

CONSTITUTION
OF
THE FRENCH ALUMNI

(ASSOCIATION DES ANCIENS ETUDIANTS EN FRANCE)

Approved by the
REGISTRAR OF SOCIETIES, SINGAPORE
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(with 1982,1983, 1994 and 1995 amendments)

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

1 Number

The number of members of the Alumni shall be unlimited.

2 Types

There shall be the following types of membership:

- 2.1 Ordinary Membership
- 2.2 Life Membership
- 2.3 Honorary Membership
- 2.4 Associate membership
- 2.5 Corporate membership

3 Eligibility

3.1 All citizens and residents of Singapore above the age of eighteen (18) are eligible for Ordinary Membership provided they are not full-time students at the time of application and they:

- (a) were full-time students for at least one (1) academic year in Universities, Colleges and Other Institutions of Higher learning in France.
- OR (b) were participants of an approved training or fellowship course for at least three (3) months in France.
- OR (c) Are Diploma/Certificate holders in Business French of the Paris Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

However, an application for membership under 3.1(c) shall not be considered if at the time of the application, the number of members already admitted under 3.1(c) equals or exceeds 1/3 of the total membership, or thirty (30), whichever is lower.

3.2 Anyone above the age of sixteen (16) who has studied French may apply to the Ex-Co to be an Associate Member.

3.3 An Ordinary/Life Member, on becoming a full-time student at any institution of higher learning shall, ipso facto, cease to be a member during the period of his studies, and may apply for re-admission on completion of his studies.

3.4 Any Ordinary Member may become a Life Member on payment of the required subscription hereinafter provided.

3.5 Upon the recommendation of the Ex-Co, persons who have rendered some special services to the Alumni or who have distinguished themselves in society are eligible for Honorary Membership and may be elected as such by a simple majority at a General meeting.

3.6 Any company incorporated in Singapore may apply to become a Corporate Member.

4 Rights and Privileges

4.1 Members shall have the right to participate in the Association's activities.

4.2 Only Ordinary Members and Life Members shall have the right to vote at all General Meetings of the Alumni and to be elected to office in the Ex-Co. All members shall have the right to speak at all General Meetings of the Alumni and to place items on agendas of the General meetings.

4.3 Subject to Rule 4.2 above, Associate, Honorary and Corporate Members shall be entitled to all the benefits and privileges of membership except that they shall not claim any share of the assets of the Alumni upon its dissolution.

4.4 Proxy – Any member with voting rights may authorize any other member to vote on his behalf at any Alumni meeting. Notice of such proxy authorization in writing must be received by the Honorary Secretary not later than one (1) hour prior to the time and date of the meeting at which such proxy is to be voted.

5 Obligations of Members

All members shall abide by the Constitution and not act in any way inconsistent with the objectives of the Alumni.

6 Subscription and Fees

6.1 All membership shall terminate on December 31 of each year and shall be renewable from January 1 of the following year. Membership fee for an Ordinary Member shall be forty Singapore dollars (S\$40/-) if he joins during the period from January 1 to June 30 and twenty Singapore dollars (S\$20/-) if he joins during the period from July 1 to December 31. Fee for the subsequent renewal shall be forty Singapore dollars (S\$40/-) valid for one year from January 1 to December 31. Those members who have left their subscription lapsed shall re-subscribe at forty Singapore dollars (S\$40/-) for the calendar year they re-join.

6.2 The subscription fee for a Life Member shall be at least four hundred Singapore dollars (S\$400/-), to be paid either in a lump sum or by four (4) consecutive yearly payments of one hundred Singapore dollars (S\$100/-).

6.3 No annual subscription fee shall be payable by an Honorary Member.

6.4 The subscription fee for Corporate Members shall be two hundred Singapore dollars (S\$200/-) per year.

6.5 The subscription fee for Associate Members is thirty Singapore dollars (S\$30/-).

6.6 All subscription fees may only be varied by a two-third (2/3) majority at a general Meeting.

6.7 Any special fee or subscription for a particular purpose may only be raised from all members by a simple majority at a General Meeting.

6.8 The membership fee for Ordinary Member performing full-time National Service when subscription is due may be partially waived by a decision of the Ex-Co.

7 Applications for Membership

- 7.1 All applications for membership shall be submitted to the Ex-Co which may, at its discretion, accept or reject any application. M The rejected applicant may, if he so desires, request the Ex-Co to furnish the reason(s) for the rejection of his application. The Ex-Co is then bound to furnish the reason(s) to the rejected applicant, but there shall be no appeals from the decisions of the Ex-Co.
- 7.2 A former member who had resigned or whose name had been struck off from the register of Members for one reason or other, may apply for re-admission subject to Rule 7.1 above. Any such application for re-admission shall be considered a new application of membership.

8 Resignations

- 8.1 The Honorary Treasurer shall send out a notice of renewal of subscription one (1) calendar month before the date when the subscriptions are due.
- 8.2 Any member who is more than one (1) month in arrears with the subscription or fees shall be deemed to have resigned from the Alumni of his own accord.
- 8.3 Any member who intends to resign from the Alumni shall give written notice to the Honorary Secretary of his intention. There will be no refund, total or partial, of the subscription fee.

9 Discipline

- 9.1 The Ex-Co shall take actions in whatever form deemed appropriate against any member who acts in any way which may be construed as being injurious to the dignity of the Alumni, or contrary to the interests of the Alumni or its members.
- 9.2 If the member has been found guilty of a charge which has been deemed to be serious, the Ex-Co shall first call him to show cause why he should not be asked to resigned or be expelled and the Ex-Co shall have the right to expel him if he refuses to do so or if the Ex-Co is not satisfied with the reasons given. The member being disciplined shall be entitled to appeal to a General Meeting against the decision of the Ex-Co, whose decision shall be final and binding.
- 9.3 If the member has been found guilty of a charge which has been deemed to be minor, the Ex-Co may suspend him for a period not exceeding six (6) months.
- 9.4 A member expelled from the Alumni shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership and all rights against the Ex-Co and the Alumni with effect from the date of the expulsion. His name shall be struck off from the Register of Members.
- 9.5 A suspended member shall cease to have the rights and privileges of membership and all rights against the Ex-Co and the Alumni during the period of suspension.
- 9.6 If a member is convicted of any offence or adjudged a bankrupt, he shall thereupon cease to be a member of the Alumni but the Ex-Co shall have the discretionary power to re-instate him.