

Club Constitution

Blockchain Club
University of Auckland



Blockchain Club (BCC)

The name of the Club above shall be an Association within the Auckland University Student's Association and will hereinafter be referred to as an Association.

The Finance Director and Member Co-ordinator shall be referred to hereinafter as 'Treasurer' and 'Secretary' respectively.

1.0 OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION

The objectives of the Association are

- a. To provide a full foundation and learning environment for engaging with blockchain technologies.
- b. To provide workshops for members to engage in and learn about becoming a node in a decentralized blockchain network.
- c. To provide regular networking sessions.
- d. To promote and spread the general acceptance and usefulness of blockchain ledgers.

2.0 ATTAINING OBJECTIVES

The Association shall be empowered to do all things necessary which are incidental to and necessary for the attainment of the objects of the Association.

3.0 AFFILIATION

The Club shall be affiliated to the AUSA provided that the Club and its members abide by the Constitution

4.0 PROPERTY OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Association must apply all property and income of the association towards the promotion of the objects or purposes of the association and no part of that property or income to be paid or otherwise distributed, directly or indirectly, to members of the Association, except in good faith in the promotion of those objects or purposes. Members will **not** be asked to donate funds to be **traded**¹ by the club. The club does not give financial advice to any of its members.

5.0 POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

- a. To acquire, hold, deal with, and dispose of any real or personal property;
- b. To open and operate bank accounts;
- c. To invest its money –
 - i. in any security in which trust moneys may be invested; or
 - ii. in any other manner authorised by the rules of the Association;
- d. To borrow money upon such terms and conditions as the Association thinks fit;
- e. To give such security for the discharge of liabilities incurred by the Association as the Association thinks fit;
- f. To appoint agents and employees to transact any business of the Association on its behalf for reward or otherwise;
- g. To build construct erect maintain alter and repair any premises building or other structure of any kind and to furnish equip and improve the same for use by the Association;
- h. Accept donations and gifts in accordance with the objects of the Association;
- i. Print and publish any information by any media including newsletters, newspapers, articles or leaflets for promotion of the Association;
- j. Provide gifts and prizes in accordance with the objects of the Association;
- k. Organise social events for Members and the promotion of the Association; and
- l. To enter into any other contract the Association considers necessary or desirable.

¹ a form of share dealing in which an entity buys and sells assets over the Internet over a period of a single day's trading, with the intention of profiting from small price fluctuations.

6.0 MEMBERSHIP

- a. Membership of the Association shall be open to all University of Auckland Students who pay the Association membership fee.
- b. The annual membership fee that is payable by each member shall be ratified at the Association's AGM.
- c. At any time, the Association shall have no fewer than 10 student members, and at least 70% of its membership shall be current University of Auckland Students, or immediate graduates.

7.0 CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- a. All financial memberships shall lapse at the end of the financial year.
- b. Any member may cease his/her membership by writing to the Secretary of the Association.
- c. A member may be expelled from the Association by the committee of the Association if s/he contravenes the rules of the Association provided that she/he has the right to appeal to the Clubs Support Committee (CSC)
- d. Cessation of membership does not relieve a member from liability incurred prior to him/her ceasing to be a member.

8.0 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

- a. The Officers of the Association shall consist of a Chairperson, a Secretary, and a Treasurer; collectively to be known as the Executive of the Association.
- b. The committee shall be comprised of no less than 3 Office Holders and no more than 10 members.
- c. The committee has full powers to deal with matters relating to the aims and objects of the Association except where control is vested in a General Meeting as outlined in this Constitution.
- d. Committee members may be designated areas of responsibility by the committee as a whole.
- e. The committee may appoint additional committee members as the need arises.
- f. The committee may prepare rules on Association matters, and impose penalties for failure to comply with these rules. These rules and penalties shall be binding on members of the Association.

9.0 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- a. The committee shall meet as it deems necessary. Any two members of the committee may call a meeting.
- b. The quorum for a committee meeting shall be half the total number of committee members. Any business that is conducted at an inquorate meeting shall be null and void.
- c. Reasonable notice of all committee meetings shall be given to all members of the committee.
- d. The committee may grant any person the right to speak, but not to vote at a committee meeting.
- e. Minutes shall be kept as a true and accurate account of all committee and general meetings.

