



REGULATIONS FOR REGIONAL CHAPTERS

TO THE
WORLD MEMON ORGANISATION
(‘THE WMO’)

In The Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

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ADOPTION :

In accordance with *sub-clause 4(U) of the Amended Memorandum of Association* of the World Memon Organisation (“the WMO”) and *sub-clauses 8.19, 8.20, 20.1, 26.10, 31.7, 31.8 and 36.1 of the Constitution* of the WMO which were both adopted on the 7th of September 2002, these Regulations for the Regional Chapters of the WMO are hereby adopted by the Board of Management of the WMO (“the Board”) on the 7th of November 2002.

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DEFINITION OF A MEMON :

A MEMON is a Muslim person born within a Memon family which traces its ancestry back to the descendants of the community originating from Sindh whose members first embraced Islam, including Halai Memon, Okhai Memon, Sindhi Memon, Katchi Memon, Kathri, Tharati, Nasarpuria and others.

RRC 1. Regional Constituencies and Regional Chapters :

RRC 1.1 In accordance with the regions designated in sub-clause 22.2 of the Constitution of the WMO there shall be seven Regional Constituencies of the WMO as follows:

- (i) Pakistan;
- (ii) India;
- (iii) Africa;
- (iv) Europe;
- (v) America and Canada;
- (vi) Middle East;
- (vii) Other Countries.

RRC 1.2 Should the designation of these regions be changed by special resolution of the General Assembly of the WMO in accordance with sub-clause 22.3 of the Constitution of the WMO, then the designation of the Regional Constituencies shall mutatis mutandis also be changed accordingly.

RRC 1.3 There shall be a Regional Chapter of the WMO for each Regional Constituency.

RRC 2. Membership of Regional Chapters :

RRC 2.1 Every member of the WMO shall automatically be deemed to be a member of the Regional Chapter of the Regional Constituency in which he or she ordinarily resides.

RRC 2.2 Any person who ceases to be a member of the WMO shall automatically cease to be a member of the Regional Chapter of the Regional Constituency in which he or she ordinarily resides.

RRC 3. Duties and Powers of Regional Chapters :

RRC 3.1 The Regional Chapters shall at all times be subject to the control, supervision and direction of the Board.

RRC 3.2 The members of each Regional Chapter shall at all times seek to honour their obligations as set out in Clause 14 of the Constitution of the WMO.

RRC 3.3 All decisions acts and proceedings of Regional Chapters shall be fully and promptly reported to the Board.

RRC 3.4 The Board shall at all times retain the power to take any such action as it considers necessary in respect of any such decisions acts and proceedings of any Regional Chapter.

RRC 3.5 Without prejudice to the generality of the above, the particular duties and powers of each Regional Chapter shall be :

- (i) to advise the Board on all matters referred to it by the Regional Chapter and to offer such other help as may be required;
- (ii) to make representations to the Board as regards any specific needs, projects or initiatives of the Regional Chapter;

- (iii) to carry out any functions or duties as may be entrusted to the Regional Chapter by the Board;
- (iv) to make every effort to implement the aims and objectives of the WMO in its particular Regional Constituency;
- (v) to make every effort to raise funds to be expended in furtherance of the aims and objects of the WMO, whether in its own Regional Constituency or elsewhere, by way of donations, subscriptions or fundraising appeals, or by any other lawful means;
- (vi) to appoint special committees for the purpose of undertaking any specified work, investigation or research in furtherance of the aims and objects of the WMO;
- (vii) to carry out welfare projects for the well-being of the Memon community in its particular Regional Constituency, subject to the approval of the Board;
- (viii) to do all such other lawful things as are necessary for the promotion and achievement of the aims and objects of the WMO.

RRC 3.6 The Board may take such actions and impose such sanctions against a Regional Chapter as it deems fit if it is satisfied – after having given the Regional Board of Management of the Regional Chapter the opportunity to explain matters – that the Regional Chapter has not carried out any of the Board’s directives or has acted in a manner which is detrimental to the interests and reputation of the WMO.

RRC 4. Administration of Regional Chapters :

Each Regional Chapter of the WMO shall be administered by its Regional Board of Management (“Regional Board”) as follows:

RRC 4.1. Membership of Regional Boards of Management

RRC 4.1.1 Each Regional Vice-President of the WMO shall automatically be the Chairman of the Regional Board of the Regional Chapter in his or her particular Regional Constituency.

RRC 4.1.2 Each Regional Assistant Secretary-General of the WMO shall automatically be the Secretary of the Regional Board of the Regional Chapter in his or her particular Regional Constituency.

RRC 4.1.3 Any other Board member of the WMO who resides in any particular Regional Constituency shall automatically be a member of the Regional Board of the Regional Chapter in his or her particular Regional Constituency.

RRC 4.1.4 Not less than 5 and not more than 10 additional members of each Regional Board of each Regional Chapter shall be elected by and from amongst the members of the WMO in their particular Regional Constituency every 2 years. Any such elected member shall not be eligible to be a member of the Regional Board for more than 2 consecutive terms of 2 years.

RRC 4.2. Office Bearers of Regional Boards of Management

RRC 4.2.1 In addition to the Regional Chairman and the Regional Secretary, the members of each Regional Board shall appoint from amongst themselves a Regional Deputy Chairman, a Regional Deputy Secretary, a Regional Treasurer and a Regional Deputy Treasurer, who shall hold office for a period of 2 years commencing from the date of their appointment and shall remain in office until their successors are appointed.

RRC 4.2.2 Any such appointed office bearer shall not be eligible to be an office bearer of the Regional Board for more than 2 consecutive terms of 2 years.

RRC 4.2.3 With the exception of the Regional Chairman and the Regional Secretary, any vacancy which occurs in a Regional Board or its office bearers shall be filled by the members of the Regional Board until the next Regional Elections are held.

