

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE QUEEN'S GURKHA SIGNALS ASSOCIATION, NEPAL 1999

PREAMBLE

People holding different occupations with respective professions at various levels can play an important role by participating in all round development of their community and create an equitably progressive society and deter growing social- ill. With this concept in view, the ex-servicemen and serving soldiers of Queen's Gurkha Signals, have formed an association called The Queen's Gurkha Signals Association Nepal (QGSAN). Hence this constitution is applied to promote goodwill, extend co-operation and exchange information between its members. The QGSAN is purely a social organisation and shall not be associated with any political party.

CHAPTER 1

1. Name: "The Queen's Gurkha Signals Association Nepal" abbreviated to "(QGSAN)".
 2. Office: Its office will be situated in Lalitpur or in Kathmandu Nepal.
 3. Commencement: The QGSAN will commence its function effective from the date His Majesty's Government of Nepal approves registration.
 4. Definition and Interpretation: Unless the subject and context perceives otherwise, in this constitution:
 - a. "Constitution" means the QGSAN Constitution 1999.
 - b. "Association" means the QGSAN, formed pursuant to this constitution.
 - c. "Rules" means rules and regulations lay down under this constitution.
 - d. "Member" means a member of this association, as categorised under article 7 of this constitution.
 - e. "Working Committee (WC)" means a Committee elected in accordance the article 10 of this constitution.
 - f. "Office Bearers" means the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of the WC.
 - g. "General Meeting" means the General Meeting convened by the WC in accordance with the Article 9 of this Constitution
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CHAPTER 2

5. LOGO and Stamp: The Logo and Stamp of this Association will be as shown in Schedule 'A'.
6. Objective and Policy: Policy of this association will be to work closely with concerned authority of HMG Nepal and in compliance with prevailing laws of the country to implement the following objectives: -

- a. To organise social activities and cultural programmes to enhance the social work, mutual co-operation and keep in touch with its members.
- b. To help one and other when in distress and venture assistance from probable donors agencies.
- c. To participate in relevant development work of the country or in any social work as may be appropriate.
- d. The QGSAN will always remain as a social service oriented and non-profit making entity.

CHAPTER 3

7. Membership and Voting Rights:

- a. Having paid the required fee, the ex -service or in-service men of the Queen's Gurkha Signals and their dependants above the age of . 18 years, are eligible for membership. Membership fees will be as determined by the WC.
- b. The membership categories:
 - (1) Ordinary membership
 - (2) Life membership
 - (3) Patron membership
 - (4) Honorary membership
 - (4) Institutional membership
- c. Patronage is to be awarded to the eldest and distinguished member and one who has, in anyway rendered service to the association.
- d. Honorary membership is to be awarded to the national or international members who have made significant contribution to the association, as evaluated by the WC.
- e. Institutional membership: National or international institutions affiliated to this association will be eligible for Institutional Membership of QGSAN.

8. Voting Right: Only the ordinary members and life members will have the voting right.

9. Disqualification and Termination of Membership: Membership is disqualified if the General Meeting finds the conduct of a member contradictory to the spirit of the constitution and damaging the reputation of the association.

- a. Membership is terminated when a member resigns from the association.
- b. Membership is terminated in the event of a member expired or is considered to be mentally imbalance.

CHAPTER 4

10. Annual General Meeting (AGM): The QGSAN will hold a AGM once a year, convened by the working committee. Extra-Ordinary GM may be called, if [1http://www2.army.mod.uk/index.htm](http://www2.army.mod.uk/index.htm) 3 of the members so request, or as deemed necessary by the WC.

11. Function and authority of the AGM:

- a. The main function will be to hold open discussion, on the main Agenda (annual progress and audit reports inclusive) during the AGM. After deliberation, the minutes of the AGM are to be approved.
- b. Hold consultation on proposed amendments in the constitution, presented at the AGM. Adopt the proceedings as may be appropriate.
- c. Hold election for new working committee members, when the election is due.
- d. Formulate new policy and programme of activities for the coming year as a directive for the new working committee.
- e. Appointment of the auditor.
- f. Hold consultation on any other business.

