

Proposed Amendments to Rules of Malaysian Association for the Study of Obesity and Bye-Laws

Proposed by the 15th MASO Council during 14th Council Meeting on 23rd October 2020

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<p>ARTICLE I</p> <p>Name and Place of Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Association shall be known as Persatuan Kajian Obesiti Malaysia [Malaysian Association for the Study of Obesity] (PEKOM / MASO).2. Its registered place of business shall be at Faculty of Health Sciences, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Jalan Raja Muda Abdul Aziz, 50300 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, or at such place or places as may from time to time be decided on by the Council; and its postal address shall be as above or such other address as may from time to time be decided on by the Council. The registered place of business of the Association shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Registrar of Societies).3. <i>Not in the current Rules</i>	<p>ARTICLE I</p> <p>Name and Place of Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Association shall be known as Persatuan Kajian Obesiti Malaysia [Malaysian Association for the Study of Obesity] (PEKOM / MASO).2. Its registered place of business shall be at Faculty of Health Sciences, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Jalan Raja Muda Abdul Aziz, 50300 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, or at such place or places as may from time to time be decided on by the Council; and its postal address shall be as above or such other address as may from time to time be decided on by the Council. The registered place of business of the Association shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Registrar of Societies).3. There shall be a Patron of the Association who will be appointed at a General Meeting of the Association

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<p>ARTICLE III</p> <p>1. Membership</p> <p>a. <u>Ordinary members:</u></p> <p>Membership is opened to medical and health professionals, educators, scientists and researchers who are residing in Malaysia. Persons who possess a relevant degree and are interested in obesity and the objectives of the Association can be considered for membership.</p> <p>b. <u>Life members:</u></p> <p>Membership is opened to all active members upon completion of a minimum of three years as an ordinary member of the Association. Life membership is opened to Malaysians and Permanent Residents of Malaysia only.</p> <p>c. <u>Corporate members:</u></p> <p>A corporate member is an organisation, firm or company, which has made application to the Association, indicating its interest in supporting the objectives of the Association. Corporate members are entitled to nominate one representative to the Association. The representative from the organisation, firm or company can attend meetings and vote, but not hold office.</p> <p>d. <u>Honorary members:</u></p> <p>Distinguished persons who have rendered notable service to the Association or to the understanding of obesity may on the recommendation of the Council be elected as Honorary members by a majority vote at a General Meeting.</p> <p>e. <i>Not included in current Rules</i></p>	<p>ARTICLE III</p> <p>1. Membership</p> <p>a. <u>Ordinary members:</u></p> <p>Membership is opened to medical and health professionals, educators, scientists and researchers who are residing in Malaysia. Persons who possess a relevant degree and are interested in obesity and the objectives of the Association can be considered for membership.</p> <p>b. <u>Life members:</u></p> <p>Membership is opened to all active members upon completion of a minimum of three years as an ordinary member of the Association. Life membership is opened to Malaysians and Permanent Residents of Malaysia only.</p> <p>c. <u>Corporate members:</u></p> <p>A corporate member is an organisation, firm or company, which has made application to the Association, indicating its interest in supporting the objectives of the Association. Corporate members are entitled to nominate one representative to the Association. The representative from the organisation, firm or company can attend meetings and vote, but not hold office.</p> <p>d. <u>Honorary members:</u></p> <p>Distinguished persons who have rendered notable service to the Association or to the understanding of obesity may on the recommendation of the Council be elected as Honorary members by a majority vote at a General Meeting.</p> <p>e. <u>Fellow members:</u></p> <p>Fellow members shall be elected at a General Meeting, on the recommendation of the Council for outstanding professional and meritorious contribution to the field of obesity. Fellows of the Association will be entitled to use the abbreviation, FMASO, after their names.</p>

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<p>f. <u>Associate members:</u></p> <p>Membership is opened to members of the public who are at least 18 years of age, residing in Malaysia, and interested in obesity and the objectives of the Association.</p>	<p>f. <u>Associate members:</u></p> <p>Membership is opened to members of the public who are at least 18 years of age, residing in Malaysia, and interested in obesity and the objectives of the Association.</p>

