

MAANZ CONSTITUTION - Explanation of Changes

1 Definitions

(1) In this constitution:

grandfathered lifetime member – a MAANZ member who has paid a lifetime membership on or before 31st December 2025

Changes made: Adding in a definition for a grandfathered lifetime member

5. Fees and subscriptions

- (1) If an application for membership takes place on or prior to 31st December 2025, a member of the association must, on admission to the association, pay to the association a single life membership fee of \$150.00. All lifetime members are grandfathered into the terms of subclause (2) on 1st January 2026.
- (2) In addition to any amount payable by the member under subclause (1), grandfathered lifetime members of the association must pay to the association an annual administration fee of
 - (a) \$1, or
 - (b) another amount determined by the committee
- (3) The annual administration fee in subclause (2) is payable in January in each calendar year, commencing January 2026. Lifetime members joining between 1st June 2025 and 31st December 2025 are not liable to pay an admin fee until January 2027.
- (4) If an application for membership takes place after 1st January 2026, a member of the association must, on admission to the association, pay to the association an annual subscription fee of
 - (a) \$2, or
 - (b) another amount determined by the committee
- (5) The annual subscription fee in subclause (4) is payable on the yearly anniversary of the date of joining.

Changes made: From 1st January 2026, MAANZ membership structure will change from lifetime membership to annual membership. Members who joined MAANZ before this date retain their lifetime membership status, subject to the payment of an annual administration fee. Members who join after that date pay an annual subscription. Terms of membership are clarified and defined for lifetime members (those who join MAANZ prior to 31st December 2025) and for annual members (those who will join MAANZ after 1st January 2026). NOTE: The current rate for the annual administration fee in subclause (2b) is \$15. The current rate for the annual subscription fee in subclause (4b) is \$95.

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12. Cessation of membership

A person ceases to be a member of the association if the person:

- (a) dies, or
- (b) resigns from being a member, or
- (c) is expelled from the association, or
- (d) is a member who joined on or after January 1st 2026 and fails to pay the annual subscription fee payable under clause 5(4) within 3 months of the due date.
- (e) is a grandfathered lifetime member who fails to pay the annual administration fee under clause 5(2) within 3 months of the due date.

Changes made: Terms of cessation of membership defined for lifetime members (those who join MAANZ prior to 31st December 2025) and annual members (those who will join MAANZ after 1st January 2026).

14. Composition of committee

(1) The committee must have 7 members, as elected in accordance with clause 15, consisting of:

- i. the following office-bearers:
 1. the president,
 2. the vice-president,
 3. the secretary,
 4. the treasurer, and
- ii. at least 3 ordinary committee members.

Note - The Act, section 28 contains requirements relating to membership eligibility and composition of the committee.

(2) A committee may also appoint up to 17 committee appointments. These positions shall be appointed by the retiring committee **at least 14 days** before the close of nominations for an annual election. Committee appointments have full voting rights. These positions may include:

- i. Branch Representatives for each of the six states and two territories of Australia, and New Zealand
- ii. International Branch Coordinator
- iii. National Education Officer
- iv. National Exhibition Officer
- v. National Community Officer
- vi. Symposium Coordinator

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- vii. Other positions that the committee deems appropriate
- (3) A committee member may hold up to 2 offices (other than both the president and vice-president offices).
- (4) A committee appointee may also accept a nomination for an elected committee position. In this event the appointee has one vote only on any matter where a vote is required.
- (5) Each member of the committee is, subject to this constitution, to hold office until the conclusion of the annual general meeting following the date of the member's election, but is eligible for re-election.
- (6) The maximum tenure for a member to hold any position as an office bearer is 4 consecutive years, and that same member may not hold a position as an office bearer for 2 years after this maximum tenure concludes.

Changes made: Clarification of number of committee appointments (subclause (2)) and maximum tenure for office bearers (subclause (6))

20. Delegation to subcommittees

- (1) The committee may:
 - (a) establish 1 or more subcommittees to assist the committee to exercise the committee's functions, and
 - (b) appoint 1 or more members of the association to be the members of the subcommittee.
- (2) The committee may delegate to the subcommittee the exercise of the committee's functions specified in the instrument, other than:
 - i. this power of delegation, or
 - ii. a duty imposed on the committee by the Act or another law.

Note: The *Interpretation Act 1987*, section 49 deals with various matters relating to delegations.

- (3) The committee may establish an executive committee comprised of the four office bearers to assist the committee to exercise the committee's functions
- (4) Members of the association who reside in a particular State or Territory in Australia or in New Zealand, may, where member numbers allow and subject to the approval of the association committee, form an electoral college to be known as a Branch. Members of the association who reside internationally may, where member numbers allow and subject to the approval of the Association committee, form an electoral college to be known as an International Branch.

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- (4) Each State/Territory/New Zealand/International Branch may elect a committee, the composition of which is:
- (a) A branch representative
 - (b) A secretary
 - (d) An exhibition co-ordinator
 - (e) Four (4) ordinary members
- (5) The State/Territory/New Zealand/ International Committee is to be elected biennially.
- (6) The principal functions of each Branch Committee are to:
- (a) organise exhibitions, workshops, events and related activities within their Branch region.
 - (b) to administer such matters as determined from time to time by the Association committee.

Changes made: Clarification of delegation to executive and branch sub committees and inclusion of Territorial and International branches

36. Transaction of business outside meetings or by telephone or other means

- (1) The association may transact its business by the circulation of papers, including by electronic means, among all members of the association.
- (2) If the association transacts business by the circulation of papers, a written resolution, approved in writing by a majority of members, is taken to be a decision of the association made at a general meeting.
- (3) The association may transact its business at a general meeting at which 1 or more members participate by telephone or other electronic means, provided a member who speaks on a matter can be heard by the other members.
- (4) The member presiding at the meeting and each other member have the same voting rights as they would have at an ordinary meeting of the association for the purposes of:
 - a. the approval of a resolution under subclause (2), or
 - b. a meeting held in accordance with subclause (3).
- (5) A resolution approved under subclause (2) must be recorded in the minutes of the meetings of the association.

Note: The Act, section 37(3) and (4) contains requirements relating to meetings held at 2 or more venues using technology.

Changes made: Inclusion of terms for use of electronic media to conduct business

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38. Funds

- (1) Subject to a resolution passed by the association, the association's funds may be derived from the following sources only:
 - i. the annual administration fees and annual subscription fees payable by members,
 - ii. donations,
 - iii. other sources as determined by the committee.
- (2) The association may receive wills, bequests, and donations from members and external parties in compliance with relevant laws, to be used according to the donor specifications, or the association's objectives and priorities as determined by the committee, with appropriate recognition of significant contributors in accordance with legal and ethical standards.
- (3) Subject to a resolution passed by the association, the association's funds and assets must be used to pursue the association's objects in the way that the committee determines.
- (4) As soon as practicable after receiving money, the association must:
 - i. deposit the money, without deduction, to the credit of the association's authorised deposit-taking institution account, and
 - ii. issue a receipt for the amount of money received to the person from whom the money was received.
- (5) A cheque or other negotiable instrument must be signed by 2 authorised signatories.

Note: The Act, section 36 provides for the appointment of authorised signatories.

Changes made: Inclusion of subclause (2) to make provision for wills, bequests, and donations