Amendment of Constitution of the Malaysian Danish Association (MDA) AGM 2017

Article 2: Correspondence Address

The address of MDA shall be: Malaysian Danish Association (MDA)

c/o Ms. Julietta Nielsen Mosegård Park 89 3500 Værløse, Denmark

Amended to:

The address of MDA shall be: Malaysian Danish Association (MDA)

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2200 København N.

Denmark

Article 3: Objectives of MDA

3. To endeavor mutually to respect different cultural needs and wishes.

Amended to:

- 3. Deleted
- 4. To organize national cultural celebrations and functions to promote the interest of its members and to foster Malaysia/Denmark understanding and cooperation.

Amended to:

To organise national and/or cultural celebrations and/or functions to promote the interests of its members and to foster understanding and cooperation between Malaysia and Denmark.

5. To assist in promoting relations between Malaysia and Denmark.

Amended to:

5. Deleted

Article 4: Membership

- 2. Categories of Membership and Membership Fee
- 2.1. Individual Member: DKK165
- 2.2. Family Group Member (inclusive of own children under 18 years old only): DKK 300
- 2.3. Corporate/Companies/Organisations Member: DKK 2200 (Only two (2) person's name to be nominated to represent the corporation/company/organisation concerned)

- 2.1. Individual Member: DKK200
- 2.2. Family Group Member (inclusive of own children under 18 years old only): DKK350
- 2.3. Deleted
- 3. Application for Membership and Membership Renewal.
- 3.1. Application for membership shall be made on the form prescribed for such purpose by the Executive Committee and shall be delivered to the Association or to any of the Executive Committee Members.

Amended to:

- 3.1. Application for membership shall be made on the form prescribed for such purpose.
- 3.2. The Executive Committee shall approve all applications for membership. Approval or reason for rejection of any such application shall be given in writing within a month after an application has been submitted. However, a written appeal against rejection can be made by the applicant to the Executive Committee. The decision of the Executive Committee on such appeals shall be final and binding.

Amended to:

- 3.2. The Executive Committee can approve or reject any applications for memberships. The decision of the Executive Committee is final.
- 3.3. Membership fees shall be payable on joining and shall be valid from the 1st of January to the 31st of December of the calendar year. Membership fees shall be payable to the MDA bank account.

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- 3.4. Membership shall be terminated if the annual subscription fees are not renewed within the first 30 days after two reminders have been received by the member concerned. Should a period of 90 days pass by without payment, the membership shall be terminated without further notice.

- 3.4. Membership shall be terminated if the annual subscription fees are not renewed after repeated reminders and at MDA's sole discretion.
- 3.5. Members in arrears with subscriptions will lose all MDA member's privileges until it is brought in order again.

Amended to:

- 3.5. Deleted
- 3.6. Membership fees paid are neither refundable nor transferable.

Amended to:

- 3.6. Membership fees paid are non-refundable and not transferable.
- 3.7. Membership fees payable will be retained to meet the ongoing costs of MDA.

Amended to:

- 3.7. Deleted
- 4. Resignation from Membership.
- 4.1. Any member who desires to resign from membership must deliver written notice of resignation to the official correspondence address of MDA or through any of the Executive Committee Members.

Amended to:

- 4.1. Any member who desires to resign from membership must provide either written (email: mdacph@gmail.com) or oral notice to MDA.
- 5. Expulsion
- 5.1. The Executive Committee may, by notice in writing, have the right at any time to expel any member if, in the opinion of the Executive Committee:
- a. such member has breached the Constitution of MDA;
- b. such member has conducted himself/herself in an unbecoming manner; or
- c. allowing such member to remain as a member would bring discredit to MDA.

- 5.1. The Executive Committee may, by notice in writing have the right at any time to expel with immediate effect, any member if, in the opinion of the Executive Committee:
- a. such member has breached the Constitution of MDA;
- b. such member has conducted himself/herself in an unbecoming manner; or
- c. allowing such member to remain as a member would bring discredit to MDA.

5.2. A member may appeal to the Executive Committee against such decision within 30 days of receiving such notice. The decision of the Executive Committee on such appeals shall be final and binding.

Amended to:

- 5.2. Deleted
- 6. Termination of Membership.
- 6.1. Membership will be terminated if a member:
- a. dies;
- b. resigns;
- c. ceases to qualify for membership under his/her category of membership;
- d. is expelled under (5) above;
- e. is in arrears of payment of any Fees (as defined in the Article 4) or of any other additional contributions and charges required to be paid to MDA.
- 6.2. Each member shall on termination of his/her membership of MDA for whatever reason, forfeit all rights to and claims upon MDA, their property and funds.

Amended to:

-Entire clause 6 is deleted-

Article 5: Rights and Duties of Members

- 1. All members shall have the following rights:
- 1.1. To use any facilities provided by MDA for the general use of its members;

Amended to:

1.1.Deleted

1.4. To be eligible to receive assistance and advantages within the scope of the Objectives of MDA

Amended to:

1.4 Deleted

1.6. No member shall, by reason of membership of MDA, be liable for any debts or obligation of MDA in the absence of an express written promise to accept such liability

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- 1.7. Monies paid to MDA are neither refundable nor transferable.

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- 1.8 Each member shall be obliged to keep the Secretary informed, by writing within four-teen (14) days, in case of any change of correspondence address, E-mail address, or some other address at which communication may be addressed to him/her, any other necessary information as a member.

Amended to:

1.8 Each member shall be obliged to keep the Secretary informed of any change in address or personal information.

2. Voting rights

Each member shall be entitled to one vote, in person, at the Annual General Meeting or any other Extraordinary General Meetings of MDA.

Amended to:

Each member shall be entitled to one vote per motion, at the Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meetings of MDA.

- 3. Member's Visitors/Guests
- 3.1. Members may, with the consent of the Executive Committee introduce and entertain their guests as visitors to MDA or to participate in any of MDA's activities or functions, provided such activities or functions allows non-members.
- 3.2. Members are responsible for their visitors/guests to observe strictly the rules and bylaws of MDA

Amended to:

-Entire clause 3 deleted-

Article 6: Patron

Amended to:

Article 6: Patron (Where applicable)

Article 7: Executive Committee

4. The Executive Committee shall have full authority to enter into financial transactions and, generally, to deal in all matters related to MDA.

Amended to:

4. The Chairman together with the Treasurer shall have full authority to enter into financial transactions.

5. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to obtain, collect and receive money and funds by contributions, sponsorships, donations, membership fees, or any other way.

Amended to:

- 5. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to obtain, collect and receive money and funds by contributions, sponsorships, donations, membership fees, or any other way ("Receipt of Funds"). Such Receipt of Funds should be documented and submitted to the Treasurer within a week of such receipt. The Treasurer will bank in such funds and produce Statement of Account to MDA within 2 weeks of the receipt of such funds.
- 6. All funds of MDA or any part of such funds may only be dealt with by the Chairman, and the Treasurer.

Amended to:

- 6. The MDA funds can only be dealt with by the Chairman and the Treasurer.
- 7. The Executive Committee may form sub-committees with at least one Executive Committee Member in the Organising Committee, from time to time to assist in the running of MDA.

Amended to:

- 7. Deleted
- 8. The Executive Committee may, from time to time, co-opt members to the Executive Committee on an ad hoc basis.

Amended to:

- 8. Deleted
- 10. Duties/Roles of Members of the Executive Committee
- 10.1. The Chairman
- b. The Chairman shall be at all MDA meetings. Chairman shall keep all Executive Committee Members informed of all current affairs he/she partakes in.

Amended to:

10.1(b). Deleted

d. In any meeting of MDA or any other meeting of the Executive Committee, shall there be an equal number of votes for or against a motion, the Chairman of the meeting shall, in addition to his/her own vote, have a casting vote.

Amended to:

d. In any meeting of MDA or any other meeting of the Executive Committee, should there be an equal number of votes for or against a motion, the Chairman of the meeting shall, in addition to the Chairman's own vote, cast the deciding vote.

