

UNDER THE INCORPORATED SOCIETIES ACT 1908

THE RULES

OF

THE AUCKLAND GOETHE SOCIETY INCORPORATED

2013

1. **NAME:** The name of the Society is THE AUCKLAND GOETHE SOCIETY (the "Society").

2. **OBJECTS:** The objects for which the Society is established are:-
 - (1) To hold and manage the assets of the Society in accordance with these rules;
 - (2) To promote and advance generally studies of the German language and culture by such methods as the General Committee sees fit;
 - (3) To promote and advance any particular study of the works of the German writer, poet, dramatist, novelist and scientist, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe;
 - (4) To assist members generally in furtherance of objects two and three above and to that end, to co-operate with any other society of a like nature, whether incorporated or not, whose objects are altogether or in part similar to those of the Society and to procure from and communicate to any such society such information as may be likely to further the objects of the Society;
 - (5) To purchase, take on lease or in exchange or hire or otherwise acquire, hold, mortgage and dispose of any real or personal property and any rights and privileges which the Society shall think necessary or expedient for the purpose of obtaining the objects thereof or any of them or promoting the interests of the Society and its members;
 - (6) To do such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

3. **MEMBERSHIP:**
 - (i) The Society shall consist of:-
 - (a) Ordinary active members ("ordinary members") being such members who subscribe to the Society in accordance with these rules.

(b) Honorary members as hereafter described.

4. NEW MEMBERS: New members shall be admitted upon acceptance of their application for membership by the President and Secretary in accordance with these rules.
5. SUBSCRIPTIONS: Every ordinary member shall pay into the funds of the Society all and every such subscriptions and such sums of money as shall be levied by resolution in General Meeting as hereinafter described and which the Society shall consider necessary or expedient for the purpose of furthering the interests thereof and its members. There shall be three categories of annual subscription payable by 1 November of each year:
 - (i.) Single member subscription;
 - (ii.) Family subscription;
 - (iii.) Unwaged subscription.
6. RESIGNATION: Any member may resign from membership by giving to the Secretary notice in writing to that effect but any such resignation shall not release the member from payment of the subscription to the day of the member's retirement.
7. EXPULSION OF MEMBERS: The General Committee may at any time in writing request any member within a specified time to retire from membership for breach by that member of these rules or for misconduct or conduct of any kind whatever which in the opinion of the General Committee renders that membership detrimental to the interests of the Society. In default of such retirement the General Committee may deal with the question of expulsion of the member at a meeting of the General Committee to be held within three calendar months from the date of the request. At such meeting the member whose expulsion is under consideration shall be allowed to offer an explanation orally or in writing and then, if two thirds of the members of the General Committee present shall vote for this expulsion, the member shall forthwith without release from any antecedent liability to the Society, cease to be a member.

8. ALTERATION OF RULES:

- (i) These rules may be altered, added to or rescinded or otherwise varied or amended by a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of those present at a General Meeting as hereinafter described of which 14 days' notice in writing has been given.
- (ii) Every such notice shall set forth the purport of the proposed alteration, addition, rescission, variation or amendments and must be sent in writing to the members.
- (iii) Duplicate copies of any such alteration, addition, rescission or amendment shall forthwith be delivered to the Registrar or Incorporated Societies in accordance with the Incorporated Societies Act 1908.

9. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

- (i) The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of November or December of every year upon a date and at a time and place fixed by the General Committee for the following purposes:
 - (a) To receive from the Treasurer an audited report, balance-sheet and statement of accounts for the preceding year.
 - (b) To elect members to the General Committee for the ensuing year.
 - (c) To appoint an auditor or to authorise the General Committee to appoint an auditor.
- (ii) Not less than seven clear days before the Annual General Meeting a written notice thereof shall be sent to every member.

10. GENERAL MEETING: The General Committee may at any time call a General Meeting and they shall do so forthwith upon a request in writing of any 10 members stating the purposes for which the meeting is required.

11. PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS:

- (i) At all General Meetings the President shall be Chairperson and in the President's absence any other duly elected Chairperson shall take the chair and every member shall be entitled on every motion to one vote exercised in

person and in the case of any equality of votes the Chairperson shall have a casting as well as a deliberative vote.

- (ii) The mode of voting on all questions at all General Meetings shall be by the voices or if the Chairperson or any three other members shall require a show of hands.
 - (iii) The mode of voting on all elections at the Annual General Meetings shall be by the voices or if the Chairperson or any three other members shall require a show of hands.
12. QUORUM: At all General Meetings four members shall constitute a quorum.
13. HONORARY MEMBERS: The honorary members of the Society shall consist of one or two Patrons and such number of Vice-Patrons not exceeding three and such other honorary members as shall from time to time be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.
14. GENERAL COMMITTEE:
- (i) The affairs and business of the Society shall be controlled and managed by a General Committee consisting of:-
 - (a) The President who shall be elected in the Annual Meeting.
 - (b) Such number of Vice-Presidents not exceeding three as shall be elected in the Annual Meeting.
 - (c) The Secretary and the Treasurer who shall be elected in the Annual Meeting.
 - (d) Not more than six additional members who shall be elected in the Annual Meeting.
 - (ii) At every Annual General Meeting held, the Society shall elect the President, Vice-President(s), Secretary, Treasurer and Committee members in accordance herewith who shall hold office until retirement, absence, removal from office or election of successors to office.

15. MEETINGS OF GENERAL COMMITTEE:
- (i) The General Committee shall meet at such times and places as shall from time to time be determined by the President or any four members of the said Committee and at all such meetings the General Committee shall determine its own procedure.
 - (ii) Notice in writing of every such meeting shall be given by the President or Secretary to each member of the General Committee, not less than 24 hours prior to the meeting.
16. ABSENCE FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Any member of the General Committee who shall be absent without leave from three consecutive meetings of the General Committee shall, unless the General Committee otherwise decide, cease to be a member of the General Committee.
17. COMMON SEAL: The Common Seal of the Society shall be that appointed by the General Committee and the Secretary or Treasurer shall be responsible for the safe custody thereof.
18. ATTESTATION OF DOCUMENTS: Whenever the Common Seal of the Society is required to be affixed to any deed document, writing or other instrument, the said Seal shall be fixed thereto pursuant to a resolution of the General Committee and in the presence of two Committee members, one of whom shall be the President or the Secretary or the Treasurer, and both shall sign the document or instrument to which the Seal is so affixed.
19. BORROWING POWERS AND FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS:
- (i) The Society shall, in addition to the other powers vested in it, have the power to borrow or raise money from time to time by the issue of debentures, bonds, mortgages or any other security founded or based on all any of the property and/or rights of the Society, or without any such security.
 - (ii) Any financial obligations entered into by the Society must (subject to any other conditions as outlined in these rules) be authorised by the Treasurer and one of either the President or Secretary.

20. DISSOLUTION: In the event of the Society being wound up, the surplus assets and funds after payment of the Society's liabilities and the expenses of winding-up shall be divided amongst the ordinary members.

6 November 2013

These Rules replace those dated 15 March 1996. Amendments were prepared by a sub-committee of the General Committee on 3 October 2013 and approved at the Annual General Meeting on 6 November 2013. The amendments were then confirmed at a General Meeting on 21 January 2014 in accordance with the old Rule 8.



h. A. Throckmold

President

Date 19 February 2014

A. Hens

Secretary

Date 08 March 2014

A. J.

Treasurer

Date 19 / 02 / 2014