

# Xios Constitution

## CHAPTER "A"

Name and aims of the Association

### Article 1

All natives of Chios residing in Adelaide South Australia have formed an Association named

CHIOS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA "A KORAES "

The Association's constitution to be translated into English and checked that it is legally correct.

Salagaras, I. 4.5.69

Amendments to the constitution to be accepted except for article 11, which is to be discarded.

Salagaras, I. 23.11.69

Amendments to articles 2,3,5 & 8 of the constitution.

Kollis, A. 11.5.86

To seek legal advice for amendments to articles 2,3,5 & 8.

Kollis, A. 10.5.87

### Article 2

The Registered office of the association is situated in Adelaide South Australia.

### Article 3

The aims of the "Chian Association" of S.A A.Koraes is to concentrate all native of Chios residing in Adelaide and suburbs, in suitable club rooms to be acquired in due course, for better contact amongst themselves and exchange of ideas and thoughts for the prosperity of the Association and for the common good in general, the spiritual improvement of the Associations members by means of lectures, the establishment and upkeep of a library and reading rooms, festivals, musical evenings art presentations, dances, family congregations, sporting activities, and to promote and perform charitable acts and deeds.

## CHAPTER "B"

### Article 4

The Associations income comprises both regular and extraordinary fundraising, regular funds are:

- A, Regular membership subscriptions.
  - B, income derived from funds or other assets.
- Extraordinary fund are:
- A, Donations
  - B, takings from festivals and gatherings
  - C, takings from any other source

### Article 4a

Honorary members together with their spouses are to be invited free to special functions.

Salagaras, S: 25.4.94

## CHAPTER "C"

### Membership Article 5

The membership of the association shall consist of:

- A, Active members
- B, supporting members
- C, honorary members

Active Members may become those born in Chios, also those of Chios origin by means of father or forefather also for active membership those of Chios origin by means of their mother, and they shall have the right to vote and to be elected. Supporting members may become those persons of other the Chios origin (including those men married to Chios ladies). Active and supporting members must be at least 21 years of age. Honorary Members are elected by the Executive Committee and approved by the general meeting, are persons whether already members or not of the Association distinguished in the community or who have rendered exceptional services to the association. They are exempted from payment of compulsory subscriptions and their names are inscribed on a suitable board in the clubrooms, when such clubrooms are acquired.

### Article 6

The admission of supporting members is proceeded by relative written application duly completed and signed and supported by two financial active members. Every such applicant for membership shall be balloted for by the

executive committee at a duly constituted regular meeting and he shall be elected if the majority of the committee members shall vote for his election . in the event of non-election the committee shall not be bound to give any reasons therefor.

#### Article 7

The annual subscription for both active and supporting members shall be two dollars (2.00),to fall due on the first day of January and expire on the 31<sup>st</sup> December, each year.

#### Article 7a

Members' names will not be deleted from membership if they have not paid fees for five years, but will not receive correspondence.

Pipinias, B: 25.4.88

#### Article 7b

Membership to be increased from \$5.00 to \$10.00 for all members. Spouses of honorary members to be considered honorary members.

Salagaras, S: 12.4.92

#### Article 7c

Membership to be compulsory to all members regardless of age.

Salagaras, S: 25.4.94

#### Article 8

Active and supporting members of the Association will have the right to vote at elections six months after their admission to membership provided their are financial, Only the active members shall have the right to submit candidature for election one year after their admission to membership.

#### Article 8a

Supporting members of the Association shall the Executive Committee two (2) years after their admission to membership.

There shall be no more than three (3) supporting members elected to the nine (9) person Executive Committee. Supporting members may not hold the position of President.

Salagaras, S: 25.4.94

#### Article 9

Any member, including members of the executive committee, whose action and behaviour in the community or towards the Association shall be considered and found, by secret ballot of the executive committee to be detrimental and unacceptable to the Associations interest, may be expelled temporarily or his membership may be terminated. Such expelled or terminated member shall have the right to seek by written request to the secretary the reconsideration of the executive committees decision by a special general meeting to be called within 30 days from receipt of his application and the decision of the general meeting shall be final.

Letter to be sent to non-financial Chians.

Salagaras, I. 1.5.66

All financial members whose mother was born in Chios are eligible to cote at elections and be elected onto the Executive Committee.

Salagaras, I. 28.5.67

All correspondence to cease to members who have not been consistently financial members for the past three years.

Begakis, D. 17.5.76

Membership to be non-compulsory to pensioners over 65 years.