RRC 4.2.4 The office bearers of each Regional Board shall be the Chief Executive of their Regional Chapter.

RRC 4.3. Regional Elections for Members of Regional Boards of Management

RRC 4.3.1 Regional Elections for Members of Regional Boards shall be held within 1 month of the Annual General Assembly Meeting of the WMO.

RRC 4.3.2 Regional Elections shall be conducted by Regional Election Commissioners to be appointed by the Board of the WMO for each Regional Constituency.

RRC 4.3.3 The provisions in the Constitution and Standing Orders of the WMO relating to elections to the Board of Management of the WMO (“the Board”) – especially as regards the eligibility of members to vote and to hold office, the procedures for elections and the declaration and notification of election results – shall wherever practicable apply *mutatis mutandis* to the Regional Elections for the Regional Boards, unless otherwise determined by the Board of the WMO.

RRC 4.3.4 The decisions of the Regional Election Commissioners in all matters relating to the Regional Elections shall be final and binding.

RRC 4.4. Duration of Regional Boards of Management

RRC 4.4.1 The duration of newly elected Regional Boards shall be 2 years from the date of the Regional Elections PROVIDED ALWAYS that notwithstanding the expiration of the duration of any Regional Board of Management, it shall continue to exercise its functions until a new Regional Board has been elected.

RRC 4.4.2 The Board may by a two thirds majority resolution extend or shorten the duration of a Regional Board.

RRC 4.5. Appointment of Office Bearers of Regional Boards of Management

RRC 4.5.1 The appointment of office bearers for each Regional Board shall take place at the first meeting of each Regional Board to be held immediately after the Regional Elections for members of Regional Boards have taken place.

RRC 4.6 Oath of Newly Elected Members of Regional Boards of Management :

RRC 4.6.1 At the first meeting of each Regional Board held immediately after the Regional Elections, the Regional Chairman will ask the members of the Regional Board to take the following oath:

“May Allah bear witness that in the discharge of my duties as a Member of the Regional Board of Management of this Regional Chapter of the World Memon Organisation, I shall at all times seek to serve the Memon community in particular and Muslims in general and to work for the common good in accordance with the Holy Qur’an and the Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace.”

RRC 4.6.2 Any member of a Regional Board absent from their first meeting, and any person subsequently appointed or elected as a Regional Board member to fill a vacancy, will be required to take this oath at the next Regional Board meeting at which he or she is present. The oath in such cases will be administered by the Regional Chairman or in his or her absence by the Deputy Regional Chairman or Regional Secretary.

RRC 5. Meetings of Regional Chapters

RRC 5.1. Meetings of Regional Boards of Management

RRC 5.1.1 The provisions in the Constitution and Standing Orders of the WMO relating to meetings of the Board – especially as regards the timing and calling of meetings, the procedures at meetings and the declaration and notification of any decisions made at such meetings – shall wherever practicable apply

mutatis mutandis to the meetings of the Regional Boards, unless otherwise determined by the Board provided always that the quorum for any meeting of a Regional Board shall be 5 members present in person.

RRC 5.2. Meetings of Members of Regional Chapters

RRC 5.2.1 The provisions in the Constitution and Standing Orders of the WMO relating to meetings of the General Assembly of the WMO – especially as regards the timing and the calling of meetings, the procedures at meetings and the declaration and notification of any decisions made at such meetings – shall wherever practicable apply mutatis mutandis to the meetings of the members of Regional Chapters, unless otherwise determined by the Board provided always that the quorum for any meeting of a Regional Chapter shall be 7 members present in person.

RRC 6. Finances and Accounts of Regional Chapters :

RRC 6.1 Each Regional Chapter shall be financed by such proportion of its members' WMO subscriptions as the Board may decide together with any aid, grant, or donation from central funds as the Board may decide.

RRC 6.2 Each Regional Chapter shall be free to initiate its own fundraising activities in accordance with RRC 3.5(v) above.

RRC 6.3 No Regional Chapter shall borrow or obtain credit without the previous sanction of the Board.

RRC 6.4 The funds of Regional Chapters shall be utilised for such purposes as may from time to time be sanctioned by their Regional Boards – subject always to the overall supervision of the Board – and provided always that no such funds shall be applied either directly or indirectly as payment to any member of the Regional Board except by way of reimbursement for any expenses incurred by him or her in the discharge of his or her duties as a member of the Regional Board.

RRC 6.5 Each Regional Board shall maintain its own bank account(s), with any 2 or up to 4 of its members authorised to act as signatories, to facilitate any specific local projects and day-to-day expenses and financial transactions of its Regional Chapter, subject to approval by the Board.

RRC 6.6 The financial year of all Regional Chapters shall be from the 1st January to the 31st December.

RRC 6.7 Each Regional Treasurer shall be responsible for the maintenance of the Regional Board's bank accounts which shall be audited annually by any firm of chartered accountants as may be appointed at the annual general meeting of the members of its Regional Chapter.

RRC 6.8 All Regional Treasurers shall submit copies of their Regional Chapter's annual audited accounts to the Treasurer of the WMO at least 6 weeks prior to a General Assembly Meeting for inclusion in the WMO's annual audited Accounts.

RRC 7. General Proviso :

RRC 7.1 These Regulations are intended to set out basic guidelines but do not provide for every situation which may arise in the future. Local conditions and customs may vary widely and significantly from one Regional Constituency to another. It is therefore up to each Regional Board to determine the best modus operandi for its own particular Regional Chapter provided always that this does not conflict with these Regulations and the current Memorandum and Articles of Association and Constitution of the WMO and provided always that its purpose is to assist in fulfilling the aims and objects of the WMO in the best possible way.