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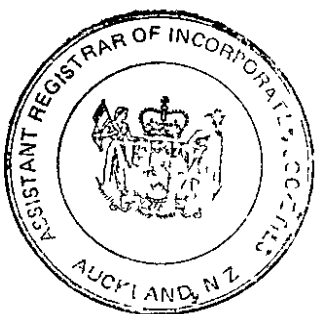
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OF

AUCKLAND WOMEN LAWYERS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

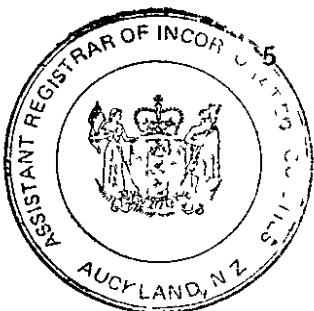
NAME AND OBJECTS

- 1 The name of the Association shall be "Auckland Women Lawyers Association Incorporated."
- 2 The objects of the Association are:
 - (a) To provide a common meeting ground for the support and advancement of women in law;
 - (b) To make suggestions and work for the reform of the law and the administration of the law particularly as it affects women and children;
 - (c) To work for the advancement of women;
 - (d) To participate as a body in matters of interest to the legal profession;
 - (e) To work for and promote the establishment of associations with similar objects throughout New Zealand and to affiliate with such association;
 - (f) To affiliate with and maintain connections with national and international associations with similar objects; and
 - (g) Such other objects as the Association shall in General Meeting from time to time decide.



MEMBERSHIP

- 3 There shall be three classes of members namely:
- (a) Ordinary members
 - (b) Associate members
 - (c) Honorary members
- 4 (a) Subject to the provisions of this constitution the following persons shall be eligible for ordinary and associate membership of the Association
- (i) Women who have been admitted to practice as Barristers or Solicitors of the High Court of New Zealand.
 - (ii) Women who hold a degree in law from any university within New Zealand.
 - (iii) Women who hold a degree in law from any one of such other university or tertiary institution as the committee from time to time prescribe.
 - (iv) Women students enrolled in a university within New Zealand who are proceeding to a degree in law.
- (b) Honorary membership may be conferred by the committee
- (i) On any woman in recognition of meritorious work in any field.
 - (ii) On any visiting woman lawyer or any woman lawyer now resident in New Zealand whose qualifications have been obtained outside New Zealand.
- (a) An Associate member shall have all the privileges of an ordinary member but may not



(1) Vote in relation to motions proposing amendments to this Constitution; and

(11) Be nominated or elected as a member of the committee.

(b) An Honorary member shall have all the privileges of an ordinary member but may not

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(1) Vote at any general meeting

(11) Be nominated or elected as a member of the committee.

6 Applicants for membership and renewal of membership shall apply in writing to the Secretary and shall stipulate whether the application is for ordinary or associate membership.

7 The committee shall have the power to accept or reject applications for ordinary membership or associate membership of the Association.

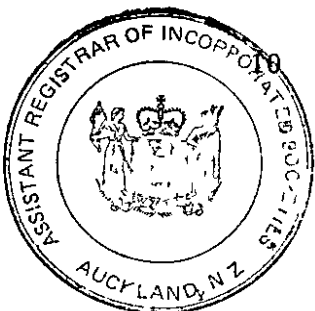
8 The committee may request the resignation of or may suspend or expel any member who has been acting in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the Association.

9 Any applicant whose application has been rejected or any member whose resignation has been requested or who has been suspended or expelled shall:

(a) Be entitled upon the written request of such applicant or member to receive reasons in writing for the decision of the Committee; and

(b) Have a right of appeal to the Association in general meeting.

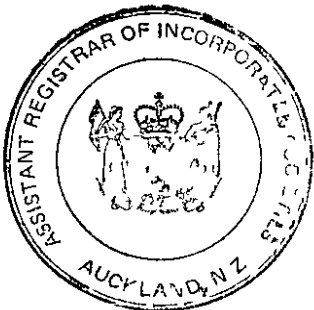
The committee may annul the honorary membership of any person at any time.



- 11 Save as in relation to Clause 5 or in relation to the rate of annual subscription, the term "member" and "members" when used in this constitution shall include respectively an ordinary member and an associate member and ordinary members and associate members.

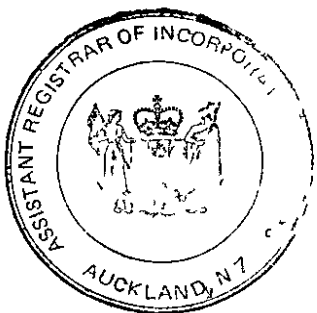
SUBSCRIPTIONS

- 12 (a) The first annual subscriptions shall be fixed at the first Annual General Meeting and shall remain the same until altered by the Association in General Meeting.
- (b) There shall be differing rates of subscription for ordinary members and associate members. The Association may set reduced rates of subscription in respect of different groups of members within such classes of members.
- (c) Subscriptions shall be payable upon admission to the Association and shall cover the period from the date of admission up to and including the date of the next Annual General Meeting. Thereafter subscriptions shall become due and payable at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting in each year.
- 13 (a) A member whose annual subscription remains unpaid for a period of three months after the Annual General Meeting in any year shall be deemed a non-financial member.
- (b) A non-financial member shall not be eligible for election to the committee or appointment to any sub-committee.
- (c) The committee may cancel the membership of any non-financial member.
- (d) A non-financial member shall not be entitled to vote at any General Meeting of the Association.