Kollis, P. 5.4.85

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Pipinias, B: 25.4.88

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Salagaras, S: 12.4.92

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Salagaras, S: 25.4.94

CHAPTER "D"  
Donors and Benefactors

Article 10

The Executive Committee may declare Donors, following approval and acceptance of their donation, persons who have donated cash the sum of, from \$10 to \$50, Benefactors, from \$52 to \$200 and Great Benefactors those who have donated sums in excess of \$200 dollars.

The names of the Benefactors and Great Benefactors shall be inscribed on a suitable board to be exhibited in the Association's clubrooms when such clubrooms shall be acquired by the Association.

The following categories will apply for donations made: \$250 - \$499 Donors; \$500 - \$999 Benefactors; over \$1000 Great Benefactors.

Pipinias, B: 25.4.90

CHAPTER "E"  
Management of the Association

Article 11

The business of the Association shall be administered by a Committee consisting of 9 Members Active only, who shall be elected by the majority of the General Meeting in secret ballot. Their candidature must be submitted in good time and early to the Secretariat on the day of the elections.

Article 12

The Executive Committee Members all hold office for two years.

Article 13

The Executive Committee shall meet regularly at least monthly on a day and at such time to be appointed by it, Special meetings may be called, whenever the President considers it necessary, by suitable written notices to members, or at the request of three members of the Executive Committee, within one week, such written notices to the Members to state the reasons for which such special meeting is requested.

Article 14

The Executive committee shall meet within 15 days at the latest from the date of its election to office, such meeting to be chaired by the eldest member present, and shall appoint from within it the President, Vice-President, General Secretary and Treasurer, by way of secret ballot. The Executive Committee shall form a valid body when all and every of its members shall be present. In case of absence of any member the Executive Committee shall meet again within seven (7) days when it may elect its executive officers with the presence of at least six (6) members.

Article 15

The presence of at least six Members is required to form a quorum.

Article 16

Where a Member of the Executive Committee shall be absent without any excuse and fail to attend three consecutive meetings of the Committee, he shall be considered as having resigned his office and the Executive Committee shall fill such vacancy with the candidate who received the next largest number of votes in the last previous election.

Article 17

The Executive Committee shall compile and prepare and draw up the Associations annual budget and Financial report or revenues and expenditure which shall be mailed to all Members, it shall call the Regular General Meetings, it shall supervise the exact application of the Articles of this Constitution, it shall manage and administer the affairs and business of the Association, it shall decide on the holding of picnics, entertainment evenings etc. It shall have the authority to spend and pay out of the Association's funds up to one hundred dollars (\$100) annually for charitable purposes without the consent or approval of the General Meeting of the Association's Members.

The Executive Committee has the right to transfer bank notes to a bank account if the amount exceeds \$1000.

Psarros, N: 20.4.80

The children of Chians who have excelled in their studies are to be sent a congratulatory letter and a cheque for \$50.00.

Pipinias, B: 25.4.88

Each year the Executive Committee has the right to donate 50 pounds for a humanitarian cause. For amounts over 50 pounds a General Meeting is to be called.

Psorakis, P: 21.4.63

The amount donated to humanitarian causes shall be increased from \$100.00 to \$200.

Pipinias, B: 4.3.79

The amount donated for humanitarian causes shall be increased to \$700 per year.

Psarros, N: 11.4.82

#### Article 18 Duties of the President

The president shall represent the Association in all matters and in dealings with any Authority. He shall call meetings of the Committee, preside over meetings and the debates, call the general meetings, sign all documents and minutes and shall urge Members to discharge their obligations to the Association and shall supervise the condition of the Association's funds.

#### Article 19 Duties of the Vice-President

The Vice-President shall assist the President in his duties providing however that he does not interfere directly in the President's duties, except whenever he acts in place of the latter either when the latter is impeded or absent.

#### Article 20 Duties of the General Secretary

The General Secretary keeps the minutes of Committee meetings and of general meetings, sees that the Membership Register of the Association is kept in order, keeps the records and signs all documents with the President. If the General Secretary should be impeded or absent he may temporarily be replaced with a member of the Committee by decision of the Committee.

#### Article 21 Duties of the Treasurer

The Treasurer takes care for the collection of the Association's funds and effects payments in accordance with the approved budget of the Association's expenditure and the Committee's decisions, submits to the Committee quarterly temporary statements, deposits with a Bank appointed by the Committee all funds and revenues in the name of the Association, effects all payments by drawing the funds required (for the purpose of dances, excursions etc.) by issuing cheques bearing his own signature and those of the President and of the General Secretary.