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<p>ARTICLE IV</p> <p>Subscription fees and other dues</p> <p>1. a. <u>Ordinary members</u>: RM50.00 per calendar year.</p> <p>b. <u>Life members</u>: RM500.00 in one payment.</p> <p>c. <u>Corporate members</u>: RM500.00 per calendar year.</p> <p>d. <u>Honorary members</u>: Honorary members shall be exempted from payment of membership fees.</p> <p>e. <i>Not included in current Rules</i></p> <p>f. <u>Associate members</u>: RM30.00 per calendar year.</p> <p>g. <u>Re-joining fee</u>: Any member who has lapsed in payment of membership subscription shall have to pay a re-joining fee when they wish to re-join the Association. The re-joining fee shall be twice the amount of the annual fee, and arrears shall be waived.</p>	<p>ARTICLE IV</p> <p>Subscription fees and other dues</p> <p>1. a. <u>Ordinary members</u>: RM50.00 per calendar year.</p> <p>b. <u>Life members</u>: RM500.00 in one payment.</p> <p>c. <u>Corporate members</u>: RM500.00 per calendar year.</p> <p>d. <u>Honorary members</u>: Honorary members shall be exempted from payment of membership fees.</p> <p>e. <u>Fellow members</u>: Fellow members shall be exempted from payment of membership fees.</p> <p>f. <u>Associate members</u>: RM30.00 per calendar year.</p> <p>g. <u>Re-joining fee</u>: Any member who has lapsed in payment of membership subscription shall have to pay a re-joining fee when they wish to re-join the Association. The re-joining fee shall be twice the amount of the annual fee, and arrears shall be waived.</p>

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<p>ARTICLE VII</p> <p>Council</p> <p>1. A Council shall consist of the following:</p> <p>A President; Not included in current Rules A Vice-President; An Honorary Secretary; An Honorary Assistant Secretary; An Honorary Treasurer; Five Ordinary Council Members.</p> <p>The office bearers of the Association and every officer performing executive functions in the Association shall be Malaysian citizens.</p> <p>2. Names for the above offices shall be proposed and seconded and biennial election will be by a simple majority vote of the delegates at every second Annual General Meeting. Provided that the Honorary Treasurer shall hold office for a period of not more than two terms, all office bearers shall be eligible for re-election each year.</p> <p>a) <i>Not included in current Rules</i></p> <p>b) <i>Not included in current Rules</i></p> <p>c) <i>Not included in current Rules</i></p>	<p>ARTICLE VII</p> <p>Council</p> <p>1. The Council shall consist of the following:</p> <p>A President; An Immediate-Past President; A Vice-President; An Honorary Secretary; An Honorary Assistant Secretary; An Honorary Treasurer; Five Ordinary Council Members.</p> <p>The office bearers of the Association and every officer performing executive functions in the Association shall be Malaysian citizens.</p> <p>2. Names for the above office bearers shall be proposed and seconded and biennial election will be by a simple majority vote of the delegates at every second Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>a) All key office bearers namely President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary, Assistant Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, may hold the post for a maximum two terms (4 years).</p> <p>b) With the exception of the President, all other key office bearers and Council members may be re-elected to a higher post in the Council.</p> <p>c) An immediate-Past President after a lapse of one term (2 years) may be re-elected into the Council.</p>

