

**CONSTITUTION
OF THE
DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATED**

NAME OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. The name of the Body hereby constituted is "DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATED".

DEFINITIONS

2. *Specific Definitions*

(a) In this Constitution unless contradictory to the sense of context:-

"Act" means the Associations Incorporation Act 1984

"Affiliated Member" means a financial member who has been admitted to membership under Clause 8 of this Constitution.

"Annual General Meeting" means "the Annual General Meeting of the Association constituted in accordance with Clause 27 of this Constitution

"Association" means Down Syndrome Association of New South Wales Incorporated

"Committee" means the Committee of the Association elected in accordance with this Constitution.

"Guardian" includes a person having the parental care and parental control of a child with Down syndrome.

"Month" means a calendar month.

"Ordinary Member" means a financial member of the Association who has been admitted to membership in accordance with Clause 7 and 12 of this Constitution.

"Parent" means a person who is or has at any time been a parent or guardian of a child with Down syndrome.

"Special General Meeting" means a general meeting constituted in accordance with Clause 29 of this Constitution

"State" means the State of New South Wales

"Year" and "Financial Year" mean in each case a year ending Thirtieth day of June.

(b) *General Definitions*

Words importing the singular or plural numbers or the masculine or feminine genders shall be read as importing the singular or plural numbers or the feminine, masculine or neuter genders as the case may require.

OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

3. *Objects of the Association*

The objects of the Association are:-

(a) To establish and run a non profit organisation in New South Wales to encourage people with Down syndrome to fulfill their potential for successful and happy lives, in a society which knows their abilities and is supportive of their needs

(b) To represent the interests and respond to the needs of people with Down syndrome in all aspects of their lives

(c) To promote the integration of people with Down syndrome within the community;

(d) To provide appropriate support and information to new parents of babies with Down syndrome;

(e) To provide assistance and support to all parents of children with Down syndrome;

(f) To advise families of children with Down syndrome of the medical , educational, financial, social and legal benefits to which they are entitled;

- (g) To disseminate knowledge of relevant issues to people with Down syndrome, their parents and families and the wider community.
- (h) To campaign for educational facilities and programmes to be available for all people with Down syndrome in New South Wales, including early intervention programmes, appropriate on going education and vocational training;
- (i) To maintain a library relevant to the needs and interests of people with Down syndrome and their parents;
- (j) To increase community awareness of the abilities and requirements of people with Down syndrome;
- (k) To lobby Federal, State and Local Government, commercial organisations and the community to accept and implement financial, educational, medical and occupational programmes for the benefit of people with Down syndrome;
- (l) To lobby for accommodation , recreational and support facilities and services for people with Down syndrome;
- (m) To foster research into all matters relevant to people with Down syndrome and to provide, either directly or indirectly, assistance to any institution engaged in conducting any research into such matters;
- (n) To support people with Down syndrome in pursuing their chosen avenues and to publicise their achievements to members of the Association and to the community.
- (o) To encourage adults with Down syndrome to represent their own interests in this Association and in other matters which are of direct relevance to them;
- (p) To take such action as may be necessary to procure the registration of the Association under any Act of Federal or State Parliament or Ordinances of Local Authorities, and to comply with any Federal, State Municipal or other Acts, Ordinances or provisions as may be necessary or considered desirable in the interests of the Association.

4. Powers of the Association

- (a) The Association shall have power and Authority to do all such acts and things as are, or may be incidental or conducive to the attainment or furtherance of any of the objects or the exercise of any of the powers as are set out in this Constitution or otherwise for furthering the interests of the Association.
- (b) Solely for the purpose of carrying out the aforesaid objects and not otherwise the Association has power:
 - (i) To hold or arrange competitions and provide or contribute towards the provision of prizes, awards and distinctions in connection therewith. Provided that no members of the Association shall receive any prize, award or distinction of monetary value except as a successful competitor at any competition held or promoted by the Association.
 - (ii) To purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire and otherwise acquire any lands, buildings, easements or property, real and personal and any rights or privileges which may be requisite for the purposes of, or capable of being conveniently used in connection with any of the objects of the Association. Provided that in case the Association shall take or hold any property which may be subject to any trusts the Association shall only deal with the same in such manner as is allowed by law having regard to such trusts.
 - (iii) To enter into any arrangements with any government or authority, supreme, municipal, local or otherwise, that may seem conducive to the Association's objects or any of them. And to obtain from any such government or authority any rights, privileges and concessions which the Association may think it desirable to obtain. And to carry out, exercise and comply with any such arrangements, rights, privileges and concessions.

