

Overseas Membership

Overseas Membership may be offered to heads of schools in other countries, who would largely qualify for general membership if their school were in Australia.

Criteria for Overseas Membership

Overseas Membership is open to a person who:

- (a) ordinarily has the day to day freedom and responsibility for managing the school, its staff and students;
- (b) ordinarily has the day to day freedom and responsibility to effectively implement the school's shared vision within the strategic framework determined by the school's governing body;
- (c) ordinarily has the day to day freedom and responsibility to demonstrate and apply expertise to effectively lead and manage the school;
- (d) ordinarily has the day to day freedom and responsibility at the school to learn, grow, develop self and build professional expertise;
- (e) ordinarily is the usual channel of communication between the school and the school community (including without limitation its staff, students, parents and alumni);
- (f) has the freedom and willingness to pursue the Objects of AHISA and to abide by a Member's obligations under this constitution; and
- (g) satisfies any additional criteria as formulated by the Board from time to time as By-Laws.

Rights and privileges of Overseas Members

Overseas Members will be encouraged to play a role in the Association as permitted under the Constitution. Overseas members are included on Headnet, have member access to the AHISA website, can attend AHISA conferences including the Biennial, but do not have voting rights in elections.

Obligations of Overseas Members

Clauses 11.1 and 11.2 of the Constitution will apply to Overseas Members as follows.

11.1 Consequences of Membership

Members acknowledge and agree that:

- (a) this Constitution constitutes a contract between each of them and AHISA and that they are bound by and must comply with:
 - (1) this Constitution and the By-Laws; and
 - (2) any determination, resolution or policy which may be made or passed by the Board or any duly authorised committee in accordance with this Constitution;
- (b) by submitting to this Constitution and the By-Laws they are subject to the jurisdiction of AHISA;

- (c) this Constitution is made in pursuit of the Objects and operates to create uniformity in the way in which the Objects are to be conducted, encouraged, promoted and administered in Australia;
- (d) this Constitution and the By-Laws are necessary and reasonable for promoting the Objects and particularly the advancement and protection of education in Australia; and
- (e) subject only to this Constitution, they are entitled to all the rights, advantages, privileges and services of AHISA membership.

11.2 Obligation of Members

AHISA and its Members agree:

- (a) to act with professionalism, in good faith and loyalty to each other to promote and improve education in Australia through the maintenance and enhancement of AHISA, its standards, quality and reputation for the collective purpose of the Members;
- (b) not to do or permit to be done any act or thing which might adversely affect or derogate from the standards, quality and reputation of education in Australia and its maintenance and enhancement;
- (c) to make full and proper disclosure to each other of all matters of importance to AHISA and education in Australia;
- (d) to ensure that no Member acquires a material or financial advantage at the expense of AHISA, any other Member or education in Australia;
- (e) to operate with mutual trust and confidence in pursuit of the Objects;
- (f) to promote the economic, spiritual and academic success, strength and stability of each other and act interdependently with each other in pursuit of the Objects;
- (g) to do all things reasonably necessary to enable the Objects to be achieved; and
- (h) to at all times act for the advantage of AHISA in its pursuit of the Objects.

Subscriptions and Fees

Overseas Members will pay an annual subscription as determined by the AHISA Board from time to time. Currently this is 50% of the annual subscription for General Membership (ex GST).

Nominations for Overseas Membership

An application form for Overseas Membership is available from the AHISA National Office. Applications must be endorsed by the Chair of the applicants School Board or Council.

Once submitted, the application is reviewed by AHISA's Chief Executive Officer or National Chair and subsequently considered for approval by the AHISA Board.

Cessation of Membership

A person will cease to be an Overseas Member:

- (a) if the person leaves the school;
- (b) if the person chooses to discontinue their membership by notifying AHISA;
- (c) for any other reason by which a Member ceases to be a Member under the Constitution.