

# THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE '59 GROUP

(Affiliated to Royal College Union)

**THE ROYAL COLLEGE '59 GROUP IS AN ASSOCIATION OF PAST STUDENTS,  
ALL OF WHOM WERE ADMITTED TO ROYAL COLLEGE, COLOMBO  
IN THE YEAR OF 1959 AND ANY OTHER PAST STUDENT WHO HAD JOINED  
SUCH BATCH OF STUDENTS IN A SUBSEQUENT YEAR.**

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| 1.0  | The Royal College '59 Group is an association of past students, all of whom were admitted to Royal College, Colombo (hereinafter referred to as 'the College') in the year of 1959 and any other past student who had joined such batch of students in a subsequent year. | <b>Introductory</b> |
| 2.0  | The above association shall be called <b>The Royal College '59 Group</b> (hereinafter referred to as 'The Group').  | <b>Name</b>         |
| 3.0  | The Office of The Group shall be for the time being at the Permanent residence of the Honorary President.   | <b>Office</b>       |
| 4.01 | Any past student who had gained admission to Form I of the College in the year of 1959 or any other past student who had joined such batch of past students of 1959 in a subsequent year shall be eligible to be admitted as a member of the Group.                       | <b>Membership</b>   |
| 4.02 | Application for membership, payment of annual membership fee, resignation, suspension, removal from or termination of membership shall be as set out by the Committee of The Group.   |                     |
| 5.0  | The objectives of The Group shall be  | <b>Objectives</b>   |
| 5.01 | to further and foster goodwill and understanding among members of The Group and to provide assistance in an organised, charitable manner to help members of The Group.  |                     |

- 5.02 to provide assistance in an organised, charitable manner for the advancement of curricular and extra-curricular activities of the College.
- 6.01 The Office bearers of The Group shall be **Office bearers**  
 (a) The Honorary President  
 (b) The Honorary Secretary  
 (c) The Honorary Treasurer
- 6.02 The office bearers of The Group shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office until the ensuing Annual General Meeting of The Group provided that any vacancy during the year shall be filled by a member of the Committee.
- 6.03 The Committee elected at the General Meeting of members of The Group held on 20<sup>th</sup> October, 1990 shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting of The Group. **First Committee**
- 6.04 (a) The Honorary President shall preside at the Annual General Meeting, Special General Meetings and at all Committee Meetings of The Group. In the absence of the Honorary President, any member shall be elected to preside at such meeting for the time being. **Honorary President**  
 (b) Where there is equality of votes at any meeting referred to in sub-section 6.04 (a) above, the Honorary President shall have a casting vote.
- 6.05 The Honorary Secretary shall **Honorary Secretary**  
 (a) maintain a proper record of membership,  
 (b) convene all meetings,  
 (c) maintain minutes of Annual General Meeting, Special General Meetings and all Committee Meetings, and  
 (d) attend to all correspondence and do all other acts as The Group Committee directs.
- 6.06 The Honorary Treasurer shall be responsible **Honorary Treasurer**  
 (a) keeping all accounts,  
 (b) submitting at the Annual General Meeting a Statement of Accounts audited by an Honorary Auditor nominated and appointed at the Annual General Meeting of The Group, and

- (c) issuing receipts for all monies received on behalf of The Group and for the custody of all documents relating to the administration of The Group Fund.

7.01 The finances and affairs of The Group shall be administered by a **The Committee** Committee consisting of the office bearers and six other members elected at the Annual General Meeting of The Group.

7.02 Any casual vacancy that may arise due to resignation, incapacitation or demise of any office bearer or committee member elected at the AGM shall be filled at any Executive Committee Meeting held thereafter by majority votes and shall hold office until the following AGM.

8.01 (a) The Annual General Meetings shall be convened by the **General Meetings** Honorary Secretary on a date decided by the Committee of that year.

- (b) The Special General Meetings may be convened by the Honorary Secretary at the request of not less than ten (10) members.

(c) The Honorary Secretary shall send the Agenda of the General Meetings to the members of The Group at least seven (7) days before such meeting is held.

(d) The quorum for a General Meeting shall be fifteen (15) members.

