

**THE CONSTITUTION OF  
THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION**

**Article I**

The full name of this Association shall be

THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION

**Article II**

*Purpose*

Section 1. The general aim of this Association shall be to promote scholarly study of the Bible in accordance with the spirit and instructions of the Church.

Section 2. The special aims of this Association shall be

- a) to provide for mutual acquaintance and support and to facilitate the exchange of methods and ideas;
- b) to constitute a body of informed opinion on matters biblical as a resource for the wider Church.

**Article III**

*Membership*

Section 1. The Membership of this Association shall consist of Active Members and Associate Members. All Members shall pay the same dues, and all shall enjoy the same rights and privileges except that only Active Members shall exercise active and passive voice.

Section 2. Any person or group in sympathy with the aims of this Association may duly be admitted to Associate Membership.

Section 3. Candidates for Active or Associate Membership must be nominated to the executive by an Active Member at least four months prior to the Annual General Meeting. The executive will advise the Active Members of the Association of the names of those it recommends for membership when sending out the agenda for the Annual General Meeting. The final decision on membership will rest with the Annual General Meeting.

Section 4 The Annual General Meeting may confer Honorary Membership of the Association.

## **Article IV**

### *Administration*

- Section 1. The ultimate authority in this association shall reside in the Active Members duly assembled in General Meeting; General Meetings are normally held annually.
- Section 2. Between General Meetings this Association shall be governed by an Executive Board consisting of a President, a Vice -President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and, whenever so elected, an Editor.
- Section 3. The Executive Board shall meet at least at the time of the General Meeting. The President may call meetings at other times during the year.
- Section 4. The fees paid by the Members shall be administered by the Executive Board of this Association.

## **Article V**

### *Duties of the Officers*

- Section 1. The duties of the President shall be
- a) to act as the chief executive officer of this Association
  - bi) to preside at the General Meeting and at meetings of the Executive Board
  - c) to represent the Association in an official capacity.
- Section 2. The duties of the Vice-President shall be
- a) to assist the President
  - b) to act as substitute for the President in the latter's absence from the General Meeting or from a meeting of the Executive Board.
- Section 3. The duties of the Secretary shall be
- a.) to record the Minutes of the meetings of the Executive Board and to keep the records and papers of this Association
  - b) to conduct the correspondence and ordinary administrative affairs of the Association according to the instructions of the Executive Board
  - c) to issue official communications to Members at the direction of the President
  - d) to record the Minutes of General Meetings.

Section 4. The duties of the Treasurer shall be

- a) to receive the funds of this Association and to make disbursements as provided for by the By-Laws or the Executive Board or by the Members in General Meeting
- b) to act as business manager of the periodical publications of the Association
- c) to submit to General Meetings a financial statement of the income and expenses of the Association
- d) to submit on request a financial statement to the members of the Executive Board.

Section 5. Should an Editor be elected the duties of the Editor shall be

- a) to prepare for publication anything so approved by the General Meeting of the Association.

## **Article VI**

### *Election of Officers*

Section 1. The President and Vice-President shall be elected at the General Meeting for a two-year term; the Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected for a three-year term. All terms of office shall extend from the General Meeting at which they have been elected until the end of the General Meeting at the conclusion of their respective terms. The President and Vice-President shall be ineligible for immediate re-election.

## **Article VII**

### *Constitution*

Section I. The Constitution of the Association is approved by the General Meeting. If necessary the Executive may interpret articles of the Constitution between General Meetings.

Section 2. The Annual Membership fee will be determined by the General Meeting on the advice of the Treasurer.