

Appendix 1 - Changes to SBPA Constitution: Amendment of Rules

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Rule No.	Existing Rule(s)	Renumbered Rule No. (if any)	Proposed Rule(s)	Explanation & Reasons for Amendments
3 (f)	N.A.		<p>Honorary Members</p> <p>The Executive Committee may bestow a honorary member to an individual who have contributed to the association or publishing industry similar to associate membership and to be determined by the executive committee the benefits of such a membership.</p>	Add a new clause
4 (f)	N.A.		<p>The Executive Committee can consider a waiver of the entrance fee for new members recruitment exercise from time to time for start-up and micro enterprise publishers only.</p>	To entice recruitment of new SME and start-up publishers.

6 (e)	<p>Where any urgent matter requiring the approval of the executive committee arises and it is not possible to convene a meeting, the Secretary may obtain such approval by means of a circular letter. The following conditions shall be fulfilled before a decision of the executive committee is deemed to have been obtained.</p> <p>(i) The issue shall be clearly set out in the circular and forwarded to all members of the Executive Committee.</p> <p>(ii) The decision shall be by a majority vote.</p>		<p>Where any urgent matter requiring the approval of the executive committee arises and it is not possible to convene a meeting, the Secretary may obtain such approval by means of a circular message via official WhatsApp or email to all executive committee members. The following conditions shall be fulfilled before a decision of the executive committee is deemed to have been obtained.</p> <p>(i) The issue shall be clearly set out in the circular and forwarded to all members of the Executive Committee.</p> <p>(ii) The decision shall be by a majority vote.</p>	To streamline with current practice
6 (l) (i)	<p>The Educational Publishers Council The Educational Publishers Council looks into the interests of members who publish or distribute educational books. It shall not have more than 10 members. The Chairman shall be elected at the first executive committee meeting and the other members shall be nominated by the Chairman with the approval of the Executive Committee.</p>		<p>The Educational Publishers Council looks into the interests of members who publish or distribute educational books. It shall not have more than 10 members. The Chairperson shall be elected at the first executive committee meeting and the other members shall be nominated by the Chairperson with the approval of the Executive Committee.</p>	Change Chairman to Chairperson

<p>6 (l) (ii)</p>	<p>The Book Importers Council The Book Importers Council looks into the interests of members who import books from overseas. It shall not have more than 10 members. The Chairman shall be elected at the first executive committee meeting and the other members shall be nominated by the Chairman with the approval of the Executive Committee.</p>		<p>The Trade and General Publishing Council looks into the interests of members who publish and distribute for the general book trade.</p> <p>The Chairperson shall be elected at the first executive committee meeting and the other members shall be nominated by the Chairperson with the approval of the Executive Committee.</p>	<p>To merge the Book Importers and Book Exporters Council into the Trade and General Publishing Council. Change Chairman to Chairperson</p>
<p>6 (l) (iii)</p>	<p>The Book Exporters Council The Book Exporters Council looks into the interests of members who export books to other countries. It shall not have more than 10 members. The Chairman shall be elected at the first executive committee meeting and the other members shall be nominated by the Chairman with the approval of the Executive Committee.</p>		<p>deleted</p>	<p>To merge the Book Importers and Book Exporters Council into the Trade and General Publishing Council</p>

6 (l) (iv)	The Academic and Scholarly Publishers Council The Academic and Scholarly Publishers Council looks into the interest of members who publish academic and scholarly books. It shall not have more than 10 members. The Chairman shall be elected at the first executive committee meeting and the other members shall be nominated by the Chairman with the approval of the Executive Committee.	6 (l) (iii)	The Academic and Scholarly Publishers Council looks into the interest of members who publish academic and scholarly books. It shall not have more than 10 members. The Chairperson shall be elected at the first executive committee meeting and the other members shall be nominated by the Chairperson with the approval of the Executive Committee.	Change Chairman to Chairperson .To renumber this to rule 6 (l) (iii)
6 (l) (v)	The Direct Marketing Council The Direct Marketing Council looks into the interests of members who engage in direct marketing and shall not have more than 10 members. The Chairman shall be elected at the first executive committee meeting and the other members shall be nominated by the Chairman with the approval of the Executive Committee.		deleted	inactive
6 (l) (vi)	Social Functions Committee The Social Functions Committee organises social activities for the members. It shall not have more than five members. The Chairman shall be elected at the first executive committee meeting and other members shall be nominated by the Chairman with the approval of the Executive Committee.		deleted	inactive

6 (l) (vii)	<p>New Members Committee The New Members Committee investigates, processes and recommends applications for membership. It shall not have more than five members. The Chairman shall be elected at the first executive committee meeting and other members shall be nominated by the Chairman with the approval of the Executive Committee.</p>	6 (l) (iv)	<p>New Members Committee The New Members Committee investigates, processes and recommends applications for membership. It shall not have more than five members. The Chairperson shall be elected at the first executive committee meeting and other members shall be nominated by the Chairperson with the approval of the Executive Committee.</p>	Change Chairman to Chairperson and renumber the clause to 6 (l) (iv)
6 (l) (viii)	<p>SBPA Directory Committee The SBPA Directory Committee updates and publishes the SBPA directory and shall not have more than five members. The Chairman shall be elected at the first executive committee meeting and other members shall be nominated by the Chairman with the approval of the Executive Committee.</p>		deleted	Task undertaken by General and Trade Publishing Council
6 (l) (ix)	<p>Newsletters and Magazines Committee The Newsletters and Magazines Committee publishes SBPA newsletters and magazines and shall not have more than five members. The Chairman shall be elected at the first executive committee meeting and other members shall be nominated by the Chairman with the approval of the Executive Committee.</p>		deleted	inactive

6 (l) (x)	<p>Talks and Seminars Committee</p> <p>The Talks and Seminars Committee organises talks and seminars and shall not have more than five members. The Chairman shall be elected at the first executive committee meeting and other members shall be nominated by the Chairman with the approval of the Executive Committee.</p>		deleted	Task undertaken by secretariat with guidance of one Exco Member appointed by the President
6 (l) (xi)	<p>Property Management Committee</p> <p>The Property Management Committee manages the association's properties and shall not have more than five members. The Chairman shall be elected at the first Executive Committee meeting and other members shall be nominated by the Chairman with the approval of the Executive Committee.</p>		deleted	inactive
6 (l) (xii)	<p>Magazine Publishers Committee</p> <p>The Magazine Publishers Committee looks into the interests of magazine publishers and distributors. It shall not have more than five members. The Chairman shall be elected at the first executive committee meeting and other members shall be nominated by the Chairman with the approval of the Executive Committee.</p>		deleted	inactive

6 (l) (xiii)	Institute of Publishing Council The Institute of Publishing Council organises training courses for members. It shall not have more than ten members. The Chairman shall be elected at the first executive committee meeting and other members shall be nominated by the Chairman with the approval of the Executive Committee.		deleted	Task undertaken by secretariat as SBPA Academy.
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