

RULES OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL GEOTHERMAL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

1 NAME

The name of the Association shall be "International Geothermal Association Incorporated"

2 OBJECTIVES .

- a. Encourage, facilitate and when appropriate, promote the coordination of scientific and technical education in geothermal matters worldwide through its membership.
- b. Carry out and facilitate the collection, compilation, publication, exchange and dissemination of scientific and technical data, and of information on geothermal research development and use worldwide.
- c. Stimulate implement and report on studies and surveys on geothermal subjects of widespread interest, such as those related to resource assessment, energy data, uses of geothermal resources, projections of requirements for human resources, standardization of methodologies and measurement units and optimization of efforts.
- d. Encourage the execution of fundamental studies, advanced research, laboratory investigations, field tests and other activities of general interest for the international community, which may result in the facilitation and acceleration of worldwide use of geothermal resources, and
- e. Identify the means to disseminate information, and when appropriate publicize the importance that geothermal resources will have in meeting energy needs of the world.

3 MEMBERSHIP

The International Geothermal Association Incorporated. hereinafter called the I.G.A. Inc., is a scientific. educational and cultural organization established to operate worldwide. Its membership shall be open to all persons who have an interest in carrying out the objectives listed in "2" above. Applications for membership shall be made in writing to the secretary. New members will be admitted to the I.G.A. Inc. after approval by the Board of Directors and on receipt of the prescribed membership fee.

4 MEMBERSHIP DUES

The annual membership dues will be established periodically by the central board of directors.

5 LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP STATUS.

- a. Any member of I.G.A. Inc. may resign by giving notice in writing to the Secretary.
- b. If a member fails to pay the annual membership fee within twelve months after the beginning of each fiscal year.
- c. If in the opinion of the board of Directors any member shall commit a breach of the rules or act in an unethical or unprofessional manner.

In the case of expulsion or suspension of membership, member shall have the right to appear before the Board of Directors in their defense, either in person or by counsel.

6 OFFICERS

The officers shall be the President and Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer and shall be elected by the new central board during the first meeting of the relevant board period.

## 7 GENERAL MEETINGS

- a. A General or Extraordinary General Meetings shall be held at such time as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.
- b. The Board of Directors shall call a General Meeting forthwith upon the requisition of 50 or more members or 5% of the Membership, whichever is greater.
- c. Notice of meetings will be given by a circular delivered by post to the Membership. At least two clear months of notice shall be given.
- d. A quorum at General or Extraordinary meeting shall be 10 members.
- e. At all general meetings the President or Vice-President or in their absence a member of the Board of Directors shall take the chair.
- f. Voting at a General or Extraordinary General Meeting shall be by a show of hands or by ballot as decided by the Chairman at the meeting. Every member present shall be entitled to one vote and in the event of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

## 8 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- a. The I.G.A. Inc. shall have a Board of Directors consisting of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and a minimum of 20 members.
- b. The Board of Directors shall be elected by postal ballot amongst the membership.
- c. The Board of Directors may appoint subcommittees (including co-opted members) as it determined from time to time.
- d. The Members of the Board of Directors shall hold office until the election of successors to office, except in the case of resignation, death or expulsion.

## 9 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

- a. The Board of Directors shall meet at regular intervals. At each Board meeting the date time and venue of the following meeting shall be decided.
- b. The Chairman shall call a special meeting of the Board at the request of no fewer than 10 members of the Board. At least two months notice of special meetings shall be given.
- c. Voting at all meetings of the Board shall be by a show of hands or by a ballot as decided by the Chairman.
- d. The quorum for any meeting of the Board of Directors shall be ten members present.

## 10 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting shall be held each year, when the following matters shall be considered:

- a. The minutes of the preceding Annual General Meeting.
- b. Annual report of the Board of Directors.
- c. Financial Statement.
- d. Election of the Board of Directors.
- e. Election of Auditor.
- f. General Business.

## 11 ASSOCIATION YEAR

The financial year shall be the calendar year, from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January year to the 31<sup>st</sup> of December.

## 12 FINANCE

- a. All monies received by or on behalf of the Association shall forthwith be paid to the credit of the Association in an account at such a trading bank as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

- b. All cheques or withdrawal slips drawn on such account or accounts shall be signed by any two of the following: President or Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer.

### 13 AUDIT

An audited balance sheet shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

### 14 COMMON SEAL

The Association shall have a common seal, which shall be kept in the custody of the President. When the common seal is required to be affixed to any deed, document, writing or other instrument it shall be fixed by the Secretary and any such deed, document, writing or other instrument shall be signed by the Treasurer or Secretary.

### 15 ALTERATION TO THE RULES

The Rules of the Association may be altered, added to or rescinded either at the Annual General Meeting or at a General or Extraordinary meeting called for the purpose provided:

- a. Members have been given at least seven clear days of the proposed amendment circular delivered by post.
- b. The appropriate resolution is passed by a two thirds majority of those present.

### 16 WINDING UP

In the event of the Association winding up, any surplus assets or funds shall be handed to the appropriate United Nations group associated with the promotion of Geothermal Energy. Should no such group exist at that time, then the surplus assets and funds shall be handed to the Geothermal Institute of the University of Auckland for the general purposes of the Institute.