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STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

THE RULES OF ASSOCIATION OF VORION DIMON SPARTIS OREA ELENI OF NEW SOUTH WALES AUSTRALIA HEREIN ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 11 AND CONTAIN THOSE MATTERS SPECIFIED IN SCHEDULE 1, OF THE ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION ACT, 1984.

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CONSTITUTION

ASSOCIATION OF VORION DIMON SPARTIS OREA ELENI OF NEW SOUTH WALES
AUSTRALIA

SECTION 1. NAME

- A. The name of the Association shall be Association of Vorion Dimon Spartis Orea Eleni, hereinafter referred to as the "Association".

SECTION 2.

- A. The registered office of the Association shall be sustained at Sydney in the State of New South Wales.

SECTION 3.

- A. The objects of the Association shall be:-
1. To guide its members in the direction of promoting good and friendly relations between them and the Australians, also to inspire them with love towards Australia.
 2. To preserve and fulfill loyally the dogmas of the Greek Orthodox Religion and the ideals of Christianity.
 3. To promote the co-operation of the Association with any Greek Association legally functioning in Australia, as well as the co-operation with any other Society of whatsoever nationality with functions under similar principles in Australia.

4. To do its utmost in cultivating and preserving the Vorion Dimon Spartis social and spiritual idealisms and generally the Greek civilizations.
5. To do its utmost in promoting the physical and spiritual development of its members by organising; (a) Athletic groups of all sports, (b) Tourist excursions and to help its members to acquire a better knowledge of the Country, (c) Arts and musical sections, (d) Educational lectures on historical, literary, social and patriotic subjects, (e) Dances and Balls, theatrical plays and concerts and other social gatherings.
6. To purchase, take, lease or exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any real or personal property or borrow money and so obtain and maintain any rights and privileges necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Association.
7. To construct, alter and maintain any buildings required for its purpose.
8. To sell, improve, manage, develop, lease, mortgage, dispose of, realize or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property of the Association.
9. To assist those persons who may need its help, morally and financially according to the means of the Association as its Council may recommend in each and every case.
10. To contribute to any benevolent or Philanthropic Institute or cause in Australia or abroad, as the Council may decide.

11. To do its utmost in preserving and promoting friendly relations with the Australian citizens by exercising the spiritual dogmas inherited from the Greek people of the Vorion Dimon Spartis.
12. To call by post or personal means, periodical public meetings as the Council considers necessary and property for the purpose of considering the creation of sources of income for the Association's needs; ~~such as~~, donations, annual subscriptions or otherwise.
13. To remain aloof and apart from and to take no part in party politics and to see as far as possible that the Association as such, shall not be interested or concerned directly or indirectly with any organisation illegal or otherwise which might be a menace to the safety, security or interest of Australia.
14. To advance the interests of the Associations in every possible way.

SECTION 4. MEMBERS

- 1.a. Any Greek person male or female of any nationality but of Greek origin only, provided that such person approves the objects of the Association, shall be eligible to become a member.
- b. Such members shall be entitled to vote on all matters and shall be eligible for election to any office with exception to the Managing Committee herein referred to as COUNCIL.

- 2.a. Eligibility for election to the management committee is given to all members born in the district of Vorion Dimon Spartis or have resided continually in the abovementioned area and their decedents.
- b. Children as well as wives or husbands of the persons mentioned in the above (2.a.) are also entitled to the same privileges.
- 3.a. Persons who do not qualify under the conditions of the above paragraph (2.a. & b.) but are members of this Association prior to approval and acceptance of this constitution, are entitled to all privileges and rights as being "Establishing" members. Excepting the right of voting and being elected.
- 4.a. Execution and demand of privileges and rights as outlined in this Constitution is permitted to members who have (1) attained the age of 18, (2) completed three (3) months membership with the Association and (3) their subscription fully paid.
- b. Any person eligible as above desiring to become a member of the Association shall make an application in writing addressed to the President of the Council for such membership and such application must be accompanied by the prescribed application fee.

The application for membership shall contain; (1) Full name, (2) Address, (3) Profession or occupation (4) Place of birth (5) Nationality, and (6) Period of residence in Australia.

