

MANGALOREAN ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

Preamble

In 2002, sixteen Mangalorean families (**Core members**) joined together and agreed to form an association of Mangaloreans living in Canada to promote and sustain the Konkani language and to co-ordinate and organize activities and events to unify Mangaloreans. In 2006, they made a decision to accept the membership from the community living in Canada and to retain their life membership status along with the assets of the association, including the bank balance as of January 01, 2007. During the critical transition period from opening up to the first election, the existing GC members will continue to be fully involved in the operations, functioning and monthly meetings of MAC.

1.0 NAME AND ADDRESS

1.1 The name of the association shall be “Mangalorean Association of Canada” hereinafter referred to as “**MAC**”.

The word Mangalorean is referred to a person or persons of Mangalorean origin or ancestry.

1.2 Until such time as a permanent location is established for **MAC**, the residential address of one of the Executive Committee member, as decided by the Executive Committee, shall represent the address of MAC for communication purposes.

2.0 AIMS & OBJECTIVES:

The principal objectives of **MAC** are:

2.1 to interpret, propagate and maintain the inherent, cultural and artistic values and heritage of Mangaloreans living in Canada through various activities and programs

2.2 to represent the community on issues concerning ethnic, social and educational matters, to the appropriate authorities

2.3 to encourage and promote all types of voluntary activities, particularly the aid of organizations involved in supporting humanitarian causes, both at home and in India

2.4 to provide Mangaloreans a platform for developing leadership, especially amongst the youth, through sports, literacy and other forms of cultural events

2.5 to project a common unified image and to incorporate a consistent and professional approach in the conduct of all their activities and programs including

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three annual events, such as, The Family Social, Summer Picnic and the Traditional Monthi Fest (Nativity Feast) as well as any additional programs agreed and approved by the governing Executive Committee.

2.6 to promote collaboration amongst Mangalorean families and/or associations in Canada on matters of common interest

2.7 to promote the Konkani language, by hosting Konkani programs and functions.

2.8 to encourage regional representation and promote unity

2.9 to provide assistance to members facing extreme circumstances beyond their control (subject to current by-laws)

2.10 to recognize the contributions and achievement of community member/s or group/s.

3.0 STATUS OF THE ASSOCIATION

MAC shall be a democratic, non political, non profitable, social and cultural oriented organization for the Mangalorean community living in Canada.

4.0 COLORS, LOGO, MOTTO & WEBSITE

MAC shall have a logo of “setting sun on the Mangalorean coast with palm tree on a red Maple leaf” as per the design shown below:



MAC's official motto will be “**Together we make a difference**”. **MAC**'s official website is: www.macsaunsar.com. No changes can be made to either to the colors, logo, motto or to www.macsaunsar.com as these characteristics represent the Mangalorean Association of Canada to the community – locally, nationally and internationally.

5.0 MEMBERSHIP

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- 5.0.1 Membership to MAC shall be subject to the following restrictions and as stated in membership guidelines:
 - a. possessing the ability to work towards the achievement of MAC's aims.
 - b. no record of any criminal activities which might injure the reputation of MAC.
 - c. new member should be introduced by an active member in good standing
- 5.0.2 The elected Executive Committee is vested with the discretion to accept / reject any person from obtaining or renewing membership. The elected EC can deny/reject the renewal of membership only for good valid reasons, in writing and after following due process.
- 5.0.3 A Family / Individual who have duly filled and tendered the prescribed membership forms and have paid their annual subscription shall be deemed to be members.
- 5.0.4 A defaulting member has the right to renew his membership by paying all outstanding subscriptions provided it is received within the subscription lapse period, i.e. ONE CALENDAR YEAR or alternatively tender a fresh membership form.
- 5.0.5 Annual subscription shall be as per 5.1.2, 5.2.2 or as decided by the General Body.

5.1 Annual Individual Membership

- 5.1.1 A member should be a Catholic of Mangalorean Origin and he or she should be at least 18 years of age.
- 5.1.2 There will be an annual subscription of \$15.00 payable by each member.

5.2 Annual Family Membership

- 5.2.1 One spouse should be a Catholic of Mangalorean Origin and the other spouse could be a non-Catholic. The non-Catholic spouse is within rights to be an associate member but is not entitled to a vote nor can he/she stand for elections to a position on the Executive Committee. Both spouses should be at least 18 years of age.
- 5.2.2 There will be an annual subscription of \$25.00 payable as family membership.

