

CONSTITUTION

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NAME

The name of the Society is "The Church of England Boys' Society in South Australia."

20. AFFILIATION

The Society is an integral part of and operates under the National Constitution of the Church of England Boys' Society in Australia.

OBJECTS

The objects of the Society are -

- (a) to help members to accept their privileges and realise and undertake their responsibilities and obligations as disciples of Jesus Christ;
- (b) to band members together in the service of Jesus Christ and His Church;
- (c) to promote opportunities for spiritual, mental and physical development of and for social intercourse between members.

MEMBERSHIP

Members shall be communicant boys of the Church under the age of 18 years who accept the following Rule of Life and Fellowship;

"I promise, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to pray to God daily, to worship Him regularly, to read the Bible diligently, to be a faithful communicant, and to help forward the work of Christ and His Church."

Associate members shall be unconfirmed boys of the Church between the ages of 6 and 18 years who accept the following Rule of Life and Fellowship:

"I promise by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, to pray to God daily, to read His word carefully, to worship Him joyfully, and to obey all who have the right to command me."

Members and Associate members shall be admitted as members and Associate member respectively at a Church Service on Sunday or other Holy Days when the most number of people come together by an Admission Service approved by the National Council of the Church of England Boys' Society in Australia when the Badge and Certificate of membership may be given.

Notwithstanding the foregoing members of the Council and of the Executive (other than members co-opted to the Executive as hereinafter provided) Leaders and their assistants and other adult officers of the Society shall during their respective terms of office be ex officio members of the Society.

The Council may appoint Honorary Life members as an appreciation of long and meritorious service to the Society but any such membership shall not confer any rights or seniority in the Society.

5. BADGES AND CERTIFICATE-CATES

Any Badge and Certificate of membership shall not be given to any person before he has been admitted as an associate member, a member, or an ex officio member of the Society.

6. REGISTRATION

All members, whether ordinary, associate or ex-officio, shall be registered annually before the first day of April in each year. The annual registration fee and the mode of registration shall be determined from time to time by the Executive provided, however, that the Executive may on application, approve the payment by any Branch, of registration fees in instalments.

consent of the Incumbent and the approval of the Executive. Or payment of the annual registration fee a Branch shall be deemed to be affiliated with the Society, but no Branch shall be accepted in the first instance unless and until all its members are registered and a Branch Governor be appointed. A Branch shall continue to be affiliated subject as hereinafter provided.

Every Branch Governor shall ensure that members are registered as and when they are admitted. Only registered members shall be entitled to participate in Society events except as otherwise decided from time to time by the Executive.

If the annual registration fees due and payable by a Branch, or any instalments thereof, be not paid within three calendar months of becoming due and payable in any year, the Executive may suspend the affiliation of that Branch in manner hereinafter set out. On the subsequent payment of registration fees the Executive may withdraw any such suspension.

8. BRANCH MANAGEMENT

The management and activities of each Branch shall be in the hands of a Committee consisting of the Incumbent or his nominee and the Leaders of the Branch but the Incumbent shall have the power to veto any decisions of the Committee.

9. BRANCH SECTIONS

Members of a Branch may be divided into degrees as follows:

- (i) The Lad Degree
- (ii) The Page Degree
- (iii) The Esquire Degree
- (iv) The Knight Degree

10. GOVERNORS AND LEADERS

The Branch Governor being either a male communicant member of the Church over 21 years of age, or being a male communicant member of the Church over the age of 18 years and having the qualification of the Diocesan Leader Training Certificate, and the assistant Branch Governor being a male communicant member of the Church over 18 years of age, shall be appointed by the Incumbent subject to the approval of the Executive; provided however that notwithstanding the foregoing, the Incumbent may, subject to the approval of the Executive, appoint a male communicant member of the Church over the age of 18 years who does not hold the above qualification to be a Temporary Branch Governor. A Branch Governor may appoint Leaders and Assistant Leaders being male communicant members of the Church and whose appointment shall be subject to the approval of the Incumbent.

Female communicant members of the Church who are over 18 years of age may be appointed by the Branch Governor as Leaders or Assistant Leaders in the Lad and Page Degrees subject to the approval of the Incumbent.