- 5.a. The annual subscription to the Association shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) for both male and female members payable in advance. The committee shall have the right to vary the annual subscription fee having regard to the prevailing economic conditions.
- 6.a. The Council of the Association shall have the right to call upon any member, who in its opinion has acted in a defamatory manner towards the Association or ~~its~~ Council, to explain his or her conduct.
- b. The Council may at a meeting called for the purpose, suspend such member from the privileges of membership until the next succeeding Annual General Meeting.
Should such acts of the accused person or persons found to be detrimental or a hindrance to the Association's objects, the Council of the Association, according to paragraph 6(d) of this section has the right and the power to terminate such membership or memberships.
- c. Each accused member shall receive twelve (12) days notice of such meeting and shall have the right to attend same. In the absence of the member concerned, the Council may postpone such meeting for a further one or two weeks, duly notifying the said member of its decision. Should he not attend to this second meeting, the Council may decide in his absence.
- d. The Association prohibits any whose membership is cancelled, to enter its premises except with the Council's consent.

- 7.a. Any person providing ethical or material assistance to the President of the Association shall be approval of the Council become Honorary member of the Association.
- b. Any person or member of the Association who approves of its objects, may it so desires donate money or items of any nature that would be of benefit to the Association.
- c. To assist those of its members who may, through misfortune, illness or otherwise, need its financial help by a sum of money not exceeding Two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00). Any donation exceeding Two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) shall require the approval of the General Meeting provided that the Council of the Association shall not make charity gifts exceeding Ten Thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) without holding a General Meeting with sixty per cent (60%) of votes, in any one year.
- d. The Association shall have the authority to make donations to any organisation it thinks fit and such donations shall not exceed the amount of Two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) each.

Any single gifts in excess of Two Thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) shall be made only with the approval of the General Meeting of the Association. PROVIDED THAT such donations shall not exceed the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) per year.
- e. Members shall notify any change of address to the Secretary of the Association.

Any announcement or notification mailed by the Secretary to the members, provided such notification was addressed to the latest address known to the Association, shall be deemed to be properly done and actually communicated.

- f. Should the Association acquire premises for the purpose of establishing a Centre in accordance with the articles of this constitution, the persons employed shall be selected from the members, providing such ~~members~~ have the necessary qualifications required.

SECTION 5. ELECTION OF THE COUNCIL

A.1. Place and time of the election of the Council shall be the decision of the Annual General Meeting, however, such election should not be held later than forty (40) days from the date of such Annual General Meeting and such elected Council shall hold office until the conclusion of the next one ensuing Annual General Meetings; that is to a term of one (1) year.

If by the end of the term the Annual General Meeting has not been held, then the existing Council shall continue to remain in office for a period not exceeding two (2) months.

2. In the second Annual General Meeting an election of a three (3) member Election Supervisory Committee should be held, consisting of members present in such Annual General Meeting. Members of the Council or members who intend to stand for election in the forthcoming elections, are not eligible

to be elected as members of the Election Supervisory Committee.

3. Enrollment of new members, consideration or acceptance of applications regarding enrollment or any other act or duty of any nature in relation to new or existing members shall cease with the conclusion of the second Annual General Meeting and such duty or act shall not resume until the election of the new Council.

The existing Council shall furnish to the Election Supervisory Committee a list of members eligible to vote in the forthcoming elections, duly signed by the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Association.

4. Immediately after its election, the Election Supervisory Committee shall appoint a President and a Secretary and shall forthwith call for nominations to elect a nine (9) member Council. The said Committee shall also insert an appropriate announcement in one or two Greek language newspapers issued in Sydney, emphasising the time and the closing date of such nominations.

A period of at least ten (10) days should be allowed after the expiration of the closing date and the election date and such condition or any other condition relevant to the method and time of the election of the new Council, should clearly be stated in the announcement.

- B.1. The responsibility of the supervision of the elections shall vest with the Elections Supervisory Committee which will be responsible to identify each and every member and

approve of his or her eligibility to vote by issuing such member with a ballot paper stamped with the Association's seal, containing the names of the candidates in alphabetical order.

2. The voter shall indicate the candidate of his choice by placing a cross against his name.
 3. Any ballot that bears more than eleven (11) crosses, shall be void.
 4. The elections of the Council shall be made by a secret ballot. Members eligible to vote should attend personally the place at which such election is held of such specified date and time.
 5. During the election of the Council and in the absence of a salaried employed Secretary, a member of the existing Council shall fulfill the duties of a temporary Secretary, in order to assist the Elections Supervisory Committee with information regarding the members or any other assistance required in relation to such elections but such person shall not interfere in any way whatsoever with the elections
- C.1 The members of the new Council shall be the nine (9) candidates who shall obtain the most votes at the elections and shall have the right to remain in office for a period of one (1) year, while the following seven (7) shall be called Prospective Councillors and shall fill any vacancy created the dismissal or resignation of a member of the Council.

2. Within a fortnight of the election of the new Council and in the absence of any appeal against the validity of the elections, the Secretary of the Elections Supervisory Committee shall call upon the departing (resigning) and the newly elected Councils; one to deliver and the other to receive the affairs of the Association Chairman of such meeting shall be the President of the Election Supervisory Committee.
3. On conclusion of the above transfer and receipt, the members of the old Council together with the members of the Elections Supervisory Committee, shall depart with the exception of the President in whose presence the newly elected Council shall proceed to the election of the remaining executive by a secret ballot and in the following order: (a) President (b) Vice President (c) Secretary (d) Assistant Secretary and (e) Treasurer.

SECTION 6. OBJECTIONS

- A.1. Any current member has the right to appeal against the validity of the elections provided that he/she can prove that his claims are true by producing evidence to reveal any such illegality in the manner adopted or such elections were not performed in accordance with the regulations of this constitution. Such appeal shall be signed by the Solicitor of the member lodging it and addressed to the Committee authorised to consider and decide on such illegality.

Should the above objection succeed, the Committee shall call for new elections to be held not later than forty (40) days from its meeting.

B.1. In accordance with Section 5, paragraph C.3, any accepted member by the new Council who has been a member of the Association for three (3) months or more and fulfills the conditions of Section 4, paragraphs a & b, (2), shall be eligible to vote or stand as a candidate ~~in the~~ forthcoming elections.

2. Members whose fees are in arrears shall be allowed to vote providing that they pay such fees at any time prior to thirty (30) minutes prior to the commencement of the meeting to hold any election under this Constitution.

C.1. Objections as to the validity of the extraordinary General Meetings should be lodged with the Council.

SECTION 7. MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

A.1. The Council of the Association shall hold one meeting in every month, preferably in the afternoon, for the transactions of the ordinary business of the Association.

Six (6) members of the Council shall form a quorum of whom one shall be the President or Vice President and the Secretary of the Council.

Should a quorum not be present at the time for which the meeting is called, then, the meeting shall stand adjourned for a week and if a quorum be not then present, it shall be competent for the President, or failing him, three members

of the Council to instruct the Secretary to call a fresh meeting on a date considered suitable.

2. Minutes of the proceedings at each meeting of the Council shall be entered into a book, specially designed for such purpose, by the Secretary and shall be read and confirmed at the next meeting of the Council.
- B.1. Extraordinary meetings of the Council shall be decided by the majority of votes by the members of ~~the~~ Council or if in the opinion of the president and the Secretary such meeting is necessary to discuss some particular problem, providing such suggestion is lodged in writing with the Secretary, by six (6) members of the Council, giving detailed explanations and reason.
- C.1. Any member of the Council failing to attend three (3) consecutive meetings (unless granted leave of absence) or ceases to be a member of the Association or has been declared bankrupt, suffering from mental illness, left the Sydney area, apply in writing to resign or dies, shall cease to be a Councillor.
2. Any vacancy occurring in the office of a Prospective Councillor shall be filled in the order and the manner prescribed in Section 5, paragraph C, 3, of this constitution.
 3. Any vacancy occurring in the office of a Councillor shall be filled by the Prospective Councillor in the order of the majority of their votes at their election and any person appointed to such vacancy shall be entitled to occupy office for the remaining of the term of the member whose

place he is elected to fill and shall be subject to the same qualifications.

SECTION 8. SPECIFIC DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE

A.1 THE PRESIDENT shall, as well as the Secretary, represent the Association to any authority, General, Ordinary or extraordinary Meeting.

The President shall also be the Chairman of every meeting and in his absence the Secretary, unless the President otherwise directs.

2. THE VICE PRESIDENT shall co-operate with the President and in the President's absence, shall assume control and shall preside over all meetings of the Council, unless otherwise directs.

3. THE SECRETARY shall call regular and extraordinary General Meetings, prepare the Agenda for all meetings of the Council and the Members' and prepare the report for the annual meeting. he is also required to keep books of: (1) Members' register in alphabetical order and their current addresses, (2) Accurate minutes of all meetings of the Council and the members' of the Association. (3) Registration book of all both inward and outward correspondence. (4) Roll of members present in the Association Meetings while such members shall confirm their presence by placing their signature in this book. The Secretary shall also keep a copy of the constitution with the internal regulations of the Association.

He shall also attend and answer all correspondence, unless otherwise directed by the Council and shall do all such things usually associated with his office.

4. THE TREASURER shall carry out the duties normally required in his office or as requested or delegated by the Council, kept books of account, Cash book, Ledger, Bank Deposit book and have such books available for inspection by the Council and he shall report at all meetings ~~of the~~ Council the financial position of the Association at that time and shall do all such things usually associated with his office.

SECTION 9. SUB COMMITTEES

- A. The Council shall have the power to appoint such sub-committee as it may deem necessary and may refer to them such duties and power to attend; particularly to the Social, Educational and Charity activities of the Association.

Such sub-committees should consist of no more than five (5) not less than three (3) members.

SECTION 10. MEETINGS AND QUORUM

- A.1. The Controlling body of the Association is the Annual General Meeting of the members, providing such members qualify the validity of their membership according to paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 inclusive of Section 4.

All members, regardless of position held in the Association are controlled by the Annual General Meeting as far as the affairs of the Association are concerned.

2. The Annual General Meeting of the members shall be held once a year each year and at such other time as the Council may from time to time determine and the Council shall present a report of the affairs of the Association during the past year and a duly audited Balance Sheet.
 3. The Annual General Meetings are known as GENERAL MEETINGS, which all the other meetings shall be called, SPECIAL MEETINGS.
 4. A Special Meeting may be called at the written request of at least twenty (20%) per cent of financial members. Such request shall include the reason or reasons for such meeting and must be lodged with the Secretary, who submits it to the Council.

The Council acting upon it should call for such requested meeting within sixty (60) days from receipt.

Should the Council fail to call for such meeting, then the applicants themselves have the right to do so.
- B.1. At least fifteen (15) days notice of all General or Special meetings shall be given by notices posted by the Secretary to the members of the Association
 2. Subjects to be discussed in any General or Special meeting with a view of passing a resolution, should be submitted in writing to the Secretary by at least five (5) members and it is the duty of the Secretary to inform all members of such intentions.
- C.1. At all meetings, Special or General, sixty per cent (60%) of the financial members of the Association shall form

quorum, however, one (1) hour after the pre-arranged time for opening of meetings requested specially by members and the present members do not form a quorum the said meeting shall be dissolved

2. In any other instance, should not the present members form a quorum, such meeting, would be postponed for the same time and day in the fourth successive week, if in this second call, there is still an insufficient ~~number~~ of members present, the members who are actually present, providing that they are financial members with their subscription fully paid, are deemed to form a quorum and shall proceed on with the arranged meeting and their resolution or decisions shall be deemed to have been the resolutions and decisions of the sixty per cent (60%), as required by this constitution.
3. Decisions in General or Special Meetings are always a result of the two-thirds (2/3) votes of the members present in such meeting who are eligible to vote.

SECTION 11 CHAIRMAN TO THE MEETINGS

- A.1 Chairman of all General or Special meetings shall be the President of the Association and in his absence, the Vice-President.
2. All Special Meetings called by the members or Auditors of the Association, shall elect their own President for the purpose of presiding over such meeting and on the conclusion of the said meeting he shall cease to be a President.

SECTION 12. PROPERTY AND EMPLOYEES

- A.1 Any property held by the Council on behalf of the Association shall be deemed to be the Association's property and the Council is only the guardian of such property.
2. Should the Association be dissolved all Assets of the Association, always with the approval of the Council shall be distributed to a registered or exempt charity or charities for such charitable purposes as shall be decided at a General Meeting with a sixty percent (60%) majority provided always that sixty per cent (60%) of the financial members are present

SECTION 13. ACCOUNTS AND AUDITORS

- A.1. The auditors will examine all account, vouchers, receipts, books, etc., and furnish a report thereon to the members at the Annual Meeting.
2. In special circumstances the Auditors' Committee may consider necessary to appoint a qualified Accountant to audit the books and any fees arising out of such appointment shall be met by the Association's funds.
Such appointed Accountant must not be the same person who normally keeps the Association's books.
3. The Auditors may at any time audit the books and shall have power to call the production of all accounts and documents relating to the financial affairs of the Association. Should a suspicion arise regarding the administration of the financial affairs of the Association or any other irregularity the Committee of Auditors shall have the right

to call upon the Council to arrange for an Extraordinary meeting or the members. Such demand shall be in writing, addressed to the President of the Council, which is compelled to act upon such demand and call for the requested extraordinary meeting, not later than thirty (30) days of such written demand by the Auditors. Should the Council for no substantial reason fail to call such meeting the Auditors themselves have the right to call the members to attend such extraordinary meeting and the Secretary should furnish the Auditors with a list of the financial members' names and addresses.

4. Not later than five (5) weeks from the Annual General Meeting, the Council shall furnish the Auditors the accounts, receipts and any other documents relating to payments and a Balance Sheet for the financial year that ended.

The Auditors' Committee shall report to the Council the result of the auditing of the books and statements of the Association.

5. The Bank account of the Association shall be kept with any bank of the City of Sydney with the approval of the Council or as it otherwise directs.
6. There shall be no payment made without the approval of the Council, except petty payments which will be made out of the Petty Cash Imprest A/C. The Council shall make available to the Secretary an amount of no more than Two hundred dollars (\$200.00) to meet the above payments for which the

Secretary will account to Council before seeking reimbursement.

7. The Council shall present in the Annual General Meetings a Balance Sheet for the year ended 30th June, accompanied with a detailed report of the Income and Expenditure for the year concerned as well as the progress or otherwise of the Association.

All the abovenamed documents shall be signed by the Secretary and at least two members of the Council or as otherwise the Council from time to time directs, while typed copies should be sent to all members, not later than seven (7) days prior to that Annual General Meeting.

SECTION 14. SEAL-BANNER & OFFICIAL CEREMONIES

- A.1. The Seal of the Association should read 'VORION DIMON SPARTIS, OREA ELENI'.

SECTION 15. INTERPRETATION AND ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION

- A.1. The meeting of the members of the Association is the sole authority for the interpretation of this Constitution and of the by laws and regulations made thereunder.
2. Upon any question of interpretation or upon any matter affecting the Association and not provided for by this constitution, the Council shall present such arisen questions or matters at the Members' meeting.
3. Amendment or alteration of the constitution is effected only by resolution by a specially called meeting of the members and in the following manner:
 - a) The mover of the proposed motion shall give twenty

(20) days notice thereof in writing to the Secretary, who shall set out in full such proposed resolution in the notices of the agenda for such General Meeting and

b) These rules may be amended by a resolution passed by a sixty (60%) per centum majority of members present at any general meeting convened for such purpose by means of Article 3a of this Section. Provided that the Minister of the Crown for the time being administering the Charitable Collections Act, 1934 as amended shall not be effective unless the Minister has signified his approval to such amendment being made.

SECTION 16. INTERNAL REGULATIONS

A.1. The Council may at times edit, amend and alter always in accordance with this constitution, internal regulations as it considers necessary for the administration and the goodwill of the Association on one hand and to control the member's behaviour on the other.

SECTION 17. RELEASE OF LIABILITY

A.1. The Association shall not advance to any of the members money in form of a loan.

2. The Council and all members of the Committees and the sub-committees, on the execution or their duties, providing that they acted within their authority and in accordance with the regulations of this constitution and within their scope, ARE RELEASED (discharged) of any civil liability and fees in connection with any court action brought against them.

SECTION 18 HONORARY PRESIDENT

- A.1. The Council may declare Honorary President of this Association any person, who is of a prestige and ethical status, providing such person has contributed materially, ethical or otherwise assisted the Association.
2. The Council's decision to accept and actually appoint a Honorary President is not valid unless it is approved by the Members Meeting.

SECTION 19 ALTERATION OF SECTIONS-DISSOLUTION

- A.1. The members of the Association may, at a Special meeting decide to dissolve or terminate the existence of the Association, provided that at least the ninety per cent (90%) in number of the existing financial members will be required to form a quorum at such meeting; and provided also that the ten per cent (10%) of such present members shall vote or consent to such dissolution. The ten per cent (10%) of the total number of the existing financial members of the Association, may at any item make application for an investigation of the affairs of the Association for its winding up.
3. In case of dissolution and in accordance with the regulations of this constitution, all the property of the Association, at the time of dissolution shall be governed and disposed of, in accordance with Section 12, paragraph 3.

SECTION 20. TRUSTEES

- A.1. That five (5) members be appointed as Trustees for the purpose of acquiring freehold or leasehold property on

behalf of the Association provided that no acquisition or disposal of any such property may be without at least three (3) signatures of Trustees.

SECTION 21 ENACTMENT OF CONSTITUTION

This constitution as now enacted cancels all previous constitutions of the Association.

SECTION 22 MANAGEMENT

The management of the Organisation shall be vested in a Management Committee consisting of the office-bearers and eleven (11) other members.

No member of the Management Committee shall be appointed to any salaried office of the Organisation or any office of the Organisation paid by fees and no remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth shall be given by the Organisation to any member of the Management Committee except repayment of out-of-pocket expenses, interest at a rate not exceeding interest at the rate for the time being charged by Bankers in Sydney for money lent to the Organisation and reasonable and proper rent for premises let to the Organisation.

