

**(Proposed 8)**  
**CONSTITUTION OF**  
**NEPOMAK AUSTRALIA & NZ Inc.**  
(NEPOMAK YOUTH-THE WORLD FEDERATION OF OVERSEAS  
CYPRIOTS YOUTH ORGANISATION)

**Article 1**      **Establishment & Headquarters**

In accordance with a Resolution taken at the 12<sup>th</sup> Congress of POMAK in Nicosia (26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> August 2001) ‘POMAK YOUTH’ is formed this day and will operate as a permanent, self governing and autonomous Committee. The POMAK Youth (NEPOMAK), headquarters will be based in Cyprus.

*1.1 Nepomak Australia & NZ was first established on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2004, as a non profit organisation.*

*1.2 Members of Nepomak Australia and NZ Inc shall be the following Communities and Organisations:*

- *Cyprus Community of Sydney and New South Wales*
- *Cyprus Community of Melbourne and Victoria*
- *Cyprus Community of Adelaide and South Australia*
- *Cyprus Community of Brisbane and Queensland*
- *Cyprus Community of Canberra and ACT and Districts*
- *Cyprus Community of Perth and Western Australia*
- *Cyprus Community of Darwin and Northern Territory*
- *Cyprus Community of Wollongong*
- *Cyprus Community of “Apostolos Andreas” of Sunshine*
- *Community of Cypriots of The Northern Suburbs of Melbourne*
- *Cyprus Community of Wellington and New Zealand*
- *Australian Cyprian Social & Sports Organisation “Pankyprios”*
- *Cyprus Hellene Club*

**Article 2**      **Aims**

The aims of *NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc* shall be:

- 2.1 To promote the struggle of the people of Cyprus for a solution to the Cyprus problem.
- 2.2 To project internationally, *especially in the Oceania region* the problems and just demands of the Cypriot people.
- 2.3 To reinforce the awareness of overseas Cypriot youth and generally all overseas Cypriots of their national identity.

- 2.4 To project the cultural inheritance of Cyprus and humanitarian ideals worldwide, *especially in our region*.
- 2.5 To cultivate friendly relations between Cyprus and *Australia, NZ and the Oceania region* in which Cypriots may live, encouraging and strengthening cultural, financial and other relations.
- 2.6 To contribute to the acquaintance and interaction between *Australian, NZ Cypriot Youth* and their origins in Cyprus and its Youth.
- 2.7 To assist in the resolution of problems that concern Overseas Cypriot Youth and to strengthen the creative achievement of their concerns and visions.

### **Article 3      Members**

- 3.1 Full Members** are all Youth Sections, members of *the Federation of Cyprus Communities and Organisation of Australia and NZ*. A Youth Section of a Cypriot community or organisation consists of individuals between the ages of 18 and 30 who have at least one parent/*guardian* or a spouse of Cypriot origin and are permanent residents of *Australia and NZ*. *Must be a fit and proper person, active and of good standing in their local or state Cypriot community.*
- 3.2 Associate Members:** *Any person of 18 to 30 years of age who does not meet all the criteria prescribed in article 3.1. They must be interested in and supportive of the objectives of NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc. The associate member will enjoy the same benefits of other members but will not have voting rights, will not be eligible for elections to NEPOMAK, NANZEC or Presidium and shall pay membership fees.*
- 3.3** The individual members of each Full or Associate members must fall within the legal definitions of Cyprus Law relating to Permanent Immigrants Abroad and specifically to the area of the local Federation. Individuals who leave Cyprus for studies abroad are specifically excluded from membership as they are considered only as temporary overseas residents. Individuals who are members of any organisation which qualifies as a Full or Associate Member of *NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc* who do not conform to the residence requirement shall not have the right to take part, vote or be proposed for office.
- 3.4** In the event that an individual has been elected member of any of the committees provided for herein before the completion of his/her 30<sup>th</sup> year *of* age and will reach the age of 30 during the period of his/her period of office, he/she may continue to hold that office until the end of the term of that office.

## **Article 4**      **Rights and Obligations of Members**

### 4.1 A Full Member of *NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc*:

- 4.1.1. Has the right to be represented at and participate in meetings of the organisation's various bodies, and has the right to vote and elect provided always that it has observed the rules herein and has paid all dues including those that fall due for the year of such meetings.
- 4.1.2. Has right of access to *NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc*. official documents and archives
- 4.1.3. May withdraw from *NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc* by submitting written resolution of its members but has no rights to refunds of membership fees or other contributions made during the period of its membership.
- 4.1.4. Retains the right to continue its own autonomous activity in the area of its registration without contradicting the Regulation of *NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc*.

### 4.2 A Full Member of *NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc*:

- 4.2.1. Is required to submit its membership fees and other extraordinary payments when due. These must be paid prior to the annual ordinary *conference*. Membership fees for Full and Associate members are reviewed by *the Presidium*. *The Presidium* has the right to defer the full participation in *NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc* of a member that has not paid its fees and:
  - the defaulting member has been given notice twice by registered letter
  - has not met its financial obligations for two years.

A member defaulting on payment will have its voting rights removed.

A defaulting Member has the right to present its case to Conference and the *NANZEC* is required to allow debate on the subject at the next Conference.

- 4.2.2 Is required to advise the *NANZEC* of all changes in its constitution and make proposals that may enhance the operation of *NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc*.

- 4.2.3** To strictly follow the Regulations of *NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc*, *World NEPOMAK* and generally the Constitution and Rules of the Federation of Cyprus Communities and Organisations of *Australia and*

*NZ Inc*, of POMAK and PSEKA/PASEKA and to contribute towards the implementation of Resolutions and decisions of *NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc*. Penalties for defaulting members shall be applied in accordance with **World NEPOMAK** Constitution.

**4.2.4** *The member youth section shall keep and maintain a register of members on which shall be entered the full name, address, date of birth, email, telephones, **membership** status and date of entry.*

**4.2.5** *Each member permits his/her details in the register of members to be available to NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc. The register is not available to third parties and will not be sold or rented out.*

**4.2.6** *The member youth sections have the same obligations. They obey the resolutions of NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc. and act according to its aims. If their activities conflict with the aims of NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc. there is then a reason for expulsion. On the other hand, the member youth sections are responsible for their financial obligations.*

**4.2.7** *A member youth section is expelled or suspended on terms to be decided at the AGM, where a  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority resolutions shall be passed. Notice shall be given at least one month prior to the date of the AGM where the resolution will be discussed and voted upon.*

**4.2.8** *Disciplining of members:*

*(1) A complaint may be made to the NANZEC by any individual member or member youth section:*

*a) Has refused or neglected to comply with the provision or provisions of this constitution, or*

*b) Has willfully acted in a manner prejudicial to the interest of NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc.*

*(2) The NANZEC may refuse to deal with a complaint if it considers the complaint to be trivial or vexatious in nature.*

*(3) If the NANZEC decides to deal with the complaint:*

*a) Must cause notice of the complaint to be served on the member concerned, and*

*b) Must give the member at least 28 days from the time the notice is served within which to make submissions to the NANZEC in the connection with the complaint, and*

*c) Must take into consideration any submissions made by the member in connection with the complaint.*

*(4) The NANZEC, may by resolution expel the member from NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc. or suspend the member from membership if, after considering the complaint and any submissions made in connection with the complaint, it is satisfied that the facts alleged in the complaint have been proved and the expulsion or suspension is warranted in the circumstances.*

*(5) If the NANZEC expels or suspends a member, the secretary must, within 7 days after the action is taken, cause written notice to be given to the member of the action taken, of the reasons given by the NANZEC for having taken that action and of the member's right of appeal under clause 4.2.9.*

*(6) The expulsion or suspension does not take effect:*

*a) Until the expiration of the period within which the member is entitled to appeal against the resolution concerned, or*

*b) If within that period the member exercises the right of appeal, unless and until NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc. confirms the resolution under clause 4.2.8 whichever is the later.*

#### ***4.2.9 Right of appeal of disciplined member:***

*(1) A member may appeal to NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc. at a general meeting against a resolution of the NANZEC under clause 4.2.8, within 7 days after notice of the resolution is served on the member, by lodging with the secretary a notice to that effect.*

*(2) A notice may, but need not, be accompanied by a statement of the grounds of which the member intends to rely for the purposes of the appeal.*

*(3) On receipt of a notice from a member under subclause (1) the secretary must notify the NANZEC which is to convene at a general meeting of NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc. to be held within 28 days after the date of which the secretary received the notice.*

*(4) At a general meeting of NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc. under subclause (3):*

*a) No business other than the question of the appeal is to be transacted, and*

*b) The NANZEC and the member must be given the opportunity to state their respective cases orally or in writing, or both, and*

*c) The members present are to vote by secret ballot on the question of whether the resolution should be confirmed or revoked.*

(5) *The appeal is to be determined by simple majority or votes casted by members of NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc. except in subclause 4.2.7 in reference of member youth section.*

## **Article 5      Conference and its Functions**

5.1 Conference is the highest-ranking body of *NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc.*

5.2 Conferences are classified thus:

5.2.1 Ordinary – take place *every year*.

5.2.2 Extraordinary – may be convened if called for in writing by at least two thirds of Full Members or by resolution of the NANZEC.

5.2.3 Constitutional – May be convened by the NANZEC with the specific purpose of effecting changes to the Rules. Once called, such Conference may also deal with other matters.

5.3 Conference consists of Delegates of Full Members, *appointed by them and are represented as follows:*

<i>Community / Organisation</i>	<i>Delegates</i>
<i>Cyprus Community of Sydney and New South Wales</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Cyprus Community of Melbourne and Victoria</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Cyprus Community of Adelaide and South Australia</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Cyprus Community of Brisbane and Queensland</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Cyprus Community of Perth and Western Australia</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Cyprus Community of Canberra and ACT and Districts</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Cyprus Community of Darwin and Northern Territory</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Cyprus Community of Wollongong</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Cyprus Community of “Apostolos Andreas” of Sunshine</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Community of Cypriots of The Northern Suburbs of Melbourne</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Cyprus Community of Wellington and New Zealand</i>	<i>4</i>

<i>Australian Cyprian Social &amp; Sports Organisation “Pankyprios”</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Cyprus Hellene Club</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Associate members</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>67</i>

This representation is subject to review at Conference

- 5.4 Associate Members are represented by ONE Delegate unless otherwise decided by the NANZEC.
- 5.5 Representatives of other organisations not Full or Associate members and individuals may attend Conferences as Observers following approval of a duly submitted ‘Application for Participation’ by their local Full member or *NANZEC*. The number of Observers from each community / organisation shall not exceed 50% or Delegates of that community / organisation. Overseas Cypriot Youth Organisations from areas where there is no Federation presence, may be represented by one observer who has to complete application for participation.
- 5.6 Conferences are organised by an “*Organising* Committee” to be approved by the Presidium.
- 5.7 The NANZEC decides on the dates of Conferences and their duration and advises all Full and Associate Members at least **2** months in advance for Ordinary Conferences and **1** month for Extraordinary or Constitution Conferences, and in 14 days for *NANZEC* meetings. It decides on the Agenda and programme after consultation of Full and Associate Members who shall submit their suggestions to the *Presidium* at least **three weeks** before the commencement date of Conference. The Agenda and Programme are circulated to Full and Associate Members at least **2 weeks** before conference together with a written invitation to attend. The Agenda and Programme must include: Report by the *Presidium*, Financial Report, Election of new *NANZEC* (if an election year) and Audit Committee. In the event of an Extraordinary Conference, the applying members must include with their application a list of subjects they wish to discuss. Such subjects must be included in the agenda for such Conference. For extraordinary conferences, notices of **1** month are to be given.

First item on the Agenda shall be the verification by Full Members of the validity of their Delegates and the presence of enough delegates to form a quorum. Subjects not on the Agenda may be debated if submitted immediately after the commencement of the day’s business and approved by at least 50% plus one (absolute majority) of the delegates present.