(e) Every item of business shall, unless unanimously adopted, be decided by a majority vote.

(f) Voting at the General Meetings shall be by show of hands or by secret ballot as may be decided by the members at such a meeting.

8.02 (a) The meetings of the Committee shall be convened by the **Committee Meetings** Honorary Secretary after having given the prior notice of such meeting to the members of the Committee.

(b) The quorum for a Committee meeting shall be four (4) and vote shall ordinarily be taken by a show of hands.

(c) Every item of business shall, unless unanimously adopted, be decided by a majority of vote.

- 9.01 There shall be a fund of The Group (hereinafter referred to as 'The Group Fund') to which shall be credited the following: **The Group Fund**
- (a) annual membership subscription paid by the members
  - (b) donations and other local and foreign grants received by The Group
  - (c) monies realised from fund raising projects undertaken by The Group and other means beneficial to The Group.
- 9.02 All monies of The Group Fund except such sums as may be retained by the Honorary Treasurer upon direction by the Committee shall be deposited in an account with a Bank approved by the Committee and the Bank Account so opened may be operated only for the purpose of The Group. **Bank Account**
- 9.03 All payments out of The Group Fund shall be approved and Authorised by the Committee of The Group and payment may be by cheques signed by the Honorary President or by Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer. **Payments**
- 10.0 The Committee shall prepare and transmit to the members of The Group not less than fourteen days before the next Annual General Meeting, an Annual Report of the activities of The Group together with the Statement of Accounts for the relevant year. **Annual Report**
- 11.0 The Group shall be affiliated to the Royal College Union. **Affiliation**
- 12.01 No amendment to this Constitution shall be effected except by a resolution passed at an Annual or Special General Meeting of The Group. **Amendments to the Constitution**
- 12.02 Any resolution for the amendment to the Constitution shall be supported by a majority of two thirds of the membership of The Group at the time of the proposed amendment, present in person or by proxy.
- 12.03 Any amendment upon being adopted in the manner specified in Section 12.01 and 12.02 above, shall have the same force and effect and be binding on all the members of The Group as any other Clause in this Constitution.
- 13.0 Where no specific provision has been made in this Constitution in respect of any matter which may arise for decision, the Committee of The Group shall have the authority to decide in the best interests of The Group, subject to provision that such decision should be ratified among the members at the next General Meeting of The Group. The decision of the Committee shall be final and binding on all members of The Group. **Omissions**

14.0 The Royal College Library Development Project (hereinafter referred to as '59 Group Library Project) undertaken by The Group in 1988 shall continue uninterrupted and that all monies received by way of donations and other fund raising projects organised and implemented by The Group for this purpose shall be donated to the '59 Group Library Fund with The Royal College Union Trust (hereinafter referred to as 'RCU Trust').

**'59 Group  
Library Project**

- 14.01 (a) The '59 Group Library Fund to remain with the RCU Trust and these monies and interest thereon to be applied for the development of the Library to an acceptable standard.
- (b) '59 Group Library Fund shall be administered by a committee consisting of the office bearers and five (05) other members of The Group (hereinafter referred to as the 'Library Committee').
- (c) Disbursements from the '59 Group Library Fund shall be made upon recommendations by the Library Committee based on an Annual Budget, prepared and recommended by Librarians with the approval of the Principal of Royal College.
- (d) The EXCO of The Group at the request of the membership can decide to utilise surplus funds of the Library group held by the RCU for the Group's Medical Fund, once the Library has reached an acceptable standard.

**'59 Group  
Library Fund**

14.02 The Library Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office until ensuing Annual General Meeting of The Group provided that vacancy during the year shall be filled by a member of The Committee elected under Sec. 7.01 herein.

**'59 Group Library  
Committee**

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Adopted by the members of The Royal College '59 Group at their General Meeting held on 20th October, 1990 at Royal College Library, Colombo and amended by the members at their 3rd Annual General Meeting held on 19th February 1994, at No. 34/4, Egodawatte Road, Boralesgamuwa (Residence of Mr GSC Perera) and also at the Special General Meeting held on 6th October 2023 at the Sinhalese Sports Club, 35, Maitland Place, Colombo 7.