

**CONSTITUTION OF  
COPYRIGHT SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED**

**An Association Incorporated Under the Associations Incorporation Act 1991  
of the Australian Capital Territory**

**OBJECTS AND PURPOSES  
OF THE SOCIETY**

1. The name of the Association shall be Copyright Society of Australia Incorporated (hereinafter called "The Society").
2. The Basic objects of the Society are:
  - (a) to provide a forum for research, study and discussion of copyright and related rights, development of and education in the law of copyright and related rights;
  - (b) to gather and disseminate information about copyright and related rights;
  - (c) to promote the knowledge and understanding of copyright and related rights in any way whatsoever including, but not limited to, publication of circulars, bulletins or periodicals, exchanges of information with other interested persons or bodies and promotion of seminars concerning copyright and related rights;
  - (d) to gather and maintain a library of materials relevant to copyright and related rights.
3. (1) In addition to the basic objects of the Society the objects and purposes of the Society shall be deemed to include:
  - (a) the purchase, taking on lease or in exchange, and the hiring or otherwise acquiring of any real or personal property that may be deemed necessary or convenient for any of the objects or purposes of the Society;
  - (b) the buying, selling and supplying of, and dealing in, goods of all kinds;
  - (c) the accepting of any gift, whether subject to a special trust or not, for any one or more of the objects or purposes of the Society;
  - (d) the taking of such steps from time to time as the committee or the members in general meeting may deem expedient for the purpose of procuring contributions to the funds of the Society, whether by way of donations, subscriptions, or otherwise;
  - (e) the printing and publishing of such newspapers, periodicals, books, leaflets, or other documents as the committee or the members in general meeting may think desirable for the promotion of the objects and purposes of the Society;

- (f) the borrowing and raising of money in such manner and on such terms as the committee may think fit or as may be approved or directed by resolution passed at a general meeting; and securing the repayment of money so raised or borrowed or the payment of a debt or liability of the Society by giving mortgages, charges or securities upon or over all or any of the real or personal property of the Society;
- (g) subject to the provisions of the Trustee Ordinance 1957, the investment of any moneys of the Society not immediately required for any of its objects or purposes in such manner as the committee may from time to time determine;
- (h) the making of gifts, subscriptions, or donations to any of the funds, authorities, or institutions to which paragraph (a) of sub-section (1) of section 78 of the Income Tax Assessment Act, 1936 of the Commonwealth relates;
- (i) to establish, donate, grant or give any scholarship, prize or research grant for the furtherance of these objects;
- (j) the establishment and support or aiding in the establishment or support of any other association formed for any of the basic objects of the Society;
- (k) the doing of all such other lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the basic objects of the Society or of any of the objects and purposes specified in the foregoing provisions of this sub-rule.

**RULES OF THE SOCIETY**

4. (1) In these rules, unless the contrary intention appears:
- "General Meeting" means a general meeting of members convened in accordance with rule 13.
  - "ordinary committee member" means a member of the committee to whom paragraph (b) of sub-rule (1) of rule 23 relates.
  - "person" means a person, persons or partnership
- (2) In these rules, expressions referring to writing shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be construed as including references to printing, lithography, photography and other modes of representing or reproducing words in a visible form.
- (3) Words or expressions contained in these rules shall be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of the Interpretation Ordinance, 1937 and that Ordinance as in force on the date on which these rules are adopted by the Society.

**MEMBERSHIP OF SOCIETY**

5. (1) A person having a special interest or experience in copyright and related rights who is nominated and approved for membership as provided in these rules is eligible to be a member of the Society on payment of the annual subscription prescribed in, or fixed under, these rules.
- (2) A person who is not a member of the Society at the time of the incorporation of the Society shall not be admitted to membership:
- (a) unless they are nominated as provided in sub-rule (3) of this rule; and