MEETINGS

- 14 An Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held in each year being not more than thirteen (13) months after the date of the last Annual General Meeting, at such place, date and hour as the committee shall determine. The first Annual General Meeting shall be held within six (6) months of the date of formation of the Association.
- 15 (a) A General Meeting of members may be convened by the committee at any time.
- (b) A General Meeting of members shall be convened by
- (i) The Secretary upon receipt of a requisition stating the business to be dealt with and signed by five members entitled to vote
- (ii) The Secretary upon receipt of a requisition from any applicant or member pursuant to Clause 9.
- (c) A General Meeting required pursuant to clause 15(b)(i) and (ii) shall be convened within twenty one (21) days of the date of receipt of the requisition to deal with the business mentioned in the requisition.
- 16 (a) Notice in writing of the place, date and hour of every Annual General Meeting and General Meeting shall be posted to members at least fourteen (14) days prior to that meeting and the notice shall specify:
- (i) The general nature of the business
- (ii) If an election of the committee or any member to the committee is to form part of the business of the meeting, the last day for receipt of nominations of candidates.
- (b) Non-receipt by any member of such notice of meeting shall not invalidate proceedings at any meeting.

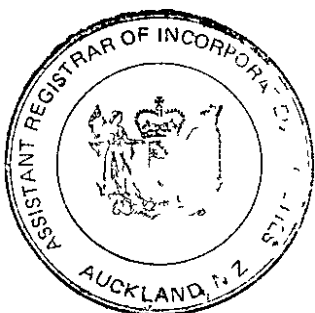


- 17 No business shall be transacted at any Annual General Meeting or at any General Meeting unless a quorum of members is present. Such quorum shall consist of eight (8) members of the Association entitled to vote.
- 18 If within one half hour from the time appointed for the commencement of an Annual General Meeting or General Meeting a quorum of members is not present, such meeting shall be adjourned to the same day in the following week at the same hour and place or to a day and place to be fixed by the President. If a quorum is not present at the subsequent meeting the members present shall be a quorum.
- 19 The President for the time being or in her absence the Vice-President of the Association shall be the Chairperson at every Annual General Meeting and General Meeting of the Association. Provided that in the absence of the President or Vice-President, the members present at such meeting may elect some other member present at the meeting to be the Chairperson.
- 20 Each financial member entitled to vote shall have one vote at any meeting of the Association. In the case of equality of votes the Chairperson shall have a second vote. A resolution put to the meeting shall be determined by a show of hands.

COMMITTEE

- 21 (a) The conduct of the affairs of the Association shall be vested in a committee. The committee shall consist of the President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer and up to six other members.
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- (b) Committee members may be appointed by the President to the following offices

- Minutes Secretary
- Promotions Officer
- Research Convenor
- Student Liaison Officer
- Liaison Officer (general)



- (c) The composition of the committee may be altered from time to time by the Association in General Meeting.

22 The committee shall have the following powers:

- (a) To form such sub-committees as it deems fit
- (b) To co-opt members to such sub-committees
- (c) To make, vary or repeal any by-laws or rules for the pursuit of the objects of the Association
- (d) To transact the affairs of the Association
- (e) To invest the funds of the Association as authorised by the Constitution.

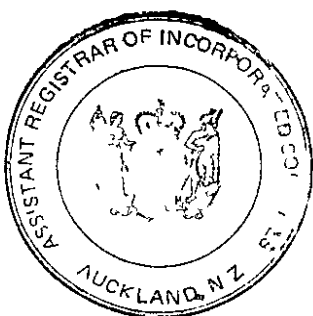
23 At meetings of the committee and any sub-committee each member present, including the President (who shall be ex officio a member of any sub-committee) shall have one vote on any matter and in the case of equality of votes the President shall have a second vote.

24 (a) The Secretary shall:

- (i) Conduct all correspondence and keep copies of same
- (ii) Keep a record of the names and addresses of all members of the Association
- (iii) Keep such other books as the committee may from time to time determine.

(b) The Minutes Secretary shall keep the minutes of all General Meetings of the Association and of all meetings of the committee.

(c) The Promotions Officer shall take all necessary action to promote the activities of the Association, including all social activities.

