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SYDNEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS UNION

CONSTITUTION

1. NAME

The Association shall be called the Sydney Technical High School Old Boys Union*

*It shall be referred to as the OBU in the rest of this document.

2. AIMS

The purpose of the OBU shall be to form an organised association of past members of the Sydney Technical High School alumni and school community.

3. AFFILIATION

a) The OBU shall be affiliated with Sydney Technical High School and shall be responsible to the Principal of the School when and where it is appropriate.

b) Notwithstanding the requirement in (a) above, the OBU will operate as an autonomous body.

4. MEMBERSHIP

a) Membership shall be limited to those persons who attended Sydney Technical High School as a student (Alumni).

b) Membership will be offered, in writing, to each graduating member of Year 12 of the current year at the Graduating Ceremony held at the school each year.

c) Associate membership will be offered to members of the teaching staff and ancillary staff who served at Sydney Technical High School for at least one year. Associate Members are not allowed to vote on any matters.

5. STRUCTURE

- a) The management and day to day running of the OBU will be by a nominated Management Committee. (See Appendices).
- b) There can also be a Convenor nominated for each decade from 1950-1959, 1960-69 etc., whose responsibility it will be to liaise between individual groups representing respective graduating classes and the Management Committee.
- c) The prime purpose of these Convenors shall be to inform the Management Committee of upcoming events and offer contacts with the Principal and/or their nominee of the School.
- d) Such contacts will offer data bases of contact numbers for past alumni and publicity for upcoming events.
- e) There shall be an association within the OBU for present and past teachers and ancillary staff who have taught/worked at Sydney Technical High School for at least one year.

6. *MANAGEMENT*

- a) The OBU shall be controlled by a Management Committee consisting of a President, Secretary, Treasurer and 5 other committee members.
- b) This Committee will nominally serve a period of three years in office.
- c) There shall be an election held for these positions every 3 years at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), on a date to be decided, but which shall normally be on the day of the Annual OBU Dinner.
- d) Nominations shall be called for in writing at least one month prior to the AGM.
- e) If there are insufficient nominations prior to the meeting, nominations shall be accepted from the floor at the Meeting
- f) Positions on the Committee which become vacant from time to time shall be filled at the discretion of the remaining committee members until the next AGM.
- g) General Meetings may be called at any time by the Management Committee, subject to all members having been given at least 14 days' notice of the intent and business of such a General

Meeting.

h) Members of the OBU may call for a Special General Meeting to be held to consider an issue, provided that the Secretary has received a request endorsed by at least twenty members, and of which he has been given sufficient notice so as to be able to give at least 14 days' notice of such a meeting to all members.

7. *VOTING*

a) All Members of the OBU present are entitled to ONE vote at the Annual General Meeting. Associate members are not entitled to vote.

b) The President shall have a deliberative and a casting vote.

8. *FINANCE*

a) A registered public accountant shall be appointed by the Annual General Meeting as auditor for the year. The books of accounts, vouchers and accounts shall be examined by the auditor, and they shall report thereon to the following Annual General Meeting.

b) The finances of the Association shall be administered by the Treasurer in accordance with the wishes of the Management Committee.

c) The signatures to the account shall be those of the Treasurer and one other nominated member of the Committee.

d) The association must apply its funds and assets solely in pursuance of the objects of the association and must not conduct its affairs so as to provide a pecuniary gain for any of its members. Notwithstanding, any out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the management of the Association's affairs shall be reimbursed to members of the Management Committee.

e) The Treasurer is to present a Financial Statement to the Honorary Auditor (as appointed at the previous AGM) for verification at least two weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting.

9. ANNUAL DINNER

a) While reunion Dinners for individual graduating years will be the responsibility of persons from those years, there will be an Annual Dinner (and General Meeting, where appropriate), open to all interested and eligible Alumni, to be held each year and to be administered by the Management Committee.

b) The costs of the Annual Dinner will be a matter for the Management Committee to decide.

c) The date and arrangements for the Annual Dinner will be at the discretion of the Management Committee and will be publicised by the OBU through the School.

10. CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

a) No amendment to this Constitution (not including Appendices) shall be made except at an Annual General Meeting or a Special Meeting called solely for that purpose.

b) Notice, in writing, of proposed changes to this Constitution must be given to the Committee at least one month prior to the Meeting at which it is to be discussed, and notice given to all OBU Members who appear on the current mailing list.

c) The Constitution will only be changed if 75% of those present and entitled to vote, vote in the affirmative.

(d) Any by-laws, as decided by the Management Committee, shall be drawn up and presented to the Annual Meeting prior to their being enacted.

(e) By-laws shall be able to be changed by a simple majority vote at the AGM or any properly constituted General Meeting.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

For the first 3 years of this OBU inauguration (2022-2024) the Committee will consist of a steering party to be: David Knox, John Coleman, John Harrison, Neville Shooter and Jerry Mouzakis.

APPENDIX B: MEMBERS' PARAPHERNALIA

- (a) The OBU will have its own membership tie, the purchase of which shall be made through Sydney Technical High. The cost shall be as set by the Management Committee.
- (b) The design of this tie is to be made by the Management Committee, with approval from the School.
- (c) The School will be responsible for the purchasing of such ties and will retain the right decide the number of ties to be ordered.
- (d) The tie will NOT be a prerequisite for joining the OBU.
- (e) Other OBU paraphernalia may be purchased at any time, but an approval must be sought from the school.

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