THE ALL-INDIA ANGLO-INDIAN ASSOCIATION

Registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860

Memorandum
and
Articles of Association

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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
OF
THE ALL-INDIA ANGLO-INDIAN ASSOCIATION

DEFINITIONS

1. In these Articles, unless there is something in the subject or context inconsistent therewith –
   (i) “Act” means the Societies Registration Act 1860, or any Statutory amendment, addition or any re-enactment thereof for the time being.
   (ii) “An Anglo-India” means a person –
        (a) whose mother-tongue is English; and
        (b) whose father or any of whose progenitors in the male line is or was of European descent; and
        (c) who is domiciled within the territory of India and is or was born within such territory of parents who are or were permanently resident therein or who is a naturalized Indian citizen, or who is a citizen of India as defined in Part II of the Constitution of India, or any amendment thereto and/or the Citizenship Act (No. LVII of 1955) or any amendment thereto.
   (iii) “Articles” means these Articles of Association as originally framed or as altered from time to time by Special Resolution.
   (iv) “Association” means the All-India Anglo-Indian Association registered under the Societies Registration Act.
(v) “Auditors” means the Auditors of the Association established by the Governing Body in accordance with these Articles.

(vi) “Branch” means a branch of the Association established by the Governing Body in accordance with these Articles.

(vii) “Central Office means the Registered Office for the time being of the Association.

(viii) “Community” means the Anglo-Indian Community.

(ix) “Governing Body” means the Governing Body of the Association constituted in accordance with these Articles.

(x) “Income” means in the case of a single member his gross monthly emoluments and in the case of husband and wife their joint gross monthly emoluments, irrespective of the eligibility of either under Article 5. A retired employee who has received Provident Fund and other benefits will be deemed to have received the amount of pension he would have drawn, had he opted for the pension scheme. Provided that the Governing Body may, in its discretion, in the special circumstances of any particular case, relax the rule in respect of an application submitted through the Branch concerned.

(xi) “Member” means a person who is or becomes a member of the Association in accordance with these Articles and includes a Life Member, but does not include an Honorary Member.

(xii) “Month” means Calendar Month.
“State” means the area comprised within the territories subject to a State Government of any administrative unit of Government.

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“Seal” means the Common Seal for the time being of the Association.

“Year” means Calendar Year.

“Register” means the Register of members wherever referred to in these Articles.

“Qualifying subscription” means, unless a Branch has been specially exempted by the Governing Body, the All-in rate of subscription as set out in Article 7.

“Financial Year” means 1st April to 31st March.

Words importing singular number only shall include the plural and vice versa. Words importing the masculine gender only shall include the feminine and vice versa.

MEMBERSHIP

2. An application to become a member shall be made on the prescribed form and shall be addressed to the Branch Secretary of the nearest Branch of the Association in the State in which the applicant resides. The Branch Secretary shall place the application before the Branch Committee which shall have the right to elect, admit or reject the applicant, but before making an admission the eligibility of the applicant shall be investigated.
3. Any doubt as to which is the nearest branch shall be referred to the Governing Body for a decision.

4. Any member of the Community residing in a place where no branch of the Association exists may, notwithstanding anything contained in Article 2, be admitted as a member of the Central Office on application to the Honorary General Secretary such application shall be placed before the Governing Body which shall have the right to admit or reject the same.

GENERAL MEETING OF THE ALL-INDIA BODY

15. The Association shall, in each year, hold a General Meeting as its Annual General Meeting, in addition to any other Meetings in that year. All General Meetings, other than Annual General Meetings, shall be called Extraordinary General Meetings. The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall ordinarily be held between September and November each year.

16. Every General Meeting shall be held at such place and on such date or dates and at such hour as the Governing Body may determine.

17. The President-in-Chief or the Governing Body may, whenever they think fit, call an Extraordinary General Meeting and the General Secretary shall do so upon a requisition in writing of not less than 500 members of the Association. Any requisition so made by members shall state the object or objects of the meeting proposed to be called and must be signed by the requisitionists and be deposited at the Association’s Registered office, provided that such requisition may consist of several documents in like form, each signed by one or more requisitionists.
18. Upon receipt of such requisition, the Governing Body shall forthwith call an Extraordinary General Meeting, and if they do not proceed within twenty-one days from the date of the requisition being deposited in the Registered office, to cause a meeting to be called on a day not later than six weeks from the date of the deposit of the requisition, the requisitionists, or a majority of them, may themselves call the meeting, but any meeting so called shall be held within three months from the date of delivery of the requisition aforesaid.

19. Any meeting called under the foregoing Articles by requisitionists shall be called in the same manner as that in which general meetings are to be called by the Governing Body.

