



CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

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National Council Current and Standing Policies

18.1 INTRODUCTION

The RNZRSA Presidents Forum (the Forum) has reviewed all standing and current policy which have been approved by National Council.

18.2 NATIONAL COUNCIL POLICY DEFINITIONS

a) Current Policy

That policy which is derived principally from resolutions of National Council or the Forum comprises various matters which require ongoing attention until acceptable results are obtained.

b) Standing Policy

That policy which comprises matters of historical relevance only and which have been placed in an archival system but capable of being retrieved.

c) Deleted (Archived) Policy

That policy which comprises matters of historical relevance only and which have been placed in an archival system but capable of being retrieved.

Note:

Regular reviews are necessary to establish if reclassifications should be made as follows:

1. Current Policy matters to Standing Policy.
2. Standing Policy matters to Current Policy.
3. Archiving of Standing Policy matters.
4. Deleted (Archived) Policy matters from Current or Standing Policy.

18.3 ASSOCIATION POLICY

Current Policy

7/19 RNZRSA Membership List

Resolved

That in keeping with the intent of 1984 Dominion Council Resolution 41, this Council reaffirms that the Forum is empowered to make available to a contracted mailing house, under secure conditions, the RNZRSA membership mailing list to enable RNZRSA to advise

details of benefits and/or opportunities available to members through negotiated arrangements with poppy partners and other selected Corporates.

03/10 Poppy Funds – RNZRSA Policy

Resolved (In Amended Form)

That this Council directs all local Associations receiving donations from the public from Poppy Day collections to establish a Deed of Trust with a separate account and that the Deed of Trust be registered to ensure that the funds donated are protected; and the accounts of the Deed of Trust be included in the annual accounts of the Association and that this RNZRSA policy to be mandatory for local Associations.

09/10 Poppy Day Funds

Resolved

That RNZRSA clearly define who is eligible to be assisted by Poppy Day Funds.

06/11 RNZRSA Charitable Trust – Establishment Of

Resolved

That RNZRSA:

- (a) Form a charitable trust to receive and administer all bequests and funds including those for specific purposes that are unable to be performed by the RNZRSA currently; and
- (b) Register the trust with the Charities Commission and IRD; and
- (c) Take all the necessary steps required to legally transfer funds to the new trust in a manner that will enable the trust to operate the funds currently held or administered for charitable purposes by RNZRSA or by or on behalf of the Returned and Service movement; and
- (d) The initial trustees to be the RNZRSA Board for the purposes of forming the Trust and taking the steps to get the Trust operation; and
- (e) On becoming operational it is proposed to nominate a Trust Board comprising the National President, Chairman of the Board, an independent solicitor and an independent accountant, the appointments to be ratified by NEC prior to the October 2012 National Council meeting.

07/11 Defence Force Membership

Resolved

- (a) That local Associations remit subscriptions under Rule 38(d) of the standard rules for local Associations for all serving uniformed members of the New Zealand Defence Force and the New Zealand Police currently eligible for membership under Rule 8(a) and 8(b) of the RNZRSA Rules, and that RNZRSA not charge capitation for this class of membership; and

- (b) That the RNZRSA investigates the establishment of a Defence and Police Association, affiliated to RNZRSA under Rule 10 of the RNZRSA rules, with full membership benefits for its members.

STANDING POLICY

06/17 RSA Poppy – Manufacture and Distribution Of

Resolved

That Dominion Council Resolution 1980/32 be repealed and that the Chief Executive be delegated the authority to call for and accept, tenders for the manufacture and distribution of the RSA poppy.

18.4 AWARDS POLICY

CURRENT POLICY

Nil

STANDING POLICY

Nil

18.5 DEFENCE POLICY

CURRENT POLICY

Nil

STANDING POLICY

Nil

18.6 FINANCE POLICY

CURRENT POLICY

03/11 Capitation – Payment of Instalments Other Than Half Yearly

Resolved

That Rule 56 of the Rules of RNZRSA be amended to enable the Forum to authorise payment of capitation in instalments of lesser or greater frequency than currently provided.

04/25 Annual Statement of Financial Performance

Resolved

That the Board provide to all local Associations and Separately Incorporated Clubs, the Annual Statement of Financial Performance including notes and proposed budget before the closing date of remits for that year.

05/03 RNZRSA – Financial Matters

Resolved

That the Board be empowered to “write off” amounts owing to RNZRSA of up to, but not exceeding, \$10,000 for any one debtor, for irrecoverable debts.

06/01 Capitation

Resolved

That the Capitation year be changed to that of the RNZRSA Financial year.

06/02 Finance – Membership Returns

Resolved

That this National Council authorise the Forum to alter the dates for membership returns from the 31 December of each year to 30 June of each year.

09/04 Capitation 2010/2011 – Local Associations and RSA Clubs

Resolved

- (a) That pursuant to the provisions of rules 56 and 57 of the RNZRSA’s Rules, the capitation to be paid by local associations and separately incorporated RSA Clubs for the financial year 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 shall be an amount of \$10.00 + gst for each member aged less than 90 years in respect of all classes of members based on membership as at 31 December 2009, as certified by a statutory declaration completed by the secretary or president of the local association or separately incorporated rsa club, plus gst at the prescribed rate for that year, and
- (b) That the amount of capitation remains at the same level for the financial years 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 and 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013.

STANDING POLICY

98/17 Affiliated Organisations - Affiliation Fees.

Resolved

That the affiliation fee payable by those organisations listed in the Fourth Schedule to the Rules of the Royal New Zealand Returned Services’ Association Inc. be increased to \$50.00 per annum plus GST at the prescribed rate for that year, with effect from the 1st January 1999.

18.7 FUTURE POLICY

CURRENT POLICY

Nil

STANDING POLICY

Nil

18.8 MEMBERSHIP POLICY**CURRENT POLICY**

Nil

STANDING POLICY

Nil

18.9 PROTOCOL, COMMEMORATION AND MEDALLIC POLICY**CURRENT POLICY****07/16 Medallic Recognition****Resolved**

That the outstanding medallic recognition issues, presented and supported as remits at previous National Councils, which remain without a satisfactory response one way or another, be given a serious boost toward some form of definitive outcome from the Defence and heraldic agencies concerned. Specifically active service roles and deployments, with SEATO forces in Malaysia/Singapore 1965-1970, ANZUK, ANZAM and NZ forces service Singapore/Malaysia (including armed operational deployments to Singapore naval base and Butterworth air base defence) 1970-1989.

18.10 RULES POLICY**CURRENT POLICY****05/8 RNZRSA – Association Badges – Returned And Service Members****Resolved**

- 8.1 That this Council endorses the NEC's approval to add the word "And" between the words "Returned" and "Services" on the bar of the RSA badge, and
- 8.2 That the badge as amended be declared, with immediate effect, the official RSA badge to be issued to all Returned and Service members admitted to membership of an RSA from this date, and

8.3 That Returned and Service members admitted to membership of an RSA prior to this date be permitted the option of wearing the new badge or continuing to wear the badge appropriate to their category of membership, with which they were issued when admitted, and

8.4 That manufacture and supply of the service member badge be discontinued.

05/09 RNZRSA – Association Badges – Associate Members

Resolved

9.1 That this Council gives its approval to the design of the badge as depicted, and declares that, with immediate effect, it be the official badge issued to associate members admitted to membership of an RSA from this date, and

9.2 That Associate Members admitted to membership of an RSA prior to this date be permitted, should they so wish, to continue to wear the current Associate member badge, and

That the manufacture and distribution of the current badge cease forthwith.

10/10 RNZRSA Rules – Amendment

Resolved

Election of National President and National Vice President

18(b) That nominations for these offices shall be made by local Associations and must bear the acceptance thereon of the person nominated and must be in the hands of the Chief Executive not later than a date seven (7) weeks prior to the date of National Council in each year. The names of such nominees shall be posted to the local Associations at least five (5) weeks prior to the date of National Council.

10/11 RNZRSA Rules – Amendment

Resolved

Council Delegates

21. That the names and appointments of all delegates shall be delivered to the Executive no later than seven (7) weeks prior to the date of National Council.

10/12 RNZRSA Rules – Amendment

Resolved

40. Remits

(a) That the Forum or any local Association or any district meeting of local Associations or any Affiliated Organisation which desires to bring forward any remit to a meeting of the Council shall forward a copy of such remit to the Chief Executive on or before a date seven (7) weeks before the date fixed for the meeting of the Council which shall be the final date for the receipt of such a remit.

- (d) The Chief Executive shall forward a copy of all remits to all Associations entitled to representation at meetings of the Council, by a date at least five (5) weeks before the meeting of the Council at which such remit is to be considered.

10/13 RNZRSA Rules – Amendment

Resolved

That Rule 56(a) be amended to read:

Two equal instalments due 30 September and 31 March.

10/14 RNZRSA Rules – Amendment

Resolved

Capitation and Finance

Services and Citizens Type Clubs

58. That every Affiliated Services and Citizens type club shall pay to the Chief Executive by no later than 30 September each year an affiliation fee of an amount as determined from time to time by the Council.

Affiliated Organisations

59. That every Affiliated Organisation shall pay to the Chief Executive by no later than 30 September each year an affiliation fee of an amount as determined from time to time by the council.

10/16 RNZRSA Rules – Amendment

Resolved

Voting Delegates

Local Associations and RSA Clubs

- 22(d) That subject to the proper invocation of rule 13(a) every local Association, RSA Club, Service and Citizens type club, or Affiliated Organisation, that has not paid in full its capitation for the period to 30 June prior to the date of National Council be ineligible to vote at National Council.

