

NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF SOIL SCIENCE, INCORPORATED

Rules of the Society

Name

1. The name of the Society shall be the New Zealand Society of Soil Science (Incorporated).

Objects

2. The objects of the Society shall be the promotion and encouragement of soil science and research and technology related to the land resources of New Zealand. This shall be pursued by:
 - a) Promoting scientific communication and cooperation among members involving appropriate meetings and publications.
 - b) Increasing the understanding of soil and land as a natural and sustainable resource.
 - c) Promoting sound management of the land environment, and the appropriate conservation of New Zealand's soil resources, based on the scientific understanding of soils and land and their importance in ecosystems.
 - d) Providing expert guidance on national and regional land and soil issues.
 - e) Promoting the research and study of soils.
 - f) Promoting professional excellence in soil and land science.
 - g) Maintaining liaison with the International Society of Soil Science and other National or International Societies as appropriate.
 - h) Assisting members to carry out the objects of the Society.

Members

3.
 - a) The Council may approve for membership any person engaged in soil or land science, or persons or organisations who identify with the objects of the Society.
 - b) In accordance with the Incorporated Societies Act, the Secretary shall keep a register containing the names, addresses, occupations and date of joining of all members.

Termination and Reinstatement of Membership

4.
 - a) A person may resign by submitting his or her written resignation to the Council after payment of all subscriptions due.
 - b) A person shall cease to be a member if the Council resolves:

- i) If that person omits to pay their subscription within one year from the end of the financial year for which the subscription was due.
- ii) If that person is found guilty by the Council of any dishonourable act or act discreditable to the profession of soil science.
- c) A past member may apply to the Council for reinstatement and the Council may reinstate such person accordingly on such conditions as it may determine.

Subscription

- 5. a) The annual subscription shall be fixed from time to time by the NZSSS Council as appropriate.
- c) The annual subscription shall fall due each year on the first day of the financial year which shall be 1 July.
- d) The Council may on application by any member grant at its discretion leave of absence with remission of subscription.
- e) Members on ceasing full time employment may apply to Council for a reduced subscription.
- f) Council may elect members who have given outstanding service to the Society to Life Membership, which includes remission of subscription to the New Zealand Society of Soil Science (Inc.)
- g) Members who became Honorary Members before 1.9.91 will continue to be entitled to remission of subscription.

Officers

- 6. a) The Officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer.
- b) The Officers of the Society shall be elected by a ballot of members present at a two-yearly General Meeting

Council

- 7. a) The Council shall consist of the Officers of the Society, the immediate Past-President and six members elected by a ballot of members present at a two-year General Meeting.
- b) The Council may co-opt the Representative of the Society on the Council of the International Society of Soil Science if he or she is not already a member of the Council.

- c) The entire management of the Society, except as otherwise provided by these rules shall be deputed to the Council. All funds of the Society shall be controlled by the Council and the Council shall be responsible for the investment of funds.
- d) The Council shall have the power to raise loans provided that prior authority is obtained from a general meeting in each case.
- e) Council meetings shall be called by the President at least four times a year and three members shall constitute a quorum.
- f) Any Council Member unable to attend any Council meeting may, by authority given to the Secretary in writing, appoint a proxy to deputise and vote at such meeting on behalf of the Council Member
- g) At all meetings the Chairman shall have a casting vote as well as a deliberative vote.

Common Seal

- 8. The Common Seal of the Society shall be kept in the control of the Secretary and shall be affixed to any document only by resolution of the Council and by an officer of the Society in the presence of a member of the Council.

Committees

- 9. The Council may appoint committees to investigate selected fields of soil science or for other purposes. The committees shall report back to the Council and shall consist of members of the Society whenever possible.

Finance

- 10. a) The funds of the Society shall be managed and maintained as the Council shall direct in keeping with the objects of the Society.
- b) No portion of the funds of the Society shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of bonus or dividend to members of the Society.
- 11. The Society shall be a member body of and observe the rules gazetted by the Royal Society of New Zealand.

Representatives

- 12. a) At two-year General Meetings Representatives shall be appointed to the Council of the International Society of Soil Science and to International Soil Science Committees. Should any of these positions become vacant between the dates of two general meetings they shall be filled by the council for the remainder of the term of office.
- b) The Council may appoint delegates to represent the Society at international conferences.

Meetings

13. a) A two-yearly General Meeting shall be held after the end of the financial year and within the same calendar year, in even years. At this General Meeting Officers and Council Members shall be elected to hold office for the following two years. Officers and Council Members shall take office on election and hold office until the General Meeting two years later.
- b) A Special General Meeting will be held in odd years, after the end of the financial year and within the same calendar year, solely for the purpose of approving the annual financial report.
- c) A Special General Meeting may be held at any time by resolution of the Council or within eight weeks of receipt by the Secretary of a requisition signed by at least fifteen members specifying the purposes for which the meeting is to be called.
- d) General meetings shall be called by the President at a time and place to be fixed by the Council, fifteen members to constitute a quorum. At least twenty-one day's notice shall be given to all members resident in New Zealand setting forth the date and place of the meeting and the business to be dealt with. All resolutions shall be decided by a majority of votes cast by voice or show of hands or, if demanded by at least one-third of members present, by a ballot of members present.

Alteration to Rules

14. Any amendment to these rules shall be made at a General Meeting and provided that notice of such amendment has been given on the notice calling the meeting and provided that no amendment shall be permitted if it in any way affects the tax exempt status of the organisation.

Winding Up

15. In the event of the Society being wound up, any surplus after the payment of all liabilities and liquidating fees shall be given to one or more organisations (eg Societies, Universities) whose objects are similar to the objects of the Society, to be used as directed by a general meeting of the Society.

**Alteration to Rules of the New Zealand Society of Soil Science, Incorporated,
as approved at a Special General Meeting of the Society,
held at Massey University on Tuesday, 26 November 1991 at 3.30pm**

Rules 2, 3, 5 and 10 were altered to the following:

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H.K.J. Powell, President

K.C. Cameron, Vice President

R.G. McLaren, Secretary