

THE CONSTITUTION OF **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINING HISTORY ORGANISATIONS**

1. The name of the organisation shall be the National Association of Mining History Organisations. It shall be referred to in this constitution as "The Association".
2. The Association is established to promote education and research in Mining History and all its aspects and to publish the useful results of such research. In furtherance of the foregoing object but not further or otherwise the Association shall have the following powers:-
 - a) to represent member organisations;
 - b) to raise funds and to invite and receive contributions from any person or persons whatsoever by way of subscription, donation and otherwise provided that the Association shall not undertake any permanent trading activities in raising funds for its charitable objects;
 - c) to procure to be written and print, publish, issue and circulate gratuitously or otherwise any reports or periodicals, books, pamphlets, leaflets or other documents and audio-visual aids;
 - d) to do all such other lawful things as are necessary for the attainment of the Association's objects.
3. The Association shall comprise of a Council made up of the elected representatives of each FULL MEMBER organisation, and such Annually Elected Specialists as may be appointed by it. The number of such Annually Elected Specialists will be strictly limited to no more than 10% of the elected Representatives on the Council, and the position will confer no voting rights on the recipient.
4. Membership of the Association shall comprise of:-
FULL MEMBERS - Being acceptable organisations whose interests lie in the field of mining history.
AFFILIATE MEMBERS - Being other bodies interested in the aims and activities of "the Association".
5. Each applicant for membership shall provide a curriculum vitae and, (where appropriate), a copy of its constitution and membership list.
6. Membership may be refused and the reason notified to the applicant accordingly.
7. Each Full Member shall be entitled to one voting right, which shall be used personally by the Representative or given in advance, in writing, to the Secretary. Affiliate Members will not be entitled to vote or have a place on the Association's Council but will be welcomed to attend meetings as observers.
8. One person may represent more than one organisation if authorised by them and shall be entitled to use their vote.
9. Each organisation will notify the Secretary of the name of its Representative and he/she will be held to be the only person from that organisation entitled to vote.
10. The general administration of the Association shall be in the hands of five officers, who shall be :-
 - a) Chairman/Public Relations Officer
 - b) Deputy Chairman
 - c) Secretary
 - d) Treasurer
 - e) Editor

All acts and proceedings of such officers shall be reported back to the Council as soon as possible. These officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting from amongst the representatives. At such a meeting, the retiring officers shall be eligible for re-election. Any vacancy occurring amongst the officers during the year shall be filled at any other meeting as shall any additional post which shall be deemed necessary,

11. An officer shall vacate his/her post if he/she:-
 - a) ceases to be a member of a constituent organisation
 - b) by notice, in writing, to the Secretary resigns his/her position
 - c) is removed from office by a previously circulated resolution approved by the majority of Representatives.

12. The Council shall meet at least twice a year and six representatives attending shall form a quorum.
13. At least 14 days notice of a meeting shall be given to the constituent organisations at the last known address of their nominated representative. Meetings shall be summoned by the Secretary at the request of any Representative, who shall furnish bona-fide reasons for such a meeting giving 21 days notice of the same.
14. The Annual General Meeting shall be held within the month of March each year.
15. In the case of a tie of votes at a meeting, the Chairman shall have the casting vote.
16. A Representative shall not vote in respect of any contract that either himself or his organisation is financially interested either directly or indirectly.
17. There shall be an annual subscription fee payable on 1st January, the amount of which shall be reviewed annually by the Council. No voluntary donation shall be binding on the Association.
18. The Association shall open a bank account, the signatories of which shall be any two of the five elected officers .
19. The Association shall cause to be made minutes in books provided for that purpose of :-
 - a) the appointments of officers
 - b) the names of Representatives present at each meeting
 - c) all resolutions and proceedings at all meetings.
20. The Association shall cause proper books of account to be kept of all financial proceedings. These are to be kept by the Treasurer, and be available for consultation at all times by any elected Representative.
21. An annual income and expenditure account, together with a balance sheet, shall be prepared by the Treasurer at the end of each financial year and circulated to all Representatives. The financial year shall end on the 31st December.
22. A suitable person shall be appointed each year to check the financial records.
23. Membership of the Association shall cease:-
 - a) on resignation, bankruptcy or dissolution of an organisation
 - b) if an organisation has not remitted its subscription by the last day of February each year
 - c) by a majority resolution of the Council to expel the organisation, provided that the organisation shall have the right to appeal at the next meeting.
24. Any organisation that resigns shall not be entitled to a refund of subscriptions. In the case of expulsions under Clause 23(c), they shall receive a proportionate refund as decided by the Association.
25. No member of a constituent organisation shall enter into any correspondence or agreement using the name of the Association without the approval of the Council, or commit any act likely to bring the Association into disrepute.
26. Alterations to this Constitution shall receive the assent of two-thirds of the members present and voting at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting. A resolution for the alteration of the Constitution must be received by the Secretary of the Association at least 21 days before the meeting at which the resolution is to be brought forward. At least 14 days notice of such a meeting must be given by the Secretary to the membership and must include notice of the alterations proposed. Provided that no alteration shall be made to Clause 2, Clause 27 or this clause until the approval of the Charity Commissioners or other authority having charitable jurisdiction shall have been obtained and no alteration shall be made which would have the effect of causing the Association to cease to be a Charity in law.
27. The Association may be dissolved by a resolution passed by two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a Special General Meeting convened for the purpose of which 21 days notice shall have been given to the members. Such resolution may give instructions for the disposal of any assets held by or in the name of the Association, provided that if any property remains after the satisfaction of any debts and liabilities such property shall not be paid to or distributed amongst members of the Association but shall be given or transferred to such other charitable institution or institutions having objectives similar

to some or all of the objects of the Association as the Association shall decide and in so far as effect cannot be given to this provision then to some other charitable purpose.

The Constitution was last revised and adopted on 18 March 2006.