10/18 RNZRSA Rules - National Council Elections

Resolved

That when nominations are called for the positions of National President and two National Vice Presidents, that those currently holding these positions indicate whether or not they are standing for office.

11/10 RNZRSA AND LOCAL ASSOCIATION RULES – AMENDMENTS TO

Resolved

- (a) That National Office be directed to review the rules of RNZRSA and the standard rules for local Associations; and
- (b) That a paper be prepared by National Office for presentation to NEC setting out the amendments required to the respective rules for adoption and submission as a remit to National Council 2012.

11/11 RNZRSA RULES AMENDMENT – FIFTH SCHEDULE**Resolved As Amended**

That the Ranfurly Trust, the Rannerdale Trust, and the Montecillo Trust be added to the Fifth Schedule to the rules of the Royal New Zealand Returned And Services' Association (Inc), and that the trust be eligible to send one delegate to National Council meetings and be eligible to exercise one vote at those meetings, and that such amendment be registered with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies.

11/12 LOCAL ASSOCIATION RULES – ASSOCIATE MEMBERS ELECTION TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**Resolved**

That all local Associations be required, at a time at which they deem appropriate, to amend their rules to enable financial associate members of a local association to stand for election to any position on a local Association's Executive Committee, including those of President and Vice President(s).

11/13 STANDARD RULES – NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**Resolved**

That under mode of admission to Associate Membership (Rule 10), under Mode of admission to Youth Membership (Rule 10a), under mode of admission to Corporate Membership (Rule 10b), that it should read as, shall be nominated for membership by a financial member.

And that all reference found in the RNZRSA Manual and Standard Rules for local Associations requiring prospective members of the association to be seconded, be deleted.

11/14 LOCAL ASSOCIATION RULES – SEVENTH SCHEDULE**Resolved**

That the Seventh Schedule to the rules for local Associations entitled licence regulations be amended by the addition of the following rule:

ADMISSION OF RSA VISITORS

- 5(a) That this local Association affiliated to the Royal New Zealand Returned And Services' Association (Inc) as defined in the Sixth Schedule to its rules, grants reciprocal visiting rights to all other local Associations and RSA Clubs, as defined in the Sixth Schedule to the rules of RNZRSA, and

- (b) That rules 5 and 6 of the Seventh Schedule to the rules for local Associations and RSA Clubs, be amended to read rules 6 and 7, and
- (c) That National Council directs that this amendment be adopted by all local Associations and RSA Clubs and incorporated within their rules.

STANDING POLICY

06/24 RNZRSA Rules – Rule 53 Districts

Resolved (in amended form)

The Forum shall have the power to amalgamate, add to, or reduce the number of districts as detailed in the Sixth Schedule and to allocate to any such district any local Association, subject to the consent of the parties involved.

06/25 RNZRSA Rules – New Rule 86

That the following addition be made to the Rules of RNZRSA.

Registered office

86. The registered office of the Association shall be at such place as the Board shall from time to time determine.

18.12 SPORTS POLICY

CURRENT POLICY

Nil.

STANDING POLICY

Nil.

18.13 WAR PENSIONS POLICY

CURRENT POLICY

03/11 ADMINISTRATION OF DECEASED VETERAN'S WAR DISABLEMENT PENSION

Resolved

That the inconsistency which exists between the administration of deceased veteran's war disablement pension relative to cut off dates and overpayment demands be amended and brought into line with the provisions of the veteran's pension as managed by the veteran's pension centre.

04/11 REVERSE ONUS OF PROOF

Resolved

That the interpretations of “beneficial evidential provision,” (more commonly known as the “reverse onus of proof”) which are currently being implemented by VANZ executive and war pension claims panels be tabled for discussion, definition and recommendation at the RNZRSA NEC. Included for clarification the “guarantee of independence” of claims panels and additionally the access and availability of documentation relevant to existing field conditions in the various theatres of operation as a reference to modify or substantiate opinion, prior to application of modern clinical judgements.

05/11 70% DISABILITY CRITERIA

Resolved

That the 70 percent disability criteria imposed before a veteran’s pension can be accessed by a bona fide veteran be rescinded.

18.14 WELFARE POLICY

CURRENT POLICY

01/11 POPPY DAY FUNDS – ENTITLEMENT TO

Resolved

That the definition of recipients entitled to be eligible to receive assistance from poppy day funds is broadened to read:

“to assist all returned and ex-service personnel, their spouses, partners, widows and dependants who are in need.”

18.15 GENERAL POLICY

CURRENT POLICY

11/20 EMERGENCY RELIEF

Resolved As Amended

That the National Council gives the Forum authority to recommend to the Board arrangements for emergency financial relief to any financial RSA in New Zealand.

This authority can only be used for authorised national emergency disasters as declared by the New Zealand Government and that this relief be for a period of 1 year from the due date of capitation with a review possible at the end of the capitation year based on the latest financial information supplied by the local Associations.