

# **THE PELOPONNESIAN FEDERATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA** **INCORPORATED "MOREA"**

1. The name of the Association shall be "The Peloponnesian Federation of South Australia Incorporated" (hereinafter called "The Federation")

2. **Objects**

The Objects for which the Federation is established are:-

2.01 To promote and maintain unity, friendship and close ties between Greeks of a Peloponnesian background in South Australia and Australia generally.

2.02 The study and the addressing of the concerns of the member organisations of the Federation including assisting them to expedite and implement the programs and ideals they have established as goals in their respective constitutions.

2.03 The exchange of educational, cultural and social ties between Peloponnesian Greeks in Australia and Greece or Peloponnesian Greeks elsewhere in the world.

2.04 The promotion and maintenance of Greek culture, ethos and language amongst Greeks in Australia particularly among the youth with the Peloponnesian background or heritage.

2.05 The creation, establishment and support of philanthropic, cultural and educational institutions in South Australia and elsewhere.

2.06 The promotion of the welfare, education and advancement of members but to exclude political or religious associations.

2.07 To co-ordinate initiatives and to engage in all activities as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

3 **POWERS**

The Federation shall have the following powers which shall be vested in the Federation in addition to and without limitation on any powers conferred by law.

3.01 To purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire, otherwise acquire and maintain any real or personal property and any rights or privileges in relation thereto provided that any sale or purchase of real property shall be subject to approval by five seventh 5/7<sup>th</sup> of members entitled to vote at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting.

3.02 To construct, maintain and alter any building or works necessary or convenient for the purpose of the Federation.

3.03 To sell, exchange, lease, mortgage, hire, dispose of, turn to account or otherwise deal with all or any part of the real and personal property of the Federation.

- 3.04 To borrow, raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as the Federation thinks fit, with power to issue debentures, grant mortgages charges or any other class of security upon or charging all or any of the property, real or personal (both present and future) of the Federation and to redeem or pay off any existing or future security.
- 3.05 To invest and deal with the moneys and other assets of the Federation not immediately required for its purposes in such manner as may from time to time be determined.
- 3.06 To co-operate, affiliate and enter into reciprocal arrangements with any other club or association having objects wholly or in part similar to those of the Federation.
- 3.07 To appoint, employ and pay officers and servants and to dismiss or suspend any officer or servant.
- 3.08 To do all such other things as are necessary for the attainment of the objects of the Federation.
- 3.09 To raise, obtain and receive funds or other aid for the purpose of achieving the objects of the Federation by means of subscriptions, donation, bequests, entertainment's or other functions, or by any other means.
- 3.10 To apply all necessary statutory and government bodies and appropriate commissions, for appropriate consents, authorisations and exemptions in connection with the charitable ramifications hereinbefore mentioned.
- 3.11 Singularly or in conjunction with other organisations to establish centres for the achievement of any of the objects herein.
- 3.12 To do all things necessary to secure grants for the achievement of any of the objects herein from any person, body or organisation and from any Government.
- 3.13 To enter into any arrangements with a any Government or Municipal authority for the purpose of obtaining from such Government or Municipal authority any rights, privileges and concessions which the Federation may think desirable to obtain, and comply with any such arrangements, rights, privileges and concessions.
- 3.14 To print any newspapers, periodicals, books or leaflets that the Federation may think desirable for the promotion of its objects.
- 3.15 To apply for obtain and renew from time to time any license under the provisions of the Liquor Licensing Act.
- 3.16 To do all such other things as are necessary for the attainment of the objects of the Federation.

4 INCOME AND PROPERTY

- 4.01 The income and property of the Federation shall be applied solely to the promotion of its objects and no part thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise by way of pecuniary profit to the members.
- 4.02 The provisions of Rule 4.01 shall not prevent the payment of remuneration in good faith to employees and servants of the Federation or other persons in return for services actually rendered to the federation. No committee member shall be remunerated for any services rendered to the Federation.

5 MEMBERSHIP

- 5.01 The Federation shall be comprised of the seven organisations representing the seven provinces of the Peloponnese namely, Ahaia, Argolida, Arkadia, Corinthia, Iliia, Laconia and Messinia (hereinafter called “members”).
- 5.02 There shall be no classes of members and all seven members of the Federation shall be equal ordinary constituted members.
- 5.03 Membership is vested in the respective organisations and not in the delegates attending and in no matter shall it be transferable by an act of the participating organisation or club or through its delegate on its behalf or by operation by law.
- 5.04 Each member shall be represented by five delegates at the Annual General Meeting and at any Special General Meeting with each delegate having one vote.
- 5.05 A member which has not paid its annual subscription shall not be entitled to take part in the Annual General Meeting unless the outstanding subscriptions are paid in full.
- 5.06 Any member desiring to resign from the Federation may do so on giving 28 days notice in writing to the Executive Committee PROVIDED THAT such notice must state that the decision to resign from the Federation was made a majority at a General Meeting of the members.