- 5.8 Applications for attendance for Conferences are made as follows:
- 5.8.1. Members of *NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc* complete relative application forms.
- 5.8.2. The *Presidium* or Secretariat of each *member community / organisation* receives and validates the applications and ensures that the number of applications is within the predetermined number of delegates accorded to its area. In the event of excessive numbers, the additional members are considered as ‘alternates’. All details are then submitted to the Organising Committee of the Conference.
- Confirmation of Applications and delegates takes place immediately prior to the first Session of Conference.
- Additional attendees may be processed by special application on the day of Conference but always in accordance with these Rules and generally in compliance with the number of Delegates per *member community/organisation* and approval of the *Presidium*
- 5.9 If a member of the *NANZEC* is unable to attend Conference, the Full Member represented by the unavailable member may appoint another person to represent the absentee. The Full Member notifies the President or Secretary in writing for such substitution. Such replacement member has only the position or member of the committee even if the member being replaced is an Officer.
- 5.10 Quorum at Conference is met when 50% plus one Delegates is coming from 50% of the member *communities /organisations* present. The count includes officially appointed Alternates. Any Delegate or accredited Alternate may request the verification of the Quorum.
- 5.11 Conference is chaired by the *NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc* President assisted by the Vice Presidents, General Secretary, *Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Government Relations and Public Relations/Media*. Together they form the *Presidium* of the Conference. In the event of absence of the President, one of the Vice Presidents takes the Chair. In the event that the President and Vice Presidents are not present fifteen minutes after the scheduled commencement of proceedings, and it is established that there is a quorum, the Delegates present may elect a Chairman and proceed with the Agenda.
- 5.12 The President may give the floor to any eligible participant of Conference. The right to vote and be a candidate for office is reserved only for Delegates and members of the *NANZEC*.
- 5.13 All persons who wish to speak are required to place their names on a list to be made available at the beginning or during the conference. The President decides on the order of speakers and whether to permit



anyone to speak from the rostrum if he/she thinks it is appropriate. No one has the right to speak whether from the floor or the Rostrum without the President's approval. No person will be entitled to speak after the President had declared the end of the session.

- 5.14 The President decides the duration of speeches. A person given the right to speak may do so without interruption for the period allotted to him/her. The speaker, however, may, with the President's consent, allow a third person to interject for the sake of clarity on a particular point. Ordinarily, questions are submitted at the end of a speech or statement.
- 5.15 If one or more persons persist in unacceptable behaviour, the President has the right to call for order. If such behaviour continues, the President may forbid the individual/s concerned to speak for the remainder of Conference or request the removal of such person or persons from the Conference area.
- 5.16 Resolutions are taken at Conference in the same manner as at the *NANZEC* as described in article 6.14 and 6.15. Resolutions may be submitted by any Delegate at the commencement of each session and, if time permits, are discussed and voted at the end of each session.
- 5.17 The taking of minutes of Conference and *NANZEC* meetings are the responsibility of the Secretary who, if absent, may be replaced by a Vice President or any member of the *Presidium*. The President and Secretary shall ensure that copies of the Minutes of Conference must be sent to all the Members of *NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc* and all members of *NANZEC* within three months of the end of Conference. Minutes of the meetings of the *Presidium* must be sent to all members of the *Presidium*.
- 5.18 *There should be freedom of choice in language used, either Greek or English, at all times during the conference period, so as to allow participation by all delegates.*

## **Article 6**      **Presidium/NANZEC**

- 6.1 The *Presidium* is elected at an Ordinary Conference for a term of two years.
- 6.2 The *Presidium* consists of 8 members who are elected by the *NANZEC*.
- 6.3 Representatives for the *Presidium* are voted at the conference by the *NANZEC*. The State Sections of *NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc* retain the right to recall or replace any member of the *NANZEC* with the exception of the President, *Deputy President*, General Secretary,

*Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Government Relations and Public Relations/Media of NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc.*

6.4 The Officers of *NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc* shall be:

The President

*Deputy President*

General Secretary

*Assistant Secretary*

Treasurer

*Assistant Treasurer*

*Government Relations*

*Public Relations / Media*

*They form the Presidium*

6.5 The Officers must be members of the *NANZEC* and are elected by *NANZEC*. Elections are conducted by a 5-member Election Committee (each member from a different member community / organisation) elected by Conference before *the elections*. Candidatures for Officers are submitted to the Election Committee *the day of the elections*, which are by secret ballot. The *NANZEC* may suggest other Officers from amongst its members should this be considered necessary.

