the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place, but no business shall be transacted at the adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting at which the adjournment took place.
- (2) Where a general meeting is adjourned for fourteen days or more, the secretary shall give written or oral notice of the adjourned meeting to each member of the association stating the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting.
- (3) Except as provided in clauses (1) and (2), notice of an adjournment of a general meeting or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting is not required to be given.

37. MAKING OF DECISIONS

- (1) A question arising at a general meeting of the association shall be determined on a show of hands and, unless before or on the declaration of the show of hands a poll is demanded, a declaration by the chairperson that a resolution has, on a show of hands, been carried or carried unanimously or carried by a particular majority or lost, and an entry to that effect is made in the minute book of the association is evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against that motion.
- (2) At a general meeting of the association, a poll may be demanded by the chairperson or by not less than three members present in person or by proxy at the meeting.
- (3) Where a poll is demanded at a general meeting, the poll shall be taken
 - (a) immediately in the case of a poll which relates to the election of the chairperson of the meeting or to the question of an adjournment; or
 - (b) in any other case, in such manner and at such time before the close of the meeting as the chairperson directs, and the resolution of the poll on the matter shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting on that matter.

38. SPECIAL RESOLUTION

A resolution of the association is a special resolution if -

- (a) it is passed
 - (i) by a majority which comprises not less than three-quarters of such members of the association voting in person or by proxy, being entitled under these rules so to do
 - (ii) at a general meeting of which not less than twenty-one days written notice was given, specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution in accordance with these rules; or
- (b) where it is made to appear to the Commission that it is not possible or practicable for the resolution to be passed in the manner specified in paragraph (a) (i) and (ii) the resolution is passed in a manner specified by the Commission.

39. VOTING

- (1) Upon the question arising at a general meeting of the association a member has one vote only.
- (2) All votes shall be given personally or by proxy but no member may hold more than five proxies.
- (3) In the case of an equality of votes on a question at a general meeting, the chairperson of the meeting is entitled to exercise a second or casting vote.
- (4) A member or proxy is not entitled to vote at any general meeting of the association unless all money due and payable by the member or proxy to the association has been paid, other than the amount of the annual subscription payable in respect of the then current year.

40. APPOINTMENT OF PROXIES

- (1) Each member shall be entitled to appoint another member as proxy by notice given to the secretary no later than twenty-four hours before the time of the meeting in respect of which the proxy is appointed.
- (2) The notice appointing the proxy shall be in the form set out in Appendix 2 to these rules.

PART SIX MISCELLANEOUS

41. INSURANCE

- (1) The association shall effect and maintain insurance pursuant to section 44 of the Act.
- (2) In addition to the insurance required under clause (1), the association may effect and maintain other insurance.

42. FUNDS - SOURCE

- (1) The funds of the association shall be derived from entrance fees and annual subscriptions of members, donations and, subject to any resolution passed by the association in general meeting, such other sources as the committee determines.
- (2) All money received by the association shall be deposited as soon as practicable and without deduction to the credit of the association's bank account.
- (3) The association shall, as soon as practicable after receiving any money, issue an appropriate receipt.

43. FUNDS - MANAGEMENT

- (1) Subject to any resolution passed by the association in general meeting, the funds of the association shall be used in pursuance of the objects of the association in such manner as the committee determines.
- (2) All cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments shall be signed by any two members of the committee or employees of the association, being members or employees authorised to do so by the committee.
- (3)* The assets and income of Folk Dance Australia Incorporated shall be applied solely to further its objects and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the organisation except as genuine compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the organisation.

44. ALTERATION OF OBJECTS AND RULES

The statement of the objects and these rules may be altered, rescinded or added to only by a special resolution of the association.

45. COMMON SEAL

- (1) The common seal of the association shall be kept in the custody of the public officer.
- (2) The common seal shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the committee and the affixing of the common seal shall be attested by the signatures of either two members of the committee or of one member of the committee and of the public officer or the secretary.

46. CUSTODY OF THE BOOKS, ETC.

Except as required for the day to day management of the association or as otherwise provided by these rules, the public officer shall keep in his or her custody or under his or her control all records, books and other documents relating to the association.

47. INSPECTION OF BOOKS, ETC.

The records, books and other documents of the association shall be open to inspection, free of charge, by a member of the association at any reasonable hour.

48. SERVICE OF NOTICES

- (1) For the purpose of these rules, a notice may be served by or on behalf of the association upon any member either personally or by sending it by post to the member at the member's address shown in the register of members.
- (2) Where a document is sent to a person by properly addressing, prepaying and posting to the person a letter containing the document, the document shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed for the purposes of these rules to have been served on the person at the time at which the letter would have been delivered in the ordinary course of post.

49. SURPLUS PROPERTY

- (1) At the first general meeting of the association, the association shall pass a special resolution nominating an incorporated association as the association in which to vest its surplus property pursuant to section 53(2) of the Act in the event of the winding up or the cancellation of the incorporation of the association.
- (2) The incorporated association so nominated shall be one which fulfils the requirements specified in section 53(2) (a)-(c) of the Act.
- (3)* In the event of Folk Dance Australia Incorporated being dissolved, all assets that remain after such dissolution and the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall be transferred to another organisation with similar purposes, which is charitable at law and which has rules prohibiting the distribution of its assets and income to its members

APPENDIX 1 (RULE 3 (1))

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF ASSOCIATION

FOLK DANCE AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

I, _____
(full name of applicant)

of _____
(address)

hereby apply to become a member of the above named incorporated association In the event of my admission as a member, I agree to be bound by the rules of the Association for the time being in force.

(Signature of Applicant)

Date _____

I, _____ a member of the Association, nominate the applicant, who is personally known to me, for membership of the Association.

(Signature of Proposer)

Date _____

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I, _____ a member of the Association, second the nomination of the applicant, who is personally known to me, for membership of the Association.

(Signature of Proposer)

Date _____

APPENDIX 2 (RULE 40 (2))

FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

I, _____
(full name)
of _____
(address)
being a member of FOLK DANCE AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED
hereby appoint _____
(name of proxy)
of _____ (address)
being a member of that incorporated association, as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the
general meeting of the Association (annual general meeting or special general meeting, as the case may
be) to be held on _____ day of ____ (Yr) and at any adjournment of that meeting

*My proxy is authorised to vote in favour of/against (delete as appropriate) the resolution (insert details).

*to be inserted if desired.

(Signature of member appointed proxy)

Date _____

NOTE: A proxy may not be given to a person who is not a member of the Association.