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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE OLD RAFFLESIANS' ASSOCIATION**

Present Article	Proposed Article	Reason(s) for Change
<p>Article 1 This Society shall be known as the “OLD RAFFLESIANS' ASSOCIATION”, hereinafter referred to as the “Association”</p>	NA	NA
<p>Article 2</p> <p><u>PLACE OF BUSINESS</u> Its place of business shall be at 1 Raffles Institution Lane Singapore 575954 or such other address as may subsequently be decided upon by the Central Executive Council and approved by the Registrar of Societies. The Association shall carry out its activities only in places and premises which have the prior written approval from the relevant authorities, where necessary.</p>	NA	NA
<p>Article 3</p> <p><u>OBJECTS</u> 3.1 The objects of the Association shall be:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) To promote and develop friendly relationship amongst former pupils of Raffles Institution (Year 1 to Year 6), including those from its predecessors, and Raffles Girls' School (Secondary) (collectively known as the Raffles' Family) through various activities.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) To promote co-operation amongst former and present pupils of the Raffles' Family through sporting, social and cultural activities.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(c) To support and promote the development of the schools in their pursuit of excellence in all spheres.</p>	<p>NA</p> <p>NA</p> <p>NA</p> <p>(d) To promote the endeavours of the Raffles' Family that uplift lives and communities in Singapore.</p>	<p>NA</p> <p>NA</p> <p>NA</p> <p>To be more inclusive</p>



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Article 4		
<u>INTERPRETATION</u>		
4.1 In these Articles, unless there is something repugnant in the context or otherwise,		
(a) The "Association" shall mean Old Rafflesians' Association.	NA	NA
(b) "A pupil of the Raffles' Family" shall mean a pupil who is undergoing full-time course of secondary or post-secondary education at either of the schools in the Raffles' Family.	NA	NA
(c) "A graduate of the Raffles' Family" shall mean a person who has completed his secondary or post-secondary education at either of the schools in the Raffles' Family and has received a certificate or document from the school or the relevant authority as proof of such completion.	NA	NA
(d) "The Principals" shall mean the persons who, from time to time, are holding or acting in the posts of Principals/Headmaster of either of the schools in the Raffles' Family.	NA	NA
(e) "Youth" shall mean a person who meets the criteria set forth in this Constitution to be admitted as an Ordinary Member or Associate Member but is of the age of 35 and below.	NA	NA
4.2 The words "President", "Vice President", "Hon Secretary", "Assistant Hon Secretary", "Hon Treasurer", "Assistant Hon Treasurer", "Council", "member" and "membership" shall mean respectively the President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary, Assistant Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Assistant Honorary Treasurer, Council, member and membership of the Association respectively.	The words "President", "Vice President", "Hon Secretary", "Hon Assistant Secretary", "Hon Treasurer", "Hon Assistant Treasurer", "Council", "member" and "membership" shall mean respectively the President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Assistant Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Assistant Treasurer, Council, member and membership of the Association respectively.	Correct & replace terms.



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4.3 The word “Member” shall refer to all Ordinary and Associate members.	NA	NA
4.4 The word “Council Member” shall refer to an Ordinary Member elected to the Central Executive Council.	NA	NA
4.5 Words importing the singular number include the plural number and vice versa and words importing and masculine gender include the feminine gender where the context so admits.	NA	NA
<u>MEMBERSHIP</u> Article 5 - Ordinary Membership This category shall be open to all graduates of the Raffles' Family provided they are not currently attending secondary schools, centralised institutes or junior colleges. A Member on becoming a student at an institute of higher learning shall, ipso facto, cease to be an ordinary member during the period of his/her studies.	<u>MEMBERSHIP</u> Article 5 - Ordinary Membership This category shall be open to all graduates of the Raffles' Family provided they are not currently attending secondary schools, centralised institutes or junior colleges.	Irrelevant now
Article 6 - Honorary Members The Council may appoint Honorary Members at any time during its term in office. Only the Principals and members of the teaching staff of either of the schools in the Raffles' Family shall be eligible for such appointment. Honorary Members shall not have any vote at a General Meeting, hold office within the Association or have any say in the management of the Association.	Article 6 - Honorary Members The Council may appoint Honorary Members at any time during its term in office. Only the Principals and members of the teaching staff of either of the schools in the Raffles' Family shall be eligible for such appointment. Honorary Members shall not have any vote at a General Meeting, hold office within the Association or have any say in the management of the Association. The tenure of the Honorary Member shall be one year unless it is renewed annually by the Council.	To include tenure term for Honorary Members.
Article 7 - Honorary Life Membership The Council may elect, by unanimous vote, to an Honorary Life Membership any person who, in its opinion has rendered valuable services & contributions to the Association, the Raffles' Family or the nation. An Honorary Life Member shall not have any vote at a General Meeting, hold office within the Association or have any say in the management of the Association.	NA	NA

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<p>Article 8 - Associate Membership Students of institutions of higher learning who are graduates of either of the schools in the Raffles' Family are eligible for Associate Membership provided always that they are not currently attending secondary schools, centralised institutes or junior colleges. An Associate Member will cease to be such once he leaves such institutions or 5 years from the date of being accepted as an Associate Member. The Council may thereafter extend the Associate Membership on a year-to-year basis.</p>	<p>Article 8 - Associate Membership Current students of the schools in the Raffles' Family and full-time National Servicemen (as defined under the Enlistment Act 1970) are eligible for Associate Membership.</p>	<p>To redefine Associate Membership tier to be applicable only to current students & NSF men.</p>
<p>Article 9 – Rights and Privileges of Membership Subject to Article 23.2, only Ordinary Members who have paid their membership fee in full and obtained their membership for a continuous period of at least three (3) months before the date of notice of the General Meeting shall be eligible to hold office in the Council, to nominate or second the nomination of a candidate for election to the Council and to vote at General Meetings of the Association.</p>	<p>NA</p>	<p>NA</p>
<p>Article 10 – Application for Membership Application for Ordinary and Associate Membership shall be made on prescribed form(s) or by any other means which should be sent to the Honorary Secretary. All applications shall be considered by the Council, whose decisions shall be final.</p>	<p>NA</p>	<p>NA</p>
<p><u>MEMBERSHIP FEE</u></p> <p>Article 11 – Membership Fee There shall be a one-time membership fee of S\$300 for Ordinary Members (subject to Article 12) and no membership fee for Associate Members. There is no subscription fee to be levied on either of the membership.</p>	<p><u>MEMBERSHIP FEE</u></p> <p>Article 11 – Membership Fee There shall be a one-time membership fee for Ordinary Members (subject to Article 12). The membership fee shall be determined and fixed by the Council from time to time.</p>	<p>To allow changes to membership fee where required by the Council.</p>
<p>Article 12 – Members above the age of 55 Graduates of the Raffles' Family who are of age 55 and above at the time of their applications for membership shall pay a discounted membership fee of \$150. Such discounts shall be given on valid proofs to age being produced to the satisfaction of Council, whose decisions shall be final.</p>	<p>Article 12 – Members above the age of 60 Graduates of the Raffles' Family who are of age 60 and above at the time of their applications for membership shall pay a discounted membership fee that shall be determined and fixed by the Council from time to time. Such discounts shall be given on valid proof to age being produced to the satisfaction of Council, whose decisions shall be final.</p>	<p>To revise age to 60 and allow changes to membership fee where required by the Council.</p>



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<p>Article 13 – Payment of Membership Fee Unless otherwise provided, the sum of S\$300 (or S\$150 in the case of an applicant of age 55 and above) shall be paid in full immediately by an applicant at the time of his application for membership as an Ordinary Member, subject to a full refund without interest by the Council should his application be rejected for reason other than late payment of membership fee. An applicant may apply to pay the membership fee in three (3) equal monthly instalments, without additional interest being charged, with the first instalment payable at the time of application. The second instalment shall fall due on the 30th day from the date of the first instalment. The third instalment shall fall on the 60th day from the date of the first instalment. Payment may be made in cash, cheque, through electronic means or other means as prescribed by the Council. Membership shall begin only upon full payment of membership fee. An applicant who fails to pay the full membership fee after three (3) months from the date of his application for membership shall not be admitted as member. No refund shall be made for monies paid in the event of such a rejection of application of membership by the Council in accordance with this Article.</p>	<p>Article 13 – Payment of Membership Fee Unless otherwise provided, membership fees shall be paid in full by an applicant at the time of his application for membership as an Ordinary Member, subject to a full refund without interest by the Council should his application be rejected for reason other than late payment of membership fee. An applicant may apply to pay the membership fee in three (3) equal monthly instalments, without additional interest being charged, with the first instalment payable at the time of application. The second instalment shall fall due on the 30th day from the date of the first instalment. The third instalment shall fall on the 60th day from the date of the first instalment. Payment may be made in cash, cheque, through electronic means or other means as prescribed by the Council. An applicant who is in arrears in membership fee may, subject to the decision of the Council, have his membership terminated or suspended. No refund shall be made for monies paid in the event of such a rejection of application of membership by the Council in accordance with this Article.</p>	<p>To be consistent with Article 11 & 12 where membership fee is not required to be stated and to remove membership payment terms for membership rejection.</p>
<p>Article 14 – Special Provisions on Membership Fee No membership fee shall be levied on Honorary Members or Honorary Life Members. Unless otherwise provided, no refund shall be made for monies paid under Articles 11, 12 and 13 in the event that membership is terminated or suspended for whatever reason. The rate and mode of payment of the membership fee under Articles 11, 12 and 13 herein may only be varied by the unanimous vote of the Council.</p>	<p>NA</p>	<p>NA</p>
<p>Article 15 – Re-admission The Council may, at its absolute discretion, accept or reject an application for re-admission or reinstatement to membership of the Association.</p>	<p>NA</p>	<p>NA</p>



