



**AUSTRALIAN X-RAY ANALYTICAL ASSOCIATION
INCORPORATED**

**AUSTRALIAN X-RAY ANALYTICAL
ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION**

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**CONSTITUTION OF
THE AUSTRALIAN X-RAY ANALYTICAL ASSOCIATION**

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the Association is the Australian X-ray Analytical Association (hereinafter called the "Association").

ARTICLE II - OBJECTS

The objects for which the Association is formed is:

1. to promote and further the use and development of x-ray analysis and kindred subjects.
2. to facilitate the exchange of further information and ideas amongst Members and others on the subject.
3. to disseminate knowledge relating to the subject and for that purpose:
 - (a) to hold meetings of the Association at regular intervals,
 - (b) to promote and hold Conferences on the science of x-ray analysis and kindred subjects,
 - (c) to improve and extend the knowledge of persons engaged in x-ray analysis and kindred subjects,
 - (d) to actively associate with similar Associations both in Australia and overseas,
 - (e) to carry out further functions as agreed by Members of the Association.

ARTICLE III - BY-LAWS

By-laws shall be established for the purpose of governing the operations and administration of the association.

ARTICLES IV - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Classes of Members

Membership of the Association is by election as provided in the By-laws and shall consist of four classes, namely:

- (a) Life members
- (b) Ordinary members
- (c) Sustaining members
- (d) Student members

Section 2. Qualifications of Membership

- Life Members
Elected by unanimous vote of National Council
- Ordinary Member
Membership of the Association is open to persons interested in the theory and/or applications of x-ray analysis.
- Sustaining Members
Commercial organisations, institutions or government departments may be admitted to sustaining Membership on completion of the necessary obligations as are set by the By-laws. Each sustaining Membership taken out entitles the organisation to nominate five Members, only one of whom shall have the right of voting.
- Student Members
Any person who is classified as a student by the institution at which that student studies shall be eligible for Membership of the Association as a student Member at the discretion of the Branch Executive.

Section 3. Rights of Members

The acceptance of Membership signifies an agreement to abide by and comply with the provisions of the Constitution and the By-laws as contained herein. No Member shall be deemed to be the agent of, or be responsible for, the acts, defaults or omissions of any other Member. Only financial Members are eligible to vote.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

The Officers of Membership signifies an agreement to abide by and comply with the provisions of the Constitution and By-laws as contained herein. No Member shall be deemed to be the agent of, or be responsible for, the acts, defaults or omissions of any other Member. Only financial Members are eligible to vote.

ARTICLE VI - NATIONAL COUNCIL

The National Council of the Association shall consist of nominated Members from each Branch. The National Council shall form the Executive of the Association.

ARTICLE VII - GOVERNMENT

Section 1. All legislative powers of the Association including the power to alter, amend or repeal the Constitution are vested in the National Membership voting at any General or Extraordinary General Meeting.

Section 2. The National Council has full and complete power to perform all acts and to transact all business for and on behalf of the Association and manage and conduct all property affairs and work of the Association, excluding powers listed under Section 1.

The National Council has the power by resolution to appoint individuals or create permanent or ad hoc Committees from time to time provided the jurisdiction of such Committees does not conflict with the provisions of the Constitution and the By-laws. Such persons or Committees shall provide a report at the next National Council Meeting following their appointment.

ARTICLE VIII - BRANCHES

Section 1.

To further the objects of the Association on a geographical basis, the Association may form Branches as approved by the National Council provided that the Membership of any Branch shall not be less than five Members entitled to vote.

Section 2. Officers of the Branches

The Officers of a Branch shall be the Chairman, the Secretary and the Treasurer. The terms of Office, manner of election and number of Branch Executives shall be as specified by the By-laws.

Section 3. Reciprocal Rights

A member enrolled with any Branch shall be entitled to participate in all proceedings of any other Branch except that the Member shall not be entitled to vote on any motion or resolution pertaining to the domestic affairs of that other Branch. Any Member can be enrolled by more than one Branch provided that the Member has paid such fees as are specified by the By-laws.

A financial Member enrolled with any Branch may transfer to another Branch with the consent of the Executives of both Branches, without payment of a further fee.

ARTICLE IX – MEETINGS

Section 1. The Association shall hold National Scientific Conferences at such times and places as the National Council shall determine. One National Conference shall be held at least every three years. At each such National Conference, there shall be held a General Meeting of the Association.

Section 2. The National Council Members shall meet on an Annual National Council Meeting or if it is not convenient other means of communication may be used. At such meetings administrative, financial and other business shall be considered and acted on.

Section 3. Extraordinary Council Meetings and Scientific Sessions may be called as specified in the By-laws.

Section 4. Branches shall hold Scientific Meetings as such times and places as the Branch Executive decides or as specified by the By-laws.

ARTICLE X - FEES AND DUES

Fees and dues shall be specified in the By-laws.

ARTICLE XI – LIABILITY

the Association or its Officers shall not incur any liability in respect of any damage or injury, whether due to negligence, want of care or innocent misrepresentation which may arise from the activities of the Association.

ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments to the Constitution may be submitted in writing, to the Secretary of the Association by any Member at least 60 days prior to a General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association. The proposed amendments shall be transmitted in writing by the Secretary to the Members at least 30 days prior to the General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting.

Section 2. A proposed amendment to the Constitution is adopted upon an affirmative vote of a simple majority of the votes cast. The tally of votes shall include those Members attending the General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting and a signed amendment to the Constitution shall be effective immediately following the declaration of the poll.

Section 3. Amendments to by By-laws may be submitted, in writing to the Secretary of the Association by any Member at least 60 days prior to an Annual or Extraordinary National Council Meeting. The proposed amendments shall be transmitted in writing by the Secretary to the Council Members at least 30 days prior to the Annual or Extraordinary National Council Meeting.

Section 4. A proposed amendment to the By-laws is adopted upon an affirmative vote by a simple majority of the Council Members and a signed mailed ballot received from absent Council Members. The adopted amendment to the By-laws shall be effective immediately following the declaration of the poll.