6.6 In the event of resignation of the President, *Deputy President*, General Secretary, or Treasurer of *NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc*, the Full Member from which the resigned member originates, appoints a new member to the *NANZEC*. The *Presidium* then elects one of *NANZEC* members to fill the resigned person's position for the remainder of the term of office.

6.7 In the event of resignation of a Vice President, *Assistant Secretary Assistant Treasurer, Government Relations, Public Relations/Media or member of NANZEC, the Presidium* requests the Full member from which the resigned member originates to appoint a replacement member for the remaining term of office.

6.8 The *NANZEC* meets at least once a year or when required by the *Presidium* or by two thirds of its members representing at least two thirds of the member *community / organisation of NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc*.

- 6.9 During the period between two *annual conferences*, the *NANZEC* is required to convene at least once for the purpose of enforcing and promoting the application of resolutions taken by Conference, *the Presidium and the NANZEC*. The *NANZEC* has an Executive character. Meetings of the *NANZEC* may take place in Australia/New Zealand or by conference calls.
- 6.10 The President and the General Secretary decide upon the Agenda for *NANZEC* meetings after consideration of suggestions by other members of the *NANZEC*, which must reach the President or General Secretary, 14 days before the scheduled *NANZEC* meeting. Members of the *NANZEC* are advised of the final Agenda 7 days prior to the date of the meeting. Subjects not on the Agenda may be discussed at *NANZEC* meetings if approved by the majority of members present.
- 6.11 In the event that a member of the *NANZEC* cannot attend a meeting, the member *community / organisation* from which the said member represents may appoint another representative to take his/her place. The Full member notifies the President and General Secretary of such substitution in writing. A substituting member sits as an ordinary member of the *NANZEC*.
- 6.12 The *Presidium and NANZEC* are in Quorum when 50% of their members representing at least 50% of the *communities / organisations of NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc* are present, including alternates representing absent members as in 6.11 above. Any member of the *Presidium and NANZEC* may request confirmation of Quorum.
- 6.13 Meetings of the *Presidium* are presided over by the President, or, in the event of his absence, by the *Deputy President and at his/her absence* one of the Vice Presidents.
- 6.14 No member will speak unless given the right to do so by the President of the meeting. The President has the right to decide on the order in which members speak.
- 6.15 Decisions are taken by simple majority of members present provided they form a quorum as provided in these Rules. In the event of a tied vote at the *Presidium and NANZEC*, the President has the casting vote. If the President declines to use his casting vote, another vote is taken. In the event of another tied vote the President has the casting vote. If the President still refuses to cast his vote, a ballot is drawn by the President to decide the vote.
- 6.16 Minutes are the responsibility of the General Secretary who, if absent, will be replaced by one of the Vice Presidents.

6.17 *NANZEC consists of 33 representatives appointed by the Full members at the annual conference as follows:*

<i>Cyprus Community of Sydney and New South Wales</i>	5
<i>Cyprus Community of Melbourne and Victoria</i>	4
<i>Cyprus Community of Adelaide and South Australia</i>	3
<i>Cyprus Community of Brisbane and Queensland</i>	3
<i>Cyprus Community of Perth and Western Australia</i>	2
<i>Cyprus Community of Canberra and ACT and Districts</i>	2
<i>Cyprus Community of Darwin and Northern Territory</i>	2
<i>Cyprus Community of Wollongong</i>	2
<i>Cyprus Community of “Apostolos Andreas” of Sunshine</i>	2
<i>Community of Cypriots of the Northern Suburbs of Melbourne</i>	2
<i>Cyprus Community of Wellington and New Zealand</i>	2
<i>Australian Cyprian Social &amp; Sports Organisation “Pankyrios”</i>	2
<i>Cyprus Hellene Club</i>	2
<i>Total</i>	33

**Article 7**      **Duties of Officers of the Presidium**

7.1 The President represents *NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc* and cooperates closely with the Presidents and members of the Management Committee of *The Federation of The Cyprus Communities and Organisations of Australia and NZ Inc and PASEKA*. The President signs all documents of *NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc*. He/she speaks on behalf of the *Presidium* and reports on the activities of the Youth and especially the *NANZEC* for the period

between Ordinary meetings of Conference. If unable to attend, the President is substituted by the *Deputy President and at his/her absence* one of the Vice Presidents.