11. BRANCH REGULATIONS

Subject to the approval of the Incumbent and the provisions of this Constitution, Branches may make their own Regulations and Rules and may adopt such means of furthering the objects of the Society as they think fit having regard to the conditions existing in the particular Parish PROVIDED HOWEVER that no such Regulation or Rule shall be valid if in conflict with this Constitution or any of the By-Laws of the Council or the Executive or of any direction made from time to time by the Executive and applying to that particular Branch.

12. OFFICERS

The following shall be Officers of the Society:

- (i) President (who shall be the Bishop of Adelaide for the time being).
- (ii) 2 Deputy Presidents (who shall be the Bishops for the time being of the Dioceses of Willochra and The Murray).
- (iii) Four Vice-Presidents.
- (iv) Secretary.
- (v) Treasurer.
- (vi) Chief Commissioner.
- (vii) The Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Executive Committee.
- (viii) Five Councillors.

All officers shall be over 18 years of age and shall, subject to the provisions of Clause 19 of the Constitution, hold office for one (1) year except the Chief Commissioner who shall hold office for 3 years.

13. THE COUNCIL

- (a) The affairs of the Society shall be managed and controlled by a Council which shall consist of the officers of the Society, the Incumbents of each Parish in which there is a Branch of the Society, Commissioners of the Society, two representatives from the Church of England Men's Society, two representatives from each Branch and those members of the Executive who are not Officers of the Society. At all meetings, the President, or in his absence one of the Deputy Presidents shall be Chairman; in their absence the Council shall elect a Chairman.
- (b) Casual vacancies occurring in the membership of the Council or the Executive shall be filled by the Executive so far as members elected at the Annual Meeting are concerned and by the Branches so far as Branch representatives are concerned and such persons other than the Branch representatives so elected shall hold office until the ensuing Annual Meeting provided that any appointments of officers to the Council be ratified by the next Meeting of the Council.

14. BRANCH REPRESENTATIVES

Each Branch shall notify the Secretary of the Council in writing before 1st March in each year of the names of its representatives appointed by it to the Council.

15. COUNCIL MEETINGS

In addition to its Annual Meeting, as required under Clause 16 of this Constitution, the Council shall meet three times in each year on dates to be fixed by the Executive. Notice of such meetings shall be sent to all members of the Council not less than twenty-one clear days before the date fixed for the meeting by the Executive.

16. ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Council shall be held during the month of April in each year on a date to be fixed by the Executive.

The following business shall be transacted thereat:

- (i) Election of Officers for the ensuing year.

Executive and of the Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ending 31st March last preceding such meeting.

- (ii) Any other business which a majority of those present desire to be transacted.

Notice of such meeting shall be sent to all members of the Council not less than twenty-one clear days before the date fixed for the meeting by the Executive.

17. NOMINATIONS

Nominations for election at an Annual Meeting shall be in writing, signed by the proposer and seconder (being members of the Council) and the nominee and delivered to the Secretary of the Council not less than fourteen clear days before the said Meeting, and the Secretary shall send a list of such nominations to members of the Council not less than seven clear days before the Meeting.

18. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There shall be an Executive Committee of the Society which shall consist of the President, the Deputy Presidents, the Vice-Presidents, the two members of the Church of England Men's Society who have been appointed to the Council (all of whom shall be ex officio members), the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Chief Commissioner, the five Councillors and such other persons (not exceeding five at any one time) who may from time to time be co-opted by the Executive.

- (a) subject to the provisions of this Constitution the Executive shall in all things be subject to the control and direction of the Council.
- (b) The Executive shall have the following powers, functions, and duties:
 - (i) To call a Meeting of the Council and prepare an agenda therefor.
 - (ii) To meet at such times as it shall think fit.
 - (iii) To report to each meeting of the Council.
 - (iv) To cause a copy of the Report of the Annual Meeting to be sent to the Adelaide Diocesan Board of Education, to the National Fitness Council, to the Secretary of the National Council of the Society, to all Branches and to the Secretaries of the Synods of the Dioceses in South Australia.
 - (v) To exercise such other powers and functions as the Council may from time to time bestow or direct.
 - (vi) Subject to the directions of the Council, and to the provisions of this Constitution, to control and manage the business, affairs, finances and property of the Society.
 - (vii) To appoint an Honorary Auditor who shall hold office until the Annual Meeting following such appointment.
 - (viii) From time to time to appoint such Field Officers and Committees as are in its opinion needed for the work of the Society and revoke appointments.