5.3 Life Individual Membership

- 5.3.1 A member should be a Catholic of Mangalorean Origin and he or she should be at least 18 years of age.

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5.3.2 There will be a one time subscription of \$300.00 payable by each member

5.4 Life Family Membership

5.4.1 Both members should be Catholic with one spouse of Mangalorean Origin and both spouses should be at least 18 years of age or as stated under Article 5.2.1.

5.4.2 There will be a one time subscription of \$500.00 payable for family membership.

5.4.3 Non-Catholic spouse will be accepted as an associate member and his/her Rights are as described under Article 5.2.1

5.5 Annual Membership

5.5.1 Subscription is for the calendar year i.e. from January to December, and is due at the beginning of the year.

5.5.2 Applicable to new Annual members only, a half year subscription will be accepted for individual and family memberships who join after June 30th of a calendar year.

5.6 Family Membership

5.6.1 Both spouses will have one vote each except in the case of an associate Member and his/her rights are as described under Article 5.2.1.

5.6.2 Dependent (YOUTH) membership is part of Family membership and it is allowed up to the completion of University studies or 22 years of age whichever comes first. A dependent member upon attaining the age of 18 years has the option to request for full membership and they will be granted membership as per the revised membership guidelines updated periodically.

5.6.3 Dependent members have no voting rights.

5.7 The subscription may be reviewed by the Executive committee from time to time.

5.8 Core members will continue their membership with the same status of Life membership prior to accepting membership from the community.

5.9 Only members shall be eligible to exercise their voting powers. Proxy voting is not permitted.

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- 5.10** The preferred means of communication to the member/s is through e-mail or through our website www.macsaunsar.com
- 5.11** Every effort should be made to inform members through e-mail of all our events; however, **MAC** is not responsible if the message is not received. Members are encouraged to update their e-mail address whenever there is a change.
- 5.12** Membership details shall be kept confidential and will be used only for MAC purposes.
- 5.13** Membership fee once paid will not be refunded
- 5.14 Termination of Membership:**
- 5.14.1 Any member may resign by filing with the General Secretary, a written declaration of intent to resign,
- 5.14.2 Membership will lapse if any Member's dues are not paid by March 31st of the Calendar Year. Membership Number and seniority will also lapse at this time.
- 5.14.3 Any membership, terminated for non-payment of dues, may be reinstated, with no loss of privileges, provided said dues are paid in full in the same Calendar Year.
- 5.14.4 Any membership may be terminated upon recommendation of the Executive Committee in the AGM with the majority vote.

6.0 Functions

- 6.1** **MAC** events are supported by donations and contributions from members as well as by Benefactors and Sponsors.
- 6.2** Membership does not guarantee participation in an event without prior reservation.
- 6.3** Participation in any function and/or event shall be on first come first served basis.

7.0 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC):

The Association will be governed by an Elected "Executive Committee" (EC) with a tenure of two years. The Executive Committee will be elected by secret ballot, by the "General Body" of members, every two years and will comprise of the following Office Bearers:

- 7.1** The E C of MAC will comprise of the following Office Bearers :
- 1. President**

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- 2. Vice President**
- 3. General Secretary**
- 4. Joint Secretary**
- 5. Treasurer**
- 6. Assistant Treasurer**
- 7. Cultural Secretary**
- 8. Youth and Sports Secretary**
- 9. Public Relations Officer**

- 7.1.1 The Executive Committee has the prerogative to organize themselves in a manner facilitating effective functioning as per emerging requirements and shall communicate their plan to the General Body at the first available instance. The EC will exercise its power and will perform its duties as referred or assigned to it by the General Body or by this constitution. The EC, working in their capacity for a non-profit volunteer association may not be remunerated for their services.
- 7.1.2 An Executive Committee member is permitted to hold office for the same position only for two (2) consecutive terms and he/she may be re-elected to the previous position after a gap of one (1) term.
- 7.1.3 The Executive Committee shall meet at least once every calendar month.
- 7.1.4 All Executive committee members shall attend the monthly meetings, decided upon by the President, in consultation with the Vice-President and General Secretary. Those members who do not attend 3 consecutive meetings without a valid reason OR without adequate circumstantial reasons are liable to forfeit their status, rights and privileges within the Executive Committee.
- 7.1.5 The Executive Committee must place such a default on the agenda of an immediate committee meeting and expel by majority vote the defaulting committee member. However, the Executive Committee is bound to place and obtain ratification from the General Body before relieving the EC members from his status, rights and privileges.
- 7.1.6 The Executive Committee is authorized to nominate and appoint a member volunteer willing to assume the responsibilities of the outgoing / defaulting member and shall obtain ratification at the immediate General Body meeting or propose an interim election for the position, if there are more than 1 contender for that position.
- 7.1.7 Each Executive Committee member shall execute the duties assigned to him / her, co-operate and facilitate the implementation of the collective decisions of the Executive Committee, even if he or she personally does not approve of the collective decision thereto.
- 7.1.8 Any member has the opportunity to place, before the Executive Committee, a request to relieve an Executive Committee member(s) of his/her position and duties, if it is deemed that he/she is causing harm to the Body or profile of the Association by neglect or deliberate acts or utterances through media or any other form of communication.
- 7.1.9 Each Executive Committee member is duty bound to present his / her objections, criticisms, comments and remarks at the monthly meetings so that they can be collectively evaluated and resolved. Comments, objections and

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criticisms not presented at the Committee meetings shall be deemed to be non-existent. Committee members shall exercise restraint in such matters.

7.1.10 The Executive Committee has the powers to:

1. appoint legal counsel / Attorney(s)
2. nominate signatories (Members); give or take possession of premises where MAC has specified interests.
3. Allocate and utilize annual budget.

7.1.11 The Executive Committee is responsible to discuss, propose and assemble the agenda for the Annual General Body (AGB) / Extra Ordinary General Body (EOGB) meetings and call for General Body meetings, allocate budget and authorize payments of budgeted funds.

7.1.12 **Sub-committees / Coordinators:**

7.1.12.1 From time to time and as required, the Executive Committee may appoint sub-committees / coordinators to accomplish special assignments, to investigate specific problems, procedures on matters of interest and to make recommendations and to render assistance in programs undertaken by the association such as: Cultural, Sports, General Services, Fund raising and Membership drive. The Sub-committee shall be headed and represented by the relevant Executive Committee member or as nominated.

7.1.12.2 The terms of such committees shall be terminated any time at the discretion of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may request other members of good standing to be a member of the sub-committee.

7.1.12.3 The Executive Committee may invite representative/s of sub-committees or coordinators to attend the Executive Committee meetings as and when required.

7.2 Responsibilities of EC

7.2.1 President

7.2.1.1 The President shall preside over the meetings and be responsible for the smooth and effective running of the Association in accordance with the Association's Constitution.

7.2.1.2 He/She shall approve all previously verified bills of expenditure for payment and shall certify the correctness of accounts.

7.2.1.3 He/She shall sign all Minutes of the meetings.

7.2.1.4 In case of a tie, the President shall have the casting vote in the Executive Committee.

7.2.1.5 He/She shall operate the Bank Account jointly with the General Secretary or the Treasurer.

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- 7.2.1.6 He/She shall have powers to sanction all emergency expenditure up to and including \$500.00 or the amounts stated under the current by-laws.
- 7.2.1.7 He/She shall take all measures considered necessary in the interest of the Association
- 7.2.1.8 Documents related to Banks, Real Estate, tangible or intangible assets shall be jointly signed along with the Treasurer or General Secretary or any other appointed Executive Committee member.
- 7.2.1.9 It is desirable that the incumbent is endowed with interpersonal skills to mediate and peacefully settle differences between conflicting members / parties / persons, in consultation with Office bearers neutral to the issue and implement a decision in the best interests of the Association.
- 7.2.1.10 The President is vested with the powers to sign documents of commercial and organizational nature relevant to the functioning of the Association, or deputize any one or more Executive Committee members to act or sign on his/her behalf for specific issues.
- 7.2.1.11 The President is duty bound to organize an Executive Committee meeting once every month, conduct a General Body meeting every year (AGB), an Extra Ordinary General Body (EOGB) meeting when required and hold elections to form a new Executive committee once every two years.
- 7.2.1.12 The President is allowed to nominate himself/herself or be nominated for re-election only after the lapse of 1 (ONE) term.

7.2.2 Vice President

- 7.2.2.1 The Vice President shall assist the President in carrying out his/her duties and will preside over the meeting and assume the office of the President during his/her absence.
- 7.2.2.2 The Vice President, after consulting with the Executive Committee, shall assume the role of President in the event the President does not execute his/her duties and responsibilities as per the constitution.
- 7.2.2.3 The incumbent shall assume the role of a “moderator” by default during all meetings; schedule the date, venue for the monthly Executive Committee meetings and co-ordinate with the General Secretary to issue mandatory notices and organize the agenda for the meetings in consultations with the President and General Secretary.
- 7.2.2.4 Additionally, the incumbent shall maintain files and records and jointly sign the correspondence pertaining to all charities as per the procedures adopted by the Executive Committee from time to time.

7.2.3 General Secretary

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- 7.2.3.1 The General Secretary shall facilitate and organize the Executive Committee / Annual General Body / Extra Ordinary General Body meetings, in consultation with the President and/or Vice President.
- 7.2.3.2 The incumbent shall be responsible to record, present and maintain minutes of the meetings after approval at the respective meetings. The General Secretary will also initiate and issue public notices and advertisements through the media to inform members of the Association's meetings and activities from time to time in consultation with President / Vice President / PRO. However, for the sake of convenience, any duties can be formally reassigned to the Joint Secretary as decided during the Executive Committee meetings.
- 7.2.3.3 The General Secretary will maintain the Registers and Records pertaining to the affairs of MAC as agreed by the Executive Committee.
- 7.2.3.4 The General Secretary shall co-ordinate with the Public Relation Officer to procure and provide media information for members, sponsors, public and concerned authorities.
- 7.2.3.5 The General Secretary is allowed to nominate himself/herself or be nominated for re-election only after the lapse of 1 (ONE) term.

7.2.4 Joint Secretary

- 7.2.4.1 The Joint Secretary shall perform (and assist in) the duties of the General Secretary, during the former's absence or in the event the General Secretary fails to perform his/her duties as expected by the constitution or Executive Committee.
- 7.2.4.2 The incumbent shall record and maintain attendance registers for all meetings.
- 7.2.4.3 The incumbent shall perform other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the Executive Committee or the General Secretary.

7.2.5 Treasurer

- 7.2.5.1 The Treasurer shall be responsible for receiving money and acknowledging receipts on behalf of **MAC** and for making disbursements in accordance with the decision of the President or the Executive Committee.
- 7.2.5.2 The Treasurer shall prepare, consolidate and maintain accounts and financial reports for the current year; prepare Budget for following years and present them to the Executive Committee for discussion / approval and presentation to the General Body, as warranted.
- 7.2.5.3 All periodic reports and statements of accounts shall be presented by the Treasurer to the Executive Committee for review and approved by the Auditor before presentation to the AGB / EOGB meetings.

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- 7.2.5.4 The incumbent shall procure and consolidate account statements and financial reports from the Assistant Treasurer in relation to membership and cultural events.
- 7.2.5.5 The incumbent shall keep track of budget allocations and periodically inform the Executive Committee of Budget Utilization.
- 7.2.5.6 The incumbent shall be one of the joint signatories to the Bank accounts maintained by MAC
- 7.2.5.7 He/She shall maintain a true and correct statement of all financial transactions.
- 7.2.5.8 He/She shall be responsible for the monthly recurring expenditure and no bills shall be paid by him/her unless they are verified by the Gen. Secretary and approved by the President.
- 7.2.5.9 He/She shall be responsible for the investment of the Association funds after obtaining due approval of the Executive Committee.
- 7.2.5.10 The Treasurer is allowed to nominate himself/herself or be nominated for re-election only after the lapse of 1 (ONE) term.

7.2.6 Assistant Treasurer

- 7.2.6.1 The Treasurer shall maintain lists of all active and defaulting members, endeavor to collect membership subscriptions and other dues receivable by the association; prepare and maintain reports and present them to the Treasurer for presentation to Executive Committee for approval and presentation to the General Body as warranted.
- 7.2.6.2 The incumbent shall sign and issue receipts for subscription paid by members and maintain periodic accounts and present the same to the Managing committee as and when called for through the Treasurer.
- 7.2.6.3 The incumbent shall perform (and assist in) the duties of the Treasurer during the former's absence or in the event the Treasurer fails to perform his/her duties as expected by the constitution and/or Executive Committee
- 7.2.6.4 The incumbent shall prepare and maintain all receipts and payments pertaining to individual cultural programs undertaken by the association; issue receipts for revenues pertaining to a specific cultural program as per the mandate provided by the Executive Committee.

7.2.7 Cultural Secretary

- 7.2.7.1 The incumbent shall take charge and co-ordinate all cultural activities or events that **MAC** may organize, assist and/or participate in.
- 7.2.7.2 He/She, individually and/or jointly with the General/Joint Secretary, shall establish and maintain contact/communication with the individuals/groups in order to host/sponsor cultural events that **MAC** organizes.

