

CONSTITUTION FOR "SYDNEY ANGLICAN STAMP SOCIETY"

(This Constitution was adopted by members on the 6th February 1988, amended 4th February 1995, June 2008 and December 2020).

Name:

The organisation shall be known as **Sydney Anglican Stamp Society** (the Society).

Objects:

The objects of the Society are to promote philatelic information exchange and to promote the personal sale of philatelic material, including stamp material for Christian Missionary agencies, all in the context of Christian fellowship and mutual trust.

Meetings:

Meetings shall be held on Saturdays, six times annually or as members decide in a General Meeting advertised to discuss any such changes.

Annual General Meeting:

The first meeting in each calendar year will include the annual general meeting and notice will be given to all financial members by letter or appropriate electronic communication (as determined by the executive). Only members who have paid their dues for the previous year before the end of that calendar year shall be entitled to hold office or take part in the annual general meeting. An annual subscription shall be fixed by the meeting for the ensuing year. If no subscription is fixed, the existing subscription shall apply for that year.

Quorum:

The annual general meeting shall require attendance of 25% of financial members to be present which shall be a quorum. If a quorum is not present at the time fixed for the meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned until the same time at the next meeting.

Membership:

Membership of the Society will be open to any person who declares to the treasurer or the secretary that they are active members of a Christian congregation, provided however, that the executive may approve the admission of other persons who do not fulfil this condition but are people of goodwill towards the Christian faith. The number of persons admitted in this way will not exceed more than 10% of the total membership. No person shall be deemed to be a member unless financial and have attended at least one meeting in the previous twelve months or been granted leave of absence by the executive.

Office Bearers:

At the annual general meeting the following office bearers will be elected and form the executive of the Society:-

- a) President
- b) Two or more Vice Presidents
- c) Secretary
- d) Treasurer

- The annual general meeting may also appoint other officers from time to time.
- The members of the Executive of the Society shall at all times be active worshipping members of the Anglican Church or an active worshipping member of a major protestant denomination and be willing to sign the Statement of Faith shown at Attachment #1.

- The treasurer shall keep proper books of account which shall be reviewed by a suitable reviewer, who will not be a member of the executive, elected at the annual general meeting or selected by the Executive. A financial statement for the previous financial year, bearing a report by the reviewer, shall be presented at the annual general meeting.
- The Executive shall also report to members at the annual general meeting on the affairs of the Society.

Filling of Vacancies:

In the event of a vacancy arising amongst the office bearers during the year, members present at an ordinary meeting may appoint a successor for the balance of the year.

Use of Monies:

The treasurer has authority to use petty cash for small items of expenditure and all hall charges. Larger items shall be authorised by the unanimous approval of the executive or by the members at the annual general meeting. Cheques or electronic transfers shall be authorised by any two of the signatories from the list of signatories as shall from time to time be established by the executive.

Dissolution of the Society:

If no meeting of the Society shall have been held for a period of 12 months, or if 75% of members present and voting at an annual meeting so resolve, the Society shall be deemed to be no longer in operation. All funds and assets of the Society shall then be handed over by the treasurer to the following organisations (or their nearest equivalents):-

Church Missionary Society (New South Wales Branch)	50%
Bush Church Aid Society	20%
Anglicare	10%
Bible Society in Australia	10%
Global Interaction (Australian Baptist Missionary Society)	10%

Sales by Tender:

Sales by Tender may be held at meetings under the oversight of officers. A 10% fee shall be retained by the Society from all proceeds except for items sold for Christian Missionary Agencies, Churches, or at the discretion of the Treasurer, other charitable agencies.

Sale of Stamps:

The Society, having commenced in 1972 with a principal objective of promoting the sale of stamps for the Church Missionary Society, agrees to the sale of stamps by missionary or church agencies at meetings of the Society, it being clearly understood that such stamps remain the property of the missionary or church agency concerned until sold and any unsold stamps remain the property of that missionary or church agency and that the principal convenor of such sales is answerable to the agency for the stamps and for the proceeds.

This Constitution:

This constitution comes into effect when accepted by at least 75% of members present and voting at an Annual General Meeting, notice having been given to members at a previous meeting or in writing that such proposed constitution will be discussed.

The constitution may be amended provided that notice in writing is given to all financial members at least one month prior to the general meeting at which such amendments are to be considered. At least 75% of members present and voting must agree to any change.

In special circumstances, the executive may call a special meeting provided that at least one month's notice is given to all financial members. Such special meeting may do all things allowable at an annual general meeting, provided that notice of any intention has been conveyed to members.

Attachment #1: Statement of Faith

I believe in:

- The Holy Scriptures as originally given by God, divinely inspired, entirely trustworthy, and the supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
- The triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- The deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, His substitutionary atonement for sin, His bodily resurrection and His personal, visible return to earth to reign in righteousness and glory.
- The person of the Holy Spirit, and His work of conviction, regeneration and sanctification, who indwells every believer, equipping them with gifts for service and witness.
- The necessity of new birth, in salvation by faith in Jesus Christ alone, and the importance of a life fully committed to the will of God in Christ.
- The Church as the one, universal Body of Christ who is the Head, called to be God's redeemed people

Record of amendments: Not part of the constitution:

February 1995:

From 1998 no member who has served for 5 years or more as President or Vice President shall be eligible for election to such office for at least 3 years.

June 2008

The President and Vice Presidents shall at all times be active worshipping members of the Anglican Church. From 1998 no member who has served for 5 years or more as President or Vice President shall be eligible for election to such office for at least 3 years.

December 2020

- Allow SASS to meet more often than six times a year if so decided
- Allow communications by electronic means
- Widen the prerequisites for Executive Members from only Anglican Churches to others who can sign a statement of faith specified in the constitution
- Change from an Audit (a term specified in law that requires a person qualified as an Auditor) to a Review.
- Two to sign Funds Transfers
- Tidy up new names of organisations to receive funds if SASS closes (Not changing the organisations)
- Notice Period amended from three months to one month.
- Addition of the Statement of Faith