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ASSOCIATION OLD PRETORIA **CONSTITUTION 1949**

- 1. The name of the society is the "Association Old Pretoria".
- 2. The Association shall confine its activities mainly to the city and district of Pretoria.
- 3. The Association functions as an independent body and has the following aims:
 - (a) To trace historically interesting buildings and places and to compile, in a register kept for the purpose, authentic data concerning them.
 - (b) To investigate unprotected or insufficiently protected historical objects or material and to take the necessary steps for their adequate safe keeping or preservation.
 - (c) To collect documents, objects or material of historical interest and, as circumstances require, care for them itself or hand them over to the most suitable body or institution for safe keeping.
 - (d) To make permanent record, in writing, in pictures or in other ways, of historical facts and to endeayour to supplement and complete such record by means of authentic data, for the furtherance of an accurate depiction of the history of the city and district of Pretoria.
 - (c) On its own initiative to devise plans and to take action in connection with historical celebrations which have Pretoria as their focal point.
 - (f) To render assistance in connection with determining, giving or altering historical names with respect to any part or portion, e.g. streets, squares, watercourses, and places of note, of the city or the suburbs or the district of Pretoria.
 - (g) To take all such steps as may be necessary for the attainment of the Association's aims.
- 4. The Association, while preserving its own identity, is prepared to co-operate with the competent authorities of the Union Government, the Transvaal Provincial Administration, the Municipality of Pretoria, and, if it so thinks fit, with any other institution, body or person, for the realisation of the abovementioned aims:
- 5. (a) The membership of the Association is limited to a hundred, but the executive committee reserves the right to depart from this rule in exceptional circumstances.

- (b) All persons who contributed to the establishment of the Association and such persons as may join it on the invitation of the executive committee shall be members of the Association, provided that no person shall be eligible for membership who has not resided for at least one year in the city or district of Pretoria.
- (c) The executive committee reserves the right to terminate membership without giving its reasons for so doing.
- (d) When a person becomes a member of the Association, he or she will be expected to contribute five shillings, and the executive committee has the right, necessary, to decide on additional levies not exceeding five shillings per year (now 7s. 6d. or 10s.).
- 6. The executive committee of the Association shall consist of a chairman, a vice-chairman, a secretary, a treasurer, an archivist, six other members and a representative of the City Council of Pretoria. Six members of the executive committee, including the chairman or vice-chairman and the secretary, shall form a quorum. The executive committee shall be elected at the annual general meeting.
- 7. The executive committee shall have the right to nominate sub-committees consisting of members of the Association to investigate some or other subject. Any sub-committee shall have the right to co-opt other persons, not necessarily members of the Association.
- 8. The annual general meeting of the Association shall be held in November of each year, and the executive committee has the right to call special meetings from time to time.
- 9. This constitution can be amended by a two-thirds majority of members present at a meeting of members, provided a month's notice of such meeting and of the proposed amendment has been given.
- 10. English and Afrikaans are the official languages of the Association.

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