

**ASSOCIATIONS  
INCORPORATION  
ACT (2012)**

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**RULES**

**For the**

**EXHIBITION AND EVENT ASSOCIATION OF  
AUSTRALASIA INCORPORATED  
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**2014  
FINAL**

# **RULES FOR THE EXHIBITION AND EVENT ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALASIA INCORPORATED**

## **1. Name**

The name of the incorporated association is Exhibition and Event Association of Australasia Incorporated (in these Rules called "the Association").

## **2. Definitions and interpretations**

(1) In these Rules, unless the contrary intention appears-

**"Act"** means the **Associations Incorporation Act 2014 (Vic)**;

**"committee"** means the committee of management of the Association;

**"financial year"** means the year ending on 31 December;

**"general meeting"** means a general meeting of members convened in accordance with rule 12.

**"member"** means a member of the Association;

**"ordinary member of the committee"** means a member of the committee who is not an officer of the Association under rule 21;

**"Regulations"** means regulations under the Act;

**"relevant documents"** has the same meaning as in the Act.

(2) In these Rules, a reference to the Secretary of the Association is a reference-

(a) if a person holds office under these Rules as Secretary of the Association, to that person;

and

(b) in any other case, to the public officer of the Association.

(3) In the interpretation of these Rules, unless the contrary intention appears-

**"person"** shall be construed so as to include any local or other statutory authority, company, corporation or other body corporate, wherever and however incorporated or established.

### ***3. Alteration of the rules***

These Rules and the statement of purposes of the Association must not be altered except in accordance with the Act.

### ***4. Membership, entry fees and subscription***

(1) Corporate membership shall be the sole category of membership of the Association.

(2) Members shall be categorised as:

- (a) 'Organiser' member;
- (b) 'Services' member; or
- (c) 'Venue' member.

(3) Members shall have the rights and obligations accorded to their respective categories under these Rules.

(4) Membership as an 'organiser' member is open to persons engaged in the general organisation, management or promotion of exhibitions, fairs, shows or events.

(5) Membership as a 'services' member is open to persons engaged in supplying services or products used in the production of exhibitions, fairs, shows or events.

(6) Membership as a 'venue' member is open to persons who own or manage a venue at which exhibitions, fairs, shows or events are conducted.

(7) A person who applies and is approved for membership as provided in these Rules is eligible to be a member of the Association on payment of the annual subscription payable under these Rules.

(8) A person who is not a member of the Association at the time of the incorporation of the Association (or who was a member at that time but has ceased to be a member) must not be admitted to membership unless-

- (a) he or she applies for membership in accordance with sub-rule (9); and
- (b) the admission as a member is approved by the committee.

(9) An application of a person for membership of the Association must-

- (a) be made in writing in the form set out in Appendix 1; and

- (b) be lodged with the Secretary of the Association.
- (10) As soon as practicable after the receipt of an application, the Secretary must refer the application to the committee.
- (11) The committee must determine whether to approve or reject the application.
- (12) If the committee approves an application for membership, the Secretary must, as soon as practicable-
- (a) notify the applicant in writing of the approval for membership as either an organizer member, a service member or a venue operator; and
  - (b) request payment within 28 days after receipt of the notification of the sum payable under these Rules as the first year's annual subscription.
- (13) The Secretary must, within 28 days after receipt of the amounts referred to in sub-rule (12), enter the applicant's name in the register of Organiser members, Service member or a Venue member.
- (14) An applicant for membership becomes a member and is entitled to exercise the rights of membership when his or her name is entered in the register of members.
- (15) If the committee rejects an application, the committee must, as soon as practicable, notify the applicant in writing that the application has been rejected.
- (16) A right, privilege, or obligation of a person by reason of membership of the Association-
- (a) is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person; and
  - (b) terminates upon the cessation of membership whether by death or resignation or otherwise.
- (17) The annual subscription for each category of membership shall be set by the committee from time to time and shall become due and payable on 1 January each year or no later than 45 days after the invoice date for the membership renewal.
- (18) A person shall cease to be a member of the Association at the end of one month after the date of notice in writing that the current or any other subscription is in arrears, unless within that time the amount or amounts outstanding are paid to the Association.
- (19) A member may apply to the Committee to change their category of membership. A member cannot be a member of more than one category at the one time.

(20) A member who is not an individual must by notice in writing to the Secretary appoint a representative who will exercise the rights and responsibilities of the member, including voting and standing for election to the committee on behalf of the member, so long as the member's membership is valid.

(21) A person cannot be nominated as a representative for a member if that person is or has previously been a bankrupt or has entered into a composition or scheme of arrangement with creditors. It is the responsibility of the nominated person to declare this information in advance of being elected

(22) A member must notify the Secretary in writing within 7 days of the revocation of the appointment of any representative appointed in accordance with sub-rule (20) and appoint a replacement representative.

## **5. *Register of members***

(1) The Secretary must keep and maintain a register of members containing-

- (a) the name and address of each member; and
- (b) the date on which each member's name was entered in the register.

(2) The register is available for inspection free of charge by any member upon request.

(3) A member may make a copy of entries in the register.

## **6. *Ceasing membership***

(1) A member of the Association who has paid all moneys due and payable by a member to the Association may resign from the Association by giving one month's notice in writing to the Secretary of his or her intention to resign.

(2) After the expiry of the period referred to in sub-rule (1) -

- (a) the member ceases to be a member; and
- (b) the Secretary must record in the register of members the date on which the member ceased to be a member.

## **7. *Discipline, suspension and expulsion of members***

(1) Subject to these Rules, if the committee is of the opinion that a member has refused or neglected to comply with these Rules, or has been guilty of conduct unbecoming a member or prejudicial to the interests of the Association, the committee may by resolution -

- (a) fine that member an amount not exceeding \$500; or

(b) suspend that member from membership of the Association for a specified period; or

(c) expel that member from the Association.

(2) A resolution of the committee under sub-rule (1) does not take effect unless -

(a) at a meeting held in accordance with sub-rule (3), the committee confirms the resolution;  
and

(b) if the member exercises a right of appeal to the Association under this rule, the Association confirms the resolution in accordance with this rule.

(3) A meeting of the committee to confirm or revoke a resolution passed under sub-rule (1) must be held not earlier than 14 days, and not later than 28 days, after notice has been given to the member in accordance with sub-rule (4).

(4) For the purposes of giving notice in accordance with sub-rule (3), the Secretary must, as soon as practicable, cause to be given to the member a written notice-

(a) setting out the resolution of the committee and the grounds on which it is based; and

(b) stating that the member, or his or her representative, may address the committee at a meeting to be held not earlier than 14 days and not later than 28 days after the notice has been given to that member; and

(c) stating the date, place and time of that meeting; and

(d) informing the member that he or she may do one or both of the following-

(i) attend that meeting;

(ii) give to the committee before the date of that meeting a written statement seeking the revocation of the resolution;

(e) informing the member that, if at that meeting, the committee confirms the resolution, he or she may, not later than 48 hours after that meeting, give the Secretary a notice to the effect that he or she wishes to appeal to the Association in general meeting against the resolution.

(5) At a meeting of the committee to confirm or revoke a resolution passed under sub-rule (1), the committee must-

(a) give the member, or his or her representative, an opportunity to be heard; and

(b) give due consideration to any written statement submitted by the member; and

- (c) determine by resolution whether to confirm or to revoke the resolution.
- (6) If at the meeting of the committee, the committee confirms the resolution, the member may, not later than 48 hours after that meeting, give the Secretary a notice to the effect that he or she wishes to appeal to the Association in general meeting against the resolution.
- (7) If the Secretary receives a notice under sub-rule (6), he or she must notify the committee and the committee must convene a general meeting of the Association to be held within 21 days after the date on which the Secretary received the notice.
- (8) At a general meeting of the Association convened under sub-rule (7) -
  - (a) no business other than the question of the appeal may be conducted; and
  - (b) the committee may place before the meeting details of the grounds for the resolution and the reasons for the passing of the resolution; and
  - (c) the member, or his or her representative, must be given an opportunity to be heard; and
  - (d) the members present must vote by secret ballot on the question whether the resolution should be confirmed or revoked.
- (9) A resolution is confirmed if, at the general meeting, not less than two-thirds of the members vote in person, or by proxy, in favor of the resolution. In any other case, the resolution is revoked.

