

**Sri Lanka Library Association (Incorporation) Law, No. 20 of 1974**

*A LAW TO INCORPORATE THE SRI LANKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.*

WHEREAS an association called and known as the " Sri Lanka Library Association " has heretofore been established for the purpose of effectively carrying out and transacting all matters connected with the said association according to the rules agreed to by its members:

**Preamble.**

AND whereas the said association has heretofore successfully carried out and transacted the several objects and matters for which it was established and it is now desirable that the said association should be incorporated:

BE it enacted by the National State Assembly of the Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:

1. This Law' may be cited as the Sri Lanka Library Association (Incorporation) Law, No. 20 of 1974
2. The persons who, at the time of the coming into operation of this Law, are members of the Sri Lanka Library Association (hereinafter referred to as " the association ") and such other persons as are hereafter enrolled as members of the association shall be a body corporate (hereinafter referred to as " the Corporation ") with perpetual succession, a common seal and the name " The Sri Lanka Library Association ". The Corporation may sue or be sued by that name.
3. (1) All persons, institutions and gaged in library work or providing library and bllographical services or interested in , promoting libraries, library services and librarianship shall be eligible to, be members of the Corporation.  
(2) The terms and conditions of membership and the admission and enrolment of members shall be determined by the rules of the Corporation.
4. The objects of the Corporation shall be --
  - (a) to promote the establishment, , extension and improvement of library services in Sri Lanka and to set up professional standards;
  - (b) to unite all those engaged in, or interested in, library work by holding conferences and meetings for the discussion of bibliographical questions and matters affecting

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- c) to safeguard and promote the interests, welfare, rights and privileges of the members of the profession of librarians in Sri Lanka
- (d) to train librarians and to conduct professional examinations in librarianship and to issue certificates of proficiency;
- (e) to promote greater co-ordination and cooperation between libraries in Sri Lanka;
- (f) to promote and encourage bibliographic study and research and the publication of professional literature;
- (g) to collect and maintain a library of professional literature;
- (h) to co-operate with library associations and other organizations interested in the promotion of education and culture both within and outside Sri Lanka.; and
- (i) to do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

5. (1) The governing body of the Corporation shall be the Council.

The Council

(2) The Council shall consist of the following persons:--

- (a) The office –bearers of the Corporation specified below who shall be elected at each annual general meeting of the Corporation from among its members in accordance with the rules of the Corporation:--
  - (i) The President
  - (ii) The two Vice-Presidents
  - (iii) The General Secretary
  - (iv) The Assistant General Secretary
  - (v) The Treasurer
  - (vi) The Education Officer
  - (vii) The Publication Officer
- (b) The member who last held the post of President
- (c) Other members, namely :--
  - (i) a representative from each professional group of the Corporation elected in accordance with the rules of the

Corporation;

- (ii) a representative from each regional section of the Corporation elected in accordance with the rules of the Corporation; and
- (iii) two other members to be elected by the Council from among members of the Corporation.

(3) The quorum for a meeting of the Council shall be determined by such Council.

(4) The members of the Council holding office at the time of the coming into operation of this law shall be the first members of the Council and shall hold office until the next annual general meeting of the Corporation.

(5) The term of office of the members of the Council specified in paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of this section shall be determined by the rules of the Corporation.

6. Subject to the provision of this Law and the rules of the Corporation, the Council shall have the following powers and duties:--

Powers and duties  
of the Council.

- (a) to constitute standing and other Committees as the Council deems necessary;
- (b) to make recommendations to the Corporation in respect of the making of rules and of additions, alterations and the rescission of,
- (c) to determine the common seal of the Corporation and to alter it when necessary
- (d) to consider and adopt, with amendments necessary, the annual report and the financial estimates of the Corporation;
- (e) to summon special and annual general meetings of the Corporation;
- (f) to award fellowships and associateships of the Corporation;
- (g) to expel any member from membership of the Corporation for conduct unbecoming of and prejudicial to the interests of the Corporation on the recommendation of the Executive Committee and to withdraw any fellowship or associateship awarded to such member by the

Corporation;

- (h) to create posts of paid officers and servants of the Corporation and to determine the emoluments payable to them and the terms and conditions of their service;
- (i) to award scholarships and to create special funds for the purpose;
- (j) for the purposes of the educational programme of the Corporation; to recognize and accredit library schools or courses established or conducted by private institutions;
- (k) to advise any person or institution in the recognition and accreditation of library schools, courses and examinations in librarianship established or conducted by private institutions and on any other matter to the profession of librarians;
- (l) to determine the fees to be paid by the Corporation to examiners, lecturers, and to persons preparing correspondence courses in librarianship for the Corporation;
- (m) to determine membership, tuition, examination and other fees payable to the Corporation;
- (n) to establish, recognize and register professional groups and regional sections of the Corporation; and
- (o) to do or perform any other act or duty authorized or imposed upon the Council by this Law or by the rules of the Corporation.