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7.2.8 Youth & Sports Secretary

- 7.2.8.1 He/She shall be responsible to manage the Youth wing of **MAC**, which represent a group of the members' children.
- 7.2.8.2 He/She shall attend, co-ordinate and assist the Youth Wing of **MAC** to conduct their meetings/events and report back to EC their specific requirements or needs.
- 7.2.8.3 He/She, in consultation with the President find various avenues to develop our youth in Canada.
- 7.2.8.4 He/She shall be responsible for the sports aspects of all events that **MAC** may organize, assist and/or participate in.
- 7.2.8.5 He/She individually and/or jointly with the General/Joint Secretary shall establish and maintain contact with the individuals/groups in order to host/sponsor sports events that **MAC** organizes.

7.2.9 Public Relations Officer

- 7.2.9.1 He/She shall be responsible to provide the highest level of coverage before or after the events that **MAC** may organize, assist and/or participate in.
- 7.2.9.2 He/She, individually and/or jointly with the President and/or EC member, shall establish and maintain contact with the dignitaries, sponsors, donors, members or any benefactors in order to support the events that **MAC** organizes
- 7.2.9.3 The incumbent shall be responsible to collect and evaluate under-lying public opinion, formulate and respond to and with the media and in case of emergencies, the PRO in consultation with the President and any 3 other executive committee members, may deem fit to issue interim press releases or statements. Such action must be ratified at the following Executive Committee meeting immediately.

7.3 RESPONSIBILITIES, DUTIES AND RIGHTS

7.3.1 MEMBER

- 7.3.1.1 Every member who has paid his subscription shall have the right to vote at the AGB / EOGB Meeting and is eligible for any privileges decided by the Executive Committee.
- 7.3.1.2 A member has the privilege to request the Association for personal assistance in times of need, which the Executive Committee is bound to evaluate and extend support as per the current by-laws, if approved.
- 7.3.1.3 A member intending to nominate himself / herself for election to any post within the Executive Committee must be enrolled as a member for a minimum period of 6 months and should be in good standing.

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- 7.3.1.4 A member, during the meeting of AGB / EOGB has the privilege to place suggestions and/or to propose any project, subject or issue of common community interest.
- 7.3.1.5 Any two members of the Executive Committee have the right to request such suggestions, proposals and demands to the Agenda of immediately following Executive Committee meeting for evaluation. Evaluations, suggestions / proposals or non feasibility of proposals will be placed before the following AGB / EOGB meeting.
- 7.3.1.6 The Executive Committee may or may not request the person(s) proposing the issue to attend the immediately following Executive Committee meeting, to provide clarifications and information required for the evaluation.
- 7.3.1.7 Life individual / family membership is conferred, upon one time payment as stated under article **5.3, 5.4** or as decided by the General Body. Life members shall enjoy privileges at par with Ordinary members without payment of annual subscription. Founder members or the Core members moved in as Life members as per their previous status.
- 7.4** Voting shall be by any acceptable method. In case of a contest, the candidate receiving the maximum number of votes shall be deemed to have been elected.
- 7.5** The Executive Committee will make decisions by majority votes.
- 7.6** At no time, the EC shall consist of less than four (4) office bearers, failing which new elections shall be held to fill the vacancies.
- 7.7** The EC will make necessary arrangement as and when necessary to fill any vacant position/s.
- 7.8** Any or all members of the EC can be warned or expelled from their Executive positions in case of violation of the constitution or failure to perform duties as referred or assigned by the general Body.
- 7.9** A no-confidence motion against office bearers of the EC may be passed by a majority decision of the members of the General Body.. In such an event, a new election for the office bearers or the Executive Committee, as the case may be, shall be held and Adhoc committees selected by the General Body will facilitate the day to day activities till the election of the new Executive Committee takes place.
- 7.10** Executive Committee members, except the President, General Secretary and Treasurer, are permitted to hold office for any position only for two (2) consecutive terms and he/she may nominate himself/herself for the previous or new position after a gap of 1(ONE) term.