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<p><u>GENERAL MEETINGS</u></p> <p>Article 16 - Authority The supreme authority of the Association is vested in a General Meeting of the members.</p>	NA	NA
<p>Article 17 – Annual General Meeting An Annual General Meeting, for which fourteen days' notice shall be given in writing, shall be held within three (3) months to six (6) months from the financial year end. The meeting shall receive the report of the President for the year under review, consider, and if approved, pass the audited accounts submitted, elect members of the Council and transact any other business which may arise in relation thereto or incidental therewith.</p>	<p>Article 17 – Annual General Meeting An Annual General Meeting, for which fourteen days' notice shall be given in writing, shall be held within six (6) months from the financial year end. The meeting shall receive the report of the President for the year under review, consider, and if approved, pass the audited accounts submitted, elect members of the Council and transact any other business which may arise in relation thereto or incidental therewith.</p>	To include that notice shall be given in writing and extend allowable duration for AGM to be held within 6 months from financial year end.
<p>Article 18 – Extraordinary General Meeting</p> <p>18.1 An Extraordinary General Meeting, for which fourteen days' notice shall be given in writing, may be called by the Council for dealing with any special business (this being business other than that transacted at the Annual General Meeting) as is required to be so dealt with under these Articles. Such a meeting shall also be called within twenty-one days of the receipt by the Honorary Secretary of a written requisition stating the nature of the business and signed by not less than fifty (50) Ordinary Members.</p> <p>18.2 If the Central Executive Council does not within two (2) months after the date of the receipt of the written request hold the Extraordinary General meeting, the Ordinary Members who requested for the Extraordinary General Meeting shall convene the Extraordinary General Meeting by giving ten (10) day's notice to voting members setting forth the business to be transacted.</p>	<p>Article 18 – Extraordinary General Meeting</p> <p>18.1 An Extraordinary General Meeting, for which fourteen days' notice shall be given in writing, may be called by the Council for dealing with any special business (this being business other than that transacted at the Annual General Meeting) as is required to be so dealt with under these Articles. Such a meeting shall also be called within thirty (30) days of the receipt by the Honorary Secretary of a written requisition submitted via a prescribed form stating the nature of the business and signed by not less than eighty (80) Ordinary Members.</p> <p>18.2 If the Central Executive Council does not within two (2) months after the date of the receipt of the written request hold the Extraordinary General meeting, the Ordinary Members who requested for the Extraordinary General Meeting shall convene the Extraordinary General Meeting by giving fourteen (14) days' notice to voting members setting forth the business to be transacted.</p>	<p>To include that notice shall be given in writing and extend duration for meeting to be called within 30 days of receipt of request.</p> <p>To add the need to submit request via a prescribed form and increase the number of signed Ordinary Members to 80.</p> <p>To change notice period to 14 days to be consistent with Article 18.1.</p>



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<p>New Article</p>	<p>Article 19 – Mode of General Meetings All General Meetings may be conducted either physically or through electronic means, including but not limited to video conferencing, or a hybrid of both physical and virtual, in accordance with the procedures outlined in this Constitution. Virtual meetings may be recorded as deemed necessary by the Council for record-keeping purposes.</p>	<p>Addition of new article to stay relevant with times and to allow virtual and hybrid AGMs</p>
<p>Article 19 – Quorum The quorum for a General Meeting shall be one-quarter of the total voting membership or fifty (50) Ordinary Members, whichever is less. In the event of there being no quorum, the meeting shall be adjourned for half an hour and should the number then present be insufficient to form a quorum, those present shall constitute the quorum, but they shall have no power to alter, amend or make additions to any existing Articles.</p>	<p>Article 20 – Quorum 20.1 The quorum for a: (a) General Meeting shall be one-quarter (25%) of the total voting membership or twenty-five (25) Ordinary Members, whichever is less present in accordance with Article 19; and (b) Extraordinary General Meeting shall be one-quarter (25%) of the total voting membership or fifty (50) Ordinary Members, whichever is less present in accordance with Article 19.</p> <p>20.2 In the event of there being no quorum, the meeting shall be adjourned for half an hour and should the number then present be insufficient to form a quorum, those present shall constitute the quorum, but they shall have no power to alter, amend or make additions to any existing Articles.</p>	<p>Re-numbering of Article. To indicate quorum for both Annual & Extraordinary General Meeting.</p>
<p>Article 20 – Voting 20.1 At any General Meeting, a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands. Where a resolution put to the vote of meeting is to be decided on a show of hands, every member who is present in person shall have one vote.</p> <p>20.2 Subject to Article 9, every member shall be entitled to be present and to vote at any General Meeting personally and to be reckoned in a quorum only if he has been admitted as an Ordinary Member at least three (3) months before the date of the notice of the General Meeting and fees in respect of his membership has been</p>	<p>Article 21 – Voting 21.1 At any General Meeting, a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands. Where a resolution put to the vote of meeting is to be decided on a show of hands, every member who is present in person shall have one vote.</p> <p>21.2 Subject to Article 9, every member shall be entitled to be present and to vote at any General Meeting personally and to be reckoned in a quorum only if he has been admitted as an Ordinary Member at least three (3) months before the date of the notice of the General</p>	<p>Re-numbering of Article.</p> <p>Re-numbering of Article.</p>

