

JGLG - CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1 - OBJECT:

The object of JGLG is to provide a meeting place where Jewish gay men, lesbians, bi-sexuals and transgender people can meet in a friendly and sociable atmosphere and to provide and organise events and/or activities which would be of interest to the members of JGLG.

ARTICLE 2 - MANAGEMENT:

- a) The management and affairs of JGLG shall be vested in a Committee consisting of President, Vice-President, and Treasurer; Women's Co-ordinator, Men's Co-ordinator, Newsletter Editor, Mail Receiver, and as many additional functions and/or members as will bring the total to nine persons excluding any person who may be co-opted under paragraph d) of this article.
- b) The Committee will call for Nominations for the Committee positions before the Annual General meeting, and at any time during the year that positions may become vacant. If only one person is proposed, seconded and accepts nomination for a particular position by the declared date, that person will be deemed as being elected unopposed. However, in the event of more than one person being proposed, seconded and accepting a nomination by the declared date, the Committee will organize an election for that post.
- c) The Committee shall have the power to remove a Committee member from the Committee who has absented themselves from at least three consecutive Committee meetings from the time of his or her election to the Committee, subject to extenuating circumstances.
- d) The Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional members and to fill casual vacancies.
- e) The members of the Committee shall retire at each Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible for re-election.
- f) The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to any Committee member shall not invalidate any resolution passed at that meeting.
- g) The Committee shall delegate any matter which is thought necessary to a sub-Committee. Nevertheless all such delegated matters dealt with by such individual members or sub-Committees must be brought before and considered by the Committee before action is finally taken.

- h) The Committee shall have the right to refuse membership or to bar anyone from any meeting or event whom they consider prejudicial to JGLG or its members.
- i) All databases, equipment, telephone lines, telephone numbers, web sites and any other items paid for and maintained by JGLG are deemed to be the property of JGLG and must be handed back if so requested by the Committee.

ARTICLE 3 - PRESIDENT

The President shall preside over all Annual General Meetings, Committee meetings, and any other meetings which may occur and in the event of an equal vote on any resolution s/he shall have an additional or casting vote. In the event of the absence of the President, the Vice-president or another Committee member shall preside.

ARTICLE 4 - TREASURER & FINANCE:

- a) The Treasurer shall have custody of and be responsible for the financial records, account books and all monies of JGLG.
- b) The funds of JGLG not required for immediate application may be invested as the Committee may from time to time deem appropriate.
- c) The Treasurer shall produce the account books, financial papers and records to the Committee and shall also produce to the Committee an account of income and expenditure and a balance sheet at least once a year. The accounts of JGLG shall be made up to the end of September in every year and they shall be audited by a member of JGLG who is approved by, but not a member of the Committee.
- d) The Committee shall authorise all payments out of the funds of JGLG.
- d) The Bank Account shall be in the name of 'JGLG' and shall be kept at a Bank or at a Building Society to be directed by the Committee and shall be vested in the name of JGLG. All cheques shall be signed by any two of the nominated persons decided by the Committee.

ARTICLE 5 – MEMBERSHIP RECORDS

A nominated Committee member, who may or may not be the Treasurer, shall be responsible for all paper and electronic records related to membership. A

duplicate set of paper and electronic records should be held by another Committee member as a back-up in case of emergencies. (S)he in conjunction with the Committee will delegate the recording of minutes of all meetings of the Committee and any other meetings of JGLG which may be held. (S)he shall also be responsible for the custody of all records, documents, papers etc. of JGLG and on request by any Committee member should produce them accordingly.

ARTICLE 6 - MEMBERSHIP:

Membership of JGLG shall be open to all gay men, lesbians, bisexuals or transgenders of Jewish faith or birth, as well as anyone who has identified themselves as being friends of JGLG either through their relationship with a JGLG member, or by some other means that has been approved by the Committee. Non-Jewish partners are welcome as members of JGLG. In the event of the demise of their relationship with a JGLG member, they shall remain members until their membership lapses, at which time they will no longer be eligible for membership since they do not fulfil the criteria of being both Jewish and lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender.

ARTICLE 7 - SUBSCRIPTIONS:

- a) The subscription shall be determined by the Committee and paid on an annual basis.
- b) The Treasurer shall have the power in exceptional circumstances to admit members or to continue their membership on such terms as may be considered fit and proper.
- c) The Committee shall decide from time to time the amount to be charged for entrance to any event which may be organised.
- d) Members who are more than two months in arrears with their subscriptions after they have become due and having been sent more than one reminder may cease to be members.

ARTICLE 8 - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The Annual General Meeting of JGLG shall be held between October 1st and November 30th in each year to receive the Treasurer's Report and annual accounts, and to elect the Committee and to transact such other business of which notice shall have been given by the Committee in the notice convening the meeting.

ARTICLE 9 - EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING:

Any member of the Committee may call an Extra-Ordinary Meeting of JGLG at any time to consider any matter which the Committee may decide should be referred to the members in general. Ordinary members can convene an Extra-Ordinary Meeting of JGLG provided that ten members call for such a meeting to take place

ARTICLE 10 - ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION:

Any alteration to this constitution shall require the approval of a two-thirds majority of those present at an Annual General Meeting or Extra-Ordinary Meeting at which it is to be discussed or two-thirds of the Committee.

This Constitution was adopted as the Constitution of JGLG on 7th April 2008.
Signed by all members of the Committee