

CONSTITUTION

THE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION OF OMAN

1. AIMS

- 1.1 To encourage the study of, and interest in, the history and archaeology of Oman.
- 1.2 To assist in the preservation, investigation and recording of present remains.
- 1.3 The collection and study of books, records, photographs and artefacts pertaining to Oman.
- 1.4. The organization of trips, lectures, slide shows and exchanges of views pertaining to the history of Oman.
- 1.5 To give assistance to any museum, or offically approved archaeological dig.

2. PATRON

The Patron of the association shall be H.M. The Sultan Qaboos, the Ruler of Oman, for as long as His Majesty expresses the wish to accept the position.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 Membership shall be open to all persons genuinely interested in the aims of the association, upon payment of the entry fee, together with annual subscription, which shall be determined from time to time by the committee.
- 3.2 Any person breaking the rules of the association shall be barred from membership after one written warning.

4. RULES

- 4.1 The association shall be non-political, non-racial and non-sectorian.
- 4.2 All members shall respect the aims of the association.
- 4.3 The Historical Association may buy or receive as a gift of ethnographic or historical value on the condition that such objects may be exhibited or stored or exchanged or sold at the discretion of the committee of the Association.

5. LANGUAGES

The languages used by the association shall be both Arabic and English.

6. COMMITTEE

- 6.1 The Association shall be governed by the President with an annually elected committee.
- 6.2 The committee shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and six other elected members of the Association to serve on the committee in addition to the above.
- 6.3 The President shall always be an Omani.
- 6.4 The committee may replace any of their officers or members if vacancies occur during the year, by co-opting members of the Association.
- 6.5 The committee shall meet at least four times a year. Three weeks prior notice shall be given for all meetings. Three members, one of who must be an Office Bearer, forms a quorum.
- 6.6 The Hon. Treasurer, or his committee approved nominee shall sign all cheques and manage the finances of the association.
- 6.7 All committee members other than the President and the Vice-President may nominate from the membership alternate committee members. In the absence of both the President and the Vice-President, the President shall designate a member of the committee to chair the proceedings.

7. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 7.1 The annual general meeting shall be held in December. Notice of this meeting shall be given in writing by the Secretary to all members, at least three weeks beforehand.
- 7.2 The Annual General Meeting shall:-
 - a) Consider for a pproval the President's annual report.
 - b) Consider for approval the Treasurer's annual report.
 - c) Elect officers and committee members.
 - d) Conduct any other business.
- 7.3 Any amendments to the constitution may only be made at the Annual General Meeting, or a specially convened General Meeting.

8. LAPSE OF ASSOCIATION

If the Association ceases to fulfil its aims, through lack of members support, or for any other reason, the records and finances of the Association shall be given into the care of trustees, to be appointed in consultation with Director of Information until such time as the Association can be re-activated.

This Constitution was accepted at the General Meeting held in Muscat on the 17th December, 1971..

Any correspondence to:

The Hon. Secretary,
The Historical Association of Oman,
P.O. Box 612,
Muscat,
Sultanate of Oman.