

Australian Christian Schools Library Network Constitution

NAME

The name of the organisation shall be Australian Christian Schools Library Network also known as acslibnet.

AIMS

The aims of the Group shall be:-

- To promote the development of Christian perspectives in our library services
- To provide a platform for members to network and support each other
- To provide opportunities for training and development
- To assist in advocacy
- To support library services in developing Christian educational institutions both in Australia and overseas

POWERS

To further these aims the committee shall have power to:

- (a) Obtain, collect and receive money or funds by way of contributions, donations, grants and any other lawful method towards the aims of the Group.
- (b) Do all such lawful things as will further the aims of the Group.

MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Voting membership shall be open to all members.
- (b) The Management Committee shall have the power to approve or reject applications for membership or to terminate the membership of any member provided that the member shall have the right to be heard by the committee before a final decision is made.
- (c) Any person interested in library services in Christian education are eligible for membership of the acslibnet Association.
- (d) Applicants for membership must register online agreeing to the acslibnet constitution. No membership fee will be charged.

MANAGEMENT

- (a) A Management Committee elected annually at the Annual General Meeting shall manage the Group.
- (b) The committee shall consist of a president, secretary, treasurer and at least three other voting members.
- (c) The committee shall meet at least three times each year. Meetings can be in person or via technology or a combination of the two.
- (d) One half of the committee being present shall enable the business of the group to be carried out.
- (e) A proper record of all transactions and meetings shall be kept.

GENERAL MEETINGS

- (a) An Annual General Meeting shall be held within 16 months of the date of the adoption of this constitution and each year thereafter.
- (b) Notices of the AGM shall be published three weeks beforehand and a report on the Group's financial position for the previous year will be made available at the same time.
- (c) A Special General Meeting may be called at any time at the request of the committee, or not less than one quarter of the membership. A notice explaining the place, date, time and reason shall be sent to all members three weeks beforehand.
- (d) One third of membership or four members being present, whichever is the greater, shall enable a General Meeting to take place.
- (e) Proposals to change the constitution must be given in writing to the secretary at least 28 days before a general meeting and approved by a two thirds majority of those present and voting.

ACCOUNTS

- (a) The funds of the group including all donations, contributions and bequests, shall be paid into an account operated by the management committee. All payments must be authorised by two members of the Management Committee. The President, Secretary and Treasurer will each be authorised to operate the online bank account and draw cheques.
- (b) The funds belonging to the group shall be applied only to further the group's aims.
- (c) A current record of all income, funding and expenditure will be kept.
- (d) The report presented to the AGM will be for the previous Calendar Year.

DISSOLUTION

- (a) The Group may be dissolved by a resolution passed by a simple two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a Special General Meeting.
- (b) If confirmed, the committee shall distribute any assets remaining after the payment of all bills to other charitable group(s) or organisation(s) having aims similar to the Group or some other charitable purpose(s) as the Group may decide.

(c) Signed..... President Date

Signed..... Secretary Date

Signed..... Treasurer Date