

CONSTITUTION OF RUK RAKAGANNO

1. Name

The Society shall be called Ruk Rakaganno

The registered office of the Society shall be situated at Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science, Vidya Mawatha, Colombo 7. Any change of address shall be notified in the general membership within 3 weeks and in the registrar of Companies at the same time.

2. Objectives

The Objectives of the Society shall be :-

1. To create an awareness and understanding among people of the value of trees and the place they occupy in the natural environment.
2. To carry out educational programs, especially among the youth in demonstrating the value of the natural environment, and why it is essential to be preserved
3. To strive for the preservation of indigenous forests and trees where ever desirable, and thereby to protect the environment.
4. To plant and to encourage the planting of trees where ever possible.
5. To ensure legal protection for indigenous species and to assist in its enforcement.

3. Office Bearers

The Society shall elect an executive committee to manage the affairs of the Society. The committee shall consist of the following :

President, Vice President, Hony. Secretary, Hony Asst. Secretary, Hony. Treasurer, and 3 committee members.

3. Election of Office Bearers

1. Election shall be at the Annual General Meeting. The term of office shall be one year beginning in January. The names shall be proposed and seconded, and in the case of a member not being present, the proposer shall have in writing his prior consent to nomination.
2. Only fully paid ordinary or life members are eligible to vote or hold office.
3. Upon the death, resignation or expulsion of a member of the executive committee, a special general meeting shall be called within six weeks to elect a replacement, unless the recovery should arise less than three months from the next scheduled A.G.M.
4. A member or members of the executive committee can be removed from office if a motion of "no confidence" is passed against them at a special general meeting. The motion shall be

signed by no less than 20 paid up members of the Society, and notice issued to the members concerned at least seven days before the A.G.M.

5. Functions of the Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall organize and co-ordinate the activities of the Society and collect and disburse the funds of the Society. The funds may be disbursed at the discretion of the Executive Committee, but may be used only for the furtherance of the objectives of the society and for day to day office expenses. Any surplus funds are to be invested in a bank savings account or fixed deposit. Single payments of over Rs. 5,000/= shall first be approved by the committee.
2. **The duties of President-** The President, and in his absence, the Vice President shall preside at general meetings and Executive Committee meetings. In the absence of both the President and Vice President, the Executive Committee may invite one of its members to preside at the meeting.
3. **Duties of Secretary and the Asst. Secretary** – The Hony. Secretary and the Hony. Asst. Secretary shall conduct the correspondence and the business of the Society, and shall act in accordance with the decisions of the Executive Committee and I Sub. Committee
4. **Duties of the Treasurer** - - The Treasurer shall be disbursement of subscriptions and all other funds as directed by the Executive Committee, and the maintaining of accounts in accordance with rules laid down by the Registrar of Companies.
5. The Society shall appoint a public auditor at the A. G. M. for auditing the accounts of the current year. The statement of accounts audited by him shall be presented to the A.G.M. of the following year by the Treasurer and be made available within 7 days to any paid up member of the Society who applies to the Executive Committee to do so.
6. A return of audited accounts shall be sent to the Registrar of Companies as required under Section 8 (1) (d) of the Societies Ordinance Legislative Enactments of Ceylon (1956)
7. **Annual General Meeting**
The A.G.M. of the Society shall be held not later than one calendar year from the date of the last meeting. Notice of the A.G.M. shall be given 3 (three) weeks prior. The business of the A.G.M. shall be :
 1. Election of Office Bearers
 2. The Reports of the President, Secretary and the Treasurer shall be read.
 3. Any other business relating to the Society shall be discussed of which due notice has been given. The quorum for an A.G.M shall be 20 paid up members.

8. Meetings of the Executive Committee-

1. The quorum for an Executive Committee meeting shall be 4.
2. The Committee shall meet not less than once in two months.
3. There shall be District Representative for furthering the aims of the Society. They may participate at all meetings of the Executive Committee, but may not vote.
4. The Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional persons or to appoint sub-committees from time to time to assist and advise the committee on specific matters.

9. Membership

Membership shall be open to all people wishing to further the objectives of the Society.

1. Ordinary Members shall be proposed by any other member. The Annual subscription for Ordinary member shall be Rs. 500/=
2. Life members are those who pay a lump sum of Rs. 5000/=
3. Student Members - Any one under 18 years of age, or under 25 years of age and registered at an approved educational institution. The annual subscription for a student member shall be Rs. 100/=. They shall be proposed by an Ordinary member or a life member.
4. Constituent Members - Members of the Girl Guides and Boy Scout Movements shall be constituent member. The Annual Subscription of a Constituent member shall be Rs.200/= .. Neither Student members nor Constituent members shall be eligible to vote or to hold office.

10. Expulsion

The executive Committee shall have the power to expel any member for conduct detrimental to the interests of the Society, subject to such a member having first had the opportunity of putting his or her case before the committee.

11. Amendments to the Constitution

1. Any alteration to these rules or any additional rules should be made at the A.G.M. or at a special General Meeting convened for the purpose and should be passed by a 2/3 majority of the members present.
2. Notice of any such alteration and/or additional shall be given in writing to the Hony. Secretary of the Society not later than six weeks before the next A.G.M., and shall bear the signature of both the proposer and the seconder. A copy of any such alteration and /or addition shall be included in the notice sent to each member.
3. No amendment as herein before effected shall be valid until and unless approved by the Registrar of Companies and registered under the Societies Ordinance.

12. Notice of Special General Meeting

Not less than 20 (Twenty) members shall be signatories to a notice of a special general meeting. And no less than one week's notice shall be given.

13. Interpretation of the Constitution

The Executive Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of any section of the constitution, and their decision shall be final.

14. Disputes between Members

Disputes between members on any issue relating to the activities of the Society shall be referred to the Executive Committee, who shall conduct an inquiry when both sides are present. The decision of the Executive Committee shall be final.

15. Branch Organizations

The Society may set up branch organizations in any part of the country. The branch shall elect a Secretary and any other office bearers necessary. These office bearers shall function as a Sub-Committee of the Executive Committee.

The Society shall maintain a permanent office. If necessary the Executive Committee shall employ paid staff for the office. Any changes in the situation of the registered office shall be notified to the General Membership within three weeks and to the Registrar of Companies at the same time.

16. Termination of the Organization

The Organization can be terminated by a resolution passed by 2/3 majority of the members present at an Annual General Meeting (AGM) or a Special General Meeting (SGM) called for a purpose of dissolution.

The members present at the meeting when dissolution is passed, can by a resolution transfer all the assets of Ruk Rakaganno to a similar organization named in the said resolution.

President
Ms. Nirmala de Mel

Secretary
Ms. Shirani Balasuriya

Treasurer
Mr. Cyril Mundy