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<p>fully paid and none remains outstanding as at the date of the meeting.</p>	<p>Meeting and fees due in respect of his membership has been fully paid and none remains outstanding as at the date of the meeting.</p> <p>21.3 Subject to Article 21.2, votes may be given either personally or by proxy only for amendments to Constitution. An Ordinary Member shall appoint the Chairperson of the meeting as his proxy via a prescribed form. The appointment of a proxy shall be notified to the Honorary Secretary not less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.</p> <p>21.4 Unless otherwise provided for in this Constitution, resolutions at any meeting of ORA shall be decided by a majority of votes, and in the case of equality of votes, the chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.</p> <p>21.5 For the avoidance of doubt, the mere presence of a proxy shall not be considered to be attendance for the purpose of Article 20.</p>	<p>To include an Article on voting via proxy for Constitution changes.</p> <p>To include an Article on the casting vote.</p>
<p><u>MANAGEMENT AND COUNCIL</u></p> <p>Article 21 – Central Executive Council</p> <p>21.1 The management of the affairs of the Association shall be vested in a Central Executive Council, hereinafter referred to as the "Council", consisting of a President, a Vice-President, an Honorary Secretary, an Assistant Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer, and Assistant Honorary Treasurer and five other members, who shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting. In addition, the Council shall comprise the chairpersons of the Chapters of Raffles Girls' School (Secondary) and Youth (or his nominees).</p>	<p><u>MANAGEMENT AND COUNCIL</u></p> <p>Article 22 – Central Executive Council</p> <p>22.1 The management of the affairs of the Association shall be vested in a Central Executive Council, hereinafter referred to as the "Council", consisting of a President, a Vice-President, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Assistant Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer, and Honorary Assistant Treasurer and five other members, who shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting.</p>	<p>Re-numbering of Article.</p> <p>Correct & replace terms.</p> <p>Removal of last sentence as it is no longer valid.</p>
<p>21.2 The tenure of the Council shall end on the second anniversary of the Annual General Meeting at which that Council was elected. Provided always that the office of any member of the Council may be declared vacant in accordance with these Articles or any member of the Council may retire from office at any time during</p>	<p>22.2 The tenure of the Council shall end on the second anniversary of the Annual General Meeting at which that Council was elected. Provided always that the office of any member of the Council may be declared vacant in accordance with these Articles or any member of the</p>	<p>Re-numbering of Article.</p>

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<p>his tenure in which event his office shall be filled by an Ordinary Member elected at the following Annual General Meeting and until such election, the Council may appoint an Ordinary Member in place thereof to hold office till that Annual General Meeting. Any changes in the Council shall be notified to the Registrar of Societies within two (2) weeks of the change.</p>	<p>Council may retire from office at any time during his tenure in which event his office shall be filled by an Ordinary Member elected at the following Annual General Meeting and until such election, the Council may appoint an Ordinary Member in place thereof to hold office and fill the casual vacancy till that Annual General Meeting. Any changes in the Council shall be notified to the Registrar of Societies within two (2) weeks of the change.</p>	<p>Added in “and fill the casual vacancy” to complete the statement.</p>
<p>21.3 All members of the Council may be re-elected with the exception of the Honorary Treasurer who shall not be re-elected to the same or related post immediately after the end of his term and the President who shall not be re-elected to the same or related post immediately after three consecutive terms.</p>	<p>22.3 All members of the Council may be re-elected with the exception of the Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Assistant Treasurer who shall not be re-elected to the same or related post immediately after the end of his term and the President who shall not be re-elected to the same or related post immediately after three consecutive terms.</p>	<p>Re-numbering of Article. Included Honorary Assistant Treasurer in this Article.</p>
<p>Article 22 - Duties The duties of the Council shall include the organisation and supervision of the day to day activities of the Association and to make decisions towards achieving the objectives of the Association.</p>	<p>Article 23 - Duties The duties of the Council shall include the organisation and supervision of the day to day activities of the Association and to make decisions towards achieving the objectives of the Association.</p>	<p>Re-numbering of Article.</p>
<p>Article 23 – Election and Vacancies 23.1 Subject to Article 9, an Ordinary Member seeking election to the Council shall be nominated by another Ordinary Member; the nominated member must be seconded by a different Ordinary Member. The nomination shall take place, in the presence of the members, at the Annual General Meeting, where the nominated member, the member nominating and the member seconding the nomination shall be present in person.</p>	<p>Article 24 – Election and Vacancies 24.1 Subject to Article 9, an Ordinary Member seeking election to the Council shall be nominated by another Ordinary Member; the nominated member must be seconded by a different Ordinary Member. The nomination form must be submitted to the Honorary Secretary at least fourteen (14) days before the Annual General Meeting. Every Ordinary Member shall be entitled to vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies to be filled and no more. The nomination shall take place, in the presence of the members, at the Annual General Meeting, where the nominated member and the member nominating shall be present either in person or virtually.</p>	<p>Re-numbering of Article. Inclusion of nomination process via prescribed form and amend the need for all parties to be physically present.</p>
<p>23.2 Any Ordinary Member seeking election to the Council as the President must have previously served at least for a term as an elected member (in whatever capacity) of the Council and</p>	<p>24.2 The election of President shall be as follows: a) Any Ordinary Member seeking election to the Council as the President must have previously</p>	<p>Re-numbering of Article. Changes to criteria for Ordinary Member seeking election as President.</p>