6 SUBSCRIPTIONS

- 6.01 An annual subscription shall be payable by members and shall be such sum as may from time to time be determined by the Federation at its General Meeting. The initial subscription shall be the sum of \$100.00.
- 6.02 The annual subscription shall be payable in advance on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January in each year.

6.03 Any member admitted during the currency of any year shall pay such proportion of the annual subscription as the Committee may determine and that subscription shall be payable within 1 month of its admission to membership.

6.04 A member whose subscription is in arrears shall not be entitled to exercise any of the rights and privileges of members until such subscription is paid in full.

## 7 RESIGNATION FROM MEMBERSHIP

7.01 A member may resign from the Federation at any time by giving 28 days notice in writing to the Secretary of its intention to do so. Such resignation to be under the seal of the member PROVIDED THAT such notice must state that the decision to resign from the Federation was made by a majority of members at a General Meeting of the members.

7.02 A member which resigns shall nevertheless remain liable for any subscriptions that may have become due prior to its resignation but are unpaid.

## 8 THE COMMITTEE

8.01 The business affairs of the Federation shall be managed by an Executive Committee which shall consist of two persons nominated by each of the participating members provided that each such persons shall be a member of the nominating participating member. The Executive Committee shall comprise:-

- (a) The President;
- (b) Vice-President;
- (c) Secretary;
- (d) Assistant-Secretary;
- (e) Treasurer;
- (f) Assistant-Treasurer;
- (g) Co-ordinator of Social and Cultural activities;
- (h) No more than 7 ordinary members.

\* If there is less than seven participating members, members of the Executive, may exercise dual responsibilities.

8.02 The Committee may exercise all the powers of the Federation that are not by these rules required to be exercised by the Federation in General Meeting subject however, to these Rules and to such directions and regulations not inconsistent with these Rules as may be prescribed by the Federation in General Meeting; but no direction or regulation made by the Federation in General Meeting shall invalidate any prior act of the Committee which would have been valid if such direction or regulation had not been made.

8.03 Without prejudice to any powers herein elsewhere conferred the Committee shall have power to do any one or all of the following things:-

- (a) To form, appoint and remove as the occasion may require in their discretion such Sub-Committees as are required by this Constitution and such additional sub-committees as they may think fit, provided always that the President, Chairman, Secretary and any other official of the sub-committees shall be elected by the members of the sub-committee.
- (b) To appoint the other officials or servants of the Federation as may be necessary to properly conduct its business and affairs and to remove them as the occasion may require in their discretion.
- (c) To delegate (subject to such conditions as it thinks fit) and of its powers to sub-committees consisting of such members of the Committee and other person or persons co-opted for that purpose as it may determine and to make such regulations as to the proceedings of such sub-committees as may be thought desirable.
- (d) Subject to these Rules to regulate and control its own meeting and the transactions of business there at.
- (e) To open and operate any banking in the name of the Federation and subject to these Rules to draw and make accept endorse and issue negotiable securities or instruments whatsoever kind or nature and to determine by what officers of the Federation such negotiable securities or instruments shall be signed or endorsed.
- (f) To take and defend all legal proceedings by or on behalf of the Federation and to appoint all necessary attorneys for any such purpose.
- (g) To borrow raise or secure the payment of money and to sell and dispose of the assets of the Federation.
- (h) In accordance with these Rules to adopt a seal for the Federation and to have the custody thereof and to affix the same to any deed instrument or document.
- (i) To do and perform any other acts matters and things in connection with or relative to the management of the Federation not by these Rules required to be done by the Federation in general meeting.
- (j) Any donation, gift, or monetary assistance made by the executive Committee is limited to the sum of \$1,000.00 or such sum as the Annual General Meeting may decide.

## 9 PROCEEDINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 9.01 The Committee may meet together for the despatch of business adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as it thinks fit.
- 9.02 Subject to these Rules, questions arising at any meeting of the Committee shall be decided by a majority of votes and a determination by a majority of members present at a Committee meeting shall for all purposes be deemed a determination of the Committee. In the case of an equality of votes the President and in his absence the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.
- 9.03 A quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall be four members in person provided that each member represents a participating member and at least two of the following office holders are present; the President and in the absence of both the members present shall choose one of their number to be Chairman of such meeting.

- 9.04 At every meeting of the Committee its President shall chair the meeting and in his absence the Vice-President and in the absence of both the members present shall choose one of their number to be chairman of such meeting.
- 9.05 The Chairman may at any time and the Secretary shall on the requisition of two members of the Committee or in any event at least once in every three months summons a meeting of the Committee. At least two days notice shall, unless otherwise unavoidable in the interests of the Federation be given to each member of the Committee.
- 9.06 The Committee shall case to be kept a minute book showing the members present, the resolutions proposed and passed and all other proceedings at its meeting.

## 10 GENERAL MEETINGS

- 10.01 The Annual General Meeting of the Federation shall be convened or held on a day no later than 5 months after the end of the financial year as determined by the Committee.
- 10.02 All General Meetings other than the Annual General Meetings shall be called Special General Meetings and shall be convened by the Secretary whenever the Committee deem it expedient so to do.
- 10.03 Fourteen days notice in writing of every general meeting shall be given to every member of his/her address appearing in the Register of Members by prepaid post stating the time of the meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted. Subject to the provisions of these Rules no business other than that set out in the notice convening the meeting shall be transacted at any general meeting.
- 10.04 Any member desiring to bring forward any business may give notice thereof in writing to the Secretary who shall include same in the notice calling the next general meeting to be called after the receipt of such notice from a member.

## 11 PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

- 11.01 No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum of members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. Except as herein otherwise provided five seventh 5/7ths of the members of the Federation present in person shall be a quorum.
- 11.02 If within in thirty minutes from the time appointed for the meeting, a quorum is not present the meeting is convened upon the requisition of members shall be dissolved. In any other case if within thirty minutes from the time appointed for the meeting, a quorum is not present the members present shall form a quorum.
- 11.03 The President and in his absence the Vice-President of the Committee shall preside as chairperson at every general meeting but it neither is present within fifteen minutes from the time appointed for the meeting or if they are unwilling to act the members present shall elect one of their number to be chairperson of the meeting.

- 11.04 The Chairperson may, with consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present and shall if so directed by the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place. When a meeting is adjourned for 30 days or more notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of an original meeting but not otherwise it shall but be necessary to give any notice of any adjournment or of the business to be transacted at any adjourned meeting.
- 11.05 Subject to any specific provisions in these Rules to the contrary, resolution of general meeting must be carried by a majority of votes and in the case of an equality of votes the chairman of the meeting shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.
- 11.06 Each member may be represented by five persons at any general meeting and accordingly each member shall be entitled to five votes at every such general meeting.
- 11.07 At any general meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands and a declaration by the chairperson that a resolution has been carried and an entry to that effect in the minutes book of the proceedings of the Federation shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against such resolution provided that the chairman of the meeting or any three members present in person may call for a division which shall thereupon be taken without further debate.
- 11.08 The following shall be the order of business at every Annual General Meeting:-
- (a) Confirmation of the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting and of any special general meeting held since the preceding Annual General Meeting.
  - (b) Receipt of the Annual Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss and accompanying accounts and reports of the Committee and Auditor and the adoption of same or otherwise.
  - (c) The appointment of members of the Executive Committee and an Auditor. These members elect the various positions of office which constitute the Executive Committee.
  - (d) Any special business of which notice has been given or which is brought forward by the Committee.
  - (e) General Business.

## 12 PRESIDENT/VICE-PRESIDENT

- 12.01 The President shall chair all Committee meetings and all other meetings of Federation and shall be an ex-official member of all other committees or sub-committees as may be appointed from time to time.
- 12.02 The Vice-President shall perform the President functions in the absence of the President.
- 12.03 An individual shall not be eligible to serve as President for more than two consecutive terms.

## 13. SECRETARY/ASSISTANT SECRETARY

- 13.01 The duties of the Secretary of the Federation shall be as follows:-
- (a) To keep full and correct minutes of all resolutions and proceedings of every general meeting provided for that purpose together with a record of the names of members present at all meetings.
  - (b) To keep a Register of Members of the Federation setting forth their names and addresses.
  - (c) To attend to all correspondence.
  - (d) To perform such other duties as the Committee may set forth.
  - (e) To use an amount of petty cash to be decided by the Committee and balance at each meeting.

13.02 The Assistant-Secretary shall assist the Secretary and shall perform the Secretary's duties in the absence of the Secretary.