20. Fourteen days’ notice at the least (exclusive of the day on which the notice is served or deemed to be served, but inclusive of the day for which notice is given) of a General Meeting specifying the place, the day and the hour of the meeting and, in the case of special business, the general nature of that business, and six weeks’ notice of a General Meeting at which it is intended to propose a Special Resolution shall be given to members in the manner prescribed for the giving of notice in the Articles hereinafter mentioned.

21. All business shall be deemed special that is transacted at an Extraordinary Meeting and all that is transacted at an Ordinary Meeting shall be ordinary business except resolutions seeking to rescind, abrogate, vary, modify or otherwise amend the Articles of Association.

Provided that in the case of special resolutions to rescind, abrogate, vary, modify or otherwise amend the Articles of
Association, notice of such resolution shall be given only on behalf of the Governing Body or a Branch Committee.

A copy of such resolutions shall be sent by the Head Office to each Branch Secretary ordinarily a week before the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

22. No special business shall be transacted at a General Meeting unless notice of the intention to move such business shall have been given not less than twenty-eight days before the General Meeting at which it is to be moved, exclusive of the day on which the notice is served and the day of the Meeting.

23. Every notice of an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting shall be signed by the General Secretary, or by such officer the Governing Body may appoint, except in the case of a meeting convened by members in accordance with these Articles, in which case the notice may be signed by the members convening the same.

24. The accidental omission to give any such notice as aforesaid any of the members, or the non-receipt thereof, shall not invalidate any resolution passed at the meeting.

25. Fifty members present in person at the commencement of the meeting shall be a quorum for a General Meeting.

26. No business shall be transacted at any General meeting unless the quorum requisite shall be present at the commencement of business.

27. If within half an hour from the time approved for the meeting, a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of members, shall be dissolved; in any other case, it
shall stand adjourned with the consent of the majority of the members present to a later hour on the same day and at the same place as has been specified in the notice of the meeting or to a subsequent date not later than thirty days and such adjourned meeting, the business on the Agenda of the original General Meeting shall be transacted with the members present forming the quorum. (AGM 1995).

28. The President-in-Chief of the Association shall, when present, preside at all General Meetings of the Association in the absence of the President-in-Chief, one of the Vice-Presidents shall, if present, preside. In the absence of the President-in-Chief and Vice-Presidents within the fifteen minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the meeting, or if all of them are unwilling to act, the members of the Governing Body present shall elect one of their number to be Chairman of the meeting, or if no member of the Governing Body are present or are willing to take the Chair, the members present shall choose one of their number to be Chairman.

29. No business shall be discussed at any General Meeting, except the election of a Chairman, whilst the Chair is vacant.

30. The Chairman, with the consent of the meeting may, and shall if so directed by the meeting, adjourn any 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. It shall not be necessary to give notice of the adjournment meeting unless the meeting is adjourned for more than ten days.
31. At any General Meeting a Resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands, unless a poll is (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands) demanded by at least five members having the right to vote (present in person), and unless a poll is so demanded, a declaration by the Chairman that a Resolution has on a show of hands been carried, or carried unanimously or by a particular majority, or lost, and an entry to that effect in the book of the proceedings of the Association shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes received in favour of, or against, the Resolution.

32. On a show of hands and upon a poll every member present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote shall have one vote.

33. In the case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall, both on a show of hands at a poll (if any) have a casting vote in addition to the vote to which he is entitled as a member.

34. Only members of three months standing and upwards whose subscriptions have been paid up-to-date shall be entitled to vote or appoint proxies and for the purpose of this Article, the term ‘up-to-date’ shall be interpreted to mean that the all-in rate of subscription due under Article 7, including arrears, if any, shall have been paid by the end of the previous month but one in which the General Meeting is to be held and members will not be warned of their arrears previously. Only members whose subscriptions have been paid and loans, if any, from the Association paid up in full, shall be eligible for election.
35. If a poll is duly demanded, it shall be taken in such manner as the Chairman directs, and the result of the poll shall be deemed to be a resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded. The demand for a poll may be withdrawn at any time by the person or persons who made the demand.

36. A poll demanded on the election of a Chairman or on a question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith. A poll demanded on any other question shall be taken at such time on the same day as the Chairman of the Meeting directs.

37. Any member entitled to attend and vote at a General Meeting of the Association shall be entitled to appoint another member who is also entitled to attend and vote, as his proxy.

Provided that in the case of Branch General Meeting the entitlement to vote by proxy shall be available to a member who provides evidence to the person or persons nominated by the Branch Committee of his inability to attend the branch meeting.

(i) because he is ill, supported by a certificate by a registered medical practitioner

(ii) that he will be out of station, to be supported by an affidavit

(iii) that he is on duty, supported by a certificate from his immediate supervisor.

Provided further than in the case of the Annual General Meetings of the Association the same conditions shall apply with regard to members of the branch where the Association’s Annual General Meeting is to be held.
38. In every notice calling a General Meeting of the Association there shall appear with reasonable prominence a statement that a member entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of himself.

