

新加坡中国商会 章程

第一章 总纲

- 第一条： 名称
本会定名为「新加坡中国商会」。
英文名： SINGAPORE-CHINA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION
- 第二条： 会 址
本会会址设於新加坡美芝路黄金大厦 #11-01室。
英文地址： 6001 Beach Road #11-01 Golden Mile Tower Singapore 199589
- 第三条： 宗 旨
- (1) 促进新加坡与中国的经贸发展与双向交流。
 - (2) 争取与维护会员之应有权益。
 - (3) 联络会员感情，促进会员间相互了解与合作。

第二章 会务

- 第四条： (1) 为会员收集与提供各类有关工商业之咨询及统计资料。
(2) 为会员提供与新中经贸事宜有关的意见和指导。
(3) 组织与举办各类与新中经贸有关的活动。
(4) 开展各类有助于联络会员感情的活动。
(5) 协助调解会员之商业纠纷。

第三章 会员

- 第五条： (1) 本会会员分为商号会员及准会员。
(2) **商号会员**：凡在新加坡注册之商号，直接或间接参与中国经贸及其他相关中国业务者，均可申请加入本商会成为商号会员。
(3) **准会员**：非新加坡注册的商号公司，可申请作为商会准会员。所有准会员均无投票权与被选举为理事权。准会员有权参与我会主办的有关商务会议、展览、研讨、旅行等活动。每家商号会员及准会员可指定一名年龄21岁以上的代表。
- 第六条： 申请入会者必须填具入会申请书一份，并由一名会员介绍。
- 第七条： 本会理事会将讨论并以多数票决定入会的申请；同时保留拒绝接受申请而无需说明任何理由之权力。
- 第八条： 任何被拒绝加入本会之商号於被拒绝之日算起，期满一年后，方可再次进行申请入会。
- 第九条： 本会将负责通知申请者有关申请入会之结果。
- 第十条： 凡接到通知被接受为会员之申请者，必须在两星期内缴交入会费及申请年度年捐，逾期不交者理事会会有权取消其会员资格。
- 第十一条： 本会会员以商号为单位，各会员可委派2人为注册代表人。若欲更换注册代表人，必须以书面通知本会。若所更换的注册代表人是本会理事，则参照章

程第二十二条款处理。

第四章 会员之权力与义务

第十二条: 本会会员得享有下列权利:

- (1) 在会员大会中有发言权与表决权。
- (2) 选举权及被选举权。
- (3) 请求本会代为陈情有关商业事宜。
- (4) 参加本会所组织之商业贸易考察团之权力。
- (5) 本会所提供之其他权益。

第十三条: 本会会员应尽下列义务:

- (1) 遵守本会章程及一切议决案。
- (2) 协助会务之进行。
- (3) 捐献本会之经费。
- (4) 捐献本会会所基金或教育及公益慈善事业等有关的特别基金。

第五章 会员资格的丧失

第十四条: 会员资格在下列情况下将被终止。

- (1) 现有会员须在每年3月31日前缴纳十二个月会捐, 逾此日期而未付清者或发出月捐通知后的90天之内付清拖欠款项。否则, 理事会可取消该会员之会员资格。再次申请入会, 需要重新申请入会手续。
- (2) 会员向本会秘书处提出退会, 应给予一个月的书面通知。会员退会或会员资格被终止, 其以前所缴入会费、月捐等, 皆不退还, 若有拖欠会捐者, 应按照章程之规定付清
- (3) 当会员结束其业务。
- (4) 凡本会会员有违背本会章程, 或以言论或行为破坏本会良好声誉者, 理事会可予以终止会员, 所缴入会费和月捐不予退还。

第六章 前任会长/名誉会长/名誉理事/永久名誉会长/准会员

- 第十五条: (1) 前任会长: 现任会长任期届满后, 将自动成为前任会长。前任会长任期为一年, 其后自动卸任。
- (2) 永久名誉会长: 曾担任三届六年会长, 声誉良好, 对本会有积极贡献之商号代表, 可由理事会提名邀请成为永久名誉会长。永久名誉会长为永久职务。
- (3) 名誉会长: 曾担任两任或以上会长或副会长职务, 声誉良好, 对本会有积极贡献之商号代表, 可由理事会提名邀请成为名誉会长。名誉会长之任期与理事会任期相同, 期满可再次受邀请委任。
- (4) 名誉理事: 曾担任五届十年商会理事会职务, 声誉良好, 对本会有积极贡献之商号代表, 可由理事会提名邀请。名誉理事之任期与理事会任期相同, 期满可再次受邀请委任。
- (5) 名誉顾问: 邀请对商会有积极贡献之新中两国政府代表担任商会名誉顾问, 其任期与理事会任期相同, 期满可再次受邀请委任。
- (6) 法律顾问: 邀请对商会有积极贡献之新中两国具有专业资格的法律界专才, 声誉良好担任商会法律顾问, 为商会提供义务解答法律询问, 其任期与理事会任期相同, 期满可再次受邀请委任

第七章 组织

第十六条: 本会理事会的组成：

- (1) 由选举年度常年会员大会开票选出**35**名商号会员及其注册代表人为理事。
- (2) 由常务理事会提名不超过**6**位商号会员及其注册代表人，经理事会批准并委任为理事。委任理事与票选理事享有同样的权力与义务。
- (3) 每一商号会员不得有**2**位注册代表人为理事。
- (4) 凡在新加坡公司法令下不具备担任公司董事资格，或被法庭判为未脱离穷籍的破产者；触犯本会章程及条例；因犯罪被国内外法庭提控并获判坐牢不少于1年或罚款不少于新币2千元，而又未获得豁免权，不得成为商会理事。

第十七条: (1) 本会设不少于两名、最多四名的产业信托委员，由常年会员大会或特别会员大会选自商号会员。产业信托委员必须是新加坡公民。
(2) 每位产业信托委员六年为限，声誉良好，可通过常年会员大会批准连续被委任。
(3) 本公会拥有/购置/卖出任何不动产，其产业应由产业信托委员按照信托之权限管理，所有产业信托委员均可申请辞职。
(4) 倘产业信托委员逝世，或有痼疾，或永久迁居别埠，概作为辞退其产业信托委员。
(5) 将产业信托委员免职或选举新产业信托委员补缺时，须会员大会通过，并将会议结果呈请社团 注册局批准。

第十八条: 本会理事会设立：

会长一名	副会长三至五名
总务委员会主席一名	总务委员会副主席二名
财政委员会主席一名	财政委员会副主席一名
工商委员会主席一名	工商委员会副主席二名
外事委员会主席一名	外事委员会副主席二名
文教委员会主席一名	文教委员会副主席二名
青年委员会主席一名	青年委员会副主席二名

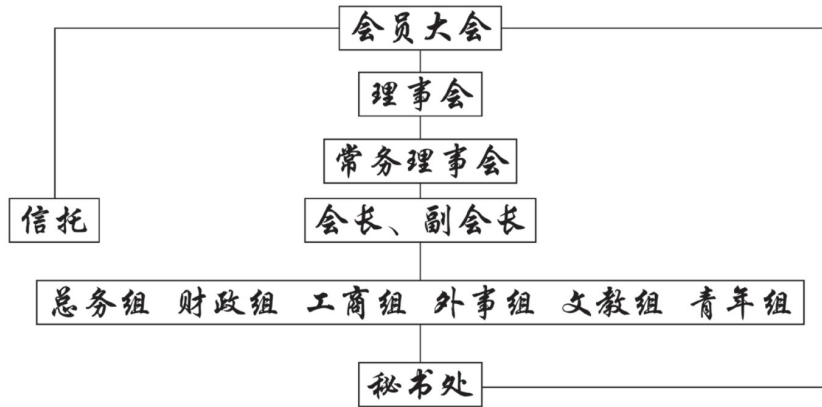
会长必须是新加坡公民。理事则必须是新加坡公民或永久居民。委任理事则不受此条文限制。

理事会选出理事担任以上职位。各组主任可提名会员注册代表人为组员，经理事会批准并委任之。

第十九条: 本会常务理事会由会长、副会长及各组正主任组成之。

第二十条: 本会设有秘书处协助处理日常会务及行政。

第二十一条: 本会组织编制如下：



- 第二十二條: (1) 本會理事會每屆任期為2年，期滿被選得連任之。
 (2) 理事於任期內，其註冊代表人身份為所屬商號會員撤消，應即解任。有關商號所重新委派的註冊代表人，須經常務理事會推薦，並由理事會出席者三分之二通過，方可接任該職位。
 (3) 理事於任期內，其所屬商號會員在章程第14條款下被終止會員資格，應即解任。

第二十三條: 本會會長、副會長、各組正副主任，每屆任期為二年，被選得連任之。但以三屆（六年）為限。

財政組主任不可連任。

常務理事任期滿後，不得藉更換代表公司或機構連任。

第二十四條: 本會會長、副會長出缺時，由理事會補選之，理事出缺時則按照大會開票選舉所得票數之多寡依次遞補之。但任期俱照該任所餘日期計算。

第二十五條: 本會理事會及信託委員如有營私舞弊，經會員大會或特別會員大會議決令其退職者，應即解任。

第八章 職權

第二十六條: 本會最高權力機關為會員大會。

第二十七條: 本會各機關之職權如下:

- (1) 理事會
 - (a) 執行本章程之規定及會員大會或特別會員大會之議決案。
 - (b) 委任或廢除附屬小組。
 - (c) 代表本會在新加坡租借任何地點或器材等作為本會各種用途。
 - (d) 決定本會的入會費及月捐。
- (2) 常務理事會處理各項緊急而重要事務。
- (3) 信託委員專職保管本會所有產業並用其名義向當地政府註冊。

第二十八條: 本會各職員之權利如下:

- (1) 本會會長負責掌管本會正印，對外全權代表本會，對內執行本會議決案，並主持一切會務及與正總務、正財政共同決定任免辦事人員。
- (2) 總務組處理不屬其他各組之事宜。
- (3) 財政組籌劃及管理本會財政收支。
- (4) 工商組負責處理有關工業與商業事宜。
- (5) 外事組負責處理本會對外聯絡及接待等事宜。
- (6) 文教組負責處理文化、教育與康樂活動等事宜。

- (7) 本会副会长及各组副主任分别协助会长及各该正主任办理职务，并于会长及各组正主任缺席时，代理行使其职权。
- (8) 本会秘书处秉承会长、副会长及各组主任之指示，办理本会一切工作。

第二十九条: 本会会长缺席时，由理事会推荐一位副会长代理之，如会长、副会长同时缺席，应由总务代理其职务，遇正副总务亦同时缺席时，则由理事会推举一位理事代理之。

第九章 会议

第三十条: 本会会议分为以下六类:

- (1) 常年会员大会，
- (2) 特别会员大会，
- (3) 理事会例会会议，
- (4) 理事会特别会议，
- (5) 常务理事会议，
- (6) 各组委员会会议。

第三十一条: 常年会员大会於每年三月份举行，由理事会召集之，以通过会务及财务报告，如逢选举年度则应同时举行选举。

第三十二条: 特别会员大会遇有特别重要事件，得由理事会召集之，倘有会员三十人或理事至少十人联名函请，陈明提案理由，理事会於接到有关函件后，必须在十四天内召集之，惟联名函请人须有四分之三亲自出席，否则会议将不举行亦不改期召集。

第三十三条: 本会会长为会员大会的当然主席。会长缺席时，由其中一位副会长代之；若**全部**副会长亦同时缺席，则由出席会员推举之。

第三十四条: 会员大会之召集，应於开会14天前发出通告。

第三十五条: 常年会员大会及特别会员大会至少须有会员三十名出席，方为合法。一切议决案以出席者过半数通过方为有效，如不足法定人数以致流会(除章程第三十三条所规定联名函请召集之外)，主席得延会至半小时后在同一地点举行。无论出席人数多寡均为合法，议决案亦以出席者过半数通过方为有效，惟修改章程最少须有会员60位出席及出席者三份之二以上通过方为有效。

第三十六条: 常年及特别会员大会各商号会员应由其注册代表人亲自出席，若欲委派他人出席，须於开会前用书面通知本会。

第三十七条: 理事会例会会议及特别会议，必须於开会三天前通知理事。会议必须有半数以上的理事出席方为有效。任何议决必须获得超过半数出席者通过方为有效。如遇票数相等，则取决於主席。

第三十八条: 理事会例会会议最少每三个月举行一次，惟理事会特别会议不受此规定所限，遇有重要事件或理事至少7人联名函请，呈明理由得召集之。

第三十九条: 理事会开会时以会长为当然主席。

第四十条: 常务理事会议无需定期举行，遇有紧急而重要事务，由会长或副会长临时召集之，所有议决案须经理事会追认。

第四十一条: 各组委员会会议由各组主任自行召集之，所有议决案须提呈给理事会追

认。

第四十二条： 各理事因故未能出席理事会议，须事先向秘书处告假，如接连缺席三次而无告假或连续告假五次者，均作为自动辞职论，其空缺的职位，理事会应于两个月内按章程第二十四条处理之。

第十章 选举

第四十三条： 本会每届办理选举，须於理事任满之年一月间由理事会推举理事九人组织选举委员会筹备之。选委会当然成员为正会长、各委员会正主席及其他理事，总数九人组成选举委员会。

第四十四条： 本会选举委员会应办理之事项如下：

- (1) 刊印会员名录分送各会员，
- (2) 发函通告各会员，
- (3) 分发选票予各会员，
- (4) 公布当选理事名单，
- (5) 决定其他有关选举事项。

第四十五条： 每届旧理事会任满，须於选举年的三月间如期举行改选。经选举揭晓后的14天内举行复选会，产生新理事会的职衔，并即日生效；旧理事会同日卸职。

第四十六条： 选举委员会在新理事会进行复选定下职衔后的即日即行解散。

第四十七条： 获选理事於收到选举委员会之通知书后，须於一星期内具函确认接受任职。

第四十八条： 本会每届新理事就职日，旧理事会应在一个月內，将会中一切文件、簿据等移交，在四个月内如查有遗漏错误，旧理事会仍当负责。

第十一章 财政及经费

第四十九条： 本会每年财政收支概况，由财政组主任整理送交合格会计师查核后编印报告表，经常年会员大会确认并公布之。

第五十条： 财政组主席处的存款如超过二千元，必须存入本会来往银行，支票签署必须由会长或经理事会推举的三位副会长（任何一人）及财政委员会正主席或总务委员会正主席（任何一人）二名共同签署方为有效。

第五十一条： 本会以会员入会费、月捐、特别捐及产业收入等为主要经济来源。

第五十二条： 本会开支如下：

- (1) 经常费由财政组主任拟定预算表，经理事会议决定之。
- (2) 特别开销在五千元以上者，须经理事会议决通过方得动用，五千元以下者由会长与总务共同斟酌提用之。

第十二章 征购与处置产业

第五十三条： (1) 经会员大会立案通过并授权下，理事会有权利：

- (a) 购置，租赁，对换或另行设法获得或抵押本会所需之可动产或不动产。
- (b) 动用本会基金投资于政府所认可，发行或担保之投资项目。

- (c) 以售卖，变卖，变改或另行设法处理本会之可动产或投资项目。
- (d) 以售卖，让与，过户，转让，抵押或另行设法处理本会之不动产。
- (e) 为本会之投资项目所需款额进行筹资或借贷。

第十三章 奖励

第五十四条: 凡会员、理事或职员对本会有显著功绩或捐助可观款项者，其奖励条例由理事会另定之。

第十四章 解散

- 第五十五条: (1) 本会不得解散，除非在特别会员大会中，由出席人数四份之三赞成通过方得解散。
- (2) 倘本会宣告解散，若有盈余或亏损，应由会员大会决定之。
- (3) 经解散，必须将会议记录於七日之内送交社团注册官。

第十五章 附则

- 第五十六条: (1) 每一会员必须向秘书处呈报其详细中英文通讯资料，如通讯资料有所更换，必须即时函告秘书处。
- (2) 本会通知书，不论按址邮寄或专人派送，将被视作已於翌日送到(惟星期日及公共假期除外)。
- (3) 会员不得以未接获通知书为理由，而拒绝遵守任何会议所通过的议决案。
- 第五十七条: (1) 本会会所内严禁一切违法活动。
- (2) 本会基金不能够作为会员犯法而受法庭判决之罚款。
- (3) 本会将不企图限制或以任何形式干扰贸易或货价，或涉及劳工法令所规定的任何工会活动。
- (4) 本会不得以任何形式发行彩票或奖券。
- (5) 本会不得参加任何政治活动或允许其基金或会所作为政治用途。
- 第五十八条: 理事会应备有一个固定印章并负责保管，且有权更换之。此印章须经理事会授权及由会长或副会长见证下方能使用。
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会员大会日期	社团注册官批准日期
1) 1978年02月12日	1978年7月24日
2) 1985年03月24日	1985年5月21日
3) 1988年03月20日	1989年2月18日
4) 1991年2月24日	1991年7月19日

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| 5) 1993年2月28日 | 1993年8月26日 |
| 6) 1998年3月1日 | 1998年9月10日 |
| 7) 1999年2月28日 | 1999年5月17日 |
| 8) 2000年2月27日 | 2000年6月21日 |
| 9) 2004年3月28日 | 2004年9月21日 |
| 10) 2010年11月14日(EGM) | 2011年2月21日 |
| 11) 2018年3月25日 | 2018年5月8日 |
| 12) 2022年3月27日 | 2022年4月7日 |

RULES OF SINGAPORE-CHINA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

CHAPTER 1 - GENERAL

1. **Name:**
This Association shall be known as the 『新加坡中国商会』。
英文名： SINGAPORE—CHINA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION
2. **Registered Office:**
The place of business of the Association shall be at **6001 Beach Road #11-01 Golden Mile Tower Singapore 199589** or such other address as may subsequently be decided by the Council and approved by the Registrar of Societies.
3. **Object:**
The objects of this Association shall be as follows: -
 - (1) To promote economic and trade development and mutual exchange between Singapore and China.
 - (2) To strive for and protect the economic rights and interests of its members.
 - (3) To enhance networking and promote better understanding and co-operation among its members.

CHAPTER 2 - ACTIVITIES

4. The activities of the Association shall be:
 - (1) To compile and furnish industrial and commercial information, inquiries and statistics for its members.
 - (2) To offer its members any opinion and advice relating to economic and trade matters between Singapore and China.
 - (3) To organise and coordinate relevant activities on economic and trade matters between Singapore and China.
 - (4) To embark on activities which will enhance networking and attachment among its members.
 - (5) To assist in reconciling business disputes among its members.

CHAPTER 3 - MEMBERSHIP

5.
 - (1) Two types of membership: Corporate Members and Associate Members.
 - (2) Corporate Members: Any firm or company, that is registered in Singapore, and directly or indirectly involved in China business or China related activities, shall be eligible to apply for corporate membership.
 - (3) Associate Members: Any firm or company, that is not registered in Singapore shall be eligible to apply for associate membership. Associate Members shall not possess voting rights nor appointments for council position. Associate Members shall have the rights to attend activities, such as business meetings, exhibitions, seminars, and tours hosted by the Association. Each corporate member and associate member can assign one representative who must be above 21 years old.
6. Every application for membership must be submitted with an application form and recommended by a member.
7. Every application for membership shall be decided by a majority voting of the members of the **Council** present and the Association reserves the right to reject any application without giving any reasons.

8. A rejected **application** may again be proposed for membership after one year as from the date of the rejection.
9. The Association shall inform the applicant of the result of his application.
10. An applicant having received the Notice of Acceptance shall pay the entrance and subscription fees within two weeks. If the applicant fails to pay within two weeks, his membership may be cancelled by order of the Council.
11. Membership of this Association is corporate in nature. However, every member firm or company is entitled to appoint 2 registered representatives in writing. Any change in the identity of a registered representative who is also a Council Member shall be governed by Article 22.

CHAPTER 4 - PRIVILEGES AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS

12. Members shall enjoy the following privileges: -
 - (1) To speak and vote at the General Meeting of Members.
 - (2) To elect and to be elected.
 - (3) To request this Association to make representations on their behalf on commercial matters.
 - (4) To have the right in taking part in trade missions organised by this Association.
 - (5) To enjoy any other privileges and rights provided by this Association.
13. Members shall have the following duties: -
 - (1) To abide by all rules and resolutions of this Association.
 - (2) To assist this Association in all its activities.
 - (3) To contribute towards this Association's funds.
 - (4) To contribute to the buildings fund of the Association or other special funds in aid of education and other public charities.

CHAPTER 5 - HOW MEMBERSHIP MAY BE LOST

14. A member shall cease to be a member of this Association if:
 - (1) The fee before 31 March of each calendar year is not paid. Members who defaulted payment after 90 days of the given reminder, may have their membership revoked by the Council. Re-application of membership shall be treated as new application.
 - (2) A one month notice of withdrawal of membership in writing is sent to the Secretariat by the member. His entrance and subscription fees will not be refunded after withdrawal of membership. Arrears owed to the Association must be cleared in accordance with the Association Rules.
 - (3) Member company ceases business operations.
 - (4) A member found to have breached the Rules of this Association or exhibit behaviors that tarnish the reputation of the Association. The Council reserves the right to revoke his membership. His subscription and entrance fees will not be refunded

CHAPTER 6 - IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT / HONORABLE PRESIDENT / HONORABLE COUNCIL MEMBER / LIFE HONORABLE PRESIDENT / ASSOCIATE MEMBER

15.
 - (1) **Immediate Past President:** Upon the expiration of the term of office of the current President, he shall automatically become the immediate Past President. The term for immediate past President will be 2 years and automatically vacate when the term is up.
 - (2) **Life Honorary President:** Well-reputed Representatives of corporate member who held the post of President for 3 terms, a period of 6 years, with positive contributions to the Association may be nominated for the position of Life Honorary President by the Council. Life Honorary President is a permanent position.
 - (3) **Honorary President:** Well-reputed representatives of corporate member who held the post of President or Vice President for 2 terms and above, with positive contributions to

the Association shall be nominated for the position of Honorary President by the Council. The term for Honorary President is the same as the term for Council Member and can be re-nominated again to continue for another term.

- (4) **Honorary Council Member:** Well-reputed representatives of corporate member who has held the post of Council Member for 5 terms, a period of 10 years, with positive contributions to the Association shall be nominated for the position by the Council of Honorary Council Member. The term for Honorary Council Member is the same as the term for Council Member and can be re-nominated again to continue for another term.
- (5) **Honorary Advisor:** Representatives from the Singapore and Chinese government with positive contributions to the Association shall be invited to hold the position of Honorary Advisor. The term for Honorary Advisor is the same as the term for Council Member and can be re-nominated again to continue for another term.
- (6) **Legal Advisor:** Well-reputed legal experts that possessed professional qualifications in Singapore and China, with positive contributions to the Association, shall be invited to hold the position of Legal Advisor and provide legal assistance for the Association. The term for Legal Advisor is the same as the term for Council Member and can be re-nominated again to continue for another term.

CHAPTER 7 - ORGANIZATION

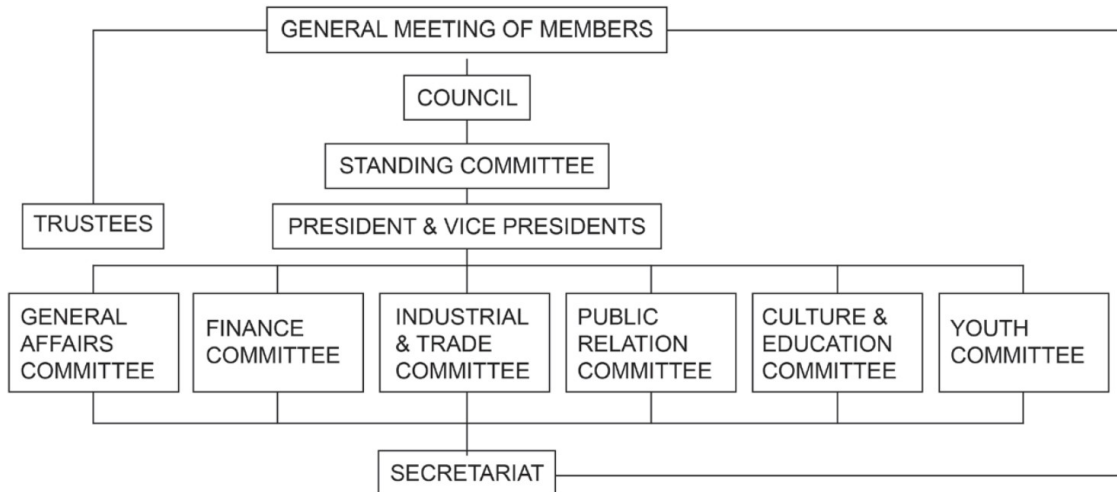
16. The Council shall consist of:
 - (1) 35 registered representatives and their respective member firms or companies who shall be elected by ballots at the Annual General Meeting of Members during the election year.
 - (2) Not more than 6 registered representatives and their respective member firms or companies may be appointed, based on the recommendation of the Standing Committee, approved by the Council to join as Council Members.
All Council Members irrespective of being elected or appointed, shall have the same power and duties.
 - (3) No member shall have 2 of its registered representatives serving in the Council.
 - (4) Member shall be disqualified from holding the position of Council Member when he is deemed disqualified for the post of company director under the Singapore Companies Act, or is an undischarged bankrupt under Singapore laws; breached the Rules of the Association; charged and sentenced to imprisonment for not less than a year or fined not less than Singapore Dollars Two Thousand in any Court of Law without immunity.
17.
 - (1) The Trustees shall not be more than 4 and less than 2 and shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting of members. All elected Trustees shall be Singapore citizens.
 - (2) The term for Property Trustee shall be designated at 6 years, and for Trustees with good reputation, may be nominated to continue for another term during the Annual General Meeting of Members.
 - (3) The Association reserves the right to possess / purchase / sell any property. The Trustees will be authorized to manage the properties belonging to the Association in accordance with its delegated authority. Property Trustees will be able to resign from the position.
 - (4) Demised Property Trustees or those suffering from chronic illness or had already permanently resided overseas, shall be treated as they had resigned from the position.
 - (5) The dismissal or nomination of new replacement. Trustees must be approved during the General Meeting of Members, and the results shall be submitted to the Registrar of Societies for approval.
18. The Council shall consist of the following office bearers: -
 - 1 President
 - 3-5 Vice Presidents
 - 1 Chairman of General Affairs Committee
 - 2 Vice Chairmen of General Affairs Committee
 - 1 Chairman of Finance Committee
 - 1 Vice Chairman of Finance Committee

- 1 Chairman of Industrial and Trade Committee
- 2 Vice Chairmen of Industrial and Trade Committee
- 1 Chairman of Public Relation Committee
- 2 Vice Chairmen of Public Relation Committee
- 1 Chairman of Culture and Education Committee
- 2 Vice Chairmen of Culture and Education Committee
- 1 Chairman of Youth Group
- 2 Vice Chairmen of Youth Group

Only Singapore citizens can be elected as President. All Council Members being elected shall be Singapore citizens or Singapore permanent residents, except those members appointed by the Council.

All the above-mentioned office bearers shall be elected among the Council Members. The chairman of each committee may appoint certain number of registered representatives and their respective member firms or companies as its committee members subject to the approval of the Council.

- 19. The Standing Committee of the Association is formed by the President, Vice Presidents and the various Committee Chairmen.
- 20. The Association shall have a Secretariat to assist and manage the daily business and administrative affairs of the Association.
- 21. The organization chart of this Association.



- 22.
 - (1) The term of office of the Council Members shall be 2 years. They are eligible for re-election.
 - (2) The office of the Council Member shall become vacant if that Council Member ceases to be the registered representative of the member firm or company. A replacement of the registered representative may, upon the recommendation of the Standing Committee, fill the vacancy subject to the prior approval by two--third majority of the Council Members present at the meeting.
 - (3) The Office of the Council Member shall become vacant if the member firm or company which the Council Member is representing ceases to be a member of the Association in pursuance of articles 14.
- 23. The term of office of the Council shall be two years. All members of the Council, except the Chairman of the Finance Committee, shall be eligible for re-election for another term (i.e. total four years) only. When the term of office of the members of Council expires, he/she is prohibited from sitting in the Council, in the name of another company or organization, for a third consecutive term.

24. When the President or a Vice President vacates his office, the Council shall elect a person from its own members to act in his place. Any vacancy on the Council shall be filled by a person ranking next in number of votes received at the election and shall act for the remainder of that term.
25. Any member of the Council or trustee shall cease to hold office if he is required by resolution of a General Meeting or Extraordinary Meeting of Members to vacate his office for misappropriation or malpractice or such other **causes** as the General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting of Members may determine.

CHAPTER 8 - POWER & DUTIES

26. The General Meeting of Members shall be the highest authority of this Association.
27. The duties of all organizations of this Association shall be as follows: -
 - (1) The Council:
 - (a) To carry out the Rules of this Association and the resolution of the General Meeting or Extraordinary Meeting of Members.
 - (b) To appoint or to remove the sub-committees.
 - (c) To take a lease of any equipment or premises or any place in the Republic of Singapore as may be required on behalf of this Association.
 - (d) To determine from time to time the amount of entrance fee and monthly subscriptions.
 - (2) The Standing Committee shall manage all urgent and important affairs or matters.
 - (3) The Trustees shall have full charge of the Association's properties and shall file a list of members with the registrar, whenever changes occurred.
28. The duties of all officers of this Association shall be as follows: -
 - (1) The President shall be in charge of the Seal and represents this Association with full authority. He shall carry out resolutions of the General Meeting of Members and manage this Association's affairs. He shall jointly with the Chairman of General Affairs and Chairman of Finance, decide the appointment and termination of the Association staff.
 - (2) The Committee of General Affairs shall take charge of matters not specifically assigned to the other committees.
 - (3) The Treasury Committee shall take charge of the Association's finance and budgets.
 - (4) The Industry & Trade Committee shall take charge of matters relating to industrial & trade activities.
 - (5) The Public Relation Committee shall take charge of media, visitors, receptions and other general liaison work.
 - (6) The Culture & Education Committee shall take charge of culture, education & entertainment activities.
 - (7) The Vice President as well as other Vice Chairman from all committees shall assist the President and Chairman of all committees respectively in carrying out their duties and act on their behalf in their absence.
 - (8) The Secretariat shall carry out the instructions of the President and **Vice Presidents** as well as the chairmen of all committees in connection with all matters of this Association.
29. When the President is absent the Council shall appoint one of the Vice Presidents to act for him. In case of the President and Vice Presidents are both absent at the same time, the Chairman of General Affairs Committee shall act for them. If the Chairman of General Affairs Committee and the Vice Chairman of General Affairs Committee are also absent, the Council shall appoint an acting President among themselves.

CHAPTER 9 - MEETINGS

30. The Meetings of this Association are classified into six types as follows: -
 - (1) Annual General Meeting of Members.
 - (2) Extraordinary General Meeting of Members.

- (3) Regular Meetings of the Council.
 - (4) Extraordinary Meetings of the Council.
 - (5) Meetings of the Standing Committee.
 - (6) Meeting of all Committees.
31. The Annual General Meeting shall be held during March each year convened by the Council so as to accept the reports of the General Affairs and Finance. In the event of an election year it shall be held at the same time.
 32. The Extraordinary General Meeting of Members shall be convened by the Council when there is an important matter to discuss. If there are a number of thirty members, or at least ten council members jointly request for an Extraordinary General Meeting of Members with reason, the Council shall convene such meeting within 14 days after receiving the letter for that purpose, subject to 3/4 of the total members who have jointly signed the letter for that meeting present, otherwise such meeting shall not be held nor the date of meeting be postponed.
 33. The President in his absence, one of the Vice Presidents, shall be the ex-officio chairman of a General Meeting of Members. In the absence of the President and the Vice Presidents, the members present shall elect a chairman.
 34. Fourteen days' prior notice to the members shall be required for a General Meeting of Members.
 35. At least 30 members present at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting of Members shall form a quorum and a simple majority shall be required to pass a resolution. Should there be no quorum resulting in no meeting could be proceeded with (and apart from the provision stipulated in Rule 33 herein) the Chairman may adjourn the meeting for half an hour for the same to be held at the same place. No matter what the number of attendance shall be, it shall be deemed to form a quorum and similarly a simple majority shall be required to pass a resolution. On matters concerning amendment of the Rules of the Association, at least 60 members shall be present to form the quorum and the resolution is to be passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of such members.
 36. Only registered representatives from member firms or companies shall attend Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting of Members in person or by proxy. Any proxy representing the registered representative must be notified in writing before the meeting.
 37. Three days' prior notice to Council Members shall be required for a regular Council meeting or an Extraordinary Council Meeting. The quorum shall be more than half the total number of the Council Members and to pass a resolution, a simple majority shall be required. In case of a stand-off in voting due to equal number of votes, the Chairman shall have the casting vote.
 38. A Council Meeting shall be held once in **every** three months and there is no fixed date for holding an Extraordinary Council Meeting. If there is anything of urgent importance or by written request of not less than seven Council Members, an Extraordinary Council Meeting may be called for.
 39. The President shall **be** ex-officio Chairman at a Council Meeting.
 40. There shall be no fixed date for Standing Committee Meeting. On urgent and important matters, a meeting may be convened by the President or Vice President. All resolution made shall be reported to the Council Meeting for Confirmation.
 41. All Committee **Meetings** shall be convened by their chairman respectively and their resolutions shall be reported to and confirmed by the Council.
 42. No member of the Council shall absent himself from any meeting without asking for leave of absence through the secretariat of the Association. Any member failing to turn up at three consecutive meetings without request for leave of absence or with leave of absence for five times shall be regarded as having left his office at his own accord and the vacancy created by him shall be dealt with in a Council Meeting within two months in accordance with Rule 24.

CHAPTER 10 - ELECTION

43. To prepare for the general election of each term, the Council shall appoint nine of its members to form an Election Committee during January before the Council is due to retire. The Election Committee should include the President, Committee Chairmen, and other Council Members.
44. The functions of the Election Committee are as follows: -
 - (1) To compile membership list for circulation to all members.
 - (2) To notify members of the date of election by circulars.
 - (3) To distribute voting papers to all members.
 - (4) To announce the result of the election.
 - (5) To decide any matter relating to the elections.
45. Every new term of Council members election **shall** be held in the month of March. The new Council shall take office within 14 days after election. The term of office of the existing Council shall cease on the day when the new Council takes office.
46. The Election Committee shall dissolve on the day when the new Council takes office.
47. The elected Council Members on receipt of notice of their election shall within one week signify in writing their consent or otherwise to accept office.
48. The retiring Council shall within a month deliver all documents, books and other matters of this Association to the incoming Council. In case of any omission or errors found therein within four months of such delivery, the retiring Council shall still be held responsible.