- (b) their admission as a member is approved by the committee.
- (3) A nomination of a person for membership of the Society:
- (a) shall be made in writing;
  - (b) shall be accompanied by the written consent of the person nominated (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination); and
  - (c) shall be lodged with the Secretary of the Society.
- (4) As soon as is practicable after the receipt of a nomination the Secretary shall refer the nomination to the committee. The committee may, if it thinks fit, require any applicant to supply evidence of his eligibility for membership in accordance with rule 5(1).
- (5) Upon nomination being approved by the committee, the Secretary shall, with as little delay as possible, notify the nominee, in writing, that they have been approved for membership of the Society and, upon receipt of the sum payable by or on behalf of the nominee as their first year's subscription, shall enter the nominee's name in a register of members to be kept by the Secretary whereupon the nominee becomes a member of the Society. Upon a nomination being rejected by the committee the Secretary shall, with as little delay as possible, notify the nominee that their application for membership has been rejected.
- (6) A member of the Society may, at any time, resign from the Society by delivering or sending to the Secretary a written notice of resignation. A member who resigns from the Society shall not be entitled to any refund or monies paid to the Society.
- (7) Upon receipt of a notice under sub-rule (8) of this rule, the Secretary shall remove the name of the member by whom the notice was given from the register of members, whereupon the member ceases to be a member of the Society.
- (8) A right, privilege or obligation of a person by virtue of their membership of the Society:
- (a) is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person; and
  - (b) terminates upon the cessation of their membership, whether by death, resignation or otherwise.
- (9) On a winding up of the Society each member is liable to contribute towards payment of liabilities of the Society, such contribution not to exceed twenty five dollars. Any surplus of funds remaining after payment of liabilities on a winding up of the Society shall be paid to the National Library.

**INCOME AND PROPERTY OF THE SOCIETY 6.**

- (1) The income and property of the Society, however derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects and purposes of the Society and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, by dividend, bonus or otherwise to any member of the Society.
- (2) The Society shall not:

- (a) appoint a person who is a member of the committee to any office of the Society to the holder of which there is payable any remuneration by way of salary, fees or allowances; or
  - (b) pay to any such person any remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth (other than the repayment of out-of-pocket expenses).
- (3) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this rule prevents the payment in good faith to a servant or member of the Society or to a firm or company of which he is a member or employee of:
- (a) remuneration in return for services actually rendered to the Society or for goods supplied to the Society in the ordinary course of business by the servant or member or by a firm or company of which he is a member or employee;
  - (b) interest at current bank overdraft rate on money lent; or
  - (c) a reasonable and proper sum by way of rent for premises let to the Society by the servant or member.

**ACCOUNTS OF RECEIPTS  
EXPENDITURE ETC.**

7. (1) True accounts shall be kept:
- (a) of all sums of money received and expended by the Society and the matter in respect of which the receipt or expenditure takes place; and
  - (b) of the property, credits and liabilities of the Society,
- and subject to any reasonable restrictions as to time and manner of inspecting them that may be imposed by the Society for the time being, those accounts shall be open to the inspection of the members of the Society.
- (2) The Treasurer of the Society shall faithfully keep all general records, accounting books and records of receipt and expenditure connected with the operations and business of the Society in such form and manner as the committee may direct.
- (3) The Accounts, books and records referred to in sub-rules (1) and (2) of this rule shall be kept at the Society's office or at such other place as the committee may decide.

**BANKING AND FINANCE**

8. (1) The Treasurer of the Society shall, on behalf of the Society, receive all moneys paid to the Society and forthwith after the receipt thereof issue official receipts therefor.
- (2) The committee shall cause to be opened with such bank as the committee selects a banking account in the name of the Society into which all moneys received shall be paid by the Treasurer as soon as possible after receipt thereof.
- (3) The committee may receive from the Society's bank or bankers for the time being the cheques drawn by the Society on any of its accounts with the bank or bankers and may release and indemnify the bank or bankers from and against all claims, actions, suits or demands that may be brought against the bank or bankers arising directly or indirectly out of those cheques or the surrender thereof to the Society.

- (4) Except with the authority of the committee, no payment of a sum exceeding ten dollars shall be made from the funds of the Society otherwise than by cheque drawn on the Society's bank account, but the committee may provide the Treasurer with a sum to meet urgent expenditure, subject to the observance of such conditions in relation to the use and expenditure thereof as the committee may impose.
- (5) No cheques shall be drawn on the Society's bank account except for the payment of expenditure that has been authorised by the committee.
- (6) All cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments shall be signed by the Treasurer or, in their absence, by such other member or members of the committee as the committee may nominate for that purpose, and shall be counter-signed by the Secretary or other signatory authorised by the committee from time to time.

**AUDITOR**

- 9. (1) At each annual general meeting of the Society, the members present shall appoint a person who is not a member or the public officer of the Society as the auditor of the Society.
- (2) A person so appointed shall hold office until the annual general meeting next after that at which they are appointed, and is eligible for re-appointment.
- (3) The first auditor of the Society may be appointed by the committee before the first annual general meeting, and, if so appointed, shall hold office until the first annual general meeting, unless previously removed by resolution of the members at a general meeting, in which case the members at that meeting may appoint an auditor to act until the first annual general meeting.
- (4) If an appointment is not made at an annual general meeting the committee shall appoint an auditor of the Society for the ten current financial year of the Society.
- (5) If a casual vacancy occurs in the office of auditor during the course of a financial year of the Society the committee may appoint a person as the auditor and the person so appointed shall hold office until the next succeeding annual general meeting.
- 10 (1) Once at least in each financial year of the Society, the accounts of the Society shall be examined by the auditor.
- (2) The auditor shall certify as to the correctness of the accounts of the Society and shall report thereon to the members present at the annual general meeting.
- (3) In their report, and in certifying to the accounts, the auditor shall state:
  - (a) whether they have obtained the information required by them;
  - (b) whether, in their opinion, the accounts are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the financial position of the Society according to the information at their disposal and the explanations given to them and as shown by the books of the Society; and
  - (c) whether the rules relating to the administration of the funds of the Society have been observed.

- (4) The Secretary of the Society shall cause to be delivered to the auditor a list of all the accounts, books and records of the Society.
- (5) The auditor:
  - (a) has the right of access to the accounts, books, records, vouchers and documents of the Society;
  - (b) may require from the servants of the Society such information and explanations as may be necessary for the performance of their duties as auditor.
  - (c) may employ persons to assist ~~him~~ in investigating the accounts of the Society; and
  - (d) may, in relation to the accounts of the Society, examine any member of the committee or any servant of the Society.

#### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

- 11. (1) The Society shall, in each year, hold an annual general meeting.
- (2) The annual general meeting shall be held on such day (being not later than three months after the close of the financial year of the Society) as the committee may determine.
- (3) The annual general meeting shall be in addition to any other general meetings that may be held in the same year.
- (4) The annual general meeting shall be specified as such in the notice convening it.
- (5) The ordinary business of the annual general meeting shall be:
  - (a) to confirm the minutes of the last preceding annual general meeting and of any general meeting held since that meeting;
  - (b) to receive from the committee, auditor and servants of the Society reports upon the transactions of the Society during the last preceding financial year;
  - (c) to elect the officers of the Society and the ordinary committee members;
  - (d) to appoint the auditor and determine their remuneration; and
  - (e) to determine the remuneration of servants of the Society.
- (6) The annual general meeting may transact special business of which notice is given in accordance with these rules.
- (7) All general meetings other than the annual general meeting shall be called special general meetings.

#### **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 12. (1) The committee may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a special general meeting of the Society.
- (2) The committee shall, on the requisition in writing of not less than five members, convene a special general meeting of the Society.

- (3) A requisition for a special general meeting shall state the objects of the meeting and shall be signed by the requisitionists and deposited at the office of the Society and may consist of several documents in the like form, each signed by one or more of the requisitionists.
- (4) If the committee does not cause a special general meeting to be held within twenty-one days from the date on which a requisition therefor is deposited at the office of the Society, the requisitionists, or any of them, may convene the meeting; but any meeting so convened shall not be held after three months from the date of the deposit of the requisition.
- (5) A special general meeting convened by requisitionists in pursuance of these rules shall be convened in the same manner as nearly as possible as that in which those meetings are convened by the committee, and all reasonable expenses incurred in convening the meeting shall be refunded by the Society to the persons incurring them.

**NOTICES OF GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 13. The Secretary of the Society shall, at least fourteen days before the date fixed for holding a general meeting of the Society, cause to be inserted in a newspaper published daily in the Australian Capital Territory a notice specifying the place, day and time for the holding of the meeting, and the nature of the business to be transacted thereat, and shall send a copy of such notice to each member with a postal voting form.

**BUSINESS AND QUORUM AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 14. (1) All business that is transacted at special meetings and all business that is transacted at the annual general meeting, with the exception of that specially referred to in these rules as being the ordinary business of the annual general meeting, shall be deemed to be special business.
- (2) No item of business shall be transacted at a general meeting unless a quorum of members entitled under these rules to vote is present during the time when the meeting is considering that item.
- (3) Five members personally present (being members entitled under these rules to vote thereat) constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a general meeting.
- (4) If within one hour after the appointed time for the commencement of a general meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of members, shall be dissolved; and in any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week, at the same time (unless another place is specified by the Chair 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, and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within one hour after the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, the meeting shall be dissolved.