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<p>achieved not less than 75% attendance at Council meetings held during his most recent term in office as a Council Member.</p>	<p>served at least for a term in the last 3 consecutive terms leading to the current election as an elected member (in whatever capacity) of the Council and have achieved not less than 60% attendance at Council meetings held during his most recent term in office as a Council Member.</p> <p>b) In the event there is no eligible candidate who is seeking election as the President as provided in Article 24.2(a), then the position of President shall be filled in accordance with Article 24.1.</p>	
<p>23.3 The Council shall have power to fill vacancies in its ranks, but when a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the Vice-President shall ipso facto become President.</p>	<p>24.3 The Council shall have power to fill vacancies in its ranks, but when a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the Vice-President shall ipso facto become President.</p>	<p>Re-numbering of Article.</p>
<p>Article 24 – Co-opted Council Members and Sub-Committees The Council shall have power to appoint sub-committee and to co-opt up to a maximum of 3 members into the Council whenever it deem necessary. Such sub-committee members and Co-opted Council Members shall not have any voting rights during Council meetings.</p>	<p>Article 25 – Co-opted Council Members and Sub-Committees The Council shall have power to appoint sub-committee and to co-opt up to a maximum of 8 members into the Council whenever it deems necessary. Such sub-committee members and Co-opted Council Members shall not have any voting rights during Council meetings.</p>	<p>Re-numbering of Article. Increase maximum number of co-opt members to 8.</p>
<p>Article 25 – Disciplinary Action and No Representation 25.1 The Council shall have power to censure and/or remove the name of any member from the Register of Members on the grounds of that member's misconduct which in opinion of the Council is injurious to the character or interests of the Association. Such a member thus expelled or censured may appeal at the following Annual or Extra-ordinary General Meeting. The decision of the general meeting of members shall be final. Members removed in accordance with this Article shall not have his membership fee, if any, refunded.</p>	<p>Article 26 – Disciplinary Action and No Representation 26.1 The Council shall have power to censure and/or remove the name of any member from the Register of Members on the grounds of that member's misconduct which in opinion of the Council is injurious to the character or interests of the Association. Such a member thus expelled or censured may appeal at the following Annual or Extra-ordinary General Meeting. The decision of the general meeting of members shall be final. Members removed in accordance with this Article shall not have his membership fee, if any, refunded.</p>	<p>Re-numbering of Article.</p>
<p>25.2 No member, other than the President, Vice President or a Council Member authorised by the Council at a Council Meeting, shall represent the Association or use the Association symbols without the sanction of the Council. A member</p>	<p>26.2 No member, other than the President, Vice President or a Council Member authorised by the Council at a Council Meeting, shall represent the Association or use the Association symbols without the sanction of the</p>	<p>Re-numbering of Article.</p>

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violating this Article shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Council.	Council. A member violating this Article shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Council.	
<p>Article 26 - Meetings Meeting of the Council shall be held as far as possible monthly and in any case not less than eight times during the year. At such meetings one half of the Council Members shall form a quorum. If any Council Member without sufficient cause fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Council, the Council may by resolution declare his office to be vacant and thereupon he shall cease to be a Council Member.</p>	<p>Article 27 - Meetings Meeting of the Council shall be held as far as possible monthly and in any case not less than eight times during the year. At such meetings one half of the Council Members shall form a quorum. Council Member may attend the meeting in person or through electronic mode such as video or audio conferencing. Council Member attending the meeting through the electronic mode will be counted for the purpose of quorum and his vote shall be taken into account as if he is appearing in person. If any Council Member without sufficient cause fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Council, the Council may by resolution declare his office to be vacant and thereupon he shall cease to be a Council Member.</p>	<p>Re-numbering of Article.</p> <p>Inclusion of attendance via virtual means as quorum.</p>
<p>Article 27 – Notice of Meetings A notice convening a meeting of any Council or sub-committee shall be issued not less than three days before the date of the meeting.</p>	<p>Article 28 – Notice of Meetings A notice convening a meeting of any Council or sub-committee shall be issued not less than three days before the date of the meeting.</p>	Re-numbering of Article.
<p>Article 28 – Casting Vote The Chairperson shall have a casting vote at any General or Council Meetings.</p>	<p>Article 29 – Casting Vote The Chairperson shall have a casting vote at any General, Council or Committee Meetings.</p>	<p>Re-numbering of Article.</p> <p>Inclusion of Committee Meetings.</p>
<p>Article 29 – Chairman The President or, in his absence, the Vice-President shall preside at any General or Council meeting. In the absence of the President and the Vice President, the members present shall appoint one of their numbers to be the chairperson.</p>	<p>Article 30 – Chairman The President or, in his absence, the Vice-President shall preside at any General or Council meeting. In the absence of the President and the Vice President, the members present shall appoint one of their numbers to be the chairperson.</p>	Re-numbering of Article.
<p>Article 30 – Chapters 30.1 The Council may with the prior approval of the Registrar of Societies establish any number of branches (hereinafter referred to as 'Chapters') it deems fit. The objects of the Chapter shall be similar to that of the Association as set out in Article 3 of this Constitution.</p>		Removal of Article 30 as it is no longer valid.