(ix) To give written notice to the Incumbent and the Branch Governor of a Branch which has not paid its registration or any instalment thereof due under Clause 6 of this Constitution within three calendar months of their becoming due and payable in any one year that its affiliation will be suspended unless such fees or instalments be paid within twenty-eight clear days and upon non-payment to suspend its affiliation.

(x) To lift the suspension of a Branch upon payment of its registration fees or instalments thereof subject to such terms and conditions as it thinks fit.

(xi) To keep proper records of the Society's assets and liabilities and receipts and payments and produce statements in relation to the same when requested by the Council or a majority of the Executive.

(o) At all meetings the President, or in his absence one of the Deputy Presidents shall be Chairman. In their absence the Chairman of the Executive shall be Chairman. In the event of his absence, the Deputy Chairman of the Executive shall be Chairman.

19. CESSATION OF OFFICE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN The Council or the Executive Committee may declare vacant, the office of an Executive Committeeman, should the holder of such office absent himself without apology from three consecutive meetings of the Executive Committee.

20. QUORUM (a) At a Council Meeting the quorum shall be thirty members thereof.

(b) At an Executive Meeting the quorum shall be six members (none of whom shall be a co-opted member) but which may include ex officio members.

21. CHIEF COMMISSIONER A Chief Commissioner shall be appointed triennially by the Council for the general oversight of the work of Branches in accordance with the objects of the Society and the principles already laid down; for the co-ordination of the work of the Commissioners; and for any specific duties that may be allotted to him from time to time by the Executive.

22. DISTRICT FEDERATIONS District Federations may be formed according to boundaries determined by the Executive on the recommendation of the Chairman of the Executive and the Chief Commissioner and shall in each case be managed by a Committee which shall consist of the Incumbents in the area, all Leaders as well as the District Commissioner and such Assistant Commissioners as shall be appointed from time to time thereto and which shall be subject to the directions of the Executive.

23. ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONERS Assistant Chief Commissioners and other Commissioners may be appointed for a period of two years by the Executive which first meets after the Annual Meeting on the recommendation of both the Chairman of the Executive and the Chief Commissioner for the general welfare of Branches within their respective Districts, or for any specific duties allotted by the Executive. Any appointment to a casual vacancy shall be for the balance of the term of office of his predecessor.

24. PROPERTY (a) All real property under the control of the Society shall be vested in the Synod of the Church of England in the Diocese of Adelaide Incorporated or in the Synod of the Church of England in the Diocese of Willochra Incorporated

(b) The Executive of the Society shall stand possessed of all personal property of the Society upon trust and to the use of the Society.

25. BY-LAWS

Both the Council and the Executive may from time to time make, repeal or amend By-Laws (not inconsistent with this Constitution) for the conduct of their meetings and the carrying thereof and for the better effecting the objects of the Society and any such By-Law shall be carried out and observed by all Branches.

26. ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

(a) This Constitution may be added to or amended at a meeting of the Council called for that purpose, or at an Annual Meeting provided that the provisions of paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section be complied with.

(b) Any member of the Council may give to the Secretary written notice of any proposed addition or amendment and the Secretary shall thereupon convene a meeting of the Council to consider the proposed addition or amendment.

(c) Forthwith after the receipt of any such notice the Secretary shall forward copies thereof by post to each member of the Council and the meeting of the Council called to consider such addition or amendment shall not be held until after the expiration of twenty-eight clear days from the posting of a copy of such notice as aforesaid.

(d) No alteration or amendment shall be made unless there is present at such meeting not less than one-half of the members of the Council and the resolution is passed by a majority of two-thirds of those present at such meeting.

(e) No business shall be transacted at either a meeting of the Council or of the Executive unless a quorum of members be present except to elect a Chairman if that be necessary or to adjourn the meeting.

27. INTERPRETATION In this Constitution unless inconsistent with the context or subject matter:

"Incumbent" includes Rector, Priest-in-Charge, or Mission Chaplain holding the Licence of a Bishop of a Diocese in South Australia.

"Society" means "The Church of England Boys' Society in South Australia."

"Council" means the Council constituted as herein provided.

"Parish" includes the Parish, Parochial District and Mission District.

"Church" means the Church of England in Australia.

"Executive" means the Executive Committee of the Society constituted as herein provided.

Where the context so admits, the singular includes the plural and vice versa.