## **8. *Disputes and mediation***

- (1) The grievance procedure set out in this rule applies to disputes under these Rules between a member and the Association.
- (2) The parties to the dispute must meet and discuss the matter in dispute, and, if possible, resolve the dispute within 14 days after the dispute comes to the attention of all of the parties.
- (3) If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute at the meeting, or if a party fails to attend that meeting, then the parties must, within 10 days, hold a meeting in the presence of a mediator.
- (4) The mediator must be-
  - (a) a person chosen by agreement between the parties; or
  - (b) in the absence of agreement, a person who is a mediator appointed or employed by the Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria (Department of Justice).
- (5) A member of the Association can be a mediator.
- (6) The mediator cannot be a member who is a party to the dispute.

- (7) The parties to the dispute must, in good faith, attempt to settle the dispute by mediation.
- (8) The mediator, in conducting the mediation, must -
- (a) give the parties to the mediation process every opportunity to be heard; and
  - (b) allow due consideration by all parties of any written statement submitted by any party; and
  - (c) ensure that natural justice is accorded to the parties to the dispute throughout the mediation process.
- (9) The mediator must not determine the dispute.
- (10) If the mediation process does not result in the dispute being resolved, the parties may seek to resolve the dispute in accordance with the Act or otherwise at law.

### **9. *Annual general meetings***

- (1) The committee may determine the date, time and place of the annual general meeting of the Association.
- (2) The notice convening the annual general meeting must specify that the meeting is an annual general meeting.
- (3) The ordinary business of the annual general meeting shall be-
- (a) to confirm the minutes of the previous annual general meeting and of any general meeting held since that meeting; and
  - (b) to receive from the committee reports upon the transactions of the Association during the last preceding financial year; and
  - (c) to elect the ordinary members of the committee; and
  - (d) to receive and consider the statement submitted by the Association in accordance with section 30(3) of the Act.
- (4) The annual general meeting may conduct any special business of which notice has been given in accordance with these Rules.

### **10. *Special general meetings***

- (1) In addition to the annual general meeting, any other general meetings may be held in the same year.

- (2) All general meetings other than the annual general meeting are special general meetings.
- (3) Subject to rule 24(4), the committee may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a special general meeting of the Association.
- (4) If, but for this sub-rule, more than 15 months would elapse between annual general meetings, the committee must convene a special general meeting before the expiration of that period.
- (5) The committee must, on the request in writing of members representing not less than 5 percent of the total number of members, convene a special general meeting of the Association.
- (6) The request for a special general meeting must -
  - (a) state the objects of the meeting; and
  - (b) be signed by the members requesting the meeting; and
  - (c) be sent to the address of the Secretary.
- (7) If the committee does not cause a special general meeting to be held within one month after the date on which the request is sent to the address of the Secretary, the members making the request, or any of them, may convene a special general meeting to be held not later than 3 months after that date.
- (8) If a special general meeting is convened by members in accordance with this rule, it must be convened in the same manner so far as possible as a meeting convened by the committee and all reasonable expenses incurred in convening the special general meeting must be refunded by the Association to the persons incurring the expenses.

## **11. *Special business***

All business that is conducted at a special general meeting and all business that is conducted at the annual general meeting, except for business conducted under the rules as ordinary business of the annual general meeting, is deemed to be special business.

## **12. *Notice of general meetings***

- (1) The Secretary of the Association, at least 14 days, or if a special resolution has been proposed at least 21 days, before the date fixed for holding a general meeting of the Association, must cause to be sent to each member of the Association, a notice stating the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business to be conducted at the meeting.
- (2) Notice may be sent -
  - (a) by prepaid post to the address appearing in the register of members; or

(b) electronic transmission.

(3) No business other than that set out in the notice convening the meeting may be conducted at the meeting.

(4) A member intending to bring any business before a meeting may notify in writing, or by electronic transmission, the Secretary of that business, who must include that business in the notice calling the next general meeting.

### **13. *Quorum at general meetings***

(1) No item of business may be conducted at a general meeting unless a quorum of members entitled under these Rules to vote is present at the time when the meeting is considering that item.

(2) Five members personally present (being members entitled under these Rules to vote at a general meeting) constitute a quorum for the conduct of the business of a general meeting.

(3) If, within half an hour after the appointed time for the commencement of a general meeting, a quorum is not present-

(i) in the case of a meeting convened upon the request of members--the meeting must be dissolved; and

(ii) in any other case--the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and (unless another place is specified by the Chairperson at the time of the adjournment or by written notice to members given before the day to which the meeting is adjourned) at the same place.

(4) If at the adjourned meeting the quorum is not present within half an hour after the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, the members personally present (being not less than 3) shall be a quorum.

### **14. *Presiding at general meetings***

(1) The President, or in the President's absence, the Vice-President, shall preside as Chairperson at each general meeting of the Association.

(2) If the President and the Vice-President are absent from a general meeting, or are unable to preside, the members present must select one of their number to preside as Chairperson.

### **15. *Adjournment of meetings***

(1) The person presiding may, with the consent of a majority of members present at the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place.

(2) No business may be conducted at an adjourned meeting other than the unfinished business from the meeting that was adjourned.

(3) If a meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting must be given in accordance with rule 12. (4) Except as provided in sub-rule (3), it is not necessary to give notice of an adjournment or of the business to be conducted at an adjourned meeting.

#### **16. *Voting at general meetings***

(1) Upon any question arising at a general meeting of the Association, a member has one vote only.

(2) All votes must be given personally or by proxy.

(3) In the case of an equality of voting on a question, the Chairperson of the meeting is entitled to exercise a second or casting vote.

(4) A member is not entitled to vote at a general meeting unless all moneys due and payable by the member to the Association have been paid.

#### **17. *Poll at general meetings***

(1) If at a meeting a poll on any question is demanded by not less than 3 members, it must be taken at that meeting in such manner as the Chairperson may direct and the resolution of the poll shall be deemed to be a resolution of the meeting on that question.

(2) A poll that is demanded on the election of a Chairperson or on a question of an adjournment must be taken immediately and a poll that is demanded on any other question must be taken at such time before the close of the meeting as the Chairperson may direct.

#### **18. *Manner of determining whether resolution carried***

If a question arising at a general meeting of the Association is determined on a show of hands-

(a) a declaration by the Chairperson that a resolution has been-

(i) carried; or

(ii) carried unanimously; or

(iii) carried by a particular majority; or

(iv) lost; and

(b) an entry to that effect in the minute book of the Association--is evidence of the fact, without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of, or against, that resolution.

## **19. Proxies**

(1) Each member is entitled to appoint another member as a proxy by notice given to the Secretary no later than 24 hours before the time of the meeting in respect of which the proxy is appointed.

(2) The notice appointing the proxy must be -

(a) for a meeting of the Association convened under rule 7(7), in the form set out in Appendix 2; or

(b) in any other case, in the form set out in Appendix 3.

## **20. Committee of Management**

(1) The affairs of the Association shall be managed by the committee.

(2) The committee -

(a) shall control and manage the business and affairs of the Association; and

(b) may, subject to these Rules, the Act and the Regulations, exercise all such powers and functions as may be exercised by the Association other than those powers and functions that are required by these Rules to be exercised by general meetings of the members of the Association; and

(c) subject to these Rules, the Act and the Regulations, has power to perform all such acts and things as appear to the committee to be essential for the proper management of the business and affairs of the Association; and

(d) may, subject to these Rules, the Act and the Regulations increase, but not decrease, any time or times:

(i) specified in any notice required by the Act or these Rules;

(ii) for the delivery of notices required by the Act or these Rules;

(iii) for the doing of any act or thing required by the Act or these Rules.

(3) Subject to section 23 of the Act, the committee shall consist of thirteen members comprised of five members within the 'organiser' category membership, four members within the 'services' category membership, four members within the 'venue' category membership. Within the 'organiser' category, as a minimum, one seat will be held for a member representing an Association.

**21. *Office holders***

(1) The officers of the Association shall be-

- (a) a President;
- (b) a Vice-President;
- (c) a Treasurer; and
- (d) a Secretary.

(2) Each officer of the Association shall hold office until the election of officers next after the date of his or her election but is eligible for re-election.

(3) In the event of a casual vacancy in any office referred to in sub-rule (1), the committee may appoint one of its members to the vacant office and the member appointed may continue in office up to and including the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of the appointment.

**22. *Ordinary members of the committee***

(1) Subject to these Rules, each ordinary member of the committee shall hold office until the second annual general meeting next after the date of his or her election but is eligible for re-election.

(2) In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the office of an ordinary member of the committee, the committee shall appoint a member of the Association to fill the vacancy from with same category of member as the retiring member and the member appointed shall hold office, subject to these Rules, until the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of the appointment.

