

Proposed Amendments to MASO Rules

Proposed by the 15th MASO Council during 14th Council Meeting on 23rd October 2020

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ARTICLE II

Objects

The objects of the Association are:

- a. **To stimulate and facilitate obesity research on its impact, causes, prevention and management.**
- a. **To educate and promote a better public and professional understanding of obesity and its impact on health.**
- b. **To promote improved understanding on obesity among professionals and public.**
- b. **To stimulate collaborative research and disseminate findings on causes, consequences, prevention and management of obesity.**
- c. To collaborate with the government ministries/agencies, other professional organisations, private sectors and international bodies to improve local environment to support healthy lifestyle.
- d. To lead and drive national effort to reduce, prevent and manage obesity through involvement in policy development.

ARTICLE VII

Council

1. The Council shall consist of the following:

President

Immediate-Past President

Vice-President

Honorary Secretary

Honorary Assistant Secretary

Honorary Treasurer

Five Ordinary Council Members.

The office bearers of the Association and every officer performing executive functions in the Association shall be Malaysian citizens.

2. Names for the above **offices** shall be proposed and seconded and biennial election will be by a simple majority vote of the delegates at every second Annual General Meeting. **Provided that the Honorary Treasurer shall hold office for a period of not more than two terms, all office bearers shall be eligible for re-election each year.**
2. Names for the above **office bearers** shall be proposed and seconded and biennial election will be by a simple majority vote of the delegates at every second Annual General Meeting. **All key office bearers namely President, Vice-President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Asst. Hon. Secretary may hold post for a maximum 2 terms (4 years). They may be re-elected as Key Officers after a lapse of 1 term (2 years)**

ARTICLE VIII

Duties of Office bearers

1. The President shall during his term of office preside at all Annual General Meetings and all meetings of the Council and shall be responsible for the proper conduct of all such meetings. He shall sign the minutes of each meeting at the time they are approved. He shall, in conjunction with the Honorary Treasurer and in place of the Honorary Secretary sign all cheques on behalf of the Association.
2. **The Immediate Past-President shall serve as a member of the Council to provide continuity to the Council. He shall participate in Council meetings as an Ordinary Council member with full voting rights.**
3. **The Vice-President shall deputise for the President during the latter's absence.**
3. **The Vice-President shall assume all duties, powers and responsibilities of the President in the absence of the latter.**
4. The Honorary Secretary shall conduct the business of the Association in accordance with its Rules, and shall carry out the instructions of the Annual General Meeting and of the Council. He shall be responsible for conducting all correspondence and keeping all books, documents and papers except the accounts and financial records. He shall attend all meetings, and record the proceedings. In conjunction with the Honorary Treasurer and in place of the President, he shall sign all cheques on behalf of the Association. He shall maintain a proper membership register of the members consisting of details such as name, identity card number, date and place of birth, occupation, name and address of employer and residential address.
5. **The Honorary Assistant Secretary shall assist the Honorary Secretary in all the latter's duties. In the absence of the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Assistant Secretary shall deputise for him and assume his responsibility.**
6. The Honorary Treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the Association. He shall keep accounts of all financial transactions of the Association and shall be responsible for their correctness. He shall, in conjunction with either the President or the Honorary Secretary sign all cheques on behalf of the Association. He is authorised to expend up to RM1,000.00 per month for petty expenses.
7. The Ordinary Council members shall assist the other officers in carrying out their duties as decided by the Council.
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