CHAPTER 11 - FINANCE & EXPENSES

49. A yearly statement of accounts and balance sheets shall be prepared by the Chairman of Finance Committee duly audited by the Auditor and submitted at the Annual General Meeting for approval and publication.
50. Funds in the hand of the Chairman of Finance Committee, if more than \$2,000/= shall be deposited with the Association's bankers. On drawing, the cheque shall be signed jointly by any two of the following officers: The President or three council-nominated vice-Presidents (either one), and the Chairman of Finance Committee or the Chairman of General Affairs Committee (either one) jointly.
51. The income of this Association shall be derived mainly from entrance fees, monthly subscriptions, special donation by members and house rents.
52. Expenses of this Association shall be as follows: -
 - (1) Current expenses as covered by the budget drawn up by the Chairman of Finance Committee and are subject to approval at a Council Meeting.
 - (2) The President together with the Chairman of General Affairs Committee may sanction special expenses not exceeding \$5,000/=, beyond which a council resolution shall first be sought.

CHAPTER 12 - ACQUISITION & DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY

53. (1) Subject to the approval obtained from the General Meeting of members, the Council shall have the power to:
 - a) Purchase, take on lease, exchange or otherwise acquire or mortgage such movable or immovable property as are required for the purposes of the Association.
 - b) Invest any funds of the Association on any investments approved, issued or guaranteed by government.
 - c) Sell, realise, vary or otherwise deal with any movable property or investments of

- the Association.
- d) Sell, assign, transfer, convey, mortgage or otherwise dispose of any immovable property of the Association.
 - e) Raise or borrow, for the purposes of the Association such sum of money for any investment project.

CHAPTER 13 - AWARDS

54. Any member or officer or employee who has done any praiseworthy deed for, or who has contributed sum of money to this Association shall be rewarded in accordance with By-laws framed by the Council.

CHAPTER 14 - DISSOLUTION

55. (1) The Association shall not be dissolved, except with the consent of not less than three-fourths of the total number present personally or by representative of this Association, expressed out in an Extraordinary General Meeting of Members convened for the purpose.
- (2) In the event that the Association decides to dissolve, all matters related to the Profit or Loss of the Association **shall** be decided at a General Meeting of members.
- (3) Notice of dissolution shall be given within 7 days of the dissolution to the Registrar of Societies.

CHAPTER 15 - APPENDIX

56. (1) Every member shall submit to the Secretariat of his full address in Chinese and English. Any change in address shall be reported immediately to the Secretariat.
- (2) A notice may be served upon any member personally or by post in a prepaid letter addressed to such member at his current registered address and any notice posted to such address shall be considered as having been duly given on the day following such posting to that address (with the exclusion of Sunday and Public Holidays)
- (3) No members shall refuse to be aided by any resolution passed at any meeting on the ground that he has not received the Notice.
57. (1) Gambling of any kind such as the playing of paikow, mahjong etc, whether for stakes or not is forbidden in this Association's premises. The introduction of materials for gambling or opium smoking and of bad characters into the premises is also prohibited.
- (2) The funds of this Association shall not be used to pay the fines of members who have been convicted in court.
- (3) This Association shall not attempt to restrict or in other manner interfere with trade or prices or engage in any Trade Union activity as defined in the Trade Union Ordinance.
- (4) This Association shall not hold any lottery of any form.
- (5) This Association shall not indulge in any political activity or allow its fund and or premises to be used for political purposes.
58. The Council shall possess a standard seal for the purpose of this Association and shall have power to replace it with a new seal to be kept in their custody, which shall not be used unless duly authorized by the Council and in the presence of the President or Vice President of this Association.
59. Deeds, bonds and other contract documents made under seal for and on behalf of this Association with the seal of the Association affixed thereon and signed by the President or Vice President and countersigned by the Chairman of General Affairs Committee shall be deemed to be duly executed.
60. The Council may make regulation for the conduct of the affairs of this Association.
61. In the event of any question or matter arising out of point which is not expressly provided for in the Rule, the Council shall have the power to use their own discretion.

62. Any amendments to these Rules shall be submitted to General Meeting of members for approval.
63. These Rules had been previously amended, duly passed at the General Meeting of members and approved by the Registrar of Societies, Singapore on the following dates:

Date of General Meeting	Date Approved by Registrar of Societies
1) 12 th Feb 1978	24 th Jul 1978
2) 24 th Mar 1985	21 st May 1985
3) 20 th Mar 1988	18 th Feb 1989
4) 24 th Feb 1991	19 th Jul 1991
5) 28 th Feb 1993	26 th Aug 1993
6) 1 st Mar 1998	10 th Sep 1998
7) 28 th Feb 1999	17 th May 1999
8) 27 th Feb 2000	21 st Jun 2000
9) 28 th Mar 2004	21 st Sep 2004
10) 14 th Nov 2010	21 st Feb 2011
11) 25 th Mar 2018	8 th May 2018
12) 27 th Mar 2022	7 th April 2022