10.3 The Secretary

c. All records kept by the Secretary shall be available for perusal by any member of MDA after giving the Chairman, or Secretary, one (1) week advance notice.

Amended to:

c. Deleted

10.4. The Treasurer

d. Any financial outflow decisions over Dkk 300 (Three hundred Danish Kroner) are to be approved by the Executive Committee. Any amount lesser than Dkk 300 may be dealt with by either the Chairman or the Treasurer.

Amended to:

- d. Financial transactions may be dealt with by either the Chairman or the Treasurer subject to approved budgets.
- e. The account book shall be made available for inspection by the Auditors or by any member of MDA after giving the Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer, one (1) week advance notice of his/her desires to inspect the account book.

Amended to:

- e. The account book shall be made available for inspection by the Auditors.
- f. The Treasurer has one (1) month to prepare the year-end accounts before submitting to the Auditors. The accounts have to be documented, audited and sent to the members at least twenty-one (21) days before the Annual General Meeting.

Amended to:

- f. The Treasurer has one (1) month to prepare the year-end accounts before submitting to the Auditors. The Treasurer shall submit the Accounts to the Auditors in January of the following year. The Auditors then have two (2) months from the date the accounts were submitted to perform the audit and the audit results have to presented to the Chairman by the 31st of March of the respective year. The accounts have to be documented, audited and sent to the members at least fourteen (14) days before the Annual General Meeting.
- g. In circumstances that prevent the Chairman and/or the Treasurer in assuming their responsibilities concerning the financial status for MDA, refer Article 9 (9) and (10). The Executive Committee must then nominate the necessary person/persons to temporarily assume the duties/roles until an Extraordinary General Meeting or Annual General Meeting is called and the new person/persons is/are elected, refer Article 9 (11).

- g. In circumstances that prevent the Treasurer in assuming his/her responsibilities concerning the financial status for MDA, the Executive Committee must then nominate the necessary person/persons to temporarily assume the duties/roles until an Annual General Meeting is called.
- h. The income and property of MDA whenever and however derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the association. No portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus, profits or otherwise. However, in the event of dissolution, pursuant to Article 15, claim shall be binding.

- h. The income and property of MDA whenever and however derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objectives of the association. No portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus, profits or otherwise to any member of MDA. However, in the event of dissolution, pursuant to Article 15, claim shall be binding.
- i. The Executive Committee may in good faith direct that payment by way of proper remuneration and/or reimbursement of reasonable expenses be made to any person or member of MDA for services rendered and/or out-of-pocket expenses or any other fees or charges incurred on behalf of the Association (optional).

Amended to:

i. The Treasurer, in consultation with the Executive Committee and subject to their own discretion, may direct that payment by way of proper remuneration and/or reimbursement of reasonable expenses be made to any person or member of MDA for services rendered and/or out-of-pocket expenses or any other fees or charges incurred on behalf of the Association.

Article 8: Auditor

2. The Auditors shall have the right to audit the account book of MDA at any time and shall be given a two (2) week period to audit the annual accounts of MDA and shall be responsible for certifying all financial statements.

Amended to:

2. Deleted

Article 9: Election of Executive Committee Members

1. Nominations of prospective Executive Committee Members are to be submitted to the Chairman on the day concerned prior to the election.

- 1. Any nominations of prospective Executive Committee Members are to be submitted to the Chairman one (1) week prior to the election.
- 3. Election shall be on a secret ballot or by show of hands, as determined by the members at the Annual General Meeting, or any other Extraordinary General Meetings.

Amended to:

- 3. Election shall be on a secret ballot or by show of hands, as determined by the members present at election.
- 4. Each member has only one vote, and voting cannot be done in absentia.

Amended to:

- 4. Each member has only one vote. Save for the position of Chairman, voting for all other Executive Committee positions (Secretary, Treasurer and two other Executive Committee members) can be done in absentia. The absent nominees must, one (1) week prior to the election at the AGM, give their written consent to the Chairman stating their agreement to run for an Executive Committee position in absentia.
- 5. All positions in the Executive Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting or any other Extraordinary General Meetings of MDA.