- 7.1.2 *The Deputy President stands in for the President and takes on specific tasks if required to do so by the President.*
- 7.2 The Vice Presidents stand in for the President, *Deputy President*, General Secretary, *Assistant* Secretary and Treasurer in the event of absence of any one or more of the said officers. Vice Presidents may take on specific tasks if required to do so by the President.
- 7.3 The General Secretary works closely with the President in the processing and distribution of all documents and the convening of meetings of the *NANZEC*. Maintains the archives and Membership Register of *NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc* together with Minute Books for the meetings of the various committees of *NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc*. Works together with the Directorate for Overseas Cypriots at the Foreign Ministry, Nicosia. If unavailable, his/her duties are undertaken by the *Assistant Secretary*, or the Vice Presidents *of their respected community*.
- 7.4 The *Assistant* Secretary works closely with the President and General Secretary towards the functional application of Conference Resolutions and *NANZEC* decisions. Coordinates meetings of *NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc* committees. If unavailable, his/her duties are undertaken by the Vice **President** *of their respected community*.
- 7.5 The Treasurer is responsible for the financial matters of *NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc*. His/her principal responsibility is fund-raising. Cooperates with the Audit Committee to ensure correct use of resources. Keeps necessary records and is a co-signatory with the President for transactions as decided by the *Presidium*. The Treasurer ensures that amounts in excess of \$200 are deposited in a designated Bank Account. If unavailable, his/her duties are undertaken by the *Assistant Treasurer or the Vice President of their respected community*
- 7.6 *The Assistant Treasurer is responsible to assist the Treasurer in his duties. If unavailable, his/her duties are undertaken by the Vice President of their respected community.*
- 7.7 *The Government Relations Officer is responsible in matters relating to policy, engagement and lobbying with governments. If unavailable, his/her duties are undertaken by the Vice President of their respected community.*
- 7.8 *The Public Relations/Media Officer is responsible for matters relating to Public Relations, Media including Media Monitoring and*

*relative correspondence. If unavailable, his/her duties are undertaken by the Vice President of their respected community.*

## **Article 8      Committees**

- 8.1 Conference, NANZEC and *Presidium* may delegate duties to Committees of three or more members of Conference or NANZEC *and Presidium*.
- 8.2 The term of such committees may be determined at its formation. The authority that formed any committee is also entitled to dissolve it.
- 8.3 The Chair of each committee is appointed by the authority forming it. If the Chair of a committee is not present fifteen minutes after the planned commencement time, the members present, provided they form a quorum, may elect another member, by show of hands, to preside and conduct the business of that meeting.
- 8.4 Quorum is achieved by the presence of 50% plus one of the members. Any member may request confirmation of Quorum.
- 8.5 Decisions and resolutions are taken in the same way as for the *NANZEC and Presidium* and the relevant provisions of article 6 apply. In the execution of their duties, committees must conform to the directions and instructions given to them by the authority that formed them.
- 8.6 Minutes of the meetings of such committees will be taken by a member who is appointed by agreement at the commencement of each meeting. The designated member, together with the Chair of the meeting are required to forward the minutes of the meeting to the *Presidium* within 10 days of the meeting.

## **Article 9      Audit Committee**

- 9.1 The Audit Committee audits the financial management of the *Presidium*. All accounting books, vouchers, contracts and other relevant materials shall be made available to the Audit Committee which will author a report to be submitted to the *NANZEC* and presented to Conference.
- 9.2 Conference, at its Ordinary meetings, elects a 5 member Audit Committee. Every Delegate has the eligibility for election. No more than one delegate from each *member community / organisation* may be elected member of the committee. In the event that more than one person is elected, the one receiving the highest number of votes serves

on the Committee. If candidates represent fewer than 5 *member communities / organisations*, every *member community / organisation* that has put forward a candidate shall be represented on the Audit Committee. Members of the *Presidium* are not eligible to serve on the Audit Committee.

