

# V VERNACULAR ARCHITECTURE SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA VOLKSBOUKUNDIGE VERENIGING VAN SUID-AFRIKA

## CONSTITUTION

(Drawn up at the Inaugural Meeting, 8 September 1964. Amended at Special General Meetings on 12 June 1969 and 7 May 1976 and at Annual General Meetings on 12 March 1982 and 21 March 1986).

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## DEFINITION

In this Constitution the term 'Committee' refers to the Committee of the Vernacular Architecture Society of South Africa.

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## OBJECTS

- 1.1 The objects of the Society are to promote and encourage the study of South African vernacular architecture and its associated material culture by fostering research, arranging excursions and study tours, organising lectures, the publication of original work and by any other means. N/S
- 1.2 To promote the formation of groups affiliated to the Society and subscribing to the abovementioned projects.

## MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1 All persons interested in the objects of the Society are eligible for membership
- 2.2 The Society shall consist of Ordinary Members and Honorary Members, the latter to be admitted at the discretion of the Committee.

## PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS

3. Ordinary Members shall be eligible for all offices of the Society and shall be eligible to take part in all activities of the Society during the years in which they pay their annual subscriptions.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

- 4.1 Ordinary Members shall pay an Annual Subscription at a rate or rates determined at the Annual General Meeting. Subscriptions shall be due immediately after the Annual General Meeting in each year.
- 4.2 The name of any Member whose subscription remains unpaid for a period of 3 months from the due date shall be removed from the list of members.
- 4.3 Persons joining the Society on or after 1 November in any year will not be required to pay a subscription until after the following Annual General Meeting but will not have voting rights at that or any other General Meeting of the Society that may take place prior to receipt of their subscription.

## MEETINGS

- 5.1 An Annual General Meeting shall be held during the month of March or at such convenient date as determined by the Committee.

- 5.2 The Committee shall meet at least once a quarter each year.
- 5.3 Other meetings may be arranged as decided by the Committee.
- 5.4 At the Annual General Meeting ten Members shall form a quorum and all matters shall be decided by a majority, the Chairman to have a casting vote.

#### AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

6. Amendments to the Constitution shall only be decided upon at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose by the Committee and upon written notice of such meeting having been posted to each Member not less than 14 days before the date of the meeting.

#### MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 There shall be a President elected for such period as may be determined at an Annual General Meeting.
  - 7.2 One or more of the Presidents of affiliated groups, established in terms of Clause 1.2 above, may be elected by the Committee as Vice-Presidents of the Society.
  - 7.3 The management of the affairs of the Society shall be entrusted to a Committee.
  - 7.4 The Committee shall consist of the Honorary Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Co-ordinator of Activities and 5 other Members and shall have the power to co-opt Members as necessary; such co-opted Members shall not have a vote unless replacing elected Members.
  - 7.5 The Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall serve for a period of one year. Officers may be re-elected annually.
  - 7.6 At meetings of the Committee, five Members shall form a quorum and all matters shall be decided by a majority, the Chairman to have a casting vote.
  - 7.7 The Constitution of any group shall be approved by the Committee prior to affiliation. Subsequent amendments to such Constitution shall be subject to similar approval.
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