

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE THURSTAN COLLEGE OLD BOYS' UNION

(The revised constitution approved at the Special General Meeting held in March 3rd, 2012)

Amendments to the constitution approved in the following AGMs' and SGM are incorporated in this document: Amendment 1 approved on 16th March 2012, Amendment 2 approved on 22nd March 2014, Amendment 3 approved on 24th March 2018, Amendment 4 approved on 23rd March 2019, Amendment 5 approved on 30th April 2022 & Amendment 6 approved on 28th February 2023.

01. NAME

There shall continue to be the association called "THE THURSTAN COLLEGE OLD BOYS' UNION" (hereinafter referred to as "THE UNION".)

02. OBJECTS

The objects of the Union are:

- a) To promote the advancement, progress and welfare of Thurstan College;
- b) To maintain the interest of members in Thurstan College;
- c) To promote and advance the educational, cultural, recreational, social and economic welfare of the students of Thurstan College;
- d) To promote and advance the economic and general welfare of past students of Thurstan College;
- e) To promote and establish any class groups, recreation or sports club.

3. CATERGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP FEES

Members shall be of the following categories:

1) Life Membership

Any past student may be admitted as a Life Member on payment of a membership fee of Rs. 5,000/=

2) Ordinary Members

Any past student may be admitted as an Ordinary Member on payment of a membership fee of Rupees 1000/= for a period of three (03) years from the date of admission and may be renewed on the same terms.

3) Tutorial Staff Membership

Any person who is serving as a member of the Tutorial staff of Thurstan College may be admitted as a Tutorial Staff Member of the Union on a payment of Rs. 500/= during such person's service period at Thurstan College, but a member so admitted will not have any voting rights.

4) Honorary Life Membership for Merit

- a) Any member of the Union who has rendered outstanding and distinguish service to the Union and the School, on the recommendation of the Council, may be admitted as an Honorary Life Member for Merit, at Annual or Special General Meeting.
- b) Any member of the Tutorial Staff who has rendered outstanding and distinguish service to the Union and / or the school, on the recommendation of the Council, may be admitted as an Honorary Life Member for Merit, at Annual or Special General Meeting, but will have no voting rights.

5) An ordinary member defaulting of membership fees automatically ceases to be a member of the Union and may be re-admitted as a member at the discretion of the council. If the member seeks re-admission, he is liable to pay as dues Rs 500/- per annum for the period of default together with the Membership fees applicable at the time.

04. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

- 1) Every application for membership shall be on the relevant form set out in schedule 1 and shall be accompanied by the proper membership fee and the copy of the Leaving Certificate from the College or any other relevant document to prove that such applicant was a past student of Thurstan College.
- 2) Every application shall be tabled at a meeting of the council which is here by empowered.
 - a) To admit the applicant as a member; or
 - b) To refuse to admit the applicant as a member without assigning any reason; therefore, or
 - c) To call for any further information which it deems necessary or relevant for proper consideration of the application.

05. MEMBERSHIP CARD AND REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The General Secretary of the Union shall:

- 1) Issue to each member of the Union a Membership Card containing following information in addition to any other details deem necessary;
 - a) Name and address of the Member
 - b) Category of membership
 - c) Membership number

d) National Identification Number

e) Date of issue

f) Duration of validity

i) Bind the application for membership in serial order according to the categories of Membership; and

ii) Maintain in serial order a Register of Members according to the respective categories.

06. RESIGNATION, SUSPENSION AND REMOVAL FROM MEMBERSHIP

1) Any member may, on payment of all dues, resign his membership by a written notice addressed to the president.

2) Any member may be suspended or removed from membership by an order of the council if he is found guilty of any conduct prejudicial to the interests and /or the good name of the Union or in the willful neglect in the performance of his duties as an office bearer or in violation of the Code of Conduct of the council: however before an order of suspension or removal is made, a member shall be given by the Council an opportunity of showing cause in writing why such an order shall not be made.

a) Any member suspended or removed from membership shall be notified by the Council by registered post and may within 30 days appeal to the Union, in writing, against such order.

b) Every such appeal shall be tabled at a Special General meeting of the Union which shall be summoned by the General Secretary within one month of the date of receipt of such appeal. Provided that an appeal shall be tabled at an Annual General Meeting if it is to be held within the aforesaid period of one month.

c) The Order may be confirmed, varied or set aside at such Meeting.

d) A member suspended from membership shall not during the period of suspension enjoy or exercise any of the privileges of membership.

07. COLOURS AND CREST

1) The colors of the Union shall be Blue, Gold and Red.

2) The Crest of the Union shall be the Crest of the College together with the letters TCOBU added at the bottom of the crest as depicted in schedule 2.

08. OFFICE BEARERS

- 1) Members of the union who are past students and possess a valid membership for minimum of one year are eligible to be elected as Council Members.
- 2) The office bearers of the union shall consist of 2 Ex- officio office bearers and 22 elected office bearers namely.

Ex- Officio Office Bearers

- a) The president who shall be the principal of Thurstan College for the time being.
- b) The Deputy president who shall be the Senior Deputy Principal of Thurstan College for the time being.

Elected Office Bearers

- c) One Senior Vice President from the age group of over 50 years and Two Vice Presidents from the age group of over 40 years
- d) General Secretary
- e) Assistant Secretary
- f) Treasurer
- g) Assistant Treasurer
- h) Sixteen Functional Secretaries, namely;
 - I. Educational
 - II. Cricket
 - III. Rugby
 - IV. Swimming
 - V. Soccer
 - VI. Athletics
 - VII. Cadetting
 - VIII. Social Activities
 - IX. Physical Resources
 - X. Information Technology
 - XI. Finance & Fund Raising
 - XII. Media & Public Relations
 - XIII. Chess
 - XIV. Tennis
 - XV. Basketball
 - XVI. Other Sports
 - XVII. Scouting

Proposed and seconded amendmend

XViii. Badminton

XVIX. Boxing

XX Volleyball

Section 8 of the Constitution shall be amended to include the position of Badminton, Boxing and Volleyball Functional Secretary among the Functional Secretaries of the Union. Thiese amendmedment prposed and seconded by Mr Aruna Shantha Amarasinghe and and Mr.Upul Kulasekara.

3) Members of the Union who shall be past students of the college are eligible to be elected as office bearers and council members upon their own nominations sent to the Nomination Board, other than the Ex- officio president and Ex- Officio deputy president. Notice of the Annual General Meeting and Nomination papers shall be dispatched to all the members by the General Secretary 28 days prior to the Annual General Meeting and duly completed nomination papers signed by two members who holds 10 years membership must reach the Nomination Board by registered post 14 days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.

4) The Nomination Board shall be established each year two months prior to the date of Annual General Meeting with the majority consent of the council. The Nomination Board of 5 persons shall consist of Ex- officio president or Ex Officio Deputy president, General Secretary or Assistant Secretary, two council Members and one Advisory Board member nominated by the council.

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a) A Senior Vice President, Vice Presidents and General Secretary shall be elected from among those who have served the Council for 4 years out of which at least 3 years should have been as an Office Bearer. Other office Bearers excluding the Ex-officio members shall be elected from among those who have served a minimum of one year as a council member other than the Patron.

b) The maximum continuous period that a Senior Vice President, Vice Presidents, or the General Secretary could serve shall be 3 years and after completion of this period he would automatically cease to hold such position, and he will be eligible to seek re-election after a period of one-year, which duration will be from one Annual General Meeting to the next Annual General Meeting. However, after 3 years such office bearer will be eligible to seek immediate re-election to another position afore mentioned in this clause. If a person is elected midway during a term for the purpose it shall be considered one year.

Amend and seconded

Section 5 b Amendment

The maximum continuous period that a Senior Vice President, Vice Presidents, or the General Secretary could serve shall be 4 years and after completion of this period he would automatically cease to hold such position, and he will be eligible to seek re-election after a period of two years, which duration will be from one Annual General Meeting to the next Annual General Meeting. However, after 4 years such office bearer will be eligible to seek immediate re-election to another position afore mentioned in this clause. If a person is elected midway during a term for the purpose it shall be considered as two year period.

The maximum continuous period that a Senior Vice President, Vice President, or the General Secretary may serve in the same position shall be two consecutive terms of four (4) years each. Upon completion of two consecutive terms (4 years) in the same position, such office bearer shall automatically cease to hold that position and shall only be eligible to seek re-election to the same position after a lapse of two (2) years, calculated from one Annual General Meeting (AGM) to the next AGM which post nominated.

However, after completing the two consecutive terms in one position, such office bearer shall be eligible to seek immediate election to another position mentioned in this clause.

If a person is elected midway during a term, such period shall be considered as one full term for the purpose of this clause. Furthermore, under the existing Constitution prior to this amendment, any office bearer who had already served a three-year term shall not be eligible to contest for the next term during this transitional period. Proposed Mr. Bathiya Seebad and Seconded By Mr. Luxman Wickramasinghe.

- c) An office bearer to the following posts mentioned below shall be elected from among those who have served a minimum of one year as a council member provided the candidates Son(s) studying at Thurstan College are not actively engaged in the same sporting activity at any given age group: Functional Secretary – Cricket; Functional Secretary – Rugby;

Functional Secretary – Soccer; Functional Secretary – Tennis; Functional Secretary – Swimming; Functional Secretary – Cadetting; Functional Secretary – Chess; Functional Secretary – Basketball; Functional Secretary – Athletic, Scouting, Boxing, Volleyball and Other

Proposed amendments

Section 5 c Amendment

Functional Secretary – Badminton, Functional Secretary – Boxing, