

MALAYSIA HINDU SANGAM
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
TO BE PRESENTED AT 49TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2026 ON 19.7.2026.

ORIGINAL	PROPOSED AMENDMENT
1. In the Articles unless there be something in the subject or context inconsistent therewith:	NO CHANGES
“Central Council” means the Central Council of the Sangam. elected in the manner prescribed by these Articles;	“Central Council” means the Central Council of the Sangam. constituted in the manner prescribed by these Articles;
“Deputy President” means Deputy President of the Sangam;	NO CHANGES
“External Auditor” means a firm appointed as auditors of the Sangam;	NO CHANGES
“General Meeting” means a general meeting of the Sangam;	NO CHANGES
“Internal Auditor” means a Member in benefit appointed as auditor of the Sangam;	“Internal Auditor” means a member in benefit appointed elected as auditor of the Sangam;
“Local Council” means the group of the Sangam Members established as such by the Central Council;	NO CHANGES
“Member in benefit” means a Member who is not in arrears of his subscription or other fees;	NO CHANGES
“Member” means Member of the Sangam;	NO CHANGES
“One (1) term” means a period of three (3) financial years;	“One (1) term” means a period of nine (9) financial years;
“President” means the President of the Sangam;	NO CHANGES

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<p>“Sangam” means Malaysia Hindu Sangam incorporated under the Companies Ordinance, 1940-1946;</p>	<p><i>“Sangam” means Malaysia Hindu Sangam incorporated under the Companies Ordinance, 1940-1946; COMPANIES ACT 1965; 2016.</i></p>
<p>“Secretary” means a person or firm appointed as Secretary or Secretaries of the Sangam;</p>	<p>NO CHANGES</p> <p><i>General Secretary means the Hon.General Secretary elected by the Sangam.</i></p>
<p>“State Council” means a state authority established by the Central Council;</p>	<p>NO CHANGES</p>
<p>Treasurer” means a person or firm appointed as Treasurer or Treasurers of the Sangam</p>	<p>NO CHANGES</p> <p><i>General Treasurer” means the Hon. General Treasurer elected by the Sangam;</i></p>
<p>“Vice President” means the Vice President of the Sangam.</p>	<p><i>“Vice President” means the 3 Vice Presidents of the Sangam.</i></p> <p><i>NEW: Executive Office Bearers means the Executive Office Bearers of the Sangam elected at the 1st Central Council Meeting held immediately after the Annual General Meeting.</i></p>
<p>2. For the purposes of registration, the Sangam is declared to consist of One Thousand and One (1001) Members but increase of Members may be registered.</p>	<p>NO CHANGES</p>

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<p>Members</p> <p>3. The Members of the Sangam shall be the subscribers to the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Sangam and such other person or established Hindu Temples and Hindu Associations who or which shall be admitted to Membership in accordance with these Articles at the absolute discretion of the Central Council. Every application for Membership shall be in prescribed form.</p> <p>3.1 A Member of the Sangam shall be a Hindu, and be under any of the following categories admitted as such by the Central Council:</p> <p>(a) Ordinary Member Individual (b) Life Member Individual (c) Life Member Temple (d) Life Member Association (e) Donor Member Individual (f) Donor Member Temple (g) Donor Member Association</p> <p>3.2 The Central Council may appoint any person as Honorary Member in recognition of the distinguished contribution of that person to Hinduism and/or to the Sangam.</p>	<p>Members</p> <p>3. The Members of the Sangam shall be the subscribers to the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Sangam and such other person or established Hindu Temples and Hindu Associations who or which shall be admitted to Membership in accordance with these Articles at the absolute discretion of the Central Council. Every application for Membership shall be in prescribed form physically or digitally as decided by the Central Council from time to time.</p> <p>3.1 A Member of the Sangam shall be a Hindu, and be under any of the following categories admitted as such by the Central Council:</p> <p>(a) Ordinary Member Individual [REMOVED] (b) Life Member Individual (c) Life Member Temple (d) Life Member Association (e) Donor Member Individual (f) Donor Member Temple (g) Donor Member Association (h) Life Member Individual Youth [NEW]</p> <p>NO CHANGES</p>
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<p>Subscription</p> <p>4. Subscription payable by members are as follow:</p> <p>(a) An Ordinary Member Individual shall pay annual subscription of Ringgit Malaysia Twenty (RM20)</p> <p>(b) A Life Member Individual shall, upon being admitted as such, pay a one-time fee of Ringgit Malaysia One Hundred Fifty (RM150).</p> <p>(c) A Life Member Temple and Association, upon being admitted as such, shall pay a one-time fee of Ringgit Malaysia Three Hundred (RM300).</p> <p>(d) A Donor Member Individual, Temple, and Association shall pay a one-time contribution of not less than Ringgit Malaysia One Thousand (RM1,000).</p> <p>(e) An Honorary Member is not required to pay any fee, subscription or contribution.</p>	<p>Subscription</p> <p>(a) An Ordinary Member Individual shall pay annual subscription of Ringgit Malaysia Twenty (RM20)</p> <p>NO CHANGES</p> <p>NO CHANGES</p> <p>NO CHANGES</p> <p>NO CHANGES</p> <p>(f) A Life Member Individual Youth upon being admitted as such, shall pay a one-time fee of Ringgit Malaysia One Hundred only (RM100). This shall be applicable to age between 18 to 30 years only.</p>

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<p>Rights and Privileges</p> <p>5. Any Ordinary Member Individual whose subscription is in arrears for more than one (1) year shall cease to be a Member in benefit.</p>	<p>Rights and Privileges</p> <p>5. Any Ordinary Member Individual whose subscription is in arrears for more than one (1) year shall cease to be a Member in benefit.</p>
<p>6. All Members are eligible for all privileges of the Sangam including the right to vote at the relevant meetings of the Sangam.</p> <p>(a) A Temple or Association Member shall be represented by a duly accredited representative of that Temple or Association appointed in writing by that Temple or Association.</p> <p>(b) Ordinary Member Individual is not eligible to be a Member of the Central Council or to hold office at the State Council.</p> <p>(c) Local and State Council Office bearers may hold office until the age of seventy (70) years</p>	<p>6. All Members are eligible for all privileges of the Sangam as per the rules set by the internal committees established by the Sangam including the Election and Annual General Meeting Commission (“Commission”)</p> <p>(a) A Temple or Association Member shall be represented by a duly accredited representative of that Temple or Association appointed in writing by that Temple in the manner outlined by the Commission. In the event of a dispute, the decision by the Election and Annual General Meeting Commission (“Commission”) is deemed final.</p> <p>(b) Ordinary Member Individual is not eligible to be a Member of the Central Council or to hold office at the State Council.</p> <p>(c) Central Council Members, State and Local Council Office bearers shall only hold office until the age of seventy-five (75) years.</p>
<p>7. The rights and privileges of the members of the Sangam shall not be transferable.</p>	<p>NO CHANGES</p>

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<p>Cessation of Membership</p> <p>8. A Member shall cease to be a Member of the Sangam in any of the following events:</p> <p>(a) In the event of death.</p> <p>(b) If he, by notice in writing addressed to the Sangam, resigns his Membership.</p> <p>(c) If he becomes of unsound mind.</p> <p>(d) If he is convicted of any criminal offence.</p> <p>(e) If he is in arrears of subscription for one (1) year or more.</p> <p>8.1 A Temple or Association Member shall cease to be a member of the Sangam if the Temple or Association is dissolved, wound up, is declared unlawful or otherwise ceases to exist in the form it was originally constituted.</p> <p>8.2 The Central Council may, by a majority resolution, suspend or expel any Member whose conduct in the opinion of the Central Council renders him or it unfit to be a Member of the Sangam. Any such Member shall, as from the passing of such resolution cease to be a Member of the Sangam.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">} NO CHANGES</p> <p>(e) If he is in arrears of subscription for one (1) year or more. (f) seek to go to the court against Malaysia Hindu Sangam without the approval of the Central Council. (g) acts in a manner detrimental to the Sangam's reputation in any form of Media or public affairs.</p> <p>NO CHANGES</p> <p>8.2 The Central Council may, by a majority resolution, suspend or expel any Member whose conduct in the opinion of the Central Council renders him or it unfit to be a Member of the Sangam. Any such Member shall, as from the passing of such resolution cease to be a Member of the Sangam. The following points shall be given first priority in making any such decision.</p>
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<p>8.3 The decision of the Central Council as to whether any Member has ceased to be Member, shall be final and binding.</p>	<p><i>i) A member including the central council member shall take a temporary leave in the event of being charged in a court for a criminal proceeding pending disposal of the case.</i></p> <p><i>ii) A member shall act in good faith in the interest of the Sangam and shall, where reasonably practicable, first raise any concerns through the internal mechanisms of the Sangam.</i></p> <p><i>iii) A member who makes malicious, frivolous, or knowingly false complaints, whether internally or to external authorities, which bring disrepute to the Sangam, shall subject to disciplinary action, including suspension, subject to due inquiry.</i></p> <p>8.3 The decision of the Central Council as to whether any Member has ceased to be Member or suspended, shall be final and binding.</p>
<p>General Meeting</p> <p>9. The Sangam shall hold once every year, within six (6) months of the end of the last financial year, an Annual General Meeting of Members in addition to any other meetings in that year. The Annual General Meeting of Members shall be held at such time and place as the Central Council shall appoint.</p> <p>9.1 Members eligible to attend a general meeting of Members shall be Members in benefit.</p>	<p>General Meeting</p> <p>NO CHANGES</p> <p>NO CHANGES</p>

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<p>9.2 A general meeting of Members other than the Annual General Meeting of Members shall be called an Extraordinary General Meeting of Members.</p> <p>9.3 The Central Council may, whenever it thinks fit, convene an Extraordinary General Meeting of Members if requisitioned to do so by at least one third (1/3) of the Members eligible to attend such a meeting.</p> <p>9.4 The Annual General Meeting of Members shall be called by giving twenty-one (21) clear days' notice published in one (1) English and one (1) Tamil national newspaper as decided by the Central Council, provided that a meeting of the Members shall, notwithstanding that it is called by shorter notice be deemed to have been duly called if so agreed to by at least 75% of the Members present.</p> <p>9.5 The Report of the Central Council and the audited Statements of Accounts shall be published in the official website of the Sangam and the hardcopy shall be available for collection at the State Councils at least twenty-one (21) days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.</p>	<p>NO CHANGES</p> <p>9.3 The Central Council may, whenever it thinks fit, convene an Extraordinary General Meeting of Members or if requisitioned to do so by at least one third (1/3) of the Members eligible to attend such a meeting.</p> <p>9.4 The Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) shall be convened by giving not less than twenty-one (21) clear days’ notice to all Members. Such notice shall be deemed duly given if it is published on the Sangam’s official website, official social media platforms, and in at least two (2) Tamil national newspaper as determined by the Central Council. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an AGM may be convened on shorter notice where:</p> <p>(a) a quorum is present; and (b) not less than seventy-five per centum (75%) of the Members present and entitled to vote at the meeting agree to such shorter notice.</p> <p>9.5 The Report of the Central Council and the audited Statements of Accounts shall be published in the official website of the Sangam, and the hardcopy shall be available for collection at the State Councils at least twenty-one (21) days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.</p>
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<p>Proceedings at Annual General Meeting of Members</p> <p>10. The business to be transacted at an Annual General Meeting shall include:</p> <p>(a) to receive and approve the Report of the Central Council.</p> <p>(b) to receive and approve the audited Statement of Accounts.</p> <p>(c) to elect nine (9) Members to the Central Council in place of those retiring.</p> <p>(d), to appoint and fix the remuneration of External Auditors.</p> <p>(e) to appoint two (2) Internal Auditors.</p> <p>(f) to transact any other business of which seven (7) clear days' notice in writing shall have been given.</p> <p>10.1 The quorum at any Annual General Meeting of Members shall be twenty-five (25) Members of the Sangam entitled to attend such a meeting. No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum of Members is present at the time when the meeting commences.</p> <p>10.2 If within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened upon requisition of Members, shall be dissolved, in any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at</p>	<p>Proceedings at Annual General Meeting of Members</p> <p>10. The business to be transacted at an Annual General Meeting shall include:</p> <p>(a) to receive and approve the Report of the Central Council yearly.</p> <p>(b) to receive and approve the audited Statement of Accounts yearly.</p> <p>(c) to elect seven (7) Members to the Central Council in place of those retiring every 3 years once.</p> <p>(d), to appoint and fix the remuneration of External Auditors yearly.</p> <p>(e) to elect two (2) Internal Auditors yearly.</p> <p>(f) to transact any other business of which seven (7) clear working days' notice in writing shall have been given to the General Secretary.</p> <p>NO CHANGES</p> <p>10.2 If within an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened upon requisition of Members, shall be dissolved, in any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at</p>
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<p>the time and place as the Central Council may determine; and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for holding the meeting, the Members present shall form a quorum.</p> <p>10.3 The President shall preside at all meetings of Members. If he is not present or is unwilling to preside, the Deputy President or one of the Vice Presidents shall chair the meeting. If all of them are not present or unwilling to act as such chairman, the Members present shall elect one amongst them to be the chairman of the meeting.</p> <p>10.4 Every Member present shall be entitled to one (1) vote.</p> <p>10.5 At any general meeting of Members, a resolution put to vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless a poll demanded: a) by the chairman or b) by at least twenty-five (25) Members present.</p>	<p>the time and place as the Central Council may determine; and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within an hour from the time appointed for holding the meeting, the Members present shall form a quorum.</p> <p>NO CHANGES</p> <p><i>10.4 Each Member present in person shall be entitled to one (1) vote. Where a Member is duly authorised in writing to act as the representative of a Temple or Association Member, as stated by the Commission and such authorisation has been submitted and verified in accordance with the requirements of the Sangam prior to the meeting, such Member shall be entitled to cast one (1) additional vote on behalf of that Temple or Association.</i></p> <p>NO CHANGES</p>
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<p>10.6 In the case of equality of votes, whether on show of hands or on poll, the chairman of the meeting shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.</p>	<p>NO CHANGES</p> <p><i>10.7 The Central Council shall establish an Election and Annual General Meeting Commission (“Commission”) for the purpose of overseeing the conduct of the Annual General Meeting and the election of Central Council members.</i></p> <p><i>10.8 The Commission shall comprise:</i></p> <p><i>(a) two (2) Executive Office Bearers; and</i> <i>(b) three (3) members of the Central Council</i></p> <p><i>10.8.1 members of the commission shall those who neither due for retirement nor seeking re-election at the relevant Annual General Meeting.</i></p> <p><i>10.8.2 The Commission shall be responsible for determining and administering the procedures, rules, and conduct of the Annual General Meeting, including the nomination, election of Central Council members, and for the appointment of a Returning Officer. The decision by the Commission is deemed final and binding.</i></p>
<p>Central Council</p> <p>11. The Management of the affairs of the Sangam shall be vested in the Central Council consisting of twenty-seven (27) Members elected at the Annual General Meeting of Members.</p>	<p>11. The Management of the affairs of the Sangam shall be vested in the Central Council consisting of twenty-one (21) Members elected at the Annual General Meeting of Members.</p>

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11.1 At the Annual General Meeting of Members held immediately after the approval of these articles there shall be elected the first Central Council composed of twenty-seven (27) Members. Thereafter, at each subsequent Annual General Meeting, the first nine (9) Members of the Central Council shall retire and there shall be elected in replacement nine (9) Members to the Central Council.

11.1.1 Only a member who has served at any Committee in State or Local Council for a minimum of three (3) years is eligible to be elected to the Central Council.

11.1.2 A retiring Central Council Member shall be eligible for re-election for a maximum period of two (2) consecutive terms and shall be eligible for new election after a lapse of three (3) years thereafter.

11.13 Members of Central Council shall not hold any office in Local Council.

11.1.4 All State Chairmen shall be co-opted members in the Central Council with a right to vote thereat.

11.1 At the Annual General Meeting of Members held immediately after the approval of these articles there shall be elected the first Central Council composed of **twenty-one (21)** Members. Thereafter, at the election of Central Council held every 3 years once in the Annual General Meeting, the last **seven (7)** elected Members of the Central Council shall retire and there shall be elected in replacement **seven (7)** Members to the Central Council.

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11.1.2 A retiring Central Council Member shall be eligible for re-election for another term and shall be eligible for new election after a lapse of three (3) years thereafter. This makes a Central Council Member to be eligible for a maximum period of 2 terms (18 years) consecutively

11.1.3 Members contesting to the Central Council shall not hold any office in Local Council or State Council.

11.1.4 All State Council Chairmen shall serve as Ex-Officio Members of the Central Council and shall have the right to participate in all deliberations and vote on all matters, except matters pertaining to the election, appointment, removal,

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<p>11.1.5 The Central Council may appoint any Member of the Sangam as co-opted Member in the Central Council without any right to vote thereat.</p> <p>11.2 Immediately after an Annual General Meeting of Members, the Members of the Central Council shall meet immediately and elect amongst them:</p> <p>(a) a President (b) a Deputy President (c) two Vice Presidents (d) an Honorary General Secretary (e) an Honorary Assistant Secretary (f) an Honorary Treasurer (g) an Honorary Assistant Treasurer</p>	<p><i>suspension, or tenure of Central Council Members and Executive Office Bearers.</i></p> <p>NO CHANGES</p> <p><i>11.2 Following the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of Members, the newly constituted 21 Central Council Members shall convene the meeting within one (1) hour from the conclusion for the purpose of electing from among themselves the Executive Office Bearers of the Sangam for the ensuing term.</i></p> <p><i>11.2.1 The Executive Office Bearers shall consist of a minimum of one (1) Youth member aged between 18 and 40 years and shall comprise the following:</i></p> <p><i>(a) a President;</i> <i>(b) a Deputy President;</i> <i>(c) three (3) Vice Presidents, of whom at least one (1) shall be a woman;</i> <i>(d) an Honorary General Secretary;</i> <i>(e) an Honorary Assistant Secretary;</i> <i>(f) an Honorary Treasurer; and</i></p>
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	<p><i>(g) an Honorary Assistant Treasurer.</i></p> <p>11.2.2 The Executive Office Bearers shall be responsible for and empowered to deliberate, decide, and act on matters relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. urgent decisions necessary to safeguard the rights, interests, position, and reputation of the Sangam;b. financial administration, banking matters, and payment operations of the Sangam;c. the day-to-day administration and operations of the Sangam;d. correspondence, official communications, and internal administrative matters of the Sangam;e. media statements, press releases, public engagements, and public relations matters concerning the Sangam;f. matters of national importance, sensitive issues, and matters affecting the interests of the Hindu community and the Sangam;g. correspondence and engagements with Government Ministries, Departments, Agencies, statutory bodies, and other authorities; andh. matters arising under Clause 14.4 where the next scheduled Central Council Meeting is not reasonably practicable before the expiry of any deadline or timeline faced by a Local Council or State Council requiring urgent approval or direction from the Central Council.
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<p>11.3 The President, or in his absence the Deputy President or one of the Vice Presidents, shall preside at all meetings of the Sangam and shall represent the Sangam in all matters. In the absence of the President, Deputy President, and Vice Presidents, the Central Council shall elect a Member present to preside over any meeting.</p>	<p><i>11.2.3 Any decision made by the Executive Office Bearers shall be duly reported at the subsequent Central Council Meeting and shall be subject ratification of the Central Council for the purpose of formalising such decision or action. The report shall be accompanied by all relevant supporting documentation, including the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Office Bearers, for the review and consideration of the Central Council Members.</i></p> <p><i>11.2.3 A member of the Central Council who has served as the Deputy President in the immediately preceding term shall, upon the commencement of the new term, assume the office of President and shall serve a full term of three (3) years, without the need for election to such office.</i></p> <p><i>11.2.4 Upon the completion of one (1) full term as President, such person shall assume the position of Immediate Past President for the remainder of his tenure as a member of the Central Council, after which he shall retire upon the expiry of his permitted term of office as a Central Council member.</i></p> <p>NO CHANGES</p>
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<p>11.4 The Honorary General Secretary shall be responsible to maintain an indexed Register of Members and keep proper Records of the Sangam including minutes of meetings. The Honorary General Secretary shall convene all general meetings including meetings of the Central Council and shall prepare the agenda for the same. He shall at all times act on the direction of the President.</p> <p>11.5 The Honorary Treasurer shall be in charge of the finances of the Sangam, shall receive donations and subscriptions due from Members, shall issue receipts for money received and shall obtain proper receipts for all payments made by him. He shall deposit all moneys received in a recognised Bank as may be directed by the Central Council. He shall keep not more than Ringgit Malaysia Two Thousand (RM2000) in petty cash. He shall prepare a monthly and an Annual Statement of Accounts to be submitted to the Central Council for approval.</p> <p>11.6 The Central Council shall meet at least once a month. Special meetings of the Central Council may be convened, whenever requested to do so by not less than nine (9) Members of the Central Council.</p>	<p>NO CHANGES</p> <p>11.5 The Honorary Treasurer shall be in charge of the finances of the Sangam, shall receive donations and subscriptions due from Members, shall issue receipts for money received and shall obtain proper receipts for all payments made by him. He shall deposit all moneys received in a recognised Bank as may be directed by the Central Council. He shall keep not more than Ringgit Malaysia Five Thousand (RM5000) in petty cash. He shall prepare a monthly and an Annual Statement of Accounts to be submitted to the Central Council for approval.</p> <p>11.6 The Central Council shall meet at least once in two a month. Special meetings of the Central Council may be convened, whenever requested to do so by not less than seven (7) Members of the Central Council.</p> <p>11.6.1 Meetings of the Sangam may be conducted physically or through virtual means, and participation through such means shall constitute presence for quorum purposes.</p>
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<p>11.7 Nine (9) Members shall form a quorum at a meeting of the Central Council.</p>	<p>11.7 <i>seven (7) Members shall form a quorum at a meeting of the Central Council.</i></p>
<p>11.8 Any Member of the Central Council who absents himself from three (3) consecutive meetings without reasonable cause shall cease to be a Member of the Central Council.</p>	<p>11.8 Any Member of the Central Council who absents himself from three (3) consecutive meetings without reasonable cause in <i>writing supported by documental evidence shall automatically</i> cease to be a Member of the Central Council. <i>The Secretary General shall send a reminder notice when the Member is absent for the second consecutive meeting.</i></p>
<p>11.9 The Central Council shall have power to:</p>	<p>NO CHANGES</p>
<p>(a) convene special meetings and postpone any meeting of the Central Council whenever it thinks necessary provided that a notice to that effect shall have been given by the Honorary General Secretary.</p>	<p>NO CHANGES</p>
<p>(b) appoint Committees to carry out the Objects of the Sangam and decisions of the Central Council and to conduct the day-to-day administration of the Sangam.</p>	<p>NO CHANGES</p>
<p>(c) the Central Council shall cause proper records and accounts of the Sangam to be kept and arranged for periodical audit of the same.</p>	<p>NO CHANGES</p>
<p>11.10 An ordinary resolution may be passed to remove a Central Council Member before the expiration of his period of office.</p>	<p>NO CHANGES</p>

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<p>11.11 A twenty-one (21) days” notice in writing shall be given to the Central Council Member of any intended resolution to remove him.</p>	<p>NO CHANGES</p> <p><i>11.12 Members of the Central Council shall at all times comply with their fiduciary duties under the Companies Act 2016, including duties of good faith, proper purpose and avoidance of conflict of interest.</i></p>
<p>State Council</p> <p>12. At each State Council general meeting, the Central Council shall appoint in respect of the State Council the following who will collectively constitute the State Council for one (1) year:</p> <p>(a) a Chairman (b) a Deputy Chairman (c) a Vice Chairman (d) an Honorary Secretary (e) an Honorary Assistant Secretary (f) an Honorary Treasurer (g) an Honorary Assistant Treasurer (h) five (5) committee members</p> <p>12.1 Only a member who has served at the Local Council for a minimum of three (3) years is eligible to be appointed to the</p>	<p>State Council</p> <p><i>12. The State Council general meeting shall be conducted annually as per the directions and control of the Central Council. The appointment of the State Council Management will be conducted by the Central Council every 3 years once as follows:</i></p> <p><i>(a) a Chairman</i> <i>(b) a Deputy Chairman</i> <i>(c) a two Vice Chairman, of whom at least one (1) shall be a woman.</i> <i>(d) an Honorary Secretary</i> <i>(e) an Honorary Assistant Secretary</i> <i>(f) an Honorary Treasurer</i> <i>(g) an Honorary Assistant Treasurer</i> <i>(h) five (5) committee members (Religion, Temple, Welfare, Youth, Woman)</i></p> <p>NO CHANGES</p>

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<p>State Council.</p> <p>12.2 All Local Council Chairmen shall be the committee members in their respective State Council.</p> <p>12.3 State Council office bearers shall not hold any office in the Local Council.</p> <p>12.4 State Council shall carry out the objects of the Sangam as stipulated by the Central Council and shall abide by all internal processes set by the Central Council.</p> <p>12.5 The State Council shall hold a general meeting before the end of May every year.</p> <p>12.6 The Members shall also elect two (2) Internal Auditors during the State Council general meeting.</p>	<p>NO CHANGES</p> <p>NO CHANGES</p> <p>12.4 State Council represents the Central Council at the State level and shall carry out the objects of the Sangam as stipulated by the Central Council. It in all times shall abide by all internal processes set by the Central Council without fail.</p> <p>NO CHANGES</p> <p>12.6 The Members shall also elect two (2) Internal Auditors during the State Council general meeting yearly.</p> <p>12.7 All handover of documents and records from the immediate part office bearers shall be completed with 2 (two) weeks from the Annual General Meeting failing which proceedings shall be initiated legally to acquire them.</p> <p>12.8 The Central Council may, remove and/or re-elect any State Office Bearer at any time during the term for administrative necessity, loss of confidence or misconduct.</p>
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	<p><i>12.9 Rules, disputes and decisions governing the State Council shall be decided by the Central Council with the advice of the Executive Office Bearers and such decision, rules or resolutions is deemed final and binding.</i></p> <p><i>12.10 The State Council shall not appoint any Advisor at all times.</i></p>
<p>Local Council</p> <p>13. The Central Council shall wherever necessary, establish a Local Council in any part of Malaysia. Local Council shall carry out the objects of the Sangam as stipulated by the Central Council and shall abide by all internal processes set by the Central Council.</p> <p>.</p> <p>13.1 The Members of the Local Council shall meet before the end of March every year.</p> <p>13.2 The Members of the Local Council shall elect the Local Council Office Bearers to manage the affairs of the Local Council consisting of:</p> <p>(a) a Chairman (b) a Deputy Chairman (c) an Honorary Secretary (d) an Honorary Assistant Secretary</p>	<p>Local Council</p> <p><i>13. The Central Council shall wherever necessary, establish a Local Council in any part of Malaysia. Local Council acts as a branch at the locality level and shall carry out the objects of the Sangam as stipulated by the Central Council. It shall in all times abide by all internal processes set by the Central Council without fail and any compromise.</i></p> <p><i>13.1 The Members of the Local Council shall conduct the Annual General Meeting before the end of March every year as per the agenda and rules set by the Central Council.</i></p> <p><i>13.2 The Members of the Local Council shall elect the Local Council Office Bearers to manage the affairs of the Local Council every three (3) years once consisting of the following positions:</i></p> <p>(a) a Chairman (b) a Deputy Chairman (c) an Honorary Secretary (d) an Honorary Assistant Secretary</p>

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<p>{e) an Honorary Treasurer (f) seven (7) Committee Members</p> <p>13.3 The Members shall also elect two (2) Internal Auditors.</p>	<p>{e) an Honorary Treasurer (f) <i>Five (5) Committee Members (Religion, Temple, Welfare, Youth, Woman)</i></p> <p><i>13.2.1 The Chairman of the Local Council shall hold office for a maximum of 3 terms.</i></p> <p>13.3 The Members shall also elect two (2) Internal Auditors yearly.</p> <p><i>13.4 All handover of documents and records from the immediate part office bearers shall be completed with 2 (two) weeks from the Annual General Meeting failing which proceedings shall be initiated legally to acquire them.</i></p> <p><i>13.4.1 In the event of being unable to conduct the AGM or any equivalent scenario as determined by the Central Council, all documents of the Local Council shall be handed over to the State Council by the present Local Council Office Bearers.</i></p> <p><i>13.5 Rules, disputes and decisions governing the local council shall be decided by the Central Council with the advise of the Executive Office Bearers and such decision, rules or resolutions is deemed final and binding.</i></p> <p><i>12.10 The Local Council shall not appoint any Advisor or equivalent without approval of the Central Council. Such appointment, even with the approval of the Central Council, shall not have any effect to the decisions made by the Central Council on State matters.</i></p>
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<p>Finance and Account</p> <p>14. The financial year of the Sangam shall be from 1st January to 31st December.</p> <p>14.1. The Central Council shall open a current account with an approved Bank and the Account will be operated jointly by the President, Honorary General Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.</p> <p>14.2. The Central Council shall open an account with an approved Bank for the operation of the State and Local Council and the Account shall be operated jointly by the Chairman, Honorary Secretary, and Honorary Treasurer of the respective State or Local Council.</p> <p>14.3 The Honorary Treasurer shall not keep petty cash more than: (a) Ringgit Malaysia One Thousand (RM1000) for State Council (b) Ringgit Malaysia Five Hundred (RM500) for Local Council</p> <p>14.4 The State Council and Local Council shall not transact any business for a sum more than Ringgit Malaysia Ten Thousand (RM10,000) without prior approval from the Central Council.</p>	<p>Finance and Account</p> <p>NO CHANGES</p> <p><i>14.1. The Central Council shall open or close a current account with an approved Bank where the Account will be compulsorily operated jointly by the President, Honorary General Secretary and Honorary Treasurer. The signatories shall not be with a blood relation and immediate family members.</i></p> <p><i>14.2. The Central Council shall open or close an account with an approved Bank for the operation of the State and Local Council, and the Account shall only be operated jointly by the Chairman, Honorary Secretary, and Honorary Treasurer of the respective State or Local Council. The signatories shall not be with a blood relation and immediate family members.</i></p> <p>NO CHANGES</p> <p><i>14.4 The State Council and Local Council shall not transact any business for a sum more than Ringgit Malaysia Ten Thousand (RM10,000) without prior approval from the Central Council. Failure to comply will result in severe action taken against the office bearers of the Council.</i></p>
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<p>Immovable Property</p> <p>15. All immovable properties of the Sangam shall be registered in the name of the Sangam and the Central Council shall be the trustees.</p> <p>15.1 The State and Local Councils shall not transact any business involving the sale or purchase of immovable properties without prior approval from the Central Council.</p>	<p>Immovable Property</p> <p>NO CHANGES</p> <p>NO CHANGES</p> <p><i>15.2 All taxes and quit rents pertaining the said property shall be paid before the Annual General Meeting of the State and Local Council and will remain the responsibility of the outgoing management.</i></p> <p><i>15.3 Local and State Council shall be responsible in executing the valuation exercise of each property held under the respective council name before the council AGM each year.</i></p>
<p>Hindu Advisory Board</p> <p>16. The Central Council shall establish a Hindu Advisory Board to determine all issues relative to Hinduism and to advise the Central Council on the implementation or carrying out of the Objects of the Sangam, more particularly but not limited to the Object (g) of the Memorandum of Association.</p> <p>16.1 The Members of the Hindu Advisory Board shall be selected from amongst Hindus who have excelled in Knowledge,</p>	<p>Hindu Advisory Board</p> <p>NO CHANGES</p> <p>NO CHANGES</p>

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<p>practice teaching or study of Hinduism or are considered experts in Hindu Institutions or Hindu rites.</p>	
<p>General</p> <p>17. The Sangam shall not engage in politics in any form whatsoever and shall not devote funds or permit the raising of special subscriptions for any political purposes.</p>	<p>General</p> <p>NO CHANGES</p>
	<p>Awards</p> <p><i>18. Awards bestowed by the Sangam shall be treated with due respect and any such recommendations made must be through due consideration of the services rendered. The Sangam deserves to revoke the award bestowed if it finds the recipient has acted against the goodwill of the Sangam and the Hindu Community in the country.</i></p> <p><i>19. Eligibility & Criteria for Awards</i></p> <p><i>19.1 Sangaratna</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a. This is the highest award of the Sangam</i> <i>b. This award will only be recommended by the National Council.</i> <i>c. It will only be awarded to individuals above 60 years of age.</i> <i>d. This award will be presented to National Council members, government-related individuals, representatives of national Hindu organisations, temple representatives, and representatives of Hindu</i>

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organizations who have served or achieved distinction for at least 20 years.

- e. This award may also be given to those who have held positions in the Malaysian Hindu Sangam National Executive Committees.*
- f. This award will be presented at the National Annual General Meeting.*

19.2 Sangapooshan

- a. This award will only be recommended by the National Council.*
- b. It will only be awarded to individuals above 55 years of age.*
- c. This award will be presented to office bearers who have served in the National and State Councils.*
- d. This award will only be given to those who have served in the Malaysian Hindu Sangam State Council for at least 15 years.*
- e. This award will be presented at the National Annual General Meeting.*

19.3 Thevara Nayagam:

- a. This award will only be recommended by the National Council.*
- b. It is necessary that recipients above 50 years of age have served for at least 15 years as Thirumurai teachers or Othuvars.*

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- c. This award is presented to those who have served Thirumurai through the Malaysian Hindu Sangam, temples, or public organizations.*
- d. This award will be presented at the National Thirumurai Festival.*

19.4 Sri Arjuna:

- a. This award will only be recommended by the National Council.*
- b. This award will only be presented to achievers or high-ranking government officials.*
- c. This award will be presented during the National Annual General Meeting or Tamil New Year celebrations.*

19.5 Thondarmaamani:

- a. This award will shall be recommended by the Central or State Council*
- b. It will only be awarded to individuals above 55 years of age.*
- c. It will be awarded to those who have served for at least 12 years.*
- d. It may be awarded to Malaysian Hindu Sangam members, other national Hindu organisations, and temples.*

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- e. A maximum of 2 awards can be given subject to the decision of the Central Council*
- f. This award will be presented at the Malaysian Hindu Sangam State Annual General Meeting.*

19.6 Thondarmani Award:

- a. This award will only be recommended by the State Council.*
- b. It will only be awarded to individuals above 50 years of age.*
- c. This award will only be given to those who have served in the Malaysian Hindu Sangam for at least 10 years.*
- d. This award is specifically meant for Local council office bearers and Hindu organisations and temples at Local Council level.*
- e. This award will be presented at the Malaysian Hindu Sangam State Annual General Meeting.*

19.7 Viveka Ratna:

- a. This award will only be recommended by the National Council.*
- b. Individuals between the of age 30 to 49 who have served for at least 5 years in the state or local council youth sections are eligible.*
- c. Recommendations from the National and State Youth Divisions will also be considered.*

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	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>d. This award will be presented at the Malaysian Hindu Sangam State Annual General Meeting.</i></p> <p><i>20. Strict adherence to criteria and eligibility is a must for everyone in the Sangam.</i></p> <p><i>21. Creation of new awards and titles at any level of the Sangam is strictly prohibited.</i></p>
<p>18. No new Articles of Association shall be passed or alterations to existing Articles of Association be made except by a special resolution.</p>	<p>NO CHANGES</p>
	<p><i>23. Any dispute arising within the Sangam shall first be referred to a Discipline & Internal Dispute Resolution Committee appointed by the Central Council.</i></p> <p><i>23.1 Upon going through the Discipline & Internal Dispute Resolution Committee, if a member is not satisfied with the decision or the outcome, he may at the seek the leave from the Central Council to initiate legal proceedings.</i></p> <p><i>23.2 The Central Council at its utmost discretion shall consider natural justice, rights of every member and the financial standings of the Sangam to defend such cases initiated against the Sangam before making such decision to grant a leave.</i></p>

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	<p><i>23.3 The decision of Central Council whether to grant a leave or not is deemed final.</i></p> <p><i>23.4 Such decision can be appealed at the Annual General Meeting with a letter to the General Secretary 7 days prior to the as per Article 10 (f).</i></p>
<p>Interpretation</p> <p>19. In the event of any question arising on any point not specifically, provided for in these Articles of Association, the decisions of the Central Council shall be final, unless and until the same is reversed by a General Meeting of members.</p>	<p>Interpretation</p> <p><i>24. The Central Council shall decide on matters not expressly provided in these Articles, provided that such decisions shall not contradict any provision herein or any resolution passed at a General Meeting.</i></p> <p><i>24.1 The Ex Officio Members are allowed to vote during the voting for such decision-making process except for matters pertaining to the election, appointment, removal, suspension, or tenure of Central Council Members and Executive Office Bearers.</i></p>