



RULES OF THE
ISLE OF MAN BRANCH OF
THE COMMONWEALTH
PARLIAMENTARY
ASSOCIATION

Editorial note

These Rules were adopted by the Branch on 20th June 2017 in place of the previous Rules.

Rules of the Isle of Man Branch
of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

Constitution and aim

1. The Isle of Man Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association is constituted as a Branch under of the Constitution of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. The aim of the Branch is to support the aims of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, namely to promote knowledge of the constitutional, legislative, economic, social and cultural aspects of parliamentary democracy, with particular reference to the countries of the Commonwealth of Nations.

Membership and fees

2. A sitting member of Tynwald is entitled to be enrolled as an ordinary member of the Branch on payment of a fee. A former member of Tynwald or another person may be enrolled as an associate member of the Branch at the discretion of the Executive Committee and on payment of a fee. Ordinary members and associate members have the same voting rights except in relation to the decisions referred to in Rules 14 and 15.
3. Membership fees shall be determined by the Executive Committee. Different fees may be prescribed for ordinary membership (for any period up to five years) and for associate membership (for any period or for life). A life associate member of the Branch who becomes a sitting Member of Tynwald may be enrolled as an ordinary member of the Branch on payment of a fee on the same basis as other ordinary members.

General meetings

4. The final authority for the policy and management of the affairs of the Branch shall be a general meeting. General meetings shall be chaired by the President of Tynwald or the Speaker of the House of Keys.
5. The Executive Committee may convene a general meeting at any time and shall do so at least once a year.
6. A general meeting shall be convened as soon as reasonably practicable if the Secretary receives a request in writing signed by at least eight members.

Officers and the Executive Committee

7. The Joint Presidents of the Branch shall be the President of Tynwald and the Speaker of the House of Keys. The Vice President of the Branch shall be the Chief Minister.
8. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President of Tynwald, the Speaker of the House of Keys, the Chief Minister, five other ordinary members elected by the Branch and one associate member elected by the Branch. The quorum of the Executive Committee shall be four.
9. The members of the Executive Committee shall hold office until the first general meeting following a General Election, when they shall retire but shall be eligible for re-election. The

Executive Committee shall appoint a Chairman at its first meeting after that general meeting.

10. The Executive Committee may co-opt a member to fill a casual vacancy or for another purpose.
11. The Secretary shall be the Clerk of Tynwald, who will provide all necessary administrative support required by the Branch including the administration of any funds used for branch activities.

Activities

12. The Executive Committee shall aim to maximise the opportunities available to ordinary Members to participate in parliamentary education by way of conferences, seminars, study tours etc. Participation in any CPA event is governed by the CPA Constitution as well as these Branch Rules.
13. Apart from the decisions referred to in Rules 14 and 15, the selection of participants in conferences, seminars, meetings etc shall be undertaken by the Executive Committee.

Decisions to be made by ordinary members

14. Delegates to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference and the British Islands and Mediterranean Regional Conference shall be elected by ordinary members either by ballot at a general meeting or by another method determined by the Executive Committee.
15. A Regional Representative to the Executive Committee of the Association shall be elected by ordinary members either by ballot at a general meeting or by another method determined by the Executive Committee.

Financial accounts

16. The accounts of the Branch shall be reported annually to a general meeting. They shall be subject to examination or audit on the same basis as would be required by law if the Branch were registered as a charity.

Rules

17. These Rules may be amended at a general meeting by a two-thirds majority of members present and voting.

Clerk of Tynwald
June 2017