- (iv) To appoint, employ, remove or suspend such managers, clerks, secretaries, servants, workmen and other persons as may be necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Association.
- (v) To establish and support or aid in the establishment and support of associations, institutions, funds, trusts and conveniences calculated to benefit employees or past employees of the Association or the dependents or connections of any such persons. And to grant pensions and allowances; and to make payments towards insurance. And to subscribe or guarantee money for charitable or benevolent objects, or for any public, general or useful object.
- (vi) To construct, improve, maintain, develop, work, manage, carry out alter or control any houses, buildings, grounds, works or conveniences which may seem calculated directly or indirectly to advance the interests of the Association and to contribute to, subsidize or otherwise assist and take part in the construction, improvement, maintenance, development, working, management, carrying out, alteration or control thereof.
- (vii) To invest and deal with the money of the Association not immediately required in such manner as may be permitted by law for the investment of trust funds.
- (viii) To borrow or raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as the Association may think fit and to secure the same or the repayment or performance of any debt liability contract guarantee or other engagement incurred or to be entered into by the Association in any way and in particular by the issue of debentures perpetual or otherwise charged upon all or any of the Association's property (both present and future) and to purchase, redeem or pay off any such securities.
- (ix) To make, draw, accept, endorse, discount, execute and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange, bills of lading and other negotiable or transferable instruments.
- (x) To sell, improve, manage, develop, lease, dispose of, and turn to account or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property and rights of the Association.
- (xi) To take or hold mortgages, liens and charges to secure payment of the purchase price or any unpaid balance of the purchase price, of any part of the Association's property of whatsoever kind sold by the Association or any money due to the Association from purchasers and others.
- (xii) To take any gift of property whether subject to any special trust or not, for any one or more of the objects of the Association.
- (xiii) To take such steps by personal or written appeals, public meetings or otherwise, as may from time to time be deemed expedient for the purpose of procuring contributions, to the funds of the Association in the shape of donations, annual subscriptions or otherwise.
- (xiv) To print and publish any newspapers, periodicals, books or leaflets that the Association may think desirable for the promotion of its objects.
- (xv) To purchase or otherwise acquire and undertake all or any part of the property, assets, liabilities and engagements of any one or more of the companies, institutions, societies, or associations with which the Association is authorised to amalgamate.
- (xvi) To transfer all or any part of the property, assets, liabilities and engagements of the Association to any one or more of the companies, institutions, societies, or associations with which the Association is authorised to amalgamate.
- (xvii) To make donations for patriotic or charitable purposes.

5. *Income and Property of the Association*

(a) All income and property of the Association shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Association as set forth in this Constitution. No portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise, to any of the members of the Association.

(b) Nothing herein shall prevent the payment, in good faith of remuneration to any office bearers or servants of the Association or to any member of the Association in return for any services actually rendered to the Association or for goods supplied in the ordinary and usual way of business nor prevent the payment of interest at a rate not exceeding the rate for the time being fixed for the purpose of this paragraph by the Committee on money borrowed from any members of the Association or reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let by any member to the Association. But no member of the Committee or governing body of the Association shall be appointed to any salaried office of the Association or any office of the Association paid by fees and no remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth shall be paid or given by the Association to any member of such Committee or governing body except repayment of out-of-pocket expenses and interest at the rate aforesaid on money lent or reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let to the Association.

MEMBERSHIP

6. *Membership*

The members of the Association shall consist of Ordinary Members, Affiliate Members, Honorary Members and Life Members.

7. *Ordinary Membership*

Subject to this Constitution, Ordinary Membership may be granted to any person who is a Parent or Guardian of a person with Down syndrome, or an adult with Down syndrome.

8. *Affiliate Membership*

Subject to this Constitution:-

(a) any person who is not less than 18 years of age who is not eligible to become an Ordinary member of the Association, and

(b) a corporation, organization, trust and any form of legal entity accepted by the Committee

shall be eligible to become an Affiliate Member of the Association PROVIDED THAT and subject to this Constitution no Affiliate Member shall be eligible to vote at the Annual or other General Meetings of the Association.

9. *Honorary Membership*

The Association in General Meeting upon the recommendation of the Committee may invite prominent citizens who are in accord with the objects of the Association and who are not at the time of the invitation either Ordinary or Affiliate members to become Honorary Members of the Association. No Honorary Member shall be eligible to vote at the Annual or other General Meetings of the Association or to be a member of the Committee. No Honorary Member shall be obliged to pay the Annual Subscription.

10. *Lifetime Membership*

The Association in General Meeting, upon the recommendation of the Committee, may bestow upon a member of the Association Lifetime Membership in recognition of meritorious service to the Association. Lifetime Members shall be eligible to vote at the Annual or other General Meetings of the Association and shall be eligible to be a

member of the Committee of the Association. No Lifetime Member shall be obliged to pay the Annual Subscription.

11. Patron

The members at any General Meeting, upon the recommendation of the Committee, may appoint a Patron of the Association.

12. Admissions of Members

(a) Application for membership shall be made in writing, signed by or on behalf of the applicant, and shall be in such form and contain such requirements as the Committee from time to time prescribe and shall be accompanied by the Annual Subscription AND without limiting the generality of the foregoing, an application for membership received in the name of two parents or two guardians of an individual with Down syndrome and signed by either of those parents or guardians shall be deemed to be an application for membership for each of them unless the application specifies otherwise.

(b) As soon as practicable after the receipt of an application for membership, it shall be considered by the Committee who shall determine the admission or rejection of the applicant. In no case shall the Committee be required to give any reason for the rejection of an applicant.

(c) The Secretary shall as soon as practicable after a determination to admit or reject an application for membership advise the applicant accordingly.

13. Cessation of Membership

If the subscription of a member remains unpaid for a period of three calendar months after it becomes due then the member may after notice of the default has been sent to him by the Secretary or Treasurer be debarred by resolution of the Committee from all privileges of membership provided that the Committee may reinstate the member on payment of all arrears if the Committee thinks fit to do so.

14. Register of Members

A register of members shall be kept showing in respect of each member, his or her name, address and the date of commencement of membership and such other information as the Committee may determine.

15. Member's Rights

(a) Any member shall be entitled to speak upon any motion at any Annual or Special General Meeting of the Association.

(b) Ordinary Members and Life Members shall be entitled to vote upon any motion at any Annual or Special General Meeting of the Association and no other Member shall be entitled to vote.

16. Liability of Members

The liability of a member of the Association to contribute to the payments of the debts and liabilities of the Association or the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up of the Association is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid by the member in respect of membership of the Association.

17. Censure and Expulsion of Members

(a) If any member refuses or neglects to comply with the provisions of the Constitution or is guilty of any conduct which in the opinion of the Committee is unbecoming of a member or prejudicial to the interest of the Association the Committee, after affording such member an opportunity of offering the Committee an explanation of his

conduct either verbally or in writing as the Committee may decide, shall have power by resolution to censure fine suspend or expel the member of the Association.

(b) Any member expelled by the Committee may be notice in writing lodged with the Secretary within 14 days of the date of notice to the member that a resolution of expulsion was passed by the Committee, elect to have the question dealt with by the Association in general meeting and in that event an extraordinary general meeting of the Association shall be called for the purpose and if at the meeting such a resolution is passed by a majority of two-thirds of those present and voting (such vote to be taken by ballot) the member concerned shall be expelled.

18. ***Fees***

(a) The Annual Subscription shall be an amount determined from time to time by the Committee.

(b) The Committee in determining the Annual Subscription shall be entitled to determine a different Annual Subscription in respect of different categories of membership and members, and, without limiting the discretion granted to the Committee, may determine a Family Annual Subscription as defined by the Committee.

(c) Subscriptions shall be due and payable on the first day of July in each year and a financial member shall be one who shall have paid his subscription on or before the Thirtieth day of September in that year.

(d) Any person who is admitted to membership of the Association after the Thirty-first day of March in each year and who pays the Annual Subscription for that year shall be deemed to be a member of the Association for the ensuing financial year without payment of the Annual Subscription for that year.

MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION

19. ***The Committee***

The management of the Association shall be vested in the Committee which shall consist of :-

- (a) President;
- (b) Vice-President
- (c) Secretary;
- (d) Treasurer;
- (e) the President for the time being of the UP! Club
- (f) a maximum of ten other members.

20. The Association may from time to time by ordinary resolution passed at a general meeting increase or reduce the number of office bearers or other members of the Committee.

21. ***Powers of the Committee***

(a) The Committee may exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things as are conferred upon the Association by this Constitution and are not hereby or by law directed or required to be exercised or done by the Association in General Meeting or otherwise.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this Constitution the Committee shall have the general control and management of the administration of the affairs, property and funds of the Association.

(c) The Committee shall determine any dispute or matter which may arise from time to time concerning or touching the interpretation of this Constitution or any particular Clause, phrase or word contained and the decision of the Committee thereon shall be binding on all members.

(d) No statements on behalf of or in the name of the Association shall be made except by the President or by his/her authority or that of the Committee.

(e) The Committee shall have power at any time and from time to time to appoint any person to the Committee, either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing office bearers or other members of the Committee but so that the total number of office bearers or other members of the Committee shall not at any time exceed the number fixed in accordance with this Constitution. Any office bearer or other member of the Committee so appointed shall hold office only until the next following annual general meeting.

(f) Each member of the Committee shall be bound by the terms of the document adopted by the Committee and titled "Code of Ethics".

22. *Election of the Committee*

(a) Members of the Committee shall be elected by the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting when they shall retire but they shall be eligible for re-election.

(b) Nominations for the office of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and members of the Committee shall be in writing and signed by a nominator and consented to by the nominee and shall be lodged with the Secretary at least 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

(c) In case there shall not be a sufficient number of candidates nominated, the Committee may fill up the remaining vacancy or vacancies.

(d) No more than four members of the Committee may be Affiliate Members but only two Affiliate members shall be entitled to vote at any one time on matters coming before the Committee.

(e) The office of President shall be held only by a person with Down syndrome or a Parent of a person with Down syndrome.

(f) All of the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be held by ordinary or life members for a period not exceeding three consecutive years or less.

23. *Proceedings of the Committee*

(a) The Committee may meet together for the dispatch of business, adjourn and otherwise appoint and regulate its meetings as it thinks fit.

(b) As far as possible the Committee shall meet at least monthly and a quorum shall be five or such greater number as the Committee decides, provided that one of the five present is either the President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer.

(c) Upon receipt of a request in writing signed by not less than three members of the Committee, the Secretary shall call a special meeting of the Committee within 14 days giving not less than 7 days notice in writing to members of the Committee and such notice shall specify the reason for such special meeting provided that the President may convene a special meeting of the Committee at any time on any notice he may deem fit.

(d) The President or in his absence, the Vice-President, or in the absence of the President or Vice-President, a member of the Committee elected by the meeting shall preside as Chairperson at all meetings of the Committee.

(e) Questions arising at any meeting of the Committee shall be decided by a majority of votes, and in the case of an equality of votes the Chairperson shall have a second or casting vote.

(f) A member of the Committee shall not vote in respect of any contract or proposed contract with the Association in which he is interested or any matter arising thereat and if he does so vote his vote shall not be counted.

(g) The continuing members of the Committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy in the Committee, but if and so long as their number is reduced below the number fixed by or pursuant to this Constitution as the necessary quorum of the Committee the continuing member or members may act for the purpose of increasing the number of members of the Committee to that number or of summoning a general meeting of the Association but for no other purpose.

(h) The Committee may delegate any of its powers to sub-committees consisting of such member or members of the Committee and the Association as they think fit; any sub-committee so formed shall in the exercise of the power so delegated conform to any regulations that may be imposed on it by the Committee.

(i) The Chairperson of each committee shall be a nominated member of the Committee but if at any meeting the chairman is not present within ten minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the members present may choose one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.

(j) A sub-committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper. Questions arising at any meeting shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members present and in the case of an equality of votes the chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

(k) All acts done by any meeting of the Committee or of a sub-committee or by any person acting as a member of the Committee shall notwithstanding that it is afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any such member of the Committee or person acting as aforesaid or that the members of the Committee or any of them were disqualified be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified to be a member of the Committee.

(l) A resolution in writing signed by all the members of the Committee for the time being entitled to receive notice of a meeting of the Committee shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Committee duly convened and held. Any such resolution may consist of several documents in like form, each signed by one or more members of the Committee.

(m) In the absence of the President of the UP! Club at a meeting of the Committee, the President of the UP! Club may nominate an alternative member of the UP! Club to represent the President at any meeting of the Committee.

24. *Vacation of Office*

The office of a member of the Committee shall become vacant if he;

- (a) dies
- (b) becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally;
- (c) resigns his office by notice in writing to the Association;
- (d) is absent for more than 3 months without leave of the Committee from meetings of the Committee held during that period;
- (e) ceases to be a member of the Association;
- (f) holds any office of profit under the Association;
- (g) is directly or indirectly interested in any contract or proposed contract with the Association, without prior disclosure of his/her interest to the Committee
- (h) becomes of unsound mind or a person whose person or estate is liable to be dealt with in any way under the law relating to mental health;

25. A Committee member vacating his/her office will hand over all papers, documents, and materials pertaining to or property of, the Association.

26. *Removal of Committee Members*

The Association may by ordinary resolution remove any office bearer or other member of the Committee before the expiration of his period of office and may by an ordinary resolution appoint another person in his stead. The person so appointed shall hold office only until the next following annual general meeting.

GENERAL MEETINGS

27. *Annual General Meetings*

Each Annual General Meeting shall be held within four months of the end of the financial year. All general meetings, other than annual general meetings, shall be called special general meetings.

28. *Business at Annual General Meetings*

The business to be transacted at every Annual General Meeting shall include :-

- (a) the receipt of the Annual Report of the Committee and Balance Sheet and the Income and Expenditure accounts for the preceding year;
- (b) the receipt of the Auditor's Report upon the books and accounts for the preceding year;
- (c) the election of the President, the Vice-President and Secretary, the Treasurer and Life Members and members of the Committee;
- (d) the appointment of auditors
- (e) such other business as shall or may be properly conducted at an Annual General Meeting under the Associations Incorporation Act.

29. *Special General Meetings*

- (a) Any three members of the Committee may at any time convene a Special General Meeting of the Association.
- (b) A Special General Meeting shall also be convened by the Secretary upon the written request of not less than 10 members of the Association or ten per cent of members, whichever is less; and shall be held within a period of one month from the date of receipt of the request.
- (c) Only business set forth on the notice convening such Special General Meeting shall be dealt with thereat.

30. *Notice of Meetings*

Fourteen (14) days' notice at the least (exclusive of the day on which the notice is served or deemed to be served, and exclusive of the day for which notice is given) specifying the place the day and the hour of meeting and in case of special business the general nature of that business shall be given to such persons as are entitled to receive such notices from the Association and 21 days notice shall be given of any special resolution as required by the Act .

PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

31. No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum of members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. A quorum shall be not less than 3 members attending in person. For the purposes of this article, "member" includes a person attending as a proxy or as representing a corporation which is a member.

32. The President shall preside as chairman at every general meeting of the Association or if there is no President or if he is not present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or is unwilling to

act, the Vice-President shall be the chairman or if the Vice-President is not present or is unwilling to act then the members present shall elect one of their members to be chairman of the meeting provided that the Chairman may appoint any member to act as Chairman at the meeting for the purposes of the election of committee members.

33. The chairman may, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the meeting) adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place. When a meeting is adjourned for thirty days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of an original meeting. Save as aforesaid it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.

34. *Election of Officer Bearers at Annual General Meeting*

(a) Where there is only one nomination for any of the office of President, Vice-president, Secretary, or Treasurer, the Chairperson of the meeting may declare the person so nominated elected.

(b) Where there are ten or less additional nominations for Committee Members, the Chairperson of the meeting may declare those persons so nominated elected.

(c) Where there is more than one nomination for the position of President, Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer, or more than ten additional nominations for the position of Committee Members, the matter shall be decided by secret ballot and the names of the nominees shall be placed on the ballot paper in alphabetical order.

(d) In respect of nominations for positions of members of the Committee, each member of the Association shall be entitled to vote for the maximum of ten nominees.

(e) Nominees obtaining a majority of votes, or in the case of the ten Committee Members the ten nominees obtaining the greatest number of votes, shall be declared elected by the Chairperson.

(f) The president for the time being of the UP! Club shall be deemed to have been elected to the Committee and no vote shall be required at the Annual General Meeting in respect of such Committee Member.

35. *Voting at General Meetings*

At any general meeting (but subject to clause 35) a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands) demanded:

(a) by the chairman; or

(b) by at least three members present in person or by proxy.

Unless a poll is so demanded a declaration by the chairman that a resolution has on a show of hands been carried or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or lost and an entry to that effect in the book containing the minutes of the proceedings of the Association shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against the resolution. The demand for a poll may be withdrawn.

36. If a poll is duly demanded it shall be taken in such manner and either at once or after an interval or adjournment or otherwise as the chairman directs and the result of the poll shall be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded but a poll demanded on the election of a chairman or on a question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith.

37. In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the chairman of the meeting at which the show of hands takes place or at which the poll is demanded shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.

AUDIT

46. A properly qualified auditor or auditors shall be appointed and his or their remuneration fixed and duties regulated in accordance with the Act and Constitution.

PUBLIC OFFICER

47. The Committee shall appoint a Public Officer in accordance with the Act.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

48. The funds of the Association shall be derived from entrance fees and annual subscriptions of members, donations and, subject to any resolution passed by the Association in General Meeting, such other sources as the Committee determines.

CUSTODY OF BOOKS

49. Except as otherwise provided by these rules, the Public Officer shall keep in his or her custody or under his or her control all records, books and other documents related to the Association.

INSPECTION OF BOOKS

50. The records, books and other documents of the Association shall be open to inspection, free of charge, by a member of the Association at any reasonable hour.

INDEMNITY

51. Every member of the Committee and other office bearer for the time being of the Association shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Association against any liability arising out of the execution of the duties of his office which is incurred by him in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgment is given in his favour or in which he is acquitted.

NOTICES

52.

(a) The particulars of residence of each member or such other address as may be notified by him to the Secretary shall be recorded as his registered address. Each member shall, prior to his admission to membership, notify the Secretary of his/her address and shall thereafter notify the Secretary of any change of his/her address.

(b) Subject to this Constitution a notice may be given to any member personally or by sending such notice by post to him at his registered address and such notice shall be deemed to have been received when in the ordinary course of post it would have been delivered.

AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

53.

(a) Proposals for any amendment, addition or alteration to this Constitution shall be required to be passed by a majority of three quarters of those voting at the General Meeting to which the same are submitted.

(b) Notice of a Resolution containing any proposal for the amendments or alterations of this Constitution shall be forwarded to all members not less than twenty one days prior to the General Meeting to which the same are submitted.

DISSOLUTION

54. Dissolution of the Association

(a) The Association shall be dissolved in the event of the membership being less than five persons or upon the vote of a three-fourths majority of members present at a Special General Meeting convened to consider such question.

(b) Upon a resolution being passed in accordance with paragraph (a) of this Clause, all assets and funds of the Association on hand shall, after payment of all expenses and liabilities, be handed over to any association having similar objects to the Association.

I Margot Elliffe as President declare this to be a true and accurate copy of the Constitution of Down Syndrome Association of NSW Inc.

Dated: 11th September 2005

Signed:

