

**BISEXUAL ALLIANCE VICTORIA INC.  
RULES OF ASSOCIATION**

**1. Name**

The name of the incorporated association is Bisexual Alliance Victoria Inc. (in these Rules called "the Association.")

**2. Definitions**

(1) In these Rules, unless the contrary intention appears—

*multi-gender attracted* is an umbrella term covering all those who are attracted to more than one gender, regardless of label. This umbrella term can include (but is not limited to) bisexual, bi, pan, queer, omi, poly-, and no label.

*committee* means the committee of management of the Association;

*financial year* means the year ending on 30 June;

*general meeting* means the annual general meeting of members and a special general meeting of members;

*LGBTIQA+* means lesbian, gay, bi+, trans and gender diverse, intersex, queer, ace, aro and other queer identities.

*member* means a member of the Association;

*ordinary member of the committee* means a member of the committee who is not an officer of the Association under rule 23;

*Registrar* means the Registrar of Incorporated Associations;

*Regulations* means regulations under the Act;

*relevant documents* has the same meaning as in the Act;

*Secretary* means the person that holds office under these Rules as Secretary of the Association; and

*the Act* means the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

*they* is used to cover all gender identities and also where a person's pronouns are unknown or not specified. It is not necessarily referring to two or more people (plural).

### **3. Alteration of the Rules**

- (1) These Rules and the statement of purposes of the Association must not be altered except in accordance with the Act.

### **4. Not for profit organisation**

- 1) The Association must not distribute any surplus, income, or assets directly or indirectly to its members.
- 2) Subrule (1) does not prevent the Association from –
  - a) reimbursing a member for expenses properly incurred by the member; or
  - b) paying a member for goods or services provided by the member –

if this is done in good faith on terms no more favourable than if the member was not a member.

### **5. Membership, entrance fees, and subscriptions**

- 1) A person who applies and is approved for membership as provided in these Rules is eligible to be a member of the Association on payment of the entrance fee and annual subscription payable.
  - a) The membership fee may be waived for people that volunteer their time to the organisation and/or people who cannot afford it. People who can give neither their time nor their money are welcome both in our in spaces and events, and as members.
- 2) A person who is not a member of the Association at the time of the incorporation of the Association (or who was a member at that time but has ceased to be a member) must not be admitted to membership unless—
  - a) they apply for membership in accordance with subrule (3); and
  - b) the admission as a member is approved by the committee.
- 3) An application of a person for membership of the Association must—

- a) be made in writing in the form set out in Appendix 1; or
  - b) be made online through the Association's membership portal, which can be accessed via the Association's website;
  - c) be lodged with an office-bearer of the Association; and
  - d) must be accompanied by the entrance fee if payable and if it is possible to make payment at this time.
- 4) As soon as practicable after the receipt of an application, the office-bearer must forward the documentation to the Secretary and refer the application to the committee.
- 5) The committee must determine whether to approve or reject the application.
- 6) If the committee approves an application for membership, the Secretary must, as soon as practicable—
- a) notify the applicant in writing of the approval for membership; and
  - b) request payment within 28 days after receipt of the notification, if payment was not made at the time of the application, of the sum payable under these Rules as the entrance fee and the first year's annual subscription.
- 7) The Secretary must, within 28 days after receipt of the amounts referred to in subrule (6), enter the applicant's name in the register of members.
- 8) An applicant for membership becomes a member and is entitled to exercise the rights of membership when their name is entered in the register of members.
- 9) If the committee rejects an application, the committee must, as soon as practicable, notify the applicant in writing that the application has been rejected.
- 10) A right, privilege, or obligation of a person by reason of membership of the Association—
- a) is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person; and
  - b) terminates upon the cessation of membership whether by death or resignation or otherwise.
- 11) The annual subscription fee is payable within 7 days of the annual general meeting.
- 12) A member may, at the time of applying for membership, choose to pay the annual subscription fee for 5 years upfront and shall receive a discount of 20% such that the member is required to pay 80% of the annual subscription fee payable for 5 years. In that case, the annual subscription fee will be calculated on the basis of the annual subscription fee payable in the financial year in which the application for membership is made.
- 13) The categories of membership are:
- a) Ordinary membership
- A member is an ordinary member whose application for membership has been approved by the committee in accordance with sub-rule (5).
- b) Ordinary membership (volunteer)

A member is an ordinary member who volunteers at Bisexual Alliance Victoria and whose application for membership has been approved by the committee in accordance with sub-rule (5).

c) Honorary life membership

An Honorary life member is a member unanimously determined by the committee to be an Honorary life member as a result of their outstanding services to the Association. No annual subscription fee shall be payable by an Honorary life member.

d) Family membership

A family member is two or more natural persons who regard themselves as a family and are unanimously determined by the committee to be a family member. A family member is entitled to two votes.

e) Organisational membership (non-voting)

Aligned community groups or organisations, the membership of which must be approved by the Committee, so as to foster exchange of information and/or other support.

Categories of organisational membership include unfunded not-for-profit, funded not-for-profit and for profit. The committee will determine to which sub-category an organisation is assigned.

## **6. General rights of members**

- 1) A member of the Association who is entitled to vote has the right—
  - a) to receive notice of general meetings and of proposed special resolutions in the manner and time prescribed by these Rules; and
  - b) to submit items of business for consideration at a general meeting; and
  - c) to attend and be heard at general meetings; and
  - d) to vote at general meetings; and
  - e) to have access to the minutes of general meetings and other documents of the Association as provided under rule 37; and
  - f) to inspect the register of members.
- 2) A member is entitled to vote if—
  - a) more than 10 business days have passed since they became a member of the Association; and
  - b) the member's membership rights are not suspended for any reason.

## **7. Register of members**

- 1) The Secretary must keep and maintain a register of members containing—
  - a) the name and address of each member; and

- b) whether the member is voting or non-voting; and
  - c) the date on which each member's name was entered in the register.
- 2) Members may request to have their address suppressed from the register.
- 3) The register is available for inspection free of charge by any member upon request.
- 4) A member may request a copy of their own entry in the register.

## **8. Ceasing membership**

- 1) A member of the Association who has paid all moneys due and payable by a member to the Association, or joined with a waived fee, may resign from the Association by giving one month's notice in writing to the Secretary of his or her intention to resign.
- 2) After the expiry of the period referred to in subrule (1)—
  - a) the member ceases to be a member; and
  - b) the Secretary must record in the register of members the date on which the member ceased to be a member.

## **9. Discipline, suspension, and expulsion of members**

- 1) Subject to these Rules, if the committee is of the opinion that a member has refused or neglected to comply with these Rules, or has been guilty of conduct unbecoming a member or prejudicial to the interests of the Association, the committee may by resolution—
  - a) suspend that member from membership of the Association for a specified period; or
  - b) expel that member from the Association.
- 2) A resolution of the committee under subrule (1) does not take effect unless—
  - a) at a meeting held in accordance with subrule (3), the committee confirms the resolution; and
  - b) if the member exercises a right of appeal to the Association under this rule, the Association confirms the resolution in accordance with this rule.
- 3) A meeting of the committee to confirm or revoke a resolution passed under subrule (1) must be held not earlier than 14 days, and not later than 28 days, after notice has been given to the member in accordance with subrule (4).
- 4) For the purposes of giving notice in accordance with subrule (3), the Secretary must, as soon as practicable, cause to be given to the member a written notice—
  - a) setting out the resolution of the committee and the grounds on which it is based; and

- b) stating that the member, or their representative, may address the committee at a meeting to be held not earlier than 14 days and not later than 28 days after the notice has been given to that member; and
  - c) stating the date, place and time of that meeting; and
  - d) informing the member that they may do one or both of the following—
    - i) attend that meeting;
    - ii) give to the committee before the date of that meeting a written statement seeking the revocation of the resolution; and
  - e) informing the member that, if at that meeting, the committee confirms the resolution, they may, not later than 48 hours after that meeting, give the Secretary a notice to the effect that they wish to appeal to the Association in general meeting against the resolution.
- 5) At a meeting of the committee to confirm or revoke a resolution passed under subrule (1), the committee must—
- a) give the member, or their representative, an opportunity to be heard; and
  - b) give due consideration to any written statement submitted by the member; and
  - c) determine by resolution whether to confirm or to revoke the resolution.
- 6) If at the meeting of the committee, the committee confirms the resolution, the member may, not later than 48 hours after that meeting, give the Secretary a notice to the effect that they wish to appeal to the Association in general meeting against the resolution.
- 7) If the Secretary receives a notice under subrule (6), they must notify the committee and the committee must convene a general meeting of the Association to be held within 21 days after the date on which the Secretary received the notice.
- 8) At a general meeting of the Association convened under subrule (7) —
- a) no business other than the question of the appeal may be conducted; and
  - b) the committee may place before the meeting details of the grounds for the resolution and the reasons for the passing of the resolution; and
  - c) the member, or their representative, must be given an opportunity to be heard; and
  - d) the members present must vote by secret ballot on the question of whether the resolution should be confirmed or revoked.
- 9) A resolution is confirmed if, at the general meeting, not less than two-thirds of the members vote in person, or by proxy, in favour of the resolution. In any other case, the resolution is revoked.

## 10. Disputes and mediation

- 1) The grievance procedure set out in this rule applies to disputes under these Rules between—
  - a) a member and another member; or
  - b) a member and the Association.
- 2) The parties to the dispute must meet and discuss the matter in dispute, and, if possible, resolve the dispute within 14 days after the dispute comes to the attention of all of the parties.
- 3) If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute at the meeting, or if a party fails to attend that meeting, then the parties must, within 10 days, hold a meeting in the presence of a mediator.
- 4) The mediator must be—
  - a) a person chosen by agreement between the parties; or
  - b) in the absence of agreement —
    - i) in the case of a dispute between a member and another member, a person appointed by the committee of the Association; or
    - ii) in the case of a dispute between a member and the Association, a person who is a mediator appointed or employed by the Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria (Department of Justice).
- 5) A member of the Association can be a mediator.
- 6) The mediator cannot be a member who is a party to the dispute.
- 7) The parties to the dispute must, in good faith, attempt to settle the dispute by mediation.
- 8) The mediator, in conducting the mediation, must —
  - a) give the parties to the mediation process every opportunity to be heard; and
  - b) allow due consideration by all parties of any written statement submitted by any party; and
  - c) ensure that natural justice is accorded to the parties to the dispute throughout the mediation process.
- 9) The mediator must not determine the dispute.
- 10) If the mediation process does not result in the dispute being resolved, the parties may seek to resolve the dispute in accordance with the Act or otherwise at law.

## **11. Annual general meetings**

- 1) The committee must convene an annual general meeting of the Association to be held within 5 months after the end of each financial year.
- 2) The notice convening the annual general meeting must specify that the meeting is an annual general meeting.
- 3) The ordinary business of the annual general meeting shall be —

- a) to confirm the minutes of the previous annual general meeting and of any general meeting held since that meeting;
  - b) to elect officers of the Association and the ordinary members of the committee;
  - c) to receive and consider —
    - i) the annual report of the committee on the activities of the Association during the preceding financial year; and
    - ii) the financial statements of the Association for the preceding financial year submitted by the committee in accordance with Part 7 of the Act; and
  - d) to confirm the amount of the entrance fee and annual subscription fee payable for the following financial year.
- 4) The annual general meeting may conduct any special business of which notice has been given in accordance with these Rules.

## **12. Special general meetings**

- 1) In addition to the annual general meeting, any other general meetings may be held in the same year.
- 2) All general meetings other than the annual general meeting are special general meetings.
- 3) The committee may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a special general meeting of the Association.
- 4) If, but for this subrule, more than 15 months would elapse between annual general meetings, the committee must convene a special general meeting before the expiration of that period.
- 5) The committee must, on the request in writing of members representing not less than 5 percent of the total number of members, convene a special general meeting of the Association.
- 6) The request for a special general meeting must —
  - a) state the objects of the meeting; and
  - b) be signed by the members requesting the meeting; and
  - c) be sent to the email address of the Secretary.
- 7) If the committee does not cause a special general meeting to be held within one month after the date on which the request is sent to the address of the Secretary, the members making the request, or any of them, may convene a special general meeting to be held not later than 3 months after that date.
- 8) If a special general meeting is convened by members in accordance with this rule, it must be convened in the same manner so far as possible as a meeting convened by



the committee and all reasonable expenses incurred in convening the special general meeting must be refunded by the Association to the persons incurring the expenses.

### **13. Special business**

- 1) All business that is conducted at a special general meeting and all business that is conducted at the annual general meeting, except for business conducted under the Rules as ordinary business of the annual general meeting, is deemed to be special business.

### **14. Notice of general meetings**

- 1) The Secretary of the Association, at least 14 days - or if a special resolution has been proposed, at least 21 day - before the date fixed for holding a general meeting of the Association must cause to be sent to each member of the Association, a notice stating the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business to be conducted at the meeting.
- 2) Notice may be sent —
  - a) by prepaid post to the address appearing in the register of members; or
  - b) electronic transmission.
  - c) electronic transmission will be deemed to be the preferred means of notification unless otherwise notified to the Secretary.
- 3) No business other than that set out in the notice convening the meeting may be conducted at the meeting.
- 4) A member intending to bring any business before a meeting may notify in writing, or by electronic transmission, the Secretary of that business, who must include that business in the notice calling the next general meeting.

### **15. Quorum at general meetings**

- 1) No item of business may be conducted at a general meeting unless a quorum of members entitled under these Rules to vote is present at the time when the meeting is considering that item.
- 2) Five members personally present (being members entitled under these Rules to vote at a general meeting) constitute a quorum for the conduct of the business of a general meeting.
- 3) If, within half an hour after the appointed time for the commencement of a general meeting, a quorum is not present —

- a) in the case of a meeting convened upon the request of members—the meeting must be dissolved; and
  - b) in any other case—the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and (unless another place is specified by the Chairperson at the time of the adjournment or by written notice to members given before the day to which the meeting is adjourned) at the same place.
- 4) If at the adjourned meeting the quorum is not present within half an hour after the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, the members personally present (being not less than 3) shall be a quorum.

#### **16. Presiding at general meetings**

- 1) The President, or in the President's absence, the Vice-President, shall preside as Chairperson at each general meeting of the Association.
- 2) If the President and the Vice-President are absent from a general meeting, or are unable to preside, the members present must select one of their number to preside as Chairperson.

#### **17. Adjournment of meetings**

- 1) The person presiding may, with the consent of a majority of members present at the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place.
- 2) No business may be conducted at an adjourned meeting other than the unfinished business from the meeting that was adjourned.
- 3) If a meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting must be given in accordance with rule 14.
- 4) Except as provided in subrule (3), it is not necessary to give notice of an adjournment or of the business to be conducted at an adjourned meeting.

#### **18. Voting at general meetings**

- 1) Upon any question arising at a general meeting of the Association, an ordinary member and an Honorary life member have one vote only. A family member has two votes.
- 2) All votes must be given personally or by proxy.
- 3) In the case of an equality of voting on a question, the Chairperson of the meeting is entitled to exercise a second or casting vote.

- 4) A member is not entitled to vote at a general meeting unless all moneys due and payable by the member to the Association have been paid, other than the amount of the annual subscription payable in respect of the current financial year.

### **19. Poll at general meetings**

- 1) If at a meeting a poll on any question is demanded by not less than 3 members, it must be taken at that meeting in such manner as the Chairperson may direct and the resolution of the poll shall be deemed to be a resolution of the meeting on that question.
- 2) A poll that is demanded on the election of a Chairperson or on a question of an adjournment must be taken immediately and a poll that is demanded on any other question must be taken at such time before the close of the meeting as the Chairperson may direct.

### **20. Manner of determining whether resolution carried**

- 1) If a question arising at a general meeting of the Association is determined on a show of hands —
  - a) a declaration by the Chairperson that a resolution has been —
    - i) carried; or
    - ii) carried unanimously; or
    - iii) carried by a particular majority; or
    - iv) lost; and
- 2) an entry to that effect in the minute book of the Association — is evidence of the fact, without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of, or against, that resolution.

### **21. Proxies**

- 1) Each member is entitled to appoint another member as a proxy by notice given to the Secretary no later than 24 hours before the time of the meeting in respect of which the proxy is appointed.
- 2) The notice appointing the proxy must be —
  - a) for a meeting of the Association convened under rule 9(7), in the form set out in Appendix 2; or
  - b) in any other case, in the form set out in Appendix 3.

### **22. Committee of management**

- 1) The affairs of the Association shall be managed by the committee of management.
- 2) The committee —
  - a) shall control and manage the business and affairs of the Association; and
  - b) may, subject to these Rules, the Act and the Regulations, exercise all such powers and functions as may be exercised by the Association other than those powers and functions that are required by these Rules to be exercised by general meetings of the members of the Association; and
  - c) subject to these Rules, the Act and the Regulations, has power to perform all such acts and things as appear to the committee to be essential for the proper management of the business and affairs of the Association.
- 3) The committee shall consist of —
  - a) the officers of the Association; and
  - b) five persons who are ordinary members of the Association (whether in their own right or as part of a family member) — each of whom shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Association in each year.

### **23. Office-holders**

- 1) The officers of the Association shall be —
  - a) a President;
  - b) a Vice-President;
  - c) a Treasurer; and
  - d) a Secretary.
- 2) The provisions of rule 25, so far as they are applicable and with the necessary modifications, apply to and in relation to the election of persons to any of the offices referred to in subrule (1).
- 3) Each officer of the Association shall hold office until the annual general meeting next after the date of his or her election but is eligible for re-election.
- 4) In the event of a casual vacancy in any office referred to in subrule (1), the committee may appoint one of its members to the vacant office and the member appointed may continue in office up to and including the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of the appointment.

### **24. Ordinary members of the committee**

- 1) Subject to these Rules, each ordinary member of the committee shall hold office until the annual general meeting next after the date of election but is eligible for re-election.

- 2) In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the office of an ordinary member of the committee, the committee may appoint a person who is a member of the Association (whether in their own right or as part of a family member) to fill the vacancy and the member appointed shall hold office, subject to these Rules, until the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of the appointment.

## **25. Election of officers and ordinary committee members**

- 1) Nominations of candidates for election as officers of the Association or as ordinary members of the committee must be —
  - a) made in writing, signed by two members of the Association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination); and
- 2) A candidate may only be nominated for one office, or as an ordinary member of the committee, prior to the annual general meeting.
- 3) If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the committee, the candidates nominated shall be deemed to be elected and further nominations may be received at the annual general meeting.
- 4) If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated shall be deemed to be elected.
- 5) If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot must be held.
- 6) The ballot for the election of officers and ordinary members of the committee must be conducted at the annual general meeting in such manner as the committee may direct.
- 7) A member may not hold the office of Secretary if the member does not reside in Australia.

## **26. Vacancies**

- 1) The office of an officer of the Association, or of an ordinary member of the committee, becomes vacant if the officer or member —
  - a) ceases to be a member of the Association (whether in their own right or as part of a family member); or
  - b) ceases to be a committee member by operation of section 78 of the Act; or
  - c) resigns from office by notice in writing given to the Secretary.
- 2) If the position of Secretary becomes vacant, the committee must appoint a member to the position within 14 days after the vacancy arises.
- 3) The Secretary must give to the Registrar notice of his or her appointment within 14 days after the appointment.

## **27. Meetings of the committee**

- 1) The committee must meet at least 3 times in each year at such place and such times as the committee may determine.
- 2) Special meetings of the committee may be convened by the President or by any 4 members of the committee.

## **28. Notice of committee meetings**

- 1) Written notice of each committee meeting must be given to each member of the committee at least 2 business days before the date of the meeting.
- 2) Written notice must be given to members of the committee of any special meeting specifying the general nature of the business to be conducted and no other business may be conducted at such a meeting.

## **29. Quorum for committee meetings**

- 1) The quorum required to conduct committee business is at least half the committee's membership.
- 2) No business may be conducted unless a quorum is present.
- 3) If within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present —
  - a) in the case of a special meeting—the meeting lapses;
  - b) in any other case—the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same place and the same time and day in the following week.
- 4) The committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy on the committee.

## **30. Presiding at committee meetings**

- 1) At meetings of the committee —
  - a) the President or, in the President's absence, the Vice-President presides; or
  - b) if the President and the Vice-President are absent, or are unable to preside, the members present must choose one of their number to preside.

