# RULES

OF THE

# WELLINGTON CENTRAL SUPERANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

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# for the Wellington Central Superannuitants Association Incorporated

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- i) The Executive Committee shall cause proper accounts to be kept:
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  - (ii) Of all the assets and liabilities of the Association including all mortgages charges and securities of any description affecting any property of the Association.
  - (iii) The records of account shall be kept at the registered office of the Association or at such other place or places as the Executive Committee shall determine and they shall open to the inspection of a member or his/her accredited representative at such reasonable times and places as shall be determined by the Committee. All. monies received shall forthwith be paid into such bank as shall be determined from time to time by the committee after being entered into the records of the Association as having been received. Payments shall be by cheque signed by any two of the following: the Treasurer, the Chairman, and another Executive Committee member empowered by the Executive Committee to sign cheques. Any payments made without prior authorisation by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Committee for confirmation at the next meeting following payment.
- j) The Executive Committee shall make the returns required by the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 or by such other statutory provisions for the time being in force and shall comply with all the requirements of such Statute and any regulations thereunder.
- k) Any member of the Executive Committee shall vacate office if the Committee is satisfied that:
  - (i) he/she has been guilty of a grave misconduct.
  - (ii) he/she has wilfully disobeyed or neglected to comply with the objects of the Association.

- (iii) he/she has been declared bankrupt.
- (iv) he/she has become incapable of carrying out their duties by reason of mental incapacity or physical illness.
- (v) he/she has been guilty of dishonesty or been convicted of a criminal offence.
- (vi) he/she has been guilty of conduct tending to bring him/her or the Association into disrepute.
- (vii) the member is absent from three consecutive meetings of the Committee without leave of the Committee.
- 1) Any member of the Executive Committee may terminate his/her office by notice in writing to the Secretary.
- m) The Executive Committee shall be entitled to fill casual vacancies at its discretion.
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# 13. BORROWING POWERS:

a) The Executive Committee shall have power if authorised by a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority at any General or Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association to borrow or raise money and secure payment of any money owing by the Association or the satisfaction or performance of any obligation or liability incurred or undertaken by the Association in such a manner as the Association shall by such resolution determine; and in the course of such borrowing or raising of money, the Executive Committee has the power to agree to any charge of lien upon the whole or any part of the Association's property or assets, whether present or future.

- b) Save as provided in Clause 13(a) the Association shall not have power to borrow money.
- c) The Executive Committee may, at its discretion, redeem or pay off ahead of time moneys borrowed or raised under powers conferred by Clause 13(a).

## 14. ASSOCIATION POLICY:

- a) All resolutions of the Association shall, taken together, form the policy of the Association, but where a resolution from a General Meeting conflicts with a resolution from the Executive Committee, the resolution from the General Meeting will have effect.
- b) Public statements on behalf of the Association will only be made by the President or the Secretary or the Public Relations Officer who will consult with the Executive Committee.

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The Association Delegates at meetings of the Federation shall be the President and the Secretary, or if either of them is unable or unwilling to attend, some other member appointed by the Executive Committee in his or her place.

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## 20. SPECIAL BUSINESS INCLUDING ALTERATION OF RULES:

- a) Any Special business including any alteration addition to or rescision of any of these rules proposed by a member must be notified to the Secretary in writing at least 60 days before the date of the next general meeting. Notice of any special business and the general tenor thereof must be included in the Notice of meeting at which such business is to be considered.
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Nothing in these Rules shall oblige the Association or any Officer of the Association to do or omit any act or thing if such act or omission would cause the Association to be in breach of the Association's obligations as a member of the Federation.

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HUGH PRICE CHAIRMAN 21/4/94.

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  - (i) Of all sums of money received and expended by the Association and the matters in respect of which such receipt and expenditure takes place.
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  - (iii) The records of account shall be kept at the registered office of the Association or at such other place or places as the Executive Committee shall determine and they shall open to the inspection of a member or his/her accredited representative at such reasonable times and places as shall be determined by the Committee. All. monies received shall forthwith be paid into such bank as shall be determined from time to time by the committee after being entered into the records of the Association as having been received. Payments shall be by cheque signed by any two of the following: the Treasurer, the Chairman, and another Executive Committee member empowered by the Executive Committee to sign cheques. Any payments made without prior authorisation by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Committee for confirmation at the next meeting following payment.
- j) The Executive Committee shall make the returns required by the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 or by such other statutory provisions for the time being in force and shall comply with all the requirements of such Statute and any regulations thereunder.
- k) Any member of the Executive Committee shall vacate office if the Committee is satisfied that:
  - (i) he/she has been guilty of a grave misconduct.
  - (ii) he/she has wilfully disobeyed or neglected to comply with the objects of the Association.