#### **Article 10**      **Supplementary Regulations**

10.1 The NANZEC has the authority to approve by-laws for whatever subject is not specified by the existing Regulations, which cannot supersede the existing Regulations.

#### **Article 11**      **Dissolution of NEPOMAK of Australia and NZ Inc and Members' Liability**

11.1 *NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc* shall be dissolved at Conference at which 2/3 of the registered delegates are present. The count includes Alternates properly appointed to represent Delegates unable to attend either the whole period of Conference or any one session. Additionally, ¾ of *member communities / organisations* must be represented. A resolution approving the dissolution of the organization must be passed by a majority of ¾ of those present and eligible to vote.

11.2 In the event of dissolution of *NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc* and after settlement of all creditors' accounts, any surplus shall be placed at the disposal of *PASEKA*.

11.3 *The liability of a member of NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc. to contribute towards the payment of the debts and liabilities of NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc. or the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up of NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc. is limited to the amount of ten dollars and any unpaid membership fees.*

#### **Article 12**      **Regulations and Amendments thereto**

12.1 The present Regulations are based on the Constitution and Internal Regulations of POMAK, PSEKA, *Federation of Cyprus Communities & Organisations of Australia & NZ Inc & PASEKA*, which it must not contradict.

These Regulations may be amended at a Constitutional Conference provided notice is given by the *Presidium* to delegates as per Article 5 and the notice should include details of the proposed amendments.

- 12.2 Quorum for Constitutional Conferences requires the presence of two thirds of all delegates. The count includes Alternates officially declared to represent Delegates unable to attend either the whole period of Conference or any particular session. Additionally,  $\frac{3}{4}$  of member communities / organisations must be represented. A resolution approving changes to these Regulations must be passed by a majority of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of those present and eligible to vote.

Conference must vote on each proposed amendment separately and also on the whole of the amended document.

**Article 13**      **Relationship with POMAK, PSEKA, Federation of Cyprus Communities & Organisations of Australia & NZ Inc & PASEKA.**

- 13.1 *NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc*, while enjoying organisational independence, forms an integral part of the international movement of Overseas Cypriots and works closely with POMAK, PSEKA, *Federation of Cyprus Communities & Organisations of Australia & NZ Inc & PASEKA*, at local and international levels.
- 13.2 For the purposes of coordination and cooperation, members of the *Presidium and/or NANZEC* attend Conferences and meetings of the Executive Council of POMAK, PSEKA, *Federation of Cyprus Communities & Organisations of Australia & NZ Inc & PASEKA*. Similarly, members of the POMAK, PSEKA, *Federation of Cyprus Communities & Organisations of Australia & NZ Inc & PASEKA* attend Conference and meetings of *NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc*.

**Article 14**      **Interpretation of articles**

- 14.1 In the event of doubt as to the interpretation of any article herein, the *NANZEC* decides on an interpretation, which is to apply until the next ordinary Conference at which a decision will be taken on the interpretation of the article(s) in question.

**Article 15**      **Resolution of Disputes**

- 15.1 *A dispute between a member and another member (in their capacity as members) of the association, or a dispute between a member or members and NEPOMAK Australia and NZ Inc, are to be referred to the Presidium. If the dispute is not resolved then it should be referred to the NANZEC.*



**15.2** *If a dispute is not resolved within 3 months of the referral to the NANZEC the dispute is to be referred to the Federation of Cyprus Communities & Organisations of Australia and NZ Inc.*

**Article 16**    **Transition of Presidium**

**16.1** *For the purpose of a smooth transition for the incoming Presidium and/or a resignation of a member of the Presidium must provide all documents, cheque books and all material and equipment held, to the incoming presidium or officer.*

**Article 17**

This Regulation was approved by the Constitutional Conference of NEPOMAK of Australia and NZ Inc in ....., on .....