12. Working Committee (WC):

- a. Composition of WC:
- b. Chairman
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer
- e. Members 4
- f. Institutional members 4 (Ex-officio)

13. Election of WC:

- a. Election of the WC will be held in a democratic manner by secret ballot or by raising hands at the AGM. The incumbent WC members can be re-elected.
- b. Election procedure will be as prepared by the WC. (3) The term of working committee will be for 2 years.
- c. To begin with, a General Meeting will be held for the election of a WC within six months after registration of the constitution.

14. Function and executive power of the WC:

- a. Implement the policy and programme as approved and directed by the AGM.
- b. Implementation of the objectives expressed in the constitution.
- c. To maintain the account according to the rules and presentation of the report at the AGM.
- d. Create rules and regulations as and when required pursuant to the constitution.
- e. WC meetings are to be held at least 6 times a year.
- f. To co-ordinate with outside body or institutions as may be necessary.

15. Terms of Reference for WC members are:

a. Chairman:

- (1). To perform as a Team Leader of the WC.
- (2). Chair the committee meetings and cast the deciding vote in the event of situation so arises.
- (3). Implement policy and programmes that has been approved by the AGM.
- (4). Participate on the relevant activities of the Government, NGOs or INGOs as a representative of the QGSAN.
- (5). Convene the WC meetings, pursuant to Article 10 Para c(5) of this Constitution.
- (6). Implement any other programmes that may be beneficial to the Association.

b. Secretary:

- (1). To carry out the day to day works of the Association.
- (2). To record the minutes of the WC meetings.
- (3). To call the committee meetings as advised by the Chairman
- (4). Implementation of other activities as laid down under the constitution

c. Treasurer:

- (1). Being a responsible member of WC, the Treasurer will maintain and manage the account as directed by the WC.
- (2). The treasurer is to present the financial report (audited by authorised auditor), at the AGM.
- (3). Perform other activities as directed.

d. Members:

- (1). WC members are to attend WC meetings regularly and assist the WC by advising to formulate any future activities and programme of the association.

CHAPTER 5

16. QGSAN Fund and Management:

- a. QGSAN will establish its own Fund and manage by the working committee as directed by the AGM. Bank Account will be open in the name of QGSAN.
- b. The Chairman, Secretary and Treasure will be the joint signatories to operate the Bank Account.
- c. The sources of the Fund:
- d. Membership fees.
- e. Contribution from the National or International donors (individual or institution).
- f. The publications sales
- g. Proceeds from picnics or cultural programme activities (5) Various other sources
- h. Permission from HMG Nepal is mandatory for receiving donations from out side countries.
- i. The Fund will be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice. Financial statement, audited by a registered auditor will be presented to the AGM for adoption.
- j. Association must be renewed annually and at the same time, must submit the audit report along with progress report of the association to the authority of HMG Nepal.

CHAPTER 6

17. Advisory Committee: The AGM may opt to form an advisory committee for advising the WC to achieve the aim of the QGSAN.

18. Opening the Branches: The QGSAN may open Branches countrywide and beyond.

19. Relation with other Organisations: QGSAN will always foster good relationship with other related organisations.

20. Constitutional Amendment: Amendment may be made in the constitution if changes requirement but by 2/3 majority of the AOM.

21. Dissolution of the Association: In the event this association is dissolved as a result of its inability to function according to the constitution, the property of the association will be transferred to HMO Nepal.

22. Miscellaneous: If any conflict arises from this constitution with the prevailing law of the land, the conflicting parts will be 'ceased' automatically with immediate effect.

SCHEDULE A

23. The LOGO is under consideration. Stamp of the QGSAN will be as follows.

24. QGSAN Branches:

- a. Kathmandu
- b. Pokhara
- c. Dharan
- d. Butwal

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