**PRESIDENT TO PRESIDE AT GENERAL MEETING**

- 15. (1) The President, or in their absence, the Vice-President, shall preside as chair at every general meeting of the Society.
- (2) If the President and the Vice-President are absent from a general meeting, the members present shall elect one of their number to preside as chair thereat.

- ADJOURNMENT OF GENERAL MEETINGS**
16. (1) The Chair of a general meeting at which a quorum is present may, with the consent of the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place, but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting at which the adjournment took place.
- (2) Where a meeting is adjourned for fourteen days or more, the like notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of the original meeting.
- (3) Except as provided in the foregoing provisions of this rule, it is not necessary to give any notice of an adjourned meeting.
- DETERMINATION OF QUESTIONS ARISING AT GENERAL MEETINGS**
17. (1) A question arising at a general meeting of the Society shall be determined on a show of hands and unless before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands a poll is demanded, a declaration by the Chair that a resolution has, on a show of hands, been carried, or carried unanimously, or carried by a particular majority or lost, and an entry to that effect in the minute book at the Society is evidence recorded in favour of, or against, that resolution.
- VOTES**
18. (1) Upon any question arising at a general meeting of the Society, a member (who is not an Unfinancial Member) has one vote only. An Unfinancial Member is a member who has not paid all arrears of subscriptions arising by such member.
- (2) Subject to sub-rule 4, all votes shall be given personally or by proxy.
- (3) In the case of an equality of voting on a question the Chair of the meeting is entitled to exercise a second or casting vote.
- (4) A person who resides more than one hundred kilometres from the place where a general meeting is convened shall be entitled to vote by post, facsimile or electronic mail, provided such vote is received by the Secretary not later than forty eight hours before the time fixed for commencement of the general meeting.
- TAKING OF POLL**
19. If at a meeting a poll on any question is demanded it shall be taken at that meeting in such manner as the Chair may direct, and the result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting on that question.
- WHEN POLL TO BE TAKEN**
20. A poll that is demanded on the election of a chairman, or on a question of adjournment, shall be taken forthwith, and a poll that is demanded on any other question shall be taken at such time before the close of the meeting as the Chair may direct.
- AFFAIRS OF SOCIETY TO BE MANAGED BY A COMMITTEE**
21. (1) The affairs of the Society shall be managed by a committee of management constituted as provided in rule 23.
- (2) The committee:
- (a) shall control and manage the business and affairs of the Society;

- (b) may, subject to these rules, exercise all such powers and functions as may be exercised by the Society other than those powers and functions that are required by these rules to be exercised by general meetings of members of the Society;
- (c) subject to the ordinance and these rules, 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 Society; and
- (d) shall appoint a person to be the Public Officer and who shall be a resident of the Australian Capital Territory. The Public Officer shall act until they resign or their successor is appointed by the committee.

- OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY**    22.    (1)    The officers of the Society shall be members of the Society and shall be:
- (a)    a President;
  - (b)    a Vice-President;
  - (c)    a Treasurer;
  - (d)    a Secretary.

Provided that the committee may determine that one person shall be both Treasurer and Secretary.

- (2)    The provisions of sub-rules (3) and (4) of rule 24, so far as they are applicable and with the necessary modifications, apply to and in relation to the election of persons to any of the offices mentioned in sub-rule (1) of this rule.
- (3)    Each officer of the Society shall hold office until the annual general meeting next after the date of their election but is eligible for re-election.
- (4)    In the event of a casual vacancy in any office mentioned in sub-rule (1) of this rule, the committee may appoint one of its members to the vacant office, and the member so appointed may continue in office up to and including the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of their appointment.

- CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE**    23.    (1)    The committee shall consist of:
- (a)    the officers of the Society; and
  - (b)    three other members, all of whom shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Society in each year.

Provided that the Society in general meeting may determine that the number of committee members shall be increased to a number not exceeding twenty.

- (2)    Each ordinary committee member shall, subject to these rules, hold office until the annual general meeting next after the date of their election, but is eligible for re-election.

- (3) In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the office of ordinary committee member, the committee may appoint a member of the Society to fill the vacancy, and the member so appointed shall hold office, subject to these rules until the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of their appointment.

**ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE**

24. (1) Nominations of candidates (who are members of the Society) for election as officers of the Society or as ordinary committee members:
- (a) shall be made in writing, signed by two members of the Society and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination); and
  - (b) shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Society at least seven days before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting.
- (2) If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the committee, the candidates nominated shall be deemed to be elected and further nominations shall be received at the annual general meeting.
- (3) If the number of nominations received 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 exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot shall be held.
- (5) The ballot for the election of officers and ordinary committee members shall be conducted at the annual general meeting in such usual and proper manner as the committee may direct.