The Treasurer is empowered to hold in his hands for emergency and urgent expenses of the association a sum not exceeding forty (40) dollars. The Treasurer is personally responsible for all funds held in the Association's Treasury.

If the Treasurer should be absent or impeded he may be temporarily replaced by a members of the Committee appointed by decision of the Committee.

Members who are on the Executive Committee for more than two years shall receive a card and flowers on their name day from the Association.

Pipinias, B: 25.4.88

#### CHAPTER "F"

#### General Meetings Article 22

It is obligatory that the Ordinary General Meeting of the members of the Association be held every year during the first fortnight of April, for the purpose of:

- a. Reading and approving the minutes of the previous Ordinary or Extra-ordinary General Meeting.
- b. Announcing the Association's expenses and revenues, income and management of its affairs and of the Auditors report for the previous two years.
- c. Approving of the Association's budget for the ensuing two years.
- d. Appointing two Auditors for the ensuing two years.

- e. Setting of a date for the holding of elections for the Executive Committee.
- f. Appointing of a temporary Supervising Committee for the holding of the election.

Article 23

The Committee may whenever it thinks fit and necessary convene a special general meeting of the members of the Association, for the sake of the Association's vital and essential interests. A special general meeting may be convened on the written request to the Committee of at least 1/5 if the Association's members who must be active members with the right to vote. Such request must state the reasons and purposes of the meeting sought. In such a case, the Executive Committee must convene a special general meeting within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the members' request.

Article 24

Written notice of general meetings shall be sent out by post to the Members at least 15 days prior to the date of the meeting, and shall also be exhibited in the Association's clubrooms. Such notice must contain the Agenda of the proposed meeting.

A general meeting shall form a quorum when half of the total number of the Active Members with the right to vote shall be present in addition to the six (6) members of the Executive Committee.

If a quorum of Member is not present, the President, without further notices being sent out, shall adjourn the general meeting for at least half an hour and upon resumption the General Meeting shall be considered to form a quorum and its proceedings valid irrespective of the Associations Members number present and irrespective of the number of the members present from the Committee. If, however, the purpose of the meeting in to deal with serious matters pertaining to the Association's assets, then the general meeting shall be adjourned to another day, unless there are present over 1/3 of the financial members of the Association.

Article 25

Resolutions of General Meetings are valid and binding when carried by the majority of the Active and Supporting members of the Association thereat present and entitled to vote, either by open or secret poll. Absent

members cannot vote either by letter or by proxy.

Article 26

At General Meetings either ordinary or special, following the full debate of the matters on the Agenda, any other proposition and subject may be brought up for debate if such propositions are supported by at least three (3) active members present entitled to vote provided the general meeting agrees to such debate being held.

Article 27

At General Meetings either ordinary or special any active Members may submit questions to the Committee and may debate any matter on the agenda. No member may address the meeting without the President's (Chairman's) permission first requested and given. For the sake of good order, the members must speak in succession and during the debate they may censure and object to the opinions of those members with a contrary opinion, in a decent manner. Any deviation to personal matters is not permitted.

Article 28

Before commencement of an ordinary General Meeting or a special one for the election of the committee or for the filling of vacancies thereto, the Chairman shall seek from the members present the appointment of a Board of Elections comprised of five voting active Members, which shall take over the preparation and conduct of the elections which must be announced at least fifteen (15) days beforehand, with suitable notices sent to the Members as well as notices and shall state the date time and place of the elections. The Secretary shall in due course supply the said Board of Elections with a full list of members entitled to vote and the elections shall be conducted on the date appointed by the Board of Elections under its supervision. The Members may pay their due or overdue subscriptions and fees on the day of the elections so that they may be allowed to exercise their right to vote.

CHAPTER "G"  
Auditors

Article 29

The ordinary General Meeting of the Members convened in April, shall appoint two Auditors

as well as two substitutes. They shall hold their office for two years and may be re-elected.

Only active Members of the Association with some business, accounting and managerial experience are eligible to be proposed for election to the Board of Auditors.

#### Article 30

The Board of Auditors must audit and examine at least four times during each year the receipt and expenditure and books of accounts of the Association. They shall examine the quarterly financial report of revenues and expenditure and will sign the same with the President and Treasurer. At the biennial General Meeting of the Members, the Board of Auditors shall submit a comprehensive financial report of the revenues and expenditures for the previous two years along with their remarks.

A copy of such financial report and of the balance sheet must be submitted to the President of the Executive Committee at least 20 days prior to the General Meeting to be exhibited on the Association's notice board at least 15 days prior to the General Meeting.