- (iii) he/she has been declared bankrupt.
- (iv) he/she has become incapable of carrying out their duties by reason of mental incapacity or physical illness.
- (v) he/she has been guilty of dishonesty or been convicted of a criminal offence.
- (vi) he/she has been guilty of conduct tending to bring him/her or the Association into disrepute.
- (vii) the member is absent from three consecutive meetings of the Committee without leave of the Committee.
- 1) Any member of the Executive Committee may terminate his/her office by notice in writing to the Secretary.
- m) The Executive Committee shall be entitled to fill casual vacancies at its discretion.
- n) The Chairperson of any meeting of the Executive Committee may with the consent of 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.

# 13. BORROWING POWERS:

a) The Executive Committee shall have power if authorised by a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority at any General or Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association to borrow or raise money and secure payment of any money owing by the Association or the satisfaction or performance of any obligation or liability incurred or undertaken by the Association in such a manner as the Association shall by such resolution determine; and in the course of such borrowing or raising of money, the Executive Committee has the power to agree to any charge of lien upon the whole or any part of the Association's property or assets, whether present or future.

- b) Save as provided in Clause 13(a) the Association shall not have power to borrow money.
- c) The Executive Committee may, at its discretion, redeem or pay off ahead of time moneys borrowed or raised under powers conferred by Clause 13(a).

## 14. ASSOCIATION POLICY:

- a) All resolutions of the Association shall, taken together, form the policy of the Association, but where a resolution from a General Meeting conflicts with a resolution from the Executive Committee, the resolution from the General Meeting will have effect.
- b) Public statements on behalf of the Association will only be made by the President or the Secretary or the Public Relations Officer who will consult with the Executive Committee.

## 15. AFFILIATION:

The Executive Committee will apply for the Association to be affiliated with the Federation, and may negotiate affiliation with other associations or bodies whose aims and objectives are compatible with those of the Association.

## 16. CAPITATION:

a) On admittance to membership of the New Zealand Superannuitants Federation Incorporated, the Association shall pay capitation on subscriptions received each financial year ending 31 March, to the Federation.

- b) The amount of capitation payable to the Federation shall be determined by the rules of the Federation.
- c) To enable the Federation to make an assessment of the liability for capitation, the Association shall make an annual return of its membership as at 31 March in each year.

## 17. DELEGATES:

The Association Delegates at meetings of the Federation shall be the President and the Secretary, or if either of them is unable or unwilling to attend, some other member appointed by the Executive Committee in his or her place.

#### 18. AUDIT:

The accounts of the Association shall be audited by an auditor to be appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the Association. In the case of any vacancy, the Executive Committee may appoint an auditor.

## 19. THE SEAL OF THE ASSOCIATION:

The Common Seal of the Association shall be in custody of the Secretary and the same may be fixed to any deed or document of any kind by the Secretary pursuant to a resolution of the Executive Committee or of a General Meeting. Any deed or document so sealed shall be signed by an Officer of the Association and Countersigned by the Secretary or by the Chairman.

## 20. SPECIAL BUSINESS INCLUDING ALTERATION OF RULES:

- a) Any Special business including any alteration addition to or rescision of any of these rules proposed by a member must be notified to the Secretary in writing at least 60 days before the date of the next general meeting. Notice of any special business and the general tenor thereof must be included in the Notice of meeting at which such business is to be considered.
- Subject to Rule 20(a) hereof, the Rules of the Association excepting Rule 22 may be altered, added to, or rescinded, at any general meeting of the Association with the sanction of two-thirds of those members present either in person or by proxy. Rule 22 may not be altered or rescinded.
- c) Duplicate copies of every such alteration, addition, rescision, or amendment, shall forthwith be delivered to the Registrar of Incorporated Societies in accordance with the requirements of the Incorporated Societies Act 1908.

## 21. OBLIGATION AS A MEMBER OF THE FEDERATION:

Nothing in these Rules shall oblige the Association or any Officer of the Association to do or omit any act or thing if such act or omission would cause the Association to be in breach of the Association's obligations as a member of the Federation.

## 22. WINDING UP:

If, upon winding up of the Association there remains, after the satisfaction of all its liabilities, any property whatsoever, this will be given to, or transferred to the Federation or to some other institution or society having objects similar to the objects of the

the Association; such recipient to be determined by a majority of those present at an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association held according to the Rules of the Association, at or before the winding up; or in default thereof by the Executive Committee.

HUGH PRICE CHAIRMAN 21/4/94.