#### 14. TREASURER/ASSISTANT-TREASURER

- 14.01 The duties of the Treasurer of the Federation be as follows:-
- (a) To collect and receive all moneys due to the Federation and make all payments authorised by the Committee.
  - (b) To keep correct accounts and books showing the financial affairs of the Federation with full details of receipts, disbursements and other particulars usually showing in books of account of a like nature and send periodical financial affairs to the Committee together with all bank books and statements.
  - (c) Perform such other duties as the Committee direct.

14.02 The Assistant-Treasurer shall assist the Treasurer and shall perform the duties of the Treasurer in the absence of the Treasurer.

#### 15 PUBLIC OFFICER

15.01 The Federation shall have a Public Officer in accordance with the requirements of the Association Incorporation's Act. The Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Executive Committee shall be the Public Officer.

15.02 The Committee is vested with the power of appointment and removal from time to time of the Public Officer as it shall deem fit provided that:-

- (a) The Public Officer shall be a member of the Committee; and
- (b) The requirements of the Act in relation to Public Officers shall be complied with.

#### 16 ACCOUNTS

16.01 The financial year of the Federation shall end on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December of each year.

16.02 The Committee shall cause to be prepared, audited and printed every year an income and expenditure statement, balance sheet and other accompanying accounts. The said balance sheet shall be prepared and other accounts shall cover the year ending on the said 31<sup>st</sup> day of December in each year.



- 16.03 The aforesaid financial statements shall be submitted to the Federation at the Annual General Meeting immediately following and a copy of the same shall be sent to every member together with the notice covering such meeting.
- 16.04 Any bank account, facility or cheque account operated by the Federation shall require the signatures of the President, Secretary and Treasurer before it can be operated.

17 AUDITORS

- 17.01 An Auditor for the Federation shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting in each year and such Auditor:-
- (a) Shall be an accountant and actively engaged in practice; and
  - (b) Shall not be a member of the Executive Committee of the Federation; and
  - (c) Shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.
- 17.02 The Auditor shall in each year examine the accounts of the Federation and shall certify the correctness thereof.
- 17.03 The Auditor shall make a report to the members upon the accounts to be submitted to every Annual General Meeting and in every such report shall state whether in his/her opinion they are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Federation's financial affairs.

18 DISSOLUTION

- 18.01 The Federation may be dissolved:-  
As a result of a decision to do so by five sevenths 5/7ths of the total number of members entitled to vote at a General Meeting.
- 18.02 On dissolution of the Federation:-  
The General Meeting shall decide by majority decision to dispose of the assets by gifting them to organisations that have the same objects as clause 2.04 of this Constitution.

19 COMMON SEAL

- 19.01 The Common Seal shall be in the possession of the Secretary and shall have inscribed thereon the name of the Federation. The common Seal shall not be affixed to any document binding the Club by the way of obligation unless with the authority of the Executive Committee and in the presence of the Secretary and either of the President or Treasurer who shall sign such document as follows:-

GIVEN under the SEAL OF THE )

PELOPONNESIAN FEDERATION OF )  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC “MOREA” )  
pursuant to the decision of the Executive )  
Committee made on the )  
day of 19 )  
in the presence of: )

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20 INDEMNITY OF MEMBERS

20.01 The Federation shall indemnify any employee, officer, or member of the Executive Committee acting in good faith or within the scope of his/her duties or within what he/she reasonably believes to be within the scope of his/her duties against any claim or demand for loss or damage arising out of any legal liability which he may have personally incurred whether contractual or tortuous in consequence of any act, omission error or judgment.

The above Constitution was approved by General Meeting of Members on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 1992 and the Executive Committee were delegated the authority to effect Registration of the Association as an Incorporated Association pursuant to the Incorporated Associations Act.

The First Executive Committee duly elected by the General Meeting was as follows:-

President	ZACHAROYIANNIS, Harry	MESSINIA
Assistant President	TSAGOURIS, Jim	ARKADIA
Secretary	DIMAS, Spiros	CORINTHIA
Assistant Secretary	PNEVMATIKOS, Christos	ARGOLIDAS
Treasurer	KRITHARAS, Athansios	ILIA
Assistant Treasurer	SKREMBOS, George	AHAIA
Social/Cult Co-or	DROUGANIS, Arthur	LACONIA
	BAKOPANOS, George	MESSINIA
	KAPETANOS, Bill	ARGOLIDAS
	KARATASSAS, George	CORINTHIA
	MALAVAZOS, Michael	LACONIA
	PITTAS, Constandinos	ILIA
	STAMATOPOULOS, Peter	AHAIA
	VLAHOS, George	ARKADIA