





AGM 2020 – Amendments to Constitution

Template for Submission of Amendment of Rules

- Please attach a soft copy of the relevant amendments in word format as shown below in the Amendment of Rules application submission:

Rule No.	Existing Rule(s)	Renumbered Rule No. (if any)	Proposed Rule(s)	Explanation & Reasons for Amendments
3.3	Humanism is a democratic and ethical life stance that affirms that human beings have the right and responsibility to give meaning and shape to their own lives. It stands for the building of a more humane society through an ethics based on human and other natural values in a spirit of reason and free inquiry through human capabilities. It is not theistic, and it does not accept supernatural views of reality. (International Humanist and Ethical Union's Minimum Statement of Humanism).		Humanism is a democratic and ethical life stance that affirms that human beings have the right and responsibility to give meaning and shape to their own lives. It stands for the building of a more humane society through an ethic based on human and other natural values in a spirit of reason and free inquiry through human capabilities. It is not theistic, and it does not accept supernatural views of reality. (Minimum Statement of Humanism, Humanist International). 	International umbrella organisation changed its name.
4.1	Membership is open to all who support and agree with the objectives of the society as described in Clause 3 herein. A member is defined as a person who has made an application for membership of the Society and has been approved by the Committee and who has no outstanding arrears		Full membership is open to all who support and agree with the objectives of the society as described in Clause 3 herein. A member is defined as a person who has made an application for membership of the Society and has been approved by the Committee and who has no outstanding arrears	Opening new category of 'Associate membership'

	owed to the Society whether for membership fees or other amounts.		owed to the Society whether for membership fees or other amounts. 	
4.		4.4 	Associate membership is open to all who support and broadly agree with the objectives of the Society as described in Clause 3 herein, but do not concur that humanism is non-theistic. A separate Declaration in Clause 4.4.1 is hence included for Associate Memberships to ratify, in lieu of the Minimum Statement. An Associate Member is subject to the same fees, requirements, and privileges of a Full Member, but will neither be eligible to vote nor run for office in the Executive Committee. 	Condition for 'Associate membership'
4.4.1		<u>4.4.1</u>	To live a humanist way, there is no entrance requirement, no necessary rite of passage, and no hierarchy to which one must belong. I adhere to a democratic and ethical life stance that affirms that human beings have the right and responsibility to give meaning and shape to their own lives. Regardless of my theistic beliefs, supernatural views, or lack thereof, I	Declaration of Personal Belief for Associate Membership

			stand for the building of a more humane society through an ethic based on human and other natural values in a spirit of reason and free inquiry through human capabilities. (Declaration of Personal Belief for Associate Membership)	
6.3	<p>Annual subscriptions are payable in advance within the first month of the year. If a member falls into arrears with his subscription or other dues, he shall be informed immediately by the Treasurer. If he fails to settle his arrears within two months of their becoming due, the President may order that his name be posted on the Society's notice board and that he be denied the privileges of membership until he settles his account. If he fails to settle his arrears for more than three (3) months, he</p>		<p>Annual subscriptions are payable in advance within the first month of the year. If a member falls into arrears with his subscription or other dues, he shall be informed immediately by the Treasurer. If he fails to settle his arrears within two months of their becoming due, the President may order that his name be posted on the Society's notice board and that he be denied the privileges of membership until he settles his account. If he fails to settle his</p>	<p>Extension of membership grace period from three(3) to six(6) months</p>

	will automatically cease to be a member.		arrears for more than six (6) months, he will automatically cease to be a member. ✓	
7.4.3	fails to pay his dues after three months (see clause 6. 4 3 above),		fails to pay his dues after six months (see Clause 6.3 above), ✓	
8.10	A member or proxy is not entitled to vote at any general meeting of the Society unless all monies due and payable by the member or proxy to the Society stipulated under clauses 6.1 and 6.2 above have been paid one month before the general meeting.		A member or proxy is not entitled to vote at any general meeting of the Society unless all monies due and payable by the member or proxy to the Society stipulated under clauses 6.1 and 6.2 above have been paid at any time before the general meeting. ✓	Revision of time limit for dues payable before voting rights are granted.

2. The following points are to be adhered:
- i. State the entire existing rule to be amended (although only a portion of the rule may be amended);
 - ii. Underline the amended portion in the existing and proposed rule(s).

***Note:** The proposed amendment of rules must be passed at the same General Meeting of Members.