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<p>30.2 The Association shall have various Chapters to represent the interests of the members comprised therein. The Chapters of the Association are: (a) Chapter for RGS (b) Chapter for Youth</p> <p>Chapters are to be established, controlled, suspended or disbanded by the Council.</p> <p>30.3 The Chapters shall comprise the following members: (a) Chapter for RGS: Ordinary Members who were graduates of Raffles Girls' School (Secondary); (b) Chapter for Youth: Associate Members and Ordinary Members between the ages of 17 to 35 (both ages inclusive).</p> <p>Enrolment to the various Chapters shall be automatic upon a member meeting the stipulated requirements and no additional membership fee is payable. Memberships in the various Chapters are not mutually exclusive.</p> <p>30.4 The minimum number of members required for setting up a Chapter shall be 20. This minimum number of 20 shall be maintained at all times, failing which the Chapter shall have no voting rights and shall not constitute the total voting strength at a Council Meeting.</p> <p>30.5 The Articles of each Chapter shall be modelled on that of the Association with such modification as may be necessary and shall not be such as to make it an independent organisation not under the control of the Association. Such Articles are to be approved by the Council and any subsequent amendments are also subject to the approval of the Council. Each Chapter shall hold its own AGM to elect a management committee.</p> <p>30.6 Any Chapter that is formed shall be approved by the Council and the Registrar of Societies.</p>		

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<p>30.7 Where the Council is of the opinion that the Chapter can no longer exist under this Constitution, the Council may suspend or terminate the activities of that Chapter.</p> <p>30.8 Each Chapter shall be represented in the Council by its Chapter Chairperson or by a person nominated in writing by him.</p>		
<p><u>DUTIES OF OFFICE-BEARERS</u></p> <p>Article 31 – President and Vice-President The President shall act as Chairman at all General and Council meetings. The Vice- President shall deputise for the President in the latter's absence.</p>	NA	NA
<p>Article 32 – Honorary Secretary The Honorary Secretary shall maintain a Register of Members and keep a proper record of the Council proceedings and of all correspondence and matter relating to the Association. He shall issue notices and carry out all other duties generally appertaining to this office. He shall inform every newly admitted member of his admission and shall furnish such duly admitted member with a copy of this Constitution. The Assistant Hon Secretary shall deputise for the Hon Secretary in the latter's absence.</p>	<p>Article 32 – Honorary Secretary The Honorary Secretary shall maintain a Register of Members and keep a proper record of the Council proceedings and of all correspondence and matter relating to the Association. He shall issue notices and carry out all other duties generally appertaining to this office. He shall inform every newly admitted member of his admission and shall furnish such duly admitted member with a copy of this Constitution. The Honorary Assistant Secretary shall deputise for the Honorary Secretary in the latter's absence.</p>	Correct & replace terms.
<p>Article 33 – Honorary Treasurer The Honorary Treasurer shall maintain proper books of account and record therein particulars of all monies received and all payments made. He shall issue receipts for all cash payments made to the Association. He shall disburse all monies on behalf of the Association and shall be authorised to expend up to Three Hundred Dollars (S\$300.00) per month for petty expenses on behalf of the Association. He shall draw up periodic statements of accounts for presentation to the Council and Annual Financial Statements to the General Meeting. The Assistant Hon Treasurer shall deputise for the Hon Treasurer in the latter's absence.</p>	<p>Article 33 – Honorary Treasurer The Honorary Treasurer shall maintain proper books of account and record therein particulars of all monies received and all payments made. He shall disburse all monies on behalf of the Association and be authorised to expend according to the Association's Financial Policy, which will be updated from time to time, as deem necessary by the Honorary Treasurer and Council. He shall draw up periodic statements of accounts for presentation to the Council and Annual Financial Statements to the General Meeting. The Honorary Assistant Treasurer shall deputise for the Honorary Treasurer in the latter's absence.</p>	<p>To allow consistency with the Association's Financial Policy.</p> <p>Correct & replace terms.</p>

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<u>AUDIT AND FINANCIAL YEAR</u>		
Article 34 - Auditors		
34.1 The Association shall at each Annual General Meeting appoint a firm of auditors to hold office until the next Annual General Meeting. No firm of which any partner thereof is an office bearer of the Association shall be eligible for the appointment as auditor. Any firm which has been appointed as auditors by the Association consecutively for five (5) years immediately prior to the Annual General Meeting shall not be eligible to be appointed as auditor at the current Annual General Meeting.	NA	NA
34.2 Every auditor appointed by the Association shall have access at all times to the books and accounts of the Association and shall be entitled to inquire and acquire from all office bearers of the Association such information as may be necessary for the performance of the duties of the auditor.	NA	NA
34.3 The auditor shall inspect and audit the accounts and all other relevant records of the Association and shall forthwith draw the attention of the Executive Council to any irregularity disclosed by the inspection and audit that is, in the auditor's opinion, of sufficient importance to justify their so doing.	NA	NA
34.4 The auditor shall report: 34.4.1 whether the financial statements of the Association show fairly the financial transactions and the state of affairs of the Association; 34.4.2 whether proper accounting and other records have been kept; 34.4.3 whether the receipt, expenditure and investment of monies and the acquisition and disposal of assets by the Association during the year have been in accordance with law and the Constitution of the Association; and 34.4.4 such other matters arising from the audit as the auditor considers should be reported on.	NA	NA
Article 35 – Financial Period The Financial Year shall be from 1st January to 31st December.	NA	NA



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<p><u>FUNDS</u></p> <p>Article 36 - Accounts An account or accounts shall be opened in the name of the Association with a Bank or Banks approved by the Council. All monies received shall be duly deposited therein except for a sum not exceeding S\$300 which may be retained by the Honorary Treasurer for petty expenses. All authorisation for the withdrawal of monies shall be signed by the President or by the Vice-President and the Honorary Treasurer or Assistant Hon Treasurer.</p>	<p><u>FUNDS</u></p> <p>Article 36 - Accounts An account or accounts shall be opened in the name of the Association with a Bank or Banks approved by the Council. All monies received shall be duly deposited therein and be expended according to the Association's Financial Policy, which will be updated from time to time, as deem necessary by the Honorary Treasurer and Council. All authorisation for the withdrawal of monies shall be signed by the President or Vice-President and the Honorary Treasurer or Honorary Assistant Treasurer.</p>	<p>To be consistent with Article 33.</p> <p>Correct & replace terms.</p>
<p>Article 37 - Authority The Council shall have the power to authorise the expenditure of a sum not exceeding \$5,000 per month from the Association's funds for the Association's purposes. Provided such expenditure falls within the budget for the Association for a relevant Financial Year, which budget shall have been approved by the unanimous vote of the Council. Any expenditure in excess of this amount shall require the approval of members at a General Meeting.</p>	<p>Article 37 - Authority The Council shall have the power to authorise the expenditure from the Association's funds for the Association's purposes in accordance with the Association's Financial Policy, which will be updated from time to time, as deem necessary by the Honorary Treasurer and Council. Provided such expenditure falls within the budget for the Association for a relevant Financial Year, which budget shall have been approved by the unanimous vote of the Council.</p>	<p>To be consistent with Article 33.</p>
<p>Article 38 – Surplus The surplus funds of the Association may be placed in fixed deposits and any such instruments in financial institutions authorised by the Monetary Authority of Singapore from time to time at the discretion of the Council.</p>	<p>NA</p>	<p>NA</p>
<p>Article 39 – Allocation Funds will be allocated subject to the approval of the Council to the Chapters at the beginning of each financial year. Each Chapter shall keep proper accounts for the expenses and report to the Council at the end of each financial year.</p>		<p>Removal of Article 39 as it is no longer valid; refer to Article 30.</p>
<p><u>VISITORS AND GUESTS</u></p> <p>Article 40 – Visits Residents in Singapore may be admitted into the premises of the Association but they shall not be admitted to the privileges of the Association nor shall they be admitted into the premises more than six</p>		<p>Removal of Article 40 as it is not required now.</p>

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times in a calendar year. These visits are to be confined to not more than once in 14 days.		
<p>Article 41 – Visitors' Book A Visitors' Book shall be kept, in which shall be entered the names of all visitors and guests, together with the names and signatures of the members nominating them and the dates of their visits. No person shall be a visitor or guest till his name had been entered in this book.</p>		Removal of Article 41 as it is not required now.
<p><u>PROHIBITIONS</u></p> <p>Article 42 – Express Prohibitions</p> <p>42.1 Gambling of any kind, whether for stakes or not, is forbidden on the Association premises. The introduction of materials for gambling or drug taking and of bad characters into the premises is prohibited.</p> <p>42.2 The funds of the Association shall not be used to pay fines of members who have been convicted in Court.</p> <p>42.3 The Association shall not engage in any trade union activity as defined in any written law relating to trade unions for the time being in force in Singapore.</p> <p>42.4 The Association shall not attempt to restrict or interfere with trade or make directly or indirectly any recommendation to, any arrangement with its members which has the purpose or is likely to have the effect of fixing or controlling the price or any discount, allowance or rebate relating to any goods or service which adversely affect consumer interests.</p> <p>42.5 The Association shall not indulge in any political activity or allow its funds and/or premises to be used for political purposes.</p> <p>42.6 The Association shall not hold any lottery, whether confined to its members or not, in the name of the Association or its office-bearers, Committee or members unless with the prior approval of the relevant authorities.</p>	<p><u>PROHIBITIONS</u></p> <p>Article 39 – Express Prohibitions</p> <p>39.1 Gambling of any kind, whether for stakes or not, is forbidden on the Association premises. The introduction of materials for gambling or drug taking and of bad characters into the premises is prohibited.</p> <p>39.2 The funds of the Association shall not be used to pay fines of members who have been convicted in Court.</p> <p>39.3 The Association shall not engage in any trade union activity as defined in any written law relating to trade unions for the time being in force in Singapore.</p> <p>39.4 The Association shall not attempt to restrict or interfere with trade or make directly or indirectly any recommendation to, any arrangement with its members which has the purpose or is likely to have the effect of fixing or controlling the price or any discount, allowance or rebate relating to any goods or service which adversely affect consumer interests.</p> <p>39.5 The Association shall not indulge in any political activity or allow its funds and/or premises to be used for political purposes.</p> <p>39.6 The Association shall not hold any lottery, whether confined to its members or not, in the name of the Association or its office-bearers, Committee or</p>	Re-numbering of Article.