39. Every instrument of proxy shall, as nearly as circumstances will admit, be to the effect following:

THE ALL-INDIA ANGLO-INDIAN ASSOCIATION

I____________________ of ________________ being a member of the All-India Anglo-Indian Association, hereby appoint ___________ or failing him ________________ of ________________ as my proxy to vote for me and on my behalf at the Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting of the Branch/Association to be held on the ______ day of ______ 20____ and at any adjournment thereof, or poll consequent thereon.

I solemnly declare that I shall be unable to attend the Annual General Meeting as I am will/will be on duty/will be out of station.

As witness my hand this ______ day of ______ 20______.

Signature ______________________

(One Rupee Revenue Stamps)
Certified that the executor of the above proxy is a member of the 
Branch of the All-India Anglo-Indian Association and is 
etitled to vote.

Signature(s) ____________________

(Nominee/Nominees of Branch 
Committee)

Note 1: On the reverse of the proxy form the executor may specify, 
in the case of an election, the name of the candidate or 
candidates for whom he wishes his proxy to vote and, in the 
mission of any other matter, whether he desires his proxy to vote 
for or against such proposal, resolution or matter.

Note 2: Each member and his wife, if she is a member, shall execute 
a separate proxy form.

Note 3: The date on which the executor of the proxy signs the proxy 
form shall be entered by the executor in his own hand and in 
words.
Questionnaire for the Anglo-Indian Respondents
Belonging to Chandigarh, Mohali, Panchkula, Ambala, Dehradun, Mussoorie, Shimla, Solan and Delhi

1. Age : ____________ years (as on ___/___/____)

2. Sex : ☐ Male ☐ Female

3. Level of Education: Please tick the appropriate category in relevant columns.

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4. Occupation : ______________ since: ______________

5. Previous Occupation (if any): ______________________

6. Who financially supported you during your study?

____________________________________________________

7. Who helped you to secure a job? (Please tick)

☐ AI Associations  ☐ Community Member
☐ Christian person association  ☐ any other

Give details:

____________________________________________________

____________________________________________________

8. How many members are there in your family?

Males ____________  Females ____________

Age ____________
9. Give details of the level of education of your family members.

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10. How many earning members are there in your family?

Give details of income

Give details of profession of family members.

11. If you were asked to put your family in one of these economic groups, which would you say they are

☐ Upper class  ☐ Middle class
☐ Lower middle class  ☐ Lower class

12. Is the house you live in:
   a. Your own
   b. Rented
   c. Government Accommodation
   d. Provided by the institution you serve
13. Since the Anglo-Indians are a tiny group in the country, what do you think about the prospects of such a small community in a vast country like India.

__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________

14. Do you think community considerations are important in the socio-economic and political life in our country?
   Yes  No
b) Specify your answer
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________

15. It is generally believed that either the money power or support of powerful people which matter in getting things done from the government or for that matter getting jobs in the public sector.
   Yes  No
b) Give a detailed answer.
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________

16. Do you think the Anglo-Indians count in the towns they belong to? Give a detailed answer.
17. How do you react to the following statements?

a) Owing to their small numbers, the dominant communities in all respects have always neglected the Anglo-Indians.
   Agree           Disagree           Can’t say

b) Politicians don’t heed the Anglo-Indians as the latter command hardly any vote bank
   Agree           Disagree           Can’t say

c) Anglo-Indians seldom get government jobs because they have no political support.
   Agree           Disagree           Can’t say

d) Since Anglo-Indians are not only numerically insignificant but also economically backward, they should be given reservations for jobs and education
   Agree           Disagree           Can’t say

18. The Anglo-Indians are a small community which has hardly benefited in the realms of socio-economic and political life. Keeping these factors in view, would you still prefer to retain your identity.
   Yes           No

b) Specify your answer.
19. Since you perceive that your identity has not paid either way (socio-cultural, economic and political). What do you think would be better for you to get recognition and benefits in life? Specify.

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

20. The success of democracy depends on the exercise of adult franchise. Therefore, each voter must cast his vote during the national, state and local elections. Do you agree?  
Yes  No

21. Did you vote in the last parliamentary, assembly and municipal elections?  
Yes  No  

b) Give reasons for abstaining from voting.

________________________________________________________________________

22. Did any of your family members vote in the last parliamentary, assembly and municipal elections?  
Yes  No  

b) How many voted  

________________________________________________________________________

c) If no, why?

________________________________________________________________________
23. Did any candidate/ political party candidate approach you or any of your family members for support?
Yes       No

24. Are you a member of any political party?
Yes       No

25. Are you a member of any Anglo-Indian Association / guild?
Yes       No

26. Do you think your Association/ Guild is playing a significant role in safeguarding the interests of your community?
Yes       No

b) Specify your answer.

__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________