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Special Resolution: Constitution Amendments

Amendment 1: Add a new sub clause for Promoting Social Wellbeing to help secure government grants. Clause 1(j)

1 (j) Creating an environment that fosters compassion, inclusive community, and support for all individuals who come to the temple by actively following strategies and implementing initiatives outlined below:

- I. **Inclusive Environment:** Ensuring that SDBVOT temple is welcoming all people from all backgrounds, cultures, and walks of life. Everyone should feel comfortable and accepted when they enter the temple.
- II. **Community Outreach:** Engaging in community outreach programs to address the needs of the local community including food drives, clothing drives and offering assistance to vulnerable communities.
- III. **Meditation and Mindfulness Classes:** Offering meditation and mindfulness classes to the entire public. These practices can help people reduce stress, anxiety, and improve their overall mental well-being.
- IV. **Educational Programs:** Hosting workshops, seminars, and lectures on Buddhist principles focusing on how they relate to social well-being. Teach mindfulness techniques and ethical values that promote compassion and understanding.
- V. **Support Groups:** Creating support groups for individuals facing specific challenges, such as addiction, grief, or mental health issues. These groups can provide a safe space for people to share their experiences and receive support from others.
- VI. **Buddhist Counselling Services:** Offering counselling services with professionally trained Buddhist monks who can provide emotional and psychological support to those in need.
- VII. **Community Events:** Organising social gatherings, festivals and events bringing the community together, nurturing a sense of belonging towards an inclusive community. These events include periodic Retreat programs and Food fairs, annual Katina ceremony, Vesak Festival and Esala Festival.
- VIII. **Volunteer Opportunities:** Actively encouraging temple community and visitors to engage in volunteer work both within the temple and in the broader community.

Volunteering promotes social well-being by helping others and building a sense of purpose.

- IX. **Environmental Stewardship:** Promoting environmental awareness and responsibility as part of Buddhist teachings. Organise clean-up efforts and participate in conservation initiatives to improve the local environment.
- X. **Interfaith Dialogue:** Fostering dialogue and collaboration with other religious and community groups to promote understanding and cooperation among different faiths.
- XI. **Conflict Resolution:** Offering workshops and programs on conflict resolution and nonviolent communication to help individuals navigate interpersonal conflicts peacefully.
- XII. **Youth and Family Programs:** Developing programs specifically for youth and families, including classes, camps, and activities that promote social skills, mindfulness, and ethical values. Sunday school provides guidance for the youth to practice mindfulness and encourage them in implementing good human qualities such as compassion, generosity and wise reflections.
- XIII. **Online Presence:** Maintaining active online presence through a website and social media channels to reach a wider audience and keep the community informed about temple activities and teachings.
- XIV. **Feedback Mechanisms:** Establishing a feedback system where temple-goers can provide suggestions and express their needs and concerns, allowing the temple to adapt and improve its services.

By implementing above mentioned strategies and initiatives, SDBVOT temple can promote social well-being and inclusive community that helps individuals on their spiritual and personal journeys while also addressing the broader needs of the society.

Amendment 2: Change “Executive Committee” to “Management Committee” throughout the document

Amendment 3: Change Notification of Meetings clause 15 (4)

Notification 15 (4)

The Public Officer shall at least 14 days before the date fixed for holding a general meeting notify all members of the association by

- (a) Publishing a notice on association’s website specifying the date, time, place of the meeting and the agenda of the meeting. OR
- (b) sending an email all members

Amendment 4: Specify Management Committee structure

18 (a) the Officers of Management Committee of the Association, namely:

- a Spiritual Advisor
- a President
- a Vice President
- a Secretary
- an Assistant Secretary
- a Treasurer
- an Assistant Treasurer
- a Public officer
- A Sangha Coordinator

And two General Committee members.

18 (b) all Officers and Committee members whom shall be elected at every annual general meeting of the Association, subject to section 20, shall hold office until the close of the next annual general meeting.

Amendment 5: Change election period to one year - Clause 19 (1)

Subject to the Association Act (QLD),

(a) any person who, at the time of Management Committee nomination, is a general member or life member of the Association is eligible for election to the Management Committee.

(b) Elections for the Management Committee are to be held annually at the annual general meeting.

Amendment 6: Correct Candidate deemed elect clause- Clause 19 (3)

19 (3)

(a) If there is only one eligible nomination for any Officer of the Management Committee, the nominated candidate shall be deemed elected

(b) If there are two or less nominations for the positions of General Committee Members, the nominated candidates shall be deemed elected

Amendment 7: Correct Ballot clause- Clause 19 (4)

19 (4)

If there is more than one eligible nomination for any position of an officer, or more than two eligible nominations for the positions of general committee member, a ballot shall be held in relation to that position at the annual general meeting, in such usual and proper manner as the Committee may direct.

Amendment 8: Correct Nominations from Floor clause- Clause 19 ((5) & 19 (6)

19 (5)

If there is no eligible nomination for a position of an Officer, further nominations may be received at the annual general meeting, in which event sub-sections (3) and (4) shall apply as though the nomination had been made pursuant to subsection (2).

19 (6)

If there is less than two eligible nominations for the positions of general committee member, further nominations may be received at the annual general meeting for any position not filled pursuant to sub-section (3), in which event sub-sections (3) and (4) shall apply to that remaining position as though the nomination had been made pursuant to sub-section (2).

Amendment 9: Specify Quorum of an Management Committee meeting

Quorum 19(8)

The quorum of a committee meeting shall be not less than a half of the total number of committee members entitled to vote at the time of the meeting.

Amendment 10: Change Committee meeting period to quarterly - Clause 23 (1)

The Committee shall meet at least once in each quarter at such place and time as the Committee may determine.