

PCCA Constitution, Part I – Membership

§ 1 Qualification

- (a) Membership shall be open to all Polish and Polish Australian organisations from all States and Territories of Australia, whose aims and objectives are consistent with the principles of the Council.
- (b) To qualify for membership, an organisation must satisfy one of the following criteria:
- (i) be a State or Territory Polish-Australian umbrella body comprising more than one (1) organisation, representing a joined organisation constituency of no fewer than fifty (50) individual persons. Individual persons shall be counted only once, irrespective of how many organisations in the umbrella body they are a member of; or
 - (ii) be a financial member of the Council as at the date of adoption of this Constitution; or
 - (iii) be an individual organisation of no fewer than fifty (50) members.
- (c) The Executive Committee may approve for membership an organisation not satisfying paragraph § 7(b) on the grounds that:
- (i) the organisation is from a community in a remote and sparsely populated area; or
 - (ii) the organisation has a specific unique purpose, and makes a significant contribution to the Polish Community; or
 - (iii) the organisation is a unique organisation with branches/representations in at least two (2) States or Territories.

§ 8 Application

- (a) Applications for membership (*see a sample form in Appendix 1*) shall be made in writing to the Executive Committee, which has the power to accept or reject the application. Any decision of the Executive Committee must be presented for approval at the next Congress of Delegates of the Council.
- (b) An organisation applying for membership shall include with the application:
- its Constitution,
 - a copy of minutes from the meeting at which the motion for application was carried
 - and a statement of the number of financial members, together with the prescribed membership fee.
 - Should the applicant not be admitted to the Council, the fee shall be refunded.
- (c) The Executive Committee shall notify the applicant organisation of its decision in relation to its membership application within three (3) months from the date on which the application was received.
- (d) In the case that a membership is refused, the applicant organisation shall have the right of appeal at the next Congress of Delegates whose decision shall be final.

APPENDIX 1

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF ASSOCIATION

POLISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED (incorporated under the *Associations Incorporation Act 1991, ACT*)

WE, _____
(insert name of organisation)

of _____
(address)

_____ hereby apply to
(occupation / type of organisation)

become a **MEMBER** of the abovenamed incorporated Association. In the event of admission as a **MEMBER**, **WE** agree to be bound by the rules and objectives of the Association for the time being in force.

(signature of applicant)

(date)

Number of financial members:

Contact details:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Fax:

Website: