

Constitution of the Proportional Representation Society of Australia, New South Wales Branch

1. The name of the organisation shall be Electoral Reform Australia, the NSW Branch of the Proportional Representation Society of Australia.
2. The object of the Branch shall be to secure the use of democratic procedures in the election of representative bodies and in particular to secure the use of the quota-preferential method of proportional representation.
3. Membership of the Branch shall be open to all persons subscribing to the object and paying the prescribed subscription. The Committee shall have the right to refuse membership to any person without assigning any reason for refusal.
4. The subscription shall be \$5 per year unless determined otherwise by the Annual Meeting.
5. The Annual Meeting shall be held at a time arranged by the Committee, after the close of the financial year, which shall be 31 March, and in any event not more than 15 months after the preceding Annual Meeting. Members shall be given at least 7 days notice of each Annual Meeting.
6. General Meetings may be called by the President or the Committee and a General Meeting shall be called upon receipt by the President or the Secretary of a requisition signed by not less than a tenth of the members, such meeting to be held not more than 6 weeks after the receipt of the requisition. Members shall be given at least 7 days notice of any General Meeting.
7. The business of the Branch shall be managed by a Committee of nine members elected at the Annual Meeting. Additional members may be co-opted by the Committee. The Committee shall present an Annual Report and a duly audited Financial Statement to each Annual Meeting.
8. The members of the Committee shall be elected by the quota-preferential method according to the rules in the most recent edition of the Proportional Representation Manual. Any casual vacancy shall be filled by re-examination of the ballot papers constituting the quota of the vacating member to determine the next choice of the voters. In the event of there being no eligible candidate, the Committee may appoint a member to fill the vacancy for the remaining portion of the term of the vacating member.
9. The Committee shall meet not later than 30 days after the Annual Meeting and shall elect from its members the President, 2 Vice Presidents, the Secretary, and the Treasurer.
10. The quorum at an Annual or General Meeting shall be 7 members. The quorum at a Committee Meeting shall be 3 members.
11. All moneys received shall be paid into a Bank Account in the name of the Branch. Withdrawals from this account shall be signed by any two of the President, Secretary and Treasurer.
12. Subject to notice being given to the Secretary at least 30 days before the meeting, this Constitution may be amended by a resolution supported by more than half of those voting at an Annual Meeting or a General Meeting, provided that, in the event of less than one tenth of the members casting formal votes, a three-fifths majority shall be required.
13. The Branch shall be dissolved if the membership falls below 7 or if a resolution providing for dissolution is carried by a majority of those members voting at an Annual or General Meeting provided that at least 30 days notice of the proposed resolution is given to all members and further provided that, in the event of less than one tenth of the members casting formal votes, a three-fifths majority shall be required. In the event of dissolution, all assets and records shall be transferred to the Proportional Representation Society of Australia.