10.0 ELECTION OF OFFICE HOLDERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- a. Elections shall occur at the Annual General Meeting of the Association, or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose. If a casual vacancy occurs on the committee, the committee may appoint a member of the Association to fill the vacancy until it is possible to hold an election at a General Meeting.
- b. The procedure for Elections at a General Meeting shall be as follows:
 - i. Every candidate shall be nominated and seconded at the meeting. Nominations may be received by the Secretary before the meeting; these are to be signed by the candidate, the nominator and the seconder.
 - ii. No person may be nominated for a position against his/her will.
 - iii. If there are no more candidates for a position than there are vacant positions, scrutineers shall be appointed and a secret ballot held.
 - iv. The candidate receiving the most votes shall be declared elected to the position. In the event of a tied vote a second ballot shall be held. If the votes are still equal, the Chairperson shall exercise a casting vote in addition to her/his deliberative vote.

11.0 GENERAL MEETINGS

- a. At a General Meeting of the Association any paid up member has the power of voting, moving and seconding.
- b. Every paid up member of the Association shall have one vote on any motion at a General Meeting, but only if they are present when the vote is taken.
- c. Except for Election voting, voting at a General Meeting shall normally be made by a show of hands.
- d. At any General Meeting, if a motion requesting a secret ballot is passed by a two thirds majority, a secret ballot shall be held.
- a. The quorum for a General Meeting shall be a minimum of 10 members of the Association with at least two thirds of the executive members present, and any business transacted while the meeting is inquorate shall be null and void.

11.1 Annual General Meetings

- a. The AGM shall be held within four months of the end of the club's financial year
- b. The Secretary shall endeavour to notify all paid up members of the AGM at least 14 days before the meeting.
- c. The Secretary shall give the Associations Development Manager copies of the Minutes and reports from the AGM within 7 days after it.
- d. The Secretary shall present a written Annual report on the proceedings of the previous year to the AGM.
- e. The AGM shall receive an audited account of the previous year from the Treasurer along with his/her Annual Report.
- f. The AGM shall elect its Office holders and Committee members for the following year. Within 7 days, the University/AUSA must be notified of the new Executive by signing and handing in appropriate forms to the Clubs Managers.
- g. At an AGM a motion may be put verbally and resolved by the meeting, except where notice of motion is required by this Constitution (ie. for a Constitutional amendment or to dissolve the Association).

11.2 Special General Meetings (SGM)

- a. The committee may call an SGM at any time and for any purpose providing that 14 days notice of the meeting is given to all current association members.
- b. The committee shall call an SGM within 21 days of receiving a written request signed by a quarter of the paid up members of the Association. If the committee does not give notice of such a meeting within 14 days of receiving the request, the requisitioners may call the meeting
- c. SGMs may only resolve matters of which the Association Secretary has been given 7 days notice in writing. Amendments to these motions do not require such written notice.

11.3 Amendments to this Constitution

- a. Any part of this Constitution may be amended at any General Meeting and shall take effect immediately
- b. No alteration, repeal or addition shall be made to the Constitution except at the Annual General Meeting, or General Meeting, called for that purpose and notice of all motions to alter, repeal or add to the Constitution shall be given to members fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual General Meeting, or seven (7) days prior to a General Meeting called for such purpose
- c. The Secretary shall forward such notices of motion to each Management Committee member at least fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual General Meeting or seven (7) days prior to a General Meeting.
- d. Such motions, or any part thereof, shall be of no effect unless passed by a two-thirds (66%) majority of those present and entitled to a vote at the Annual General Meeting.

12.0 FINANCES

- a. The funds and resources of the Association shall be controlled by the committee, subject to any controls placed upon them by a General Meeting.
- b. The committee shall appoint at least 3 signatories, one of whom shall be the Treasurer. Any 2 of these signatories may operate the bank accounts of the Association on the instructions of the committee.
- c. The Treasurer shall keep a true and accurate record of the funds and assets of the Association and shall prepare a financial report for auditing and presentation at the AGM.

- d. The Campus Life Accountant and/or Assistant Accountant shall at all times be permitted to inspect books, papers and accounts of the Association and the Assistant Accountant shall be deemed to be the auditor of the Association. However, the Association may elect another auditor at a General Meeting subject to the approval of the Campus Life Treasurer and/or Assistant Accountant.
- e. The Association shall not involve Campus Life in any monetary loss and in the event of such a loss being sustained; the Association shall reimburse Campus Life the full amount of the loss.
- f. The Association is aware that should the Association not meet its debts in the first instance, the signatories will be held personally liable (jointly and separately)
- g. Should the association cease to operate all association assets and monies shall be held in trust by AUSA until another Association is founded to replace it which shall be specified by the executive.

13.0 DISSOLUTION

- a. The Association may be dissolved by a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority at a General Meeting of the Association provided that written notice of motion has been given.
- b. If a quorum cannot be obtained at 4 successive General Meetings, the Association will be deemed to be dissolved.