### CHAPTER "H" General

#### Article 31

The Chian Association of South Australia "A. Koraes" shall have a semi-circular Common Seal, which shall have inscribed in its middle the island of Chios together with the names of the Association in Greek characters on the left side and in English characters on the right side.

#### Article 32

The Association is absolutely forbidden to become involved in matters pertaining to policies, party politics or religious matters. Its members and visitors in the Association's clubrooms are not permitted to indulge or become involved in discussions on matters which may or are likely to cause disputes and quarrels amongst members.

#### Article 32a

### **Federation of Chian Associations**

A committee is to be set up to examine the constitution and amend it as they deem appropriate before it is presented again to

members. (Committee: Pipinias, B: Psarros, D: Dimopoulos, D: Tsoukalas, A).

Salagaras, S: 12.4.92

The Association should not become part of the Federation until it is in a better financial position.

Salagaras, S: 22.11.92

Decisions regarding the constitution of the Federation of Chian Associations are to be delayed until further information is received and until the Association is in a better financial position.

Salagaras, S: 26.4.93

#### Article 33

The present Constitution may be amended or altered by the General Meeting of the Members. However, Articles 1, 2, 3, 5, and 8 of this Constitution may not be altered in any way by any means.

### Chian Association Hall

#### Article 34

Approval was sought from members for the purchase of the Hall at 73 Grand Junction Road, Rosewater for \$200,000. The terms agreed were: To seek more time from the vendor till further information and approval granted from Port Adelaide Council for the use of the hall for our purposes.

Pipinias, B: 24.4.91

For the hall to be purchased for \$190,000 and the issue of well access to remain. Votes were cast to the question: Who agrees/does not agree with the proposal, (72 ) agreed with the proposal, (16) disagreed, (30) did not reply.

Salagaras, S: 2.2.92

The following purchases to be made. Sebel Program chair (\$30.90) each, Sebel table (\$195.00).

Salagaras, S: 26.4.93

The Executive Committee shall have the right and power to make available the Clubrooms or Hall either for payment or without, for the purpose of festivals, social evenings, public addresses, meetings and general meetings of other Greek Associations or to persons or

Members of the Association, for ceremonies, weddings, christenings etc. However, the Executive Committee is not permitted to hire or make available the clubrooms or Hall to groups and Associations with political party or religious aims.

#### Article 34a

No alterations are to be made to the hall or any other large purchases without seeking approval from all members at an AGM.

New members must be financial members of the Association for two (2) years before they can claim members' rates for the hire of the hall.

Children of members are only regarded as such if they reside at their parent's residence (parents being financial members).

Once members' children move out of home, they will be required to become independent financial members within one year in order to claim members' rates for the hire of the hall.

Non-financial members must pay all outstanding fees before they can be eligible to hire the hall at members' rates.

Salagaras, S: 26.4.93

#### Article 35

Any matter not provided for by this constitution may be determined by ordinary or special General Meeting and shall be recorded in the Minutes Book and shall be in force while this constitution is in force.

#### Article 35a

##### **Ladies Auxiliary**

It was decided that a Ladies Auxiliary be set up.

Pipinias, B: 2.10.88

The Ladies Committee will run independently, with all monies remaining in the main account.

Pipinias, B: 25.4.89

The Ladies Committee will now be called, the Ladies Auxiliary.

Salagaras, S: 12.4.92

All money accrued by the Ladies Auxiliary to be handed over to the main account once a year or whenever the financial need arises.

Salagaras, S: 12.4.92

#### CHAPTER "I"

##### Dissolution of the Association

#### Article 36

The Association may be dissolved in the instances provided for by the Law and more particularly:

- A: When the Association shall deviate from the aims for which it has been founded.
- B: When the number of the Members shall be reduced to fifteen (15) when it shall be deemed to have ceased to serve the aims and purposes for which it has been founded.

#### Article 37

When the dissolution of the Association is determined by any cause, the winding up of its affairs is carried out by three suitable persons to be appointed by ordinary or special General Meeting for this purpose who shall attend and effect the winding up or dissolution. Following the winding up or dissolution, any net property which should remain after the due satisfaction of all debts and liabilities of the Association, shall be distributed to the Royal Adelaide Hospital, Inc. by 25%, to the Adelaide Children's Hospital Inc. by 25% and to the Skylitsion Hospital of Chios by 50%.

Article 38

This Constitution was read out, interpreted and voted for by the article and as a whole at the General Meeting of the Members of the Association on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 1961, to become effective from that date.

Adelaide, the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April, 1961

The Founding Committee

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