(2) The Council shall have power to exercise all rights and perform all duties notwithstanding any vacancy for the time being in the composition of the Council.

7. (1) The chief executive body of the Corporation shall be the Executive Committee.

**Executive  
Committee**

(2) The Executive Committee shall consist of the following persons:

- (a) The office-bearers specified below:
  - (i) The President
  - (ii) The two Vice-Presidents
  - (iii) The General Secretary

(iv) The Assistant General Secretary

(v) The Treasurer

(vi) The Education Officer

(vii) The Publications Officer.

(b) Four other members who shall be elected by the Council from among its number.

(3) The quorum for a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be determined by the Council

8. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Law and the rules of the Corporation, and subject to the direction and control of the Council, the Executive Committee shall have the following powers and duties:

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Committee**

- (a) to purchase, hold, control, and administer the property and funds of the Corporation;
- (b) to provide for the custody of the common seal of the Corporation, and to give directions with regard to the use of such seal;
- (c) to appoint, promote, suspend, dismiss and otherwise punish paid officers and other employees of the Corporation;
- (d) to receive, accept and administer bequests, donations and grants of any funds or property made to the Corporation;
- (e) to prepare and consider the Annual Report, and the financial estimates of the Corporation and to submit such report and estimates to the Council;
- (f) to provide the buildings, premises, furniture and equipment and other facilities required for carrying out the work of the Corporation, or any of its Committees or Agencies;
- (g) to enter into, vary, carry out or cancel contracts on behalf of the Corporation;
- (h) to convene and organize seminars and conferences in furtherance of the objects of the Corporation and to make rules regarding the conduct of such seminars or conferences;
- (i) to organize exhibitions, arrange lectures and such other activities, as are deemed necessary and useful to achieve the objects of the Corporation;

(j) to admit and enrol new members;

(k) to suspend members from membership of the Corporation for non-payment of subscriptions or for any conduct unbecoming of and prejudicial to the interests of the Corporation and to recommend their expulsion to the Council;

(l) to award scholarships; and

(m) to exercise all such other powers and perform all such other duties as shall be conducive to the attainment of the objects of the Corporation.

(2) The Executive Committee shall have power to exercise all the powers and perform all the duties notwithstanding any vacancy, for the time being, in the composition, of such Committee.

9. All the debts and liabilities of the association existing at the time of the coming into operation of this Law, shall be paid by the Corporation hereby constituted, and all debts due to, and all subscriptions contributions and fines payable to the association shall be paid to the Corporation for the purposes of this Law

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10. The Corporation

(a) may acquire and hold any movable or immovable by right of purchase, grant, gift, testamentary disposition or otherwise;

Corporation may acquire, hold and dispose of property, and borrow money.

(b) shall hold any property subject to the rules for the time being of the Corporation;

(c) may sell, mortgage, lease, exchange or otherwise dispose of any of its properties; and

(d) may borrow money, for the purposes of the Corporation.

11. (1) It shall be lawful for the Corporation, from time to time, at any general meeting and by the majority vote of the members present and voting, and with the prior approval of two-thirds of the members the Council voting at a meeting of such Council, to make rules for management of the affairs of the Corporation and the accomplishment of its objects. Such rules when made may in like manner be altered, added to, amended or rescinded.

Rules.

(2) Pending the making of rules by the Corporation, the regulations made by the association and in force, on the date this Law comes into operation shall for all purposes be

deemed to be rules made by the Corporation and shall continue in force and may be amended, altered, added to or rescinded by rules made under this Law.

12. Nothing in this Law contained shall prejudice or affect the rights of the Republic, or of any body politic or corporate or of any other persons, except such as are mentioned in this Law, and those claiming by, from or under them. savings of the rights of the Republic, and others