

FINANCIAL YEAR shall date from January first.

QUORUM: For Executive, seven. For any General Meeting, twenty-five. If at any meeting there is no quorum the meeting shall stand adjourned for a week in case of Executive and for a month in case of General Meeting, when those then present at adjournment may act as though a quorum were present.

GENERAL MEETINGS: Shall be held at least once every three months when the President shall submit a report on behalf of the Executive, and Treasurer shall submit a financial statement.

SPECIAL MEETINGS OF EXECUTIVE may be called by the President and a Vice-President, or by any three members of the Executive, provided that three days' notice in writing be given to each member of Executive.

SPECIAL MEETINGS OF FELLOWSHIP may be called by the Executive, and must be called forthwith if twenty-five Members so petition in writing. Fourteen days' clear notice shall be given of any Special Meeting and shall state business for which it is called.

VOTING: Every member present at any meeting shall have one vote. All resolutions shall be passed by simple majority. In case of even voting, the President or Chairman may, at his discretion, use a casting vote or allow resolution to lapse, in which case it shall not be introduced again for one month from date of lapsing. Voting shall be by show of hand, but any member may require a poll to be taken. No member shall have the right to vote if such member's subscription be more than twelve months in arrears.

ALTERATION TO BY-LAWS: By-Laws may be altered at any General Meeting or by Executive, subject to confirmation at the next following General Meeting.

AUDITOR AND SOLICITOR: An honorary auditor, who is not a member of the Executive, shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting and the Executive may appoint an honorary solicitor.

PROPERTY: All property of the Fellowship shall be under control of the Executive and vested in President, Secretary and Treasurer for the time being as Trustees.

FELLOWSHIP OF AUSTRALIAN WRITERS

CONSTITUTION

NAME

The Society shall consist of the Fellowship of Australian Writers and the Writers' Association in amalgamation and shall bear the name of Fellowship of Australian Writers.

LIFE PATRONS

The life patrons shall be Roderic Quinn of the Fellowship of Australian Writers and Katharine Susannah Pritchard, founder of the Writers' Association.

OBJECTS

1. To encourage the study and practice of literature in Australia.
2. To improve conditions for Australian writers and artists in every way possible.
3. To render assistance to Australian writers and artists in such manner as may be deemed desirable.
4. To defend culture in Australia against censorships and all other attempts to restrict that traditional free speech and free interchange of ideas which have hitherto characterised our Australian democracy.

METHODS FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTS

1. Arranging of lectures and discussions upon all matters of importance or interest to writers.

2. Arranging competitions to foster the development of literature in Australia.
3. Arranging for criticism of manuscripts and works of art.
4. Promoting social contact among writers, artists, and kindred workers.
5. Passing resolutions, organising deputations and petitions, and adopting any such other methods as may seem necessary to secure amendment or abolition of such laws as hamper or restrict culture in Australia.
6. Enlisting support and co-operation of writers, artists, leaders of thought and cultured people generally in Australia.
7. Associating with other bodies having in whole or in part objectives similar to those here enumerated.
8. Maintaining friendly relations with literary and kindred bodies in other countries for purpose of safeguarding social contact and cultural freedom.
9. Encouraging formation of and friendly contact with kindred bodies throughout Australia.
10. Arranging publication of journals, pamphlets, and books.
11. Adopting any other practical methods appropriate to the occasion for furtherance of the objects of the Fellowship.

#### ALTERATION TO CONSTITUTION

This constitution shall be altered only by a General or Special General Meeting on a resolution submitted to Executive, which must then at once give one month's notice in writing to Members of such proposed alteration and of the meeting to which it is to be submitted, and such alteration shall become effective only if passed by a majority of full members present.

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#### BY-LAWS

MEMBERSHIP shall consist of two kinds: Full Members and Associates.

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

Full members shall be:

- (a) Authors, artists, and journalists.

- (b) Anyone whose qualifications are deemed satisfactory by the Executive.

Associates shall be:

All other persons interested in the objects of the Fellowship.

The proportion of Associates to Full Members shall not exceed 60%.

Interpretation of this section shall rest with the Executive.

Hereafter, in all cases where the contrary is not indicated the word "Member" shall include "Associate".

SUBSCRIPTIONS: Subscription for membership shall be ten shillings per annum. The Executive shall have power to remit or reduce the subscription of any individual member. Life membership to be five guineas.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP: To be made on a form approved by the Executive, which may accept or refuse such application at its discretion.

EXECUTIVE: Shall consist of President and four Vice-presidents, who shall be full members; Secretary, one or two Assistant Secretaries, Treasurer, Social Secretary and Publicity Officer, and a committee of fourteen. The Executive may co-opt other members to the Committee but at no time must it exceed seventeen.

ELECTION: Executive shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Fellowship, and shall hold office only until next Annual General Meeting, when all members of the Executive shall retire but shall be eligible for re-election.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP: The Executive shall have the right to terminate the membership of any member, but such member has the right of appeal to the General Meeting, whose decision shall be final.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING shall be held in January or February of each year.