

CONSTITUTION OF THE S.A. MICROPROCESSOR GROUP

1. NAME OF THE ASSOCIATION

1.1 The name of the association shall be THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MICROPROCESSOR GROUP hereinafter referred to as "the Group".

2. MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION

2.1 Membership of the Group shall be open to any person of good repute who is interested in advancing the knowledge and application of small computing systems.

2.2 The annual membership fee shall be in accordance with rule 8.1 of this constitution.

2.3 The committee of the Group may, by simple majority decision of a committee meeting, terminate the Group membership of, or reject application for Group membership by, any person.

3. OBJECTS AND PURPOSES OF THE ASSOCIATION

3.1 To advance the knowledge and application of microelectronic computer systems including hardware and software.

3.2 To publicize and advise of Group activities by distribution of newsletters to members or by such other means as the committee may decide from time to time.

3.3 To engage in the design, procurement and construction of Group technical projects on behalf of members.

3.4 To convene regular meetings of members and to organize suitable lectures and seminars.

4. COMMITTEE

4.1 The Group shall be managed by a committee of management to be known as "the committee".

4.2 The committee shall consist of the following elected financial members of the Group:-

Meeting Organizer who shall also be the Chairman

Secretary who shall also be the Treasurer and the Public Officer

Editor who shall edit and arrange the publication of the Group's newsletter

Four ordinary committee members who shall constitute a sub-committee known as "the Technical Sub-committee".

4.3 Each committee member may exercise one vote at committee meetings. The chairman may, in addition, exercise a casting vote.

4.4 Committee meetings shall be held at intervals of not more than 3 calendar months. A minimum of 7 (seven) days notice shall be given to committee members by the secretary prior to each committee meeting.

4.5 A quorum for a committee meeting shall be 4 members.

4.6 The committee shall be elected by ballot of financial members at the Annual General Meeting of the Group.

4.7 The committee shall have power to co-opt members to fill casual vacancies on the committee. Such co-opted members shall have voting rights (as for elected members of committee) and shall be eligible to serve until the following annual general meeting.

4.8 The committee shall have power to co-opt additional members to assist in technical activities. Such additional members shall not have voting rights at committee meetings.

5. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

5.1 The annual general meeting of the Group shall be held in February each year.

5.2 A minimum of 7 days' notice shall be given prior to the annual general meeting. The publication of a notice in the "Computers" classification of the Adelaide "Advertiser" newspaper shall be deemed adequate to satisfy this requirement.

5.3 The quorum at the annual general meeting shall be 10 (ten) financial members.

6. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

6.1 A special general meeting of the Group shall be convened by the secretary within 21 days of receipt of a written request signed by not less than 5 (five) financial members of the Group.

6.2 A minimum of 7 days' notice shall be given prior to holding a special general meeting. The publication of a notice in the "Computers" classification of the Adelaide "Advertiser" newspaper shall be deemed adequate to satisfy this requirement.

6.3 The quorum at a special general meeting shall be 10 (ten) financial members.

7. ORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS

7.1 The committee shall convene at least 8 (eight) Ordinary General Meetings of the Group at regular intervals in each year.

8. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

8.1 The secretary shall receive and deposit in an approved bank account donations and the membership fees as are approved from time to time at the annual general meeting or at a special general meeting of the Group. Membership fees shall be due and payable at the annual general meeting of the Group, prior to the election of the Committee.

8.2 The secretary shall receive in trust and deposit in an approved bank account such sums of money as members may wish to tender, in advance, to cover costs of purchases of materials for Group projects.

8.3 By direction of the committee, the secretary shall disburse donations or membership fees to meet the incidental expenses of organizing Group activities. Purchase of capital equipment shall be approved by resolution of the members at an ordinary meeting, the annual general meeting or at a special general meeting.

8.4 The secretary shall disburse moneys held in trust at the written direction of the member depositing these moneys.

8.5 Cheques and other instruments drawn upon the Group's bank account may be signed by any two of the secretary, the chairman and one other committee member (to be nominated by the committee).

8.6 The secretary shall establish and maintain adequate records of receipts, payments, assets and liabilities. The records shall be produced for approval at each committee meeting.

8.7 The financial records shall be audited annually, prior to the annual general meeting, by an auditor appointed by resolution of the previous annual general meeting or by resolution of a special general meeting.

8.8 The Group's financial year shall start on January 1 and end on December 31 of that same year.

9. WINDING UP OF THE ASSOCIATION

9.1 The Group shall be wound-up by resolution of the annual general meeting or of a special general meeting convened for that purpose.

9.2 Any surplus resulting from the winding-up of the Group shall be donated to a charity to be determined at the time of winding-up.

10. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

10.1 The constitution of the Group shall be amended only by majority vote of three fourths of members present and voting at a special general meeting convened for the purposes of considering such an amendment.