## **31. Voting at committee meetings**

- 1) Questions arising at a meeting of the committee, or at a meeting of any subcommittee appointed by the committee, shall be determined on a show of hands

or, if a member requests, by a poll taken in such manner as the person presiding at that meeting may determine.

- 2) Each member present at a meeting of the committee, or at a meeting of any subcommittee appointed by the committee (including the person presiding at the meeting), is entitled to one vote and, in the event of an equality of votes on any question, the person presiding may exercise a second or casting vote.

### **32. Removal of committee member**

- 1) The Association in general meeting may, by resolution, remove any member of the committee before the expiration of the member's term of office and appoint another member in his or her place to hold office until the expiration of the term of the first-mentioned member.
- 2) A member who is the subject of a proposed resolution referred to in subrule (1) may make representations in writing to the Secretary or President of the Association (not exceeding a reasonable length) and may request that the representations be provided to the members of the Association.
- 3) The Secretary or the President may give a copy of the representations to each member of the Association or, if they are not so given, the member may require that they be read out at the meeting.

### **33. Minutes of meetings**

- 1) The Secretary of the Association must keep minutes of the resolutions and proceedings of each general meeting, and each committee meeting, together with a record of the names of persons present at committee meetings.

### **34. Funds**

- 1) The Treasurer of the Association must —
  - a) collect and receive all moneys due to the Association and make all payments authorised by the Association; and
  - b) keep correct accounts and books showing the financial affairs of the Association with full details of all receipts and expenditure connected with the activities of the Association.
- 2) All cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments must be signed by two members of the committee.
- 3) The funds of the Association shall be derived from entrance fees, annual subscriptions, donations and such other sources as the committee determines.

### **35. Seal**

- 1) The common seal of the Association must be kept in the custody of the Secretary.
- 2) The common seal must not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the committee and the affixing of the common seal must be attested by the signatures either of two members of the committee or, of one member of the committee and of the public officer of the Association.

### **36. Notice to members**

- 1) Except for the requirement in rule 14, any notice that is required to be given to a member, by or on behalf of the Association, under these Rules may be given by —
  - a) delivering the notice to the member personally; or
  - b) electronic transmission, if an email address is shown in the register of members; or
  - c) sending it by prepaid post addressed to the member at that member's address shown in the register of members, if the member has requested that the notice be given to the member in this manner; or
  - d) by phone, if the member has requested that the notice be given to the member in this manner.

### **37. Custody and inspection of books and records**

- 1) Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, the Secretary must keep in their custody or under their control all books, documents and securities of the Association.
- 2) All accounts, books, securities, minutes of general meetings and any other relevant documents of the Association must be available for inspection free of charge by any member upon request.
- 3) A member may make a copy of any accounts, books, securities and any other relevant documents of the Association.

### **38. Objectives**

- 1) The objectives for which the Association is established are:
  - a) To support multi-gender attracted people through providing a safe space in which to discuss issues.
  - b) To provide a space for multi-gender attracted people to socialise with each other.



- c) To provide activism on multi-gender attracted issues as needed within the LGBTIQ+ community and wider community.
- 2) Vision: the vision of Bisexual Alliance Victoria is that sexuality, orientation, gender identity, and sex characteristics no longer be the basis for discrimination in law or practice in Victoria, and that diversity of sexuality, orientation, gender identity, and bodies be valued and celebrated.
- 3) The Association will:
  - a) Communicate the case: raise awareness among politicians, media, policy makers and organisations of the inequality multi-gender attracted people face and its impact on their lives.
  - b) Campaign for change: on behalf of our members and the broader community, campaign in support of initiatives to advance the human rights of multi-gender attracted people, and in opposition to initiatives to deny or restrict the human rights of multi-gender attracted people.
  - c) Work at all levels of decision making: work with federal, state and local governments, policy makers, organisations and other representative bodies to seek pragmatic and incremental change.
  - d) Build alliances: build relationships with like-minded groups to create grass-roots support for change.
  - e) Involve the community: involve members of the LGBTIQ+ community in the Association's campaigns and make it easier for people to be involved in those campaigns.
  - f) Promote ourselves: promote the Association to the community, focussing on the inequalities we face and what the Association is doing to redress the imbalance.
  - g) The work of the Association will be undertaken in accordance with the following values:
    - i) The Association respects that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are the owners of this land; that this land was stolen, sovereignty was never ceded, and that colonisation is ongoing; and acknowledge the resilience of First Nations people in the face of this. The Association commits to actively working with LGBTIQ+ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
    - i) the Association supports cultural diversity and difference, and recognises that respecting these differences makes society stronger. We recognise the ongoing harms of racism and commit to actively working towards racial justice and standing with queer and trans people from marginalised cultures.
    - ii) the Association aims to ensure that the makeup of the committee will reflect the LGBTIQ+ community.