ARTICLE VIII

Duties of Office bearers

1. The President shall during his term of office preside at all Annual General Meetings and all meetings of the Council and shall be responsible for the proper conduct of all such meetings. He shall sign the minutes of each meeting at the time they are approved. He shall, in conjunction with the Honorary Treasurer and in place of the Honorary Secretary sign all cheques on behalf of the Association.
2. ***Not included in current Rules***
3. **The Vice-President shall deputise for the President during the latter's absence.**
4. The Honorary Secretary shall conduct the business of the Association in accordance with its Rules, and shall carry out the instructions of the Annual General Meeting and of the Council. He shall be responsible for conducting all correspondence and keeping all books, documents and papers except the accounts and financial records. He shall attend all meetings, and record the proceedings. In conjunction with the Honorary Treasurer and in place of the President, he shall sign all cheques on behalf of the Association. He shall maintain a proper membership register of the members consisting of details such as name, identity card number, date and place of birth, occupation, name and address of employer and residential address.
5. ***Not included in current Rules***
6. The Honorary Treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the Association. He shall keep accounts of all financial transactions of the Association and shall be responsible for their correctness. He shall, in conjunction with either the President or the Honorary Secretary sign all cheques on behalf of the Association. He is authorised to expend up to RM1,000.00 per month for petty expenses.
7. The Ordinary Council members shall assist the **other officers** in carrying out their duties as decided by the Council.

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2. **The Immediate Past-President shall serve as a member of the Council to provide continuity to the Council. He shall participate in Council meetings as an Ordinary Council member with full voting rights.**
3. **The Vice-President shall assume all duties, powers and responsibilities of the President in the absence of the latter.**
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5. **The Honorary Assistant Secretary shall assist the Honorary Secretary in all the latter's duties. In the absence of the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Assistant Secretary shall deputise for him and assume his responsibility.**
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<p>ARTICLE XIII</p> <p>Amendment of Rules</p> <p>These rules may not be altered or amended except by resolution of a General Meeting. Such alterations or amendment shall take effect from the date of their approval by the Registrar of Societies. Notice of the proposed alterations must be made in writing at least sixty days before the meeting to the Secretary who shall notify all members of the proposal at least twenty-eight days before the meeting. Any amendments of the rules shall be forwarded to the Registrar of Societies within 28 days of being passed by the General Meeting</p> <p><i>Change in format only.</i></p> <p>3. <i>Not included in current Rules</i></p>	<p>ARTICLE XIII</p> <p>Amendment of Rules</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. These rules may not be altered or amended except by resolution of a General Meeting. Such alterations or amendment shall take effect from the date of their approval by the Registrar of Societies. 2. Notice of the proposed alterations must be made in writing at least sixty days before the meeting to the Secretary who shall notify all members of the proposal at least twenty-eight days before the meeting. 3. The amendments can only be endorsed if passed by a two-thirds majority of the voting members present at a General Meeting. 4. Any amendments to the rules shall be forwarded to the Registrar of Societies within 28 days of being passed by the General Meeting

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<p>BYE-LAWS OF THE MALAYSIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF OBESITY EDUCATION FUND</p> <p>4. Research Grant</p> <p>4.1 The grant/seed money may be awarded for a research proposal accepted by any of the local universities for undergraduate or postgraduate research adjudged by the Council to be of significant contribution in the field of obesity.</p> <p>4.2 The Council may co-opt suitable referees to review the proposal.</p> <p>4.3 The research grant shall consist of a cash award not exceeding Three Hundred Ringgit for undergraduate and not exceeding Five Hundred Ringgit (RM500) for postgraduate student.</p> <p>4.4 The Association shall award not more than two grants per year for each category.</p> <p><i>All removed and replaced with new bye-law</i></p>	<p>BYE-LAWS OF THE MALAYSIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF OBESITY EDUCATION FUND</p> <p>4. Community Project Grant</p> <p>4.1 The grant may be awarded to support Student's Association in local Universities for Community projects adjudged by the Council to be in line with the objective of the Association.</p> <p>4.2 An application must be made through the Coordinator (lecturer in charge) of the Community Project together with a detailed proposal of the programme.</p> <p>4.3 The grant shall be in cash not exceeding One Thousand Ringgit (RM1000).</p> <p>4.4 The Association shall award not more than two grants per calendar year.</p> <p>4.5 Acknowledgement to MASO could be either as Co-Organiser or Sponsor of the proposed Community project.</p>