

MEMORANDUM

AND

RULES AND REGULATIONS

OF

THE THANJAVUR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,

THANJAVUR.

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF SOCIETIES

Act XXI of 1860

S. No. 15 of 1966

I hereby certify that "THE THANJAVUR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE" has this day been registered under the Societies' Registration Act XXI of 1860.

Given under my hand at Thanjavur, this twentyfourth day of August One thousand nine hundred and sixty-six.

The Seal of
the Registrar of Tanjore. }

SYED MD. BASHA,
24-8-'66,
*Registrar of Assurances,
Thanjavur District.*

True Copy.

THE THANJAVUR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,

THANJAVUR.



THE MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION.

- I. The name of the Association is "THE THANJAVUR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE".
- II. The Registered Office of the Chamber will be situated within the Municipal Limits of Thanjavur.
- III. The objects of the Chamber are :
 1. To promote harmony and union and to foster corporate spirit among the members of the commercial community and to further their common cause and welfare without participating in any sectarian, religious or communal controversies.
 2. To consider all questions relating to trade, commerce, business, industry and manufactures and to formulate opinions thereon.
 3. To collect and disseminate statistical and other informations and to make funds for the spread of commercial and economic knowledge.
 4. To bring about legislative and other measures for the progress, growth and development of trade, industry, business, manufacture and commerce and to agitate by constitutional means for the redress and removal of all grievances and restrictions affecting merchants as a body and mercantile interests in general.
 5. To maintain a reading room and library with books, periodicals and other publications of commercial interest so as to defuse the commercial information and knowledge among its members and to wage, promote and protect the interest of trade and commerce, industry, manufactures and commercial interest of our country in general and of this town in particular.
 6. To settle controversies and differences of opinions, if any, among the members.
 7. To arbitrate and decide all disputes arising out of commercial transactions between parties willing or agreeing to abide by the decision of the Chamber.
 8. To communicate with the public authorities and other sister associations in any part of our country and to concert and promote measures for the protection of the trade, commerce and manufactures and persons engaged therein.
 9. To subscribe and become a member of, co-operate with or affiliate with any other associations, whether incorporated or not whose objects are wholly or partly identical with or similar to those of this association and procure from or communicate to any such association such information as may be likely to further the objects of this chamber.
 10. And generally do all such and further things as may conduce to preserve and develop commerce, trade, industry, business and manufactures and as may tend or attain all or any of the objects above outlined.

IV. The following shall be the first set of Governing Body in whom the management of the Chamber is entrusted. Their names, addresses and occupations are given below. The Governing body shall consist of nineteen members.

PRESIDENT :

1. Sri A. Y. S. Parisutha Nadar, Business: Cinema Theatres, Pookara Street, Thanjavur.

VICE-PRESIDENTS :

2. Sri V. K. N. P. Venkatachalam, Business : Rice Mill, Kamala Rice Mill, Pambatti Street, Thanjavur.
3. Sri R. A. Govindoss Naidu, Business : Contractor, 2nd Street, Rajappa Nagar, Thanjavur.

SECRETARY :

4. Sri G. Swaminathan, Business : Pharmaceutical Manufacturing, 2, Rajappa Nagar, Thanjavur.

JOINT-SECRETARY :

5. Sri V. Ramanujam, Business : Plastic Goods Manufacturing, Karunthattankudi, Thanjavur.

TREASURER :

6. Sri A. Subramaniam, Business : Banker, 8, Selvam Nagar, Thanjavur.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS :

7. Sri P. K. V. Sengamalam, Rajeswari Rice Mill, Adakkara Street, Thanjavur.
8. Sri R. M. Chidambaram, Meenakshi Corporation, Nagapattinam Road, Thanjavur.
9. Sri N. L. C. Rengarajalu Naidu, Maligai, East Gate, Thanjavur.
10. Sri P. R. Ramanathan Chettiar, Banker, East Gate, Thanjavur.
11. Sri V. Ramakrishnan, Burmah-Shell Distributor, Pennington Road, Thanjavur.
12. Md. D. A. Basheer, Iqbol Stores, Gandhiji Road, Thanjavur.
13. Sri T. K. Rajagopala Pillai, General Merchant, Ayyankadaí Street, Thanjavur.
14. Sri N. L. V. Parthasarathy, Venkateswara Rice Mill, Karunthattankudi, Thanjavur.
15. Sri S. Packirisamy, Lorry Owner, Pennington Road, Thanjavur.
16. Sri A. M. S. T. Muthiah Chettiar, A. M. S. T. Bankers, Sakanayakan Street, Thanjavur.
17. Sri N. A. Chidambaram, East Main Street, Thanjavur.
18. Sri R. Swaminathan, Tanjore Pharmacy, Gandhiji Road, Thanjavur.
19. Sri R. Venkatanarayanan, R. Ramanuja Naidu Sons, East Gate, Thanjavur.

We the several persons whose names and addresses are subscribed are desirous of being formed into a Society under The Societies Registration Act, 1860 in pursuance of this Memorandum of Association.

Place : THANJAVUR.

Dated this 10th day of April, '66.

Witness to the above Signature :

- (1) Sri R. Swaminathan, S/o Sri Ramaswamy Iyer, Tanjore Pharmacy, Thanjavur.
- (2) Sri R. Venkatanarayanan, S/o R. Ramanuja Naidu, Merchant, East Gate, Thanjavur.

THE THANJAVUR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

DEFINITION :

1. The name of the Association is "THE THANJAVUR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE"
2. The present address of the Chamber is 2, Rajappa Nagar, Thanjavur.
In these articles, unless there be something in the subject or context inconsistent therewith.
 - (a) 'The Chamber' means, the Thanjavur Chamber of Commerce registered under the Societies Registration Act.
 - (b) 'The Articles' means the Articles of Association of the Chamber.
 - (c) 'Member' means a member of the Chamber including a life, resident, non-resident, honorary and individual member.
 - (d) 'Life-member' means a member who has been enrolled as a member for his life by paying Rs. 250/- in lump sum and also includes the existing life members. He need not pay any annual subscription or admission fee.
 - (e) 'Resident' member means a member having his place of business or his place of residence within the Municipal limits of Thanjavur and entered as such in the Register of Members.
 - (f) 'Non-Resident Member' means a member not carrying on business or residing or having principal office of business within the Municipal limits of Thanjavur, and entered as such in the register of members.
 - (g) 'Honorary-Member' means :
 - (i) Any persons who is directly or indirectly connected with the trade, commerce or who may have rendered distinguished service to the interest of the business community, and whose name is approved by the executive committee for being nominated as honorary member and entered as such in the Register of members. Such member is entitled to receive the last published annual report of the Chamber and to attend and speak at any meeting held during his membership. He shall not be required to pay any subscription and is not entitled to vote at any of the meetings of the Chamber.
 - (h) 'Representative' of a firm means a member or a responsible officer of a firm delegated by the said firm to represent it, for the time being as a member of the Chamber.
 - (i) 'Representative of a Company or Corporation' means a Director, Managing Director, Manager or Branch Manager, Secretary or Officer in charge of the Branch thereof, nominated by the Company or the Corporation to represent it for the time being, as a member of the Chamber.

- (j) 'Individual Member' means, a member in his individual capacity.
- (k) 'General Meeting' means a meeting of the General Body of the Members of the Chamber.
- (l) 'Chamber Year' means the calendar year.

MEMBERSHIP :

3. There shall be five classes of members :

- (1) Life Member, (2) Resident Member, (3) Non-resident Member,
- (4) Honorary Member, (5) Individual Member.

4. Firms, Joint Stock Companies and individuals engaged in trade, commerce, banking auditing, insurance, transport, agency Companies, manufacturing etc., are eligible for membership of the Chamber.

5. Application for membership shall be made in the form prescribed accompanied by a non-refundable entrance fee of Rs. 5/-.

6. The application for membership shall be placed before the Executive Committee and the committee shall have discretion either to admit or reject it. The Committee need not assign any reason for rejecting an application. If admitted the applicant shall pay the annual subscription as provided in these articles.

SUBSCRIPTION :

7. The subscription to the Chamber of :

- (i) a life member shall be Rs. 250/- due and payable in one instalment at the time of application for membership;
- (ii) a Resident including individual member shall be Rs. 25/- per year due and payable on 1st January of every year in lump sum ;
- (iii) a Non-Resident including individual member shall be Rs. 20/- due and payable in one instalment on the 1st January of every year, or along with the application for membership, as the case may be.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP :

8. The membership of any person shall automatically be terminated :

- (a) if he is declared insolvent, or
- (b) in case of firms on their dissolution or on their being adjudged insolvent, or
- (c) in case of companies and corporations, on their being wound up and
- (d) in any case where the member is convicted of any criminal offence, involving moral turpitude.

WITHDRAWAL FROM MEMBERSHIP.

9. Any member may resign his membership by giving one month's notice in writing to the Secretary of his intention to do so and upon the expiration of the notice, such member shall cease to be a member unless the Executive Committee accepts it earlier. Such notice may, however be withdrawn by the member at any time before its being accepted by the Executive Committee.

10. If, in the opinion of the Committee any member has not conformed to these rules and regulations or to the by-laws or the regulations of the Chamber, or has been guilty of any conduct likely to affect the reputation of the Chamber detrimentally, the Committee is entitled to request such member to resign. If such member does not resign within 15 days from the date of receipt of such a request, the Committee shall convene a Special General Meeting, which, on a vote of majority of the members present can decide on the expulsion of such a member. Thereupon, such member shall cease to be a member of the Chamber and shall not be eligible for readmission for a period of one year thereafter.

MEMBER IN DEFAULT.

11. (a) Any member who, for any reason, ceases to be a member is nevertheless liable for and shall pay to the Chamber all monies which may be due by him to the Chamber and the Executive Committee shall have power to collect the arrears in any manner they deem fit.
- (b) Any member who is in arrears of his annual subscription beyond 31st March and who has not paid such arrears within one month after a written notice calling such payment, shall not be eligible, to vote or to take part in meetings or to exercise any other rights or privileges of a member till such time as he clears off his arrears.
- (c) Any member who has not paid his annual subscription within 30th June shall cease to be a member of the Chamber and the Secretary shall remove the name of such member from the Register of members. The fact of such removal shall be notified to the member concerned and shall also be exhibited in the Notice Board of the Chamber.

GENERAL MEETINGS.

12. (a) Annual General Meeting shall be held on or before the 31st January of every year on a day to be decided by the Executive Committee. Notice of the General Meeting shall be given to all members at least fifteen days prior to the date fixed therefor and such notice shall contain the date, venue, hour and the agenda of the meeting.
- (b) The Annual General Meeting shall transact the following items of business :
 - (i) Adoption of the annual report and audited statement of accounts.
 - (ii) Election of an auditor for the ensuing year and fix his remuneration.
 - (iii) Amendment, alteration or repealing of the existing rules and regulations or to make fresh ones.
 - (iv) Election of office bearers and members of the Executive Committee for ensuing year.

- (v) Acquisition or disposal of the properties of the Chamber and
- (vi) Discussion on such other matters as may be given notice of or as may be brought before the Meeting with the permission of the Chairman.

13. If any member desires any matter to be brought before the Annual General Meeting he shall send the matter in writing to the Secretary before the 31st December every year and no matter other than that contained in the agenda shall be discussed in the Annual General Meeting.

QUORUM.

14. One fifth of the members whose names are entered in the Register of the Chamber as on the date of the meeting and who are entitled to vote and who are person shall constitute the quorum for all annual and extraordinary general meetings subject to a minimum of seven.

- (i) No business shall be transacted unless there is a quorum at the commencement of such business. If within half an hour from the time appointed for any meeting, quorum of member is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the following week at the same time and place. Notwithstanding anything contained in this clause, the members present at the Meeting shall constitute the quorum for that meeting and the meeting shall proceed to transact the business given notice of.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL BODY MEETING.

15. The executive committee may, whenever it thinks fit, and shall on a requisition made in writing by not less than half the number of members on the register of the Chamber, who are entitled to vote, convene an extraordinary general meeting.

16. Upon the receipt of a requisition from the members referred to in Clause 14, the Executive Committee shall proceed to convene an Extraordinary General Body Meeting within 25 days from the date of receipt of such requisition.

17. At such extraordinary General Body Meetings, only the business of which notice has been given by the requisitionists or such other matter as may arise out of such matter shall be considered.

18. At any adjourned meeting, no business other than the subject left unfinished at the Meeting from which the adjournment took place shall be transacted.

19. In the case of General and Extraordinary General Meetings, any member present shall be elected as President for that meeting in the absence of the President or Vice-Presidents.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

20. Quarterly meetings shall be held once in three months invariably and shall as far as possible be addressed by any distinguished person.

ELECTION OF THE OFFICE BEARERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

21. The management of the Chamber shall vest in an Executive Committee which shall consist of (i) President (ii) Two Vice-Presidents, (iii) a Secretary and a Joint Secretary (iv) Treasurer and (v) 13 Committee members to be elected at the Annual General Meeting to be held annually in the month of January, by a majority of votes of the members present.

22. (a) The Secretaries shall at least fifteen days before the date of Annual General Meeting call for nominations to be filed for the election of the six categories of office-bearers i.e. President, Vice-President, Secretary, Joint-Secretary, Treasurer and 13 members of the Executive Committee.
- (b) Such nominations shall be in the printed form prescribed by the Chamber and shall be signed by the proposer, the seconder and the proposed candidate.
- (c) The Secretaries or the President shall, in the presence of such candidates as may desire to be present, scrutinise the nomination papers on such day and time as may be notified by the Secretaries.
- (d) After such scrutiny, a list of valid nominations shall be immediately announced and a copy of the said list shall be affixed on the Notice Board of the Chamber.
- (e) The Secretaries shall prepare as on the 15th December every year a voters' list from the members of the Chamber entitled to vote, and all the members whose names are contained in the voters' list shall, subject to Clause 11 (b) and (c) be entitled to vote.
- (f) The election shall be held on the day and time fixed for the Annual General Meeting in the premises of the Chamber or at any suitable place as may be decided by the Executive Committee.
- (g) The said election shall be conducted by a member who does not contest for any of the six categories of offices. He shall be selected by the Executive Committee of the Chamber and shall be the Polling Officer.
- (h) If there is no contest for all or any of the offices on account of their being only one contestant for such office, the Polling Officer shall declare such person to have been duly elected.
- (i) If there is a contest, the election shall be held by secret ballot in such manner as may be decided by the Polling Officer.
- (j) The ballot papers shall contain the names of the contesting candidate in the alphabetical order.
- (k) The Polling Officer shall issue one ballot paper to each voter found in the voters list.
- (l) Persons who have received the largest number of votes shall be declared elected and in the case of equality of votes, the Polling Officer shall cast lots.
- (m) The votes shall be counted by the Polling Officer in the presence of the contesting candidates or their nominees and other members present and the result shall be declared immediately and shall also be exhibited on the Office Notice Board.
- (n) In case no valid nomination has been received for any of the offices, the outgoing Executive Committee will fill up that office by nominating one of the members to that office.

- (o) Any casual vacancy in any of the offices in the Executive Committee, caused by death or by resignation or otherwise, shall be filled up by the Executive Committee and such incumbent to that office will hold office till the next Annual General Meeting.
23. (a) The Executive Committee shall have the power to delegate any member of the Chamber as the Chamber's representative to any public body, departmental committee or to any affiliated association.
- (b) Any member of the Chamber nominated to any of the Committees referred to above by the Government or any other body in his personal capacity shall not be eligible for being selected again as the representative of the Chamber.
- (c) Such representatives of the Chamber referred to in 23(a) of these rules shall attend the meetings of those committees at their own expense.
- (d) Any person whose membership of the Chamber has ceased shall not be entitled to represent the Chamber in any public body or department committee.

PROXY.

24. Each Resident and Non-resident member is entitled to vote either in person or by Proxy and only a member of the Chamber can be appointed as a Proxy and the Proxy shall be executed in the form prescribed by the Chamber.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

25. (a) The President shall preside over all the Executive Committee and general meetings. He shall have one general and one casting vote in all elections and meetings. He may on behalf of the Chamber correspond on such matter and shall make such suggestions and representations as may in his opinion, tend to promote the welfare of the Chamber and shall perform such other duties incidental to his office.
- (b) In the absence of the President or in case of delegation by him one of the Vice-Presidents shall perform all the duties and functions incidental to the office of the President.
- (c) The Secretaries shall be the Chief Executive authorities of the Chamber and shall be in charge of all records and properties of the Chamber. Subject to the control and supervision of the Executive Committee they shall attend to all correspondence sign all documents convene committees, Annual General, Extraordinary General and Quarterly meetings and shall give effect to the resolutions passed at the meetings and do all such things as are necessary to carry on the activities of the Chamber. They shall under the guidance of the Executive Committee prepare the Annual report of the Chamber, watch legislative measures and other matters affecting the interests represented by the Chamber. Though, besides the Secretary the Joint Secretary is vested with all executive authorities of the Chamber, the latter shall execute only that work delegated to him by the Secretary.

- (d) The Treasurer shall be in charge of the monies of the Chamber and shall be responsible for its proper management. He shall be responsible for the proper and complete maintenance of the financial records of the Chamber. The funds of the Chamber shall be deposited in a scheduled bank or post office savings account and any item of expenditure in excess of Rs. 100/- shall have the sanction of the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall maintain a separate Donation Account and shall submit a separate statement of account to the Executive Committee. All cheques shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the Secretary or Joint Secretary.

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

- (e) Members of the executive committee shall attend the Committee meetings of the Chamber. Any member who fails to attend three meetings consecutively shall vacate his seat. However on valid grounds of leave of absence the executive committee may revive his membership of the committee by resolution.
- (f) The quorum for the meeting of the Executive Committee shall be 5. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in a month or at such short intervals as may be necessary.
- (g) The Executive Committee shall have power :
- (i) to constitute any departmental committee or sub-committee of the Chamber among themselves either on a permanent or temporary basis for any special purpose.
 - (ii) to appoint a Manager or any staff on remuneration fixed by them and also if considered necessary to terminate their services.
 - (iii) to consult, appoint and nominate counsel, advocate etc., to advice them on any matter and to authorise all or any of them to represent the Chamber in a duly constituted Courts of law and
 - (iv) to incur all necessary expenses for the maintenance and carrying out of the objects and intentions of these articles and memorandum of Association.

26. In the absence of the President or Vice-President, the Executive Committee shall elect a President from among themselves present at the Meeting.

AUDITOR.

27. An Auditor shall annually be elected at the Annual General Meeting from among a panel of three names suggested by the Executive Committee to audit the accounts of the Chamber and accounts connected with or controlled by the Chamber. The first auditor shall be Sri V. Natarajan, B. A., F. C. A., West Main Street, Thanjavur.

GENERAL.

28. Every member shall abide by the Memorandum and Articles of Association and other rules, regulations and bye-laws of the Chamber in force for time being.

29. All the rules and Regulations of the Societies Registration Act, 1860 except Articles that are incorporated herein shall be applicable to this Chamber.

30. The Office bearers of the Chamber shall be elected in rotation and no one shall hold the same office for more than one term continuously unless a resolution is passed at an annual General Meeting specifically declaring that this rule shall not apply to him. This rule shall not apply to the membership of the Executive Committee.

COMMON SEAL.

31. The common seal of the Chamber shall be deposited with the Secretaries and shall be affixed to any document which is considered necessary.

ARBITRATION.

32. All arbitration shall be conducted by a Sub Committee constituted by the Executive Committee of the Chamber according to the rules framed for this purpose hereafter.

We hereby certify that the above copy is correct copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Chamber.

- (1) A. Y. S. Parisutham.
- (2) V. K. N. P. Venkatachalam.
- (3) R. A. Govindoss.

Witness:—

- (1) R. Swaminathan, S/o Ramaswamy Iyer, Tanjore Pharmacy, Thanjavur.
- (2) R. Venkatanarayanan, S/o R. Ramanuja Naidu, Merchant, East Gate, Thanjavur.

MEMBERSHIP RATES.

Resident including Individual Members	Rs. 25/-
Non - Resident including Individual Members	Rs. 20/-
Life Members	Rs. 250/-
Admission Fees	Rs. 5/-

THE THANJAVUR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
2, Rajappa Nagar, : : THANJAVUR.

Phone : 262.