- iii) the Association will administer itself efficiently and in line with good governance, and will raise and distribute money with transparency and accountability.
  - iv) the Association will work consultatively, cooperatively and respectfully with trans and gender diverse, gay, lesbian, intersex, ace, aro, and other organisations that support its mission and vision, particularly organisations of other marginalised communities.
  - v) the Association will meaningfully consult with any marginalised communities that may be affected by our statements and actions.
- 4) To achieve justice and equity for multi-gender attracted people and their supporters, the Association may also pursue ancillary activities, provided that these activities are consistent with, and are undertaken in support of, the Association's primary objective.
- 5) For the purposes of carrying out the Association's objects, the Association may:
- a) consult directly with individuals in the multi-gender attracted community;
  - b) promote understanding of multi-gender attracted issues among social service providers and, where necessary, to the broader community;
  - c) do such other things as the association may consider necessary and desirable to achieve and advance the objectives of the Association.

### **39. Winding up**

- 1) The Association may be wound up voluntarily by special resolution.
- 2) Subject to subrule (3), in the event of the winding up or the cancellation of the incorporation of the Association, the amount that remains after such winding up or cancellation of the incorporation and the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities will be transferred to another organisation with similar objects and purposes which is not carried on for the profit or gain of its members as determined by the members of the Association.
- 3) If the Association is wound up, if its incorporation is cancelled or, if the Association is endorsed as a deductible gift recipient and ceases to be so endorsed, the following assets remaining after the payment of the organisation's liabilities shall be transferred to another organisation in Australia which is endorsed as a deductible gift recipient, as determined by the members of the Association:
  - a) gifts of money or property for the principal purpose of the Association;
  - b) contributions made in relation to an eligible fundraising event held for the principal purpose of the Association; and
  - c) money received by the Association because of such gifts or contributions.

APPENDIX 1  
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF BISEXUAL ALLIANCE VICTORIA

I,

*(name)*

of

*(address - if not applicable, please indicate)*

desire to become an:

- Ordinary member – single year membership
- Ordinary member (volunteer) – single year membership
- Ordinary member – five year membership
- Ordinary member (volunteer) – five year membership
- Family member – single year membership
- Family member – five year membership
- Organisational member – single year membership
- Organisational member – five year membership

of Bisexual Alliance Victoria.

*(Please note that your address will be viewable by other members unless you request to have it suppressed from the register.)*

In the event of my admission as a member, I agree to be bound by the rules of the Association for the time being in force.

I'd like to be contacted by Bisexual Alliance Victoria by:

- Phone (please indicate call or text):
- Email:
- Post:

Signature of Applicant/on behalf of organizational applicant

Date

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a member of the Association,  
(name)

nominate the applicant for membership of the Association.

Signature of Proposer

Date

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a member of the Association, second  
(name)

the nomination of the applicant for membership of the Association.

Signature of Seconder

Date

APPENDIX 2  
FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY FOR MEETING OF ASSOCIATION CONVENED  
UNDER RULE 7(7)

I,

(*name*)

of

(*address - if not applicable, please indicate*)

being a member of Bisexual Alliance Victoria appoint  
(*name of proxy holder*) being a member of that Incorporated Association, as my proxy to  
vote on my behalf at the appeal to the general meeting of the Association convened under  
rule 7(7), to be held on —

(*date of meeting*)

and at any adjournment of that meeting.

I authorise my proxy to vote on my behalf at their discretion in respect of the following  
resolution: [*insert details of resolution passed under rule 7(1)*]

My proxy would like to be contacted by Bisexual Alliance Victoria by:

Phone (please indicate call or text):

Email:

Post:

Signed

Date