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8.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS

Conduct and Agenda for the General Body / Extra Ordinary General Body Meeting

- 8.1 An AGB / EOGB Meeting shall be held 30 days after notifying Members through registered e-mails and on our website and should be held during the 3rd weekend of November every year. A 14-day notice period is required for EOGB. Members are requested to respond to the invitation with RSVP.
- 8.2 Only issues placed on the Agenda by the Executive Committee will be discussed.
- 8.3 Any decisions required to be adopted on the issues presented outside the agenda, shall be taken only at the following Executive Committee or AGB / EOGB meeting as is appropriate.
- 8.4 Those issues raised by the members during the AGB / EOGB meeting under “any other items” shall be placed in the Agenda of the following “Executive Committee meeting” and discussed and voted in the following AGB / EOGB meeting.
- 8.5 Voting by “Head Count” shall generally be adopted in case of lack of consensus and shall be decided by simple majority. Secret ballot shall be adopted only if the AGB / EOGB meeting decides so.
- 8.6 50% of active members shall constitute a quorum for AGB meetings. If the quorum is not met at the scheduled time, the meeting shall commence 30 minutes after the scheduled time and the members present shall form the quorum. Any decision taken will be taken with a simple majority.
- 8.7 Two Third of the Executive Committee members shall constitute a quorum for Executive Committee meeting. If the quorum is not met, another meeting shall be called within 2 weeks. No quorum is necessary to conduct the meeting called for the second time.

9.0 FINANCE

- 9.1 The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the finances of **MAC**.
- 9.2 A Bank account in the name of **MAC** shall be opened at any of the recognized Banks in Ontario, Canada, with 3 signatories (**PRESIDENT, TREASURER AND GENERAL SECRETARY**) and operated jointly by any 2(TWO) signatories
- 9.3 The Executive Committee shall be responsible for, and be required to report on all financial transactions conducted during the preceding year at the Annual General Body Meeting of **MAC**.
- 9.4 When new elections take place, the outgoing committee shall handover all the accounts, check books and related bank account papers to the new committee

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on a day agreed by outgoing and incoming EC not later than the new committee being inducted into the office on the 1st of January after the election, i.e 3rd weekend of November of the election year. The new Executive Committee shall formally advise the bank of the new office bearers immediately after satisfying that all the bank accounts are in order.

10.0 AUDIT

- 10.1** All books of accounts of **MAC** should be audited by an external Auditor, and appointed by the Executive Committee members and he/she may be eligible for remuneration/compensation for his/her services.
- 10.2** An Auditor shall hold office for a two year (term) and is required to submit his intention to continue his/her services to the new Executive Committee. The EC is required to review his/her request to continue and re-appoint the Auditor, if approved.
- 10.3** He/She shall examine the books of accounts every year prior to the AGB to present his/her report during the meeting.
- 10.4** He/She shall certify as to the correctness of the accounts of **MAC** and shall report thereon to the members present at the Annual General Body Meeting.
- 10.5** He/She has a right of access to the accounts, books, records, vouchers, and documents of **MAC**
- 10.6** He/She may require the members of Executive Committee such information and explanation as may be necessary for the performance of his/her duties as an Auditor.
- 10.7** He/She may, in relation to the accounts of **MAC**, discuss and consult any member of the Executive Committee.
- 10.8** He/She has a right to attend any Executive Committee meeting/s.

11.0 Conflict of Interest

- 11.1** Executive Committee members should not hold office in any multi-cultural associations except Religious and/or Professional organizations.
- 11.2** An Executive Committee member should not and cannot be the main organizer or co-organizer for any cultural event or program organized by other multi-cultural organizations/associations.
- 11.3** An Executive Committee member/s may participate or assist with the organization of an event or program by other multi-cultural associations with the permission of the current Executive Committee of **MAC**.

12.0 BY-LAWS

Such By-laws as may be deemed necessary for the proper operation of the Association may be adopted or amended by an affirmative vote of a 2/3 majority at the Executive Committee meeting and required to be ratified in the next AGM/EOGB meeting.

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13.0 AMENDMENTS

13.1 All amendments and updates shall be proposed to the General Body or Extra Ordinary General Body meeting through a formal pre-arranged Agenda by the Executive Committee. Such amendments shall be placed in writing before the house, discussed and appropriately documented.

13.2 The amendments must then be adopted in a duly called for subsequent meeting by the General Body with a quorum consisting of not less than 1/4th of total active members and by a 2/3rd majority of the house present, which ever is higher.

14.0 DISSOLUTION

MAC may be dissolved provided the decision of Dissolution shall be approved in General Body Meeting with half of total active members and by 3/4th majority of the house present. In the case of dissolution, the liquidated proceeds of all fixed and current assets shall be donated to a charitable organization/s.

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