

The Pietermaritzburg Society for the Welfare of Natives

CONSTITUTION

1. The Name of the Society shall be "The Pietermaritzburg Society for the Welfare of Natives."
2. The Objects of the Society are:—
 - (a) To render assistance towards the moral, mental and material welfare of the native peoples of South Africa.
 - (b) To watch carefully in the native interest legislation affecting him and the manner of his management and control by Corporations, Courts, Police and bodies exercising power over him.
 - (c) To endeavour to give a lead to public opinion by means of public addresses and lectures or otherwise on the native's position in South Africa.
 - (d) To co-operate with other Societies or bodies of people having objects generally similar to those of this Society.
 - (e) To induce co-operation and promote better understanding between Europeans and Natives.
3. Membership in the Society shall be open to all interested in its objects, who have been duly elected by the Committee, provided however, that all members of the late Pietermaritzburg Native Welfare Society are ipso facto members of this Society for the year 1930-1931.
4. The Subscription for membership shall be 2/6 per annum.
5. The affairs of the Society shall be managed by a committee of 15 members, with power to add, the first committee hereunder to be elected at the Annual General Meeting, to be held in May 1930. One third of the members shall retire in rotation each year, but retiring members shall be eligible for re-election by the committee.
The Committee shall from time to time have power:—
 - (a) To make regulations for the conduct of its meetings and generally for the management of the affairs of the Society and of the Committee.
 - (b) To fix the quorum necessary for a meeting of the committee which shall not be less than 5 members.
 - (c) To fill vacancies on the Committee.
 - (d) To settle the order in which one third of the members shall retire at the end of each year.
 - (e) To cancel the membership of any member who shall be in default in payment of his subscription.
 - (f) To call general meetings of the Society.
 - (g) To do all other things to advance the interest of the Society and to give effect to and carry out any of its objects.
6. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in May at which the Annual Report and Accounts shall be submitted and all necessary general business may be discussed and transacted, and also any special business of which notice shall have been given.
7. At a meeting of the Committee to be held subsequent to each Annual General Meeting, the Committee shall elect one of their number to be the Chairman, and from time to time the Committee may appoint a Secretary, a Treasurer and such other officers as may be required. The Chairman so elected shall ipso facto be Chairman of the Society, and in his absence the meeting of members or of the committee shall elect a chairman for the meeting.
8. At all meetings the Chairman shall have a deliberative and a casting vote.
9. There shall be a Joint Council of Europeans and Natives to consist of 10 members of the Committee of the Society and 10 natives all of whom shall be elected by the Committee. The Joint Council may elect from amongst its members a Chairman and Secretary, and such Chairman shall have a deliberative and casting vote. Vacancies occurring in the Joint Council shall be filled by the Committee of the Society.
The functions of the Joint Council shall be:
to investigate and to report to the Committee on any matter relating to the welfare of the native people of South Africa.
The quorum of the Joint Council shall be seven members.
The Joint Council may make and adopt rules for the conduct of its meetings and affairs.
10. Changes in this Constitution shall only be considered and made at a general meeting of the Society after 14 days notice of the meeting and of any proposed amendment given in writing to members.
11. A general meeting of the Society shall be convened on requisition by 7 members given in writing to the Chairman and specifying the objects for which the meeting is desired. At least four days notice shall be given of all general meetings.
12. The Society's year shall be from the 1st day of May to the 30th day of April both inclusive.

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