**VACATION OF OFFICE**

25. For the purposes of these rules, the office of an officer of the Society or of an ordinary committee member becomes vacant if the officer or committee member:
- (a) dies;
  - (b) becomes bankrupt or applies to take or takes advantage of any law relating to bankrupt or insolvent debtors or compounds with their creditors;
  - (c) becomes of unsound mind;
  - (d) resigns their office by writing under their hand addressed to the committee;
  - (e) fails, without leave granted by the committee, to attend three consecutive meetings of the committee;
  - (f) ceases to be a member of the Society; or
  - (g) fails to pay all arrears of subscription due by them within fourteen days after they have received a notice in writing signed by the Secretary stating that they have ceased to be a financial member of the Society.

**MEETINGS OF THE  
COMMITTEE AND OF  
SUB-COMMITTEE**

26. (1) The committee shall meet at least four times in each year at such place and at such times as the committee may determine.
- (2) Special meetings of the committee may be convened by the President, or any three of its members.
- (3) Notice shall be given to members of the committee of any special meeting, specifying the general nature of the business to be transacted, and no other business shall be transacted at such a meeting.
- (4) Twenty-five percent of the committee present in person, by telephone or video conference constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the committee provided that at least two officers of the Society are present.
- (5) No business shall be transacted unless a quorum is present in person, by telephone or video conference and if within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same place at the same hour of the day in the following week unless the meeting was a special meeting, in which case it lapses.
- (6) At meetings of the committee:
- (a) the President, or in their absence the Vice-President; or
- (b) if the President and the Vice-President are absent, such one of the remaining members of the committee as may be chosen by the members present in person, by telephone or video conference shall preside.
- (7) Questions arising at meetings of the committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the committee shall be determined on show of hands or, if demanded by a member, by a poll taken in such manner as the person presiding at the meeting may determine.
- (8) Each member present in person, by telephone or video conference at a meeting of the committee or of any sub-committee (including the person presiding at the meeting) is entitled to one vote and, in the event of an equality of votes of any question, the person presiding may exercise a second or casting vote.
- (9) Notice of each committee meeting shall be given to the members of the committee by delivering it or communicating it by telephone, facsimile, electronic mail message or post at a reasonable time before the meeting.
- (10) A resolution in writing signed by all members of the committee shall be as effective as a resolution passed at a meeting of the committee duly convened and held, and may consist of several documents in the like form each signed by one or more of the committee members.

**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST  
IN CONTRACTS, ETC.**

27. (1) A member of the committee who is interested in any contract or arrangement made or proposed to be made with the Society shall disclose their interest at the first meeting of the committee at which the contract or arrangement is first taken into consideration, if their interest then exists, or, in any other case, at the first meeting of the committee after the acquisition of their interest.

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- (2) If a member of the committee becomes interested in a contract or arrangement after it is made or entered into they shall disclose their interest at the first meeting of the committee after they become so interested.
- (3) No member of the committee shall vote as a member of the committee in respect of any contract or arrangement in which they are interested and if they do so vote their vote shall not be counted.

**SUB-COMMITTEES AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- 28. (1) The committee may at any time appoint a sub-committee from the committee as it may think fit and shall prescribe the powers and functions thereof.
- (2) The committee may co-opt as members of a sub-committee such persons as it thinks fit, whether or not those persons are members of the Society, but a person so co-opted is not entitled to vote.
- (3) Two appointed members of a sub-committee constitute a quorum at a meeting of the sub-committee.
- (4) Any two members of a sub-committee shall have power to call a meeting. Notice of each sub-committee meeting shall be given to the members of the sub-committee by delivering it or communicating it by telephone, facsimile, electronic mail message or post at a reasonable time before the meeting.
- (5) The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the Secretary (or, where a Treasurer/Secretary is appointed, the Treasurer/Secretary) constitute an executive committee, which may issue instructions to the Public Officer and the servants of the Society in matters of urgency connected with the management of the affairs of the Society during the intervals between meetings of the committee, and where any such instructions are issued shall report thereon to the next meeting of the committee.

**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION**

- 29. (1) Until otherwise fixed pursuant to sub-rule (2) of this rule, the annual subscription payable by members shall be prescribed by the committee.
- (2) The amount of the annual subscription may be altered from time to time by the members by resolution.
- (3) The annual subscription of a member is due and payable on or before the first day of the financial year of the Society.
- (4) The committee may, if it thinks fit, prescribe a reduction in the first subscription payment for members joining after thirtieth June in any year.
- (5) The members may, by resolution, impose a joining fee for new members of the Society and may establish and vary the amount of such joining fee by resolution.

**FINANCIAL YEAR**

- 30. The financial year of the Society is the period beginning on first January in each year and ending on the thirty-first December next following.

**NOTICES**

31. Unless a contrary intention appears, any form of notice, proxy or nomination required to be served or delivered under these rules may be given or delivered by facsimile, electronic mail message or post.

**EXPULSION OF MEMBERS**

32. (1) Subject to this rule, the committee may expel a member from the Society if, in the opinion of the committee the member has acted in a manner inconsistent with the interests of the Society.
- (2) The expulsion of a member pursuant to sub-rule (1) of this rule does not take effect:
- (a) until the expiration of fourteen days after the service on the member of a notice under sub-rule (3) of this rule; or
  - (b) if the member exercises their right of appeal under this rule, until the conclusion of the special general meeting convened to hear the appeal,
- whichever is the later date.
- (3) Where the committee expels a member from the Society, the Secretary of the Society shall, without undue delay, cause to be served on the member a notice in writing:
- (a) stating that the committee has expelled the member;
  - (b) specifying the grounds for the expulsion; and
  - (c) informing the member that if he so desired he may, within fourteen days after the service of the notice on them, appeal against the expulsion as provided in this rule.
- (4) A member on whom a notice under sub-rule (3) of this rule is served may appeal against the expulsion to a special general meeting by delivering or sending to the Secretary of the Society, within fourteen days after the service of that notice, a requisition in writing demanding the convening of such a meeting for the purpose of hearing their appeal.
- (5) Upon receipt of a requisition under sub-rule (4) of this rule, the Secretary shall forthwith notify the committee of its receipt and the committee shall thereupon cause a special general meeting of members to be held within twenty-one days after the date on which the requisition is received by the secretary.
- (6) At a special general meeting convened for the purpose of this rule:
- (a) no business other than the question of the expulsion shall be transacted;
  - (b) the committee may place before the meeting details of the grounds of the expulsion and the committee's reasons for the expulsion;
  - (c) the expelled member shall be given an opportunity to be heard; and
  - (d) the members present shall vote by secret ballot on the question whether the expulsion should be lifted or confirmed.

- (7) If at the special general meeting a majority of the members present vote in favour of the lifting of the expulsion, the expulsion shall be deemed to have been lifted and the expelled member is entitled to continue their membership of the Society.
- (8) If at the special general meeting a majority of the members present vote in favour of the confirmation of the expulsion, the expulsion takes effect, and the expelled member ceases to be a member of the Society:

**HONORARY MEMBER**

33. (a) the committee may confer the status of Honorary Member of the Society on any person in recognition of services to the Society given by such person, or in recognition of outstanding achievement by such person in the field of copyright and related rights;
- (b) Honorary Members shall be entitled to all of the privileges of a member of the Society, but shall not be required to pay annual subscriptions. Honorary Membership may be conferred for such period as the committee thinks fit.

**PATRONS**

34. (a) The committee may confer the status of Patron of the Society on any individual.
- (b) Patrons shall be entitled to all of the privileges of membership of the Society, but shall not be entitled to vote at general meetings. Patrons shall not be required to pay annual subscriptions. The status of Patron may be conferred for such period as the committee thinks fit, and may be revoked by the committee at any time.

**ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION**

35. (1) The rules may be amended by resolution passed by a two thirds majority of financial members voting at a Special General Meeting.
- (2) Notice of the proposed amendment shall be included in the notice calling the Special General Meeting.
- (3) An amendment to the objects and purposes of the Society shall not be effective until approved by the Registrar.
- (4) An alteration of the objects, purposes or rules is of no effect until a copy of the alteration is lodged with the Registrar of Companies in the A.C.T.

**SEAL OF THE SOCIETY**

36. (1) The seal of the Society shall be inscribed with the name of the Society encircling the word "Seal".
- (2) The seal of the Society shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the committee and the affixing thereof shall be attested by the signatures either of two members of the committee or of one member of the committee and of the Secretary of the Society or such other person as the committee may appoint for that purpose, and that attestation is sufficient for all purposes that the seal was affixed by authority of the committee.
- (3) The seal shall remain in the custody of the Secretary.