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42.7 The Association shall not raise funds from the public for whatever purposes without prior approval in writing of the Assistant Director Operations, Licensing Division, Singapore Police Force and other relevant authorities.	<p>members unless with the prior approval of the relevant authorities.</p> <p>39.7 The Association shall not raise funds from the public for whatever purposes without prior approval in writing of the Assistant Director Operations, Licensing Division, Singapore Police Force and other relevant authorities.</p>	
<p><u>AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES</u></p> <p>Article 43 – Amendments to Articles The Association shall not amend its Constitution without the prior approval in writing of the Registrar of Societies. No alteration, or addition/deletion to this Constitution shall be passed except at a General Meeting and with the consent of two-thirds of the voting members present.</p>	<p><u>AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES</u></p> <p>Article 40 – Amendments to Articles 40.1 The Association shall not amend its Constitution without the prior approval in writing of the Registrar of Societies. No alteration, or addition/deletion to this Constitution shall be passed except at an Extraordinary General Meeting and with the consent of two-thirds of the voting members present.</p> <p>40.2 Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted in writing and seconded by another member to the Honorary Secretary at least 30 days before the Extraordinary General Meeting and these proposed amendments shall be referred to the Council, which shall make its recommendations thereon.</p>	<p>Re-numbering of Article. Specify that the amendments to articles shall take place at an Extraordinary General Meeting to be consistent with Article 18.1.</p> <p>Include steps for raising proposed amendments.</p>
<p>Article 44 – Interpretation In the event of any question or matter, pertaining to day-to-day administration which is not expressly provided for in this Constitution, the Council shall have power to use its own discretion. The decision of the Council shall be final unless it is reversed at a General Meeting of members.</p>	<p>Article 41 – Interpretation In the event of any question or matter, pertaining to day-to-day administration which is not expressly provided for in this Constitution, the Council shall have power to use its own discretion. The decision of the Council shall be final unless it is reversed at a General Meeting of members.</p>	Re-numbering of Article.
<p>Article 45 – Decision In the conduct of the proceedings of any meetings, the decision of the Chairman shall be final as to the interpretation of these Articles and as to any matter of procedure not covered by those Articles, unless the decision is reversed at a General Meeting of members.</p>	<p>Article 42 – Decision In the conduct of the proceedings of any meetings, the decision of the Chairman shall be final as to the interpretation of these Articles and as to any matter of procedure not covered by those Articles, unless the decision is reversed at a General Meeting of members.</p>	Re-numbering of Article.

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<p><u>DISPUTES</u></p> <p>Article 46 – Resolution In the event of any dispute arising amongst members, they shall attempt to resolve the matter at an Extraordinary General Meeting in accordance with these Articles. Should the members fail to resolve the matter, they may bring the matter to a court of law for settlement.</p>	<p><u>DISPUTES</u></p> <p>Article 43 – Resolution In the event of any dispute arising amongst members, they shall attempt to resolve the matter at an Extraordinary General Meeting in accordance with these Articles. Should the members fail to resolve the matter, they may bring the matter to a court of law for settlement.</p>	Re-numbering of Article.
<p><u>GENERAL</u></p> <p>Article 47 – Communication Public statements including circulars, letters, press release, pamphlets, etc. shall first have the approval of the Council before their release.</p>	<p><u>GENERAL</u></p> <p>Article 44 – Communication Public statements including circulars, letters, press release, pamphlets, etc. shall first have the approval of the Council before their release.</p>	Re-numbering of Article.
<p><u>DISSOLUTION</u></p> <p>Article 48 – Consent required for Dissolution 48.1 The Association shall not be dissolved except with the consent of five-sixths of the total voting membership of the Association for the time being resident in Singapore, expressed either in person or by proxy through a ballot vote, at a General Meeting convened for the purpose. 48.2 In the event of the Association being dissolved as provided by this Article 48.1 all debts and liabilities legally incurred on behalf of the Association shall be fully discharged and the remaining funds shall be transferred to an education trust fund to be managed by the Principals. 48.3 A Certificate of Dissolution shall be given within seven days of the dissolution to the Registrar of Societies</p>	<p><u>DISSOLUTION</u></p> <p>Article 45 – Consent required for Dissolution 45.1 The Association shall not be dissolved except with the consent of five-sixths of the total voting membership of the Association for the time being resident in Singapore, expressed either in person or by proxy through a ballot vote, at a General Meeting convened for the purpose. 45.2 In the event of the Association being dissolved as provided by this Article 48.1 all debts and liabilities legally incurred on behalf of the Association shall be fully discharged and the remaining funds shall be transferred to an education trust fund to be managed by the Principals. 45.3 A Certificate of Dissolution shall be given within seven (7) days of the dissolution to the Registrar of Societies.</p>	Re-numbering of Article.

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