ANZAPA CONSTITUTION

 The Australian and New Zealand Amateur Publishing Association (ANZAPA) is an association of people whose common interest is amateur journalism. Its purpose is to facilitate communication between its members through a bimonthly exchange of publications.

2. Membership

Membership is limited to thirty persons or couples. On joining, a member shall be required to pay a pro rata membership fee and contribute to the following mailing. If there are no vacancies, applications for membership will be placed on a waiting list.

3. Activity

To retain membership, a member must contribute a minimum of six quarto pages of self-written material every six months. Contributions must be supplied to the Official Bloody Editor in editions of 35 substantially identical copies. A publication apparently intended to circulate widely outside ANZAPA in addition to ANZAPA will not be counted towards a member's minimum activity requirements, unless it bears conspicuously on its cover or front page the words "First published in ANZAPA" (or words to similar effect) and the name and address of the member on whose behalf credit is sought.

4. Mailings

Mailing dates shall be the tenth of the months of February, April, June, August, October, and December. Mailing deadlines may be announced by the Official Bloody Editor. With each mailing, the Official Bloody Editor shall publish an official Organ, including a list of the contents, a membership roster, and a financial statement. Material which violates postal regulations shall not be included. The Official Bloody Editor shall publish this constitution in the Official Bloody Organ at least once a year.

5. Fees

Members are required to pay an annual fee of A\$7.00 on or before the first of August.

Officers of the Association

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A president shall be elected annually by means of a popularity poll (called "Anzapopoll"). The President's duties shall be to organise the following poll and "encourager les autres".

An Official Bloody Editor shall be elected (or re-elected) annually. The Official Bloody Editor shall be an Australian resident. The duties of the Official Bloody Editor shall include distributing the mailing, publishing the official organ, and controlling the Association's finances. Other duties may be undertaken at the Official Bloody Editor's discretion.

An Emergency Editor may be appointed by the Official Bloody Editor to perform any of the Official Bloody Editor's duties.

7. Elections

The ballot for the election of the Official Bloody Editor, containing the names of all those who have been nominated for the office, shall be distributed with the February mailing. The closing date shall be the 10th of March or twenty eight days after the February mailing has been distributed. The counting of votes shall be conducted by a member not standing for office. Elections shall be by simple majority. The result shall be announced in the April official organ, and the incoming Official Bloody Editor shall assume duties with the June Mailing.

The Anzapopoll shall be conducted by the President in conjunction with the August mailing. The incoming President shall assume office with the October mailing.

8. Amendments

Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Official Bloody Editor, bearing the signatures of three members. These amendments shall be set out in the official organ for the mailing immediately following their reception by the Official Bloody Editor. With the second mailing following their reception, the Official Bloody Editor shall distribute a ballot. The closing date for the return of ballots shall be twenty leight days after the mailing has been distributed. Any amendments receiving a positive vote from a majority of members shall be passed.

9. Special Rules

Special Rules may be adopted from time to time, provided a majority of voters endorses a copy of the proposed rule within twenty eight days of its distribution. Such a proposal must be distributed to the entire membership at substantially the same time. Any member other than the proposer(s) may be nominated to count votes.