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**3. Bengali Association Singapore EGM**

The operation of Bengali Association Singapore is guided by the Rules and Regulations of BAS that forms its Constitution.

We are seeking your approval to amend the following rules. The reasoning is provided in blue.

**3.1 Change of Registered Address**

(Rule 1 – Name and Address)

Bengali Association Singapore.1 Beatty Road, Sinda Building, Singapore 209943.

BAS and Sinda have drawn up a proposed contract to use an office space in the above building for SGD500/monthly. We will also be allowed to rent classrooms, auditoriums, storage space and other facilities in the building for official purposes.

Please note that if this resolution is passed, the contract will come into effect and BAS will register this address and start paying rent from 01Jul09.

**3.2 Change of amount that can be spent to be increased from SGD2000 to SGD25000.**

Rule 4 – x The Committee shall be authorized to spend a sum not exceeding \$2000 (Dollars Two Thousand) from the Association funds; any expenditure exceeding this sum must have the prior consent of the members at a general meeting.

SGD2000 is a restrictive sum to conduct operations. The proposal is to raise the sum to SGD25000. This will allow MC to conduct operations smoothly without having to turn to the general body on every financial decision. The following amendment is proposed.

**The Committee shall be authorized to spend a sum not exceeding SGD25000 (Dollars Twenty Five Thousand) pertaining to a single payment from the Association funds; any expenditure exceeding this sum on a single payment voucher must have the prior consent of the members at a general meeting.**

**Any expenditure above the sum of SGD2000 (Two Thousand Singapore Dollars) must be approved by all members of the elected Management Committee.**

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3.3 Individuals and families with outstanding membership fees be given a one time amnesty to rejoin BAS with an admin fee of SGD100 and present year membership.

Rule 3 iv – Membership and Subscription- Any member who is in arrears of subscription for over a period of one year shall be regarded as having resigned from the association. The Management Committee may reinstate such members, on payment of all dues.

There are several former members (families) who have been left out of BAS programs due arrears. We propose to give a one-time waiver for these past members to rejoin our Association with a payment of SGD 100 and present year membership fees. This waiver will be set from 31Jul09 to 31Oct09.

After this window the rules will revert back to the original.

3.4 Financial year to be changed from 01August - 31July to 01January to 31December.

Rule 4 – Administration (vi) Financial year of the Association shall commence on 1<sup>st</sup> August and end on 31<sup>st</sup> July each year.

The amendment of the financial year will align MC term in office and accounts. Any Elected MC will be responsible for presenting all accounts that is raised during its term.

Please note that if this resolution is passed, 2008/2009 accounts will be finalized and presented as 17months account 01Aug08 - 31Dec09 (instead of 31Jul09).

3.5 AGM (and re-election of Committee) to be held in JAN.

Rule 6 Annual General meeting (i) The Annual General Meeting of which not less than 14 days notice in writing shall be given to all members of the Association, will be held in October each year

It is proposed that the AGM and reelection of Management Committee be set in January. This will allow the MC enough time to reconcile Durga Puja and financial year's account to be presented at AGM.

Please note if this resolution is passed, the present MC will have its term extended by 3 months.

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3.6 Nominations for Management Committee Members to be finalized at least 1 month prior to AGM. Nomination list will be circulated to membership at least 2 weeks prior to AGM.

**Proposed addition to Constitution**

Teams and individuals wishing to form or be part of the Management Committee will be proposed and seconded well in advance of the AGM. The membership will have time to consider and elect a team of willing and capable individuals to lead our association.

Please note that the effectiveness and robustness of our present Constitution are not in doubt.

The amendments are proposed to reflect a changing operational environment. They may facilitate smoother operations.

Your voice is essential in providing guidance to the present MC. The quorum for our EGM is 25 ordinary members.

This is our Association so please come and lend us your objective and constructive opinion.

Thanks and Best Regards  
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