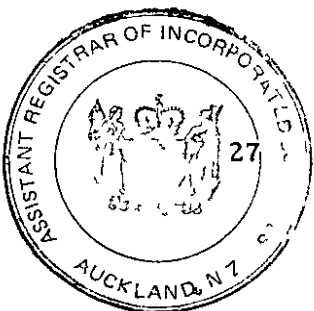


- (d) The Treasurer shall keep proper books of account and shall prepare an annual statement of receipts and expenditure up to and including the last day of February every year, which shall be signed by the President and the Treasurer and duly audited for presentation to the Annual General Meeting of the Association. At the option of the committee, such audit may be conducted by member/s with accountancy qualifications not being member/s of the committee.
- (e) The Research Convenor shall be responsible for the co-ordination of all research work conducted by the Association and shall have power to co-opt members for particular projects. Those persons so co-opted shall be entitled to attend meetings of the committee and to participate in discussion but shall not be entitled to vote at meetings of the committee on the occasion of a formal vote nor to be counted for the purpose of constituting a forum. The Research Convenor shall submit to the Committee reports on any assignments and papers shall issue through the committee.
- (f) The Student Liaison Officer shall liaise with student members of the Association to foster and maintain the interest of students in the Association.
- (g) The Liaison Officer (general) shall liaise with such groups of members as the Committee may from time to time determine to foster and maintain the interest of such groups in the Association.

25 The office of the President shall not be held by the same member for more than three consecutive years.

26 The committee shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Association and shall, except as provided in clause 27 below, hold office until the election of the new committee at the next Annual General Meeting.

A committee member absent from three consecutive meetings of the

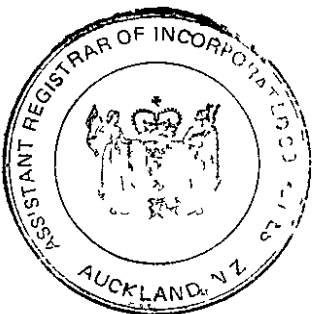


committee, without leave granted by the President, shall cease to be a member of the committee.

- 28 When a vacancy on the committee occurs by death, resignation or otherwise than by the effluxion of time, the committee may fill such vacancy.
- 29 (a) The committee may meet together, adjourn and otherwise regulate its meetings as it thinks fit except that the committee shall meet at least once every three months.
- (b) The President may, and the secretary on the requisition of a member of the committee shall, at any time summon a meeting of the committee.
- (c) *Three*
~~Five~~ members shall be a quorum at committee meetings. If within 20 minutes from the time appointed for the commencement of a committee meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting shall be adjourned to a convenient future date, of which the secretary shall duly notify the members of the committee who were not present.

FUNDS

- 30 (a) All moneys payable to the Association and all negotiable instruments payable to the Association or its order shall so soon as possible after their receipt be paid to the credit of a bank account in the name of the Association.
- (b) Every cheque or withdrawal form shall be signed by not less than any two of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary.
- (c) Funds of the Association may be invested by placing on deposit in any bank, savings bank or deposit company and carrying on business in New Zealand, in or upon Government Securities in New Zealand, in or upon any mortgage of real estate in New Zealand or any security approved by law for the investment of



trust funds, as approved by the committee or such other investment as may be authorised by the Association in General Meeting from time to time.

- (d) The Association shall have the power to borrow money for such purposes and on such terms as the Association in general meeting shall think fit.

ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION

31 This constitution shall not be altered except by resolution passed by a General Meeting of the Association in the following way:

- (a) Notice of the proposed resolution must be given in writing to the secretary who shall include such proposed resolution in full in the notice summoning the meeting.
- (b) Such resolution shall not pass unless carried by a majority of two-thirds of the members entitled to vote present and voting at that meeting.

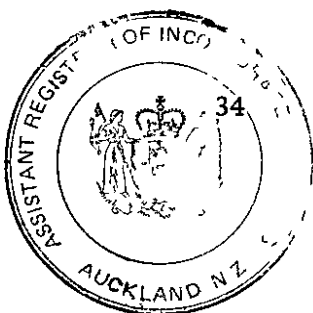
COMMON SEAL

32 The Association shall have a Common Seal which shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary and shall not be affixed to any document or instrument except in pursuance of a resolution of the committee and in the presence of the President, the Secretary and one other member of the committee who shall sign every document or instrument to which the Seal is affixed.

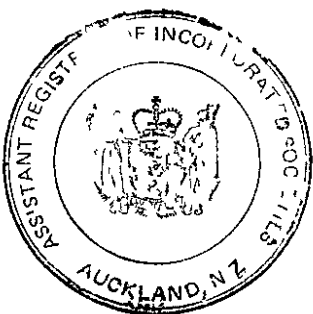
WINDING UP

33 The Association may be wound up if a resolution requiring the Association to be wound up is passed by a majority of the members entitled to vote present and voting at that meeting.

If upon winding up or dissolution of the Association there remains, after the satisfaction of all its liabilities, any property the same shall not be



paid or distributed amongst the members of the Association but shall be disposed of in such manner as a General Meeting confirming the resolution for winding up shall decide.



Incorporated at Auckland, this 2
day of July, 1984
Registrar of Incorporated Societies

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