Amended to:

- 5. All positions in the Executive Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- 7. Each elected Executive Committee Member shall hold office for a two (2) year period or until the next two (2) Annual General Meetings, and shall be eligible for re-election when the term of office ended.

Amended to:

- 7. Each elected Executive Committee Member shall hold office for a two (2) year period and shall be eligible for re-election when the term of office ended.
- 8. The Chairman and Secretary are elected for a two (2) year period in even years, whereas the Treasurer is elected for a two (2) year period in uneven years.

- 8. Deleted
- 9. If an Executive Committee Member is temporarily unable to perform his/her duties, a replacement may be co-opted by the Executive Committee from among the Executive Committee Members.

9. Deleted

10. If an Executive Committee Member is unable to complete his/her term of office, a replacement may be co-opted by the Executive Committee by nominating the necessary person/persons based on the last Annual General Meeting ballot results according to the next highest number of ballots received to become Executive Committee Member.

Amended to:

- 10. If an Executive Committee Member is unable to complete his/her term of office, a replacement may be co-opted by the Executive Committee by nominating the necessary person/persons.
- 11. The Executive Committee Members shall nominate among themselves to temporarily assume the duties/roles until an Extraordinary General Meeting or Annual General Meeting is called and the new person/persons is/are appointed or elected to fill the vacated office.

Amended to:

11. Deleted

Article 10: Annual General Meeting

1. The Annual General Meeting is the highest authority.

Amended to:

- 1. Deleted
- 2. All members will be invited to attend the Annual General Meeting in order:
- 2.1. to receive and, if approved, pass the Account for the preceding financial year;
- 2.2. to endorse the members elected for the Executive Committee, Sub-Committee (if any) and to elect two (2) members to act as Auditors for the ensuing financial year (if needed); and
- 2.3. to conclude any other business as proposed to the Executive Committee.

- 2. All members will be invited to attend the Annual General Meeting in order:
- 2.1. to receive and, if approved, pass the Account for the preceding financial year;
- 2.2. to endorse the members elected for the Executive Committee, and to elect two (2) members to act as Auditors for the ensuing financial year.

3. Subjects to be dealt with have to be submitted in writing to the Chairman, at least fourteen (14) days before the Annual General Meeting.

Amended to:

- 3. Issues and/or points for discussion at the AGM is to be submitted in writing to the Chairman, at least one (1) week before the Annual General Meeting.
- 4. All members are to be informed at least twenty-one (21) days before the Annual General Meeting, and fourteen (14) days before the Extraordinary General Meeting.

Amended to:

4. All members are to be informed at least two (2) weeks before the Annual General Meeting.

Article 11: Extraordinary General Meeting

1. Extraordinary General Meeting can be called at any time either by the Executive Committee or by any written request of not less than one quarter of the members who are entitled to vote.

Amended to:

- 1. Extraordinary General Meeting can be called at any time either by the Executive Committee or by any written request of not less than one quarter of the members who are entitled to vote provided such written request is submitted to the Chairman ten (10) days in advance.
- 2. Extraordinary General Meeting will be called and conducted in accordance to the "Annual General Meeting" terms.

Amended to:

2. Extraordinary General Meeting will be called and conducted in accordance to the "Annual General Meeting" terms. All members are to be informed at least two (2) weeks before the Extraordinary General Meeting.

Article 12: Quorum

3. The Chairman and/or the Vice Chairman, and any two (2) Executive Committee members present in person throughout an Executive Committee meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Amended to:

3. The Chairman and any one (1) Executive Committee members present in person throughout an Executive Committee meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Article 14: Sponsorships

2. Sponsorships are to be discussed, reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee without having to compromise any unreasonable obligations towards the sponsors concerned.

Amended to:

- 2. Sponsorships are to be discussed, reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee.
- 3. The Chairman, or any Executive Committee Member involved in the sponsorship project must have the approval from the Executive Committee. The Chairman, as the representative of the Executive Committee, MDA and members shall sign on the official written Application Form addressed to sponsors, for any kind of sponsorship for MDA.

Amended to:

3. Deleted

Dated: 19.11.2017, AGM 2017