**23. *Election of ordinary committee members***

(1) Nominations of candidates for election as ordinary members of the committee must be:

- (a) made be in writing, signed by two members of the Association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination); and
- (b) delivered to the Secretary of the Association not less than 7 days before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting.

(2) If insufficient nominations are received to fill the vacancies for any category of membership on the committee, the candidates nominated for that category shall be deemed to be elected and further nominations may be received at the annual general meeting.

(3) If the number of nominations received for any category is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated shall be deemed to be elected.

(4) If the number of nominations for any category exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot must be held.

(5) The ballot for the election must be conducted at the annual general meeting in such manner as the committee or the appointed returning office may direct.

#### **24. Election of officers**

(1) Each officer of the Association shall be nominated from and be elected by the committee.

(2) Nominations of candidates for election as officers of the Association must be:

(a) made be in writing, signed by two members of the Association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination); and

(b) delivered to the Secretary of the Association not less than 7 days before the date fixed for the holding of the meeting convened in accordance with sub-rule (3).

(3) Within 14 days of the date of the last annual general meeting of the Association the committee must meet to elect the officers of the Association.

(4) If the officers of the Association are not elected within 14 days of the last annual general meeting, the committee shall convene a special general meeting of the Association to elect the officers of the Association.

(5) At a special general meeting of the Association convened in accordance with sub-rule (4) –

(a) nominations of ordinary members of the committee for election as officers of the Association must be:

(i) made in writing, signed by two members of the Association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination); and

(ii) delivered to the Secretary of the Association not less than 7 days before the date fixed for the holding of the special general meeting.

(b) if only one nomination is received, the person nominated shall be deemed to be elected;

(c) if the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies a ballot shall be held;

(d) if a ballot is held, it must be conducted in such usual and proper manner or as the Committee may direct.

(6) Members of the committee who are nominated but not elected an officer of the Association shall remain ordinary members of the committee.

## **25. *Vacancies***

(1) The office of an officer of the Association, or of an ordinary member of the committee, becomes vacant if the officer or member -

(a) ceases to be a member of the Association;

(b) becomes an insolvent under administration within the meaning of the Corporations Law;  
or

(c) resigns from office by notice in writing given to the Secretary.

## **26. *Meetings of the committee***

(1) The committee must meet at least 3 times in each year at such place and such times as the committee may determine.

(2) Special meetings of the committee may be convened by the President or by any 4 members of the committee.

## **27. *Notice of committee meetings***

(1) Written notice of each committee meeting must be given to each member of the committee at least 14 business days before the date of the meeting.

(2) Written notice must be given to members of the committee of any special meeting specifying the general nature of the business to be conducted and no other business may be conducted at such a meeting.

## **28. *Quorum for committee meetings***

(1) Any 6 members of the committee constitute a quorum for the conduct of the business of a meeting of the committee.

(2) No business may be conducted unless a quorum is present.

(3) If within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present-

(a) in the case of a special meeting, the meeting lapses;

(b) in any other case, the meeting shall stand adjourned to a location and time determined by the committee.

(4) The committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy on the committee.

**29. *Presiding at committee meetings***

At meetings of the committee-

(a) the President or, in the President's absence, the Vice-President presides; or

(b) if the President and the Vice-President are absent, or are unable to preside, the members present must choose one of their number to preside.

**30. *Voting at committee meetings***

(1) Questions arising at a meeting of the committee, or at a meeting of any sub-committee appointed by the committee, shall be determined on a show of hands or, if a member requests, by a poll taken in such manner as the person presiding at that meeting may determine.

(2) Each member present at a meeting of the committee, or at a meeting of any sub-committee appointed by the committee (including the person presiding at the meeting), is entitled to one vote and, in the event of an equality of votes on any question, the person presiding may exercise a second or casting vote.

**31. *Removal of committee member***

(1) The Association in general meeting may, by resolution, remove any member of the committee before the expiration of the member's term of office and appoint another member in his or her place to hold office until the expiration of the term of the first-mentioned member.

(2) A member who is the subject of a proposed resolution referred to in sub-rule (1) may make representations in writing to the Secretary or President of the Association (not exceeding a reasonable length) and may request that the representations be provided to the members of the Association.

(3) The Secretary or the President may give a copy of the representations to each member of the Association or, if they are not so given, the member may require that they be read out at the meeting.

**32. *Minutes of meetings***

The Secretary of the Association must keep minutes of the resolutions and proceedings of each general meeting, and each committee meeting, together with a record of the names of persons present at committee meetings.

**33. *Funds***

(1) The Treasurer of the Association must oversee the financial activities to -

(a) collect and receive all moneys due to the Association and make all payments authorised by the Association; and

(b) keep correct accounts and books showing the financial affairs of the Association with full details of all receipts and expenditure connected with the activities of the Association.

(2) All cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments must be signed by two members of the committee or one member of the committee and the Chief Executive Officer of the Association.

(3) The funds of the Association shall be derived from annual subscriptions, donations and such other sources as the committee determines.

### **34. *Seal***

(1) The common seal of the Association must be kept in the custody of the Secretary.

(2) The common seal must not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the committee and the affixing of the common seal must be attested by the signatures either of two members of the committee or, of one member of the committee and of the public officer of the Association.

### **35. *Notice to members***

Except for the requirement in rule 12, any notice that is required to be given to a member, by or on behalf of the Association, under these Rules may be given by-

(a) delivering the notice to the member personally; or

(b) sending it by prepaid post addressed to the member at that member's address shown in the register of members; or

(c) electronic transmission

### **36. *Winding up***

In the event of the winding up or the cancellation of the incorporation of the Association, the assets of the Association must be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

### **37. *Custody and inspection of books and records***

(1) Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, the Secretary must keep in his or her custody or under his or her control all books, documents and securities of the Association.

(2) All accounts, books, securities and any other relevant documents of the Association may be made available for inspection free of charge by any member upon prior approval by the Board of Directors.

### **38. *Objects***

The objects of the Association are:

- (a) To promote exhibitions and events as an effective marketing medium.
- (b) To ensure that high professional standards are maintained in relation to the organisation and provision of all services associated with the exhibition and event industry.
- (c) To encourage and implement training and education in areas relating to the exhibition and event industry.
- (d) To promote and encourage the co-operation of members in all matters of mutual interest and to provide facilities for the interchange of views and information among members.
- (e) To represent the exhibition and event industry in matters relating to dealings with government, industry, the public, other trade associations and professional bodies, the media and in all matters deemed to be relevant to the exhibition and event industry.
- (f) Conclude such lawful agreements relating to the exhibition and event industry with other bodies, which are designed to further the objectives of the Association.
- (g) To retain professional organisations to facilitate the achievement of the aims and objectives of the Association.
- (h) To do all such other things as may be deemed by the Association to be incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

39. The Exhibition and Event Association of Australasia recognises the Exhibition & Event Association of New Zealand (EEAA NZ) as a kindred Association and as such extends reciprocal rights to all EEAA NZ members

APPENDIX 1

Application for membership of the EEAA will require the following information as a minimum:

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF**

**(NAME OF THE ASSOCIATION)**

I,....., of .....desire to become a  
(*name and occupation*) (*address*)

member of .....  
(*name of Association*) In the event of my admission as a  
member, I agree to be bound by the rules of the Association for the time being in force.

.....  
Signature of Applicant  
Date

I,....., a member of the Association, (*name*)  
nominate the applicant, who is personally known to me, for membership of the Association.

.....  
Signature of Proposer  
Date

I,....., a member of the Association, second  
(*name*) the nomination of the applicant, who is personally known to me, for  
membership of the Association.

.....  
Signature of Secunder  
Date

APPENDIX 2

The form for the Appointment of Proxy for a meeting of the Association convened under rule 7 (7) will require the following information as a minimum:

**FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY FOR MEETING OF**

**ASSOCIATION CONVENED UNDER RULE 7(7)**

I,..... (name)

of ..... (address)

being a member of ..... (name of Incorporated Association)

appoint ..... (name of proxy holder)

of ..... (address of proxy holder)

being a member of that Incorporated Association, as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the appeal to the general meeting of the Association convened under rule 7(7), to be held on

.....

(date of meeting)

and at any adjournment of that meeting.

I authorise my proxy to vote on my behalf at their discretion in respect of the following resolution (insert details of resolution passed under rule 7(1)).

.....

Signed

Date

**APPENDIX 3**

The form for the Appointment of Proxy for a meeting of the Association will require the following information as a minimum:

**FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY**

I, ..... (*name*)

of ..... (*address*)

being a member of ..... (*name of Incorporated Association*)

appoint ..... (*name of proxy holder*)

of .....  
(*address of proxy holder*)

being a member of that Incorporated Association, as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the annual/special\* general meeting of the Association to be held on

.....  
(*date of meeting*)

and at any adjournment of that meeting.

My proxy is authorised to vote in favour of/against\* the following resolution (insert details of resolution).

.....  
Signed  
Date

\* Delete if not applicable

**NOTE TO MEMBERS: ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION ACT (2012)**  
**RULES FOR THE**  
**EXHIBITION AND EVENT ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALASIA INCORPORATED A0011825F**

The Department of Justice – Consumer Affairs Victoria approved the Special Resolution passed on 21 May 2014. It asked the Association to include the following model rule (s) to be read in conjunction with revised rules of the Association

**Schedule 1 – Matter 8**

**The grievance procedures for settling disputes under the rules between the incorporated association and any members or between a member and other member**

Model Rule 25 – Grievance Procedure - Application

(1)The grievance procedure set out in this Division applies to disputes under these Rules between—

- (a) a member and another member;
- (b) a member and the Committee;
- (c) a member and the Association.

(2)A member must not initiate a grievance procedure in relation to a matter that is the subject of a disciplinary procedure until the disciplinary procedure has been completed.

**Schedule 1 – Matter 13**

**Provision for members to have access to, and be able to obtain copies of, the records, securities and other relevant documents of the incorporated association**

**Schedule 1 – Matter 15**

**Provision for members to have access to, and to be able to obtain copies of, minutes of general meeting, including financial statements submitted at general meetings.**

Model Rule 75 - Custody and inspection of books and records

(1)Members may on request inspect free of charge—

- (a) the register of members;
- (b) the minutes of general meetings;
- (c) subject to subrule (2), the financial records, books, securities and any other relevant

document of the Association, including minutes of Committee meetings.

(2) The Committee may refuse to permit a member to inspect records of the Association that relate to confidential, personal, employment, commercial or legal matters or where to do so may be prejudicial to the interests of the Association.

(3) The Committee must on request make copies of these rules available to members and applicants for membership free of charge.

(4) Subject to subrule (2), a member may make a copy of any of the other records of the Association referred to in this rule and the Association may charge a reasonable fee for provision of a copy of such a record.

(5) For purposes of this rule—

**relevant documents** means the records and other documents, however compiled, recorded or stored, that relate to the incorporation and management of the Association and includes the following—

- (a) its membership records;
- (b) its financial statements;
- (c) its financial records;
- (d) records and documents relating to transactions, dealings, business or property of the Association.

**For further information on model rules: [www.consumer.vic.gov.au/associations](http://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/associations)**



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EXHIBITION AND EVENT ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALASIA INC.  
PO BOX 952  
CHATSWOOD PRIVATE BOXES NSW 2057

19 June 2014

Dear Sir/Madam,

### Rule Changes by Special Resolution

#### EXHIBITION & EVENT ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALASIA INC. – A0011825F

Thank you for the submission of the special resolution passed on **21 May 2014** for the above association incorporated under the *Association Incorporations Reform Act 2012* (the Act).

The special resolution has been approved by Consumer Affairs Victoria.

However, it is noted that the following rule(s) has not been included in the new rules of your association as required under the Act.

#### ▪ Schedule 1 - Matter 8

##### **The grievance procedures for settling disputes under the rules between the incorporated association and any members or between a member and other member**

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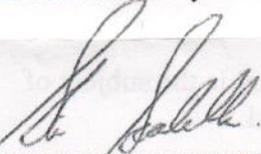
  - (a) its membership records;
  - (b) its financial statements;
  - (c) its financial records;
  - (d) records and documents relating to transactions, dealings, business or property of the Association.

Therefore, in accordance with Section 48 (3) of the Act, model rule numbers 25 and 75 are deemed to be included in the rules of your association. A copy of the Model Rules is available on our website.

Please advise members that the association's rules are to be read in conjunction with this letter and the relevant model rules.

It is also noted that under Section 46 of the Act, the rules of an incorporated association constitute the terms of a contract between the incorporated association and its members. Therefore, matters concerning the rules are for the incorporated association and its members.

Yours sincerely



**STEVEN SCODELLA**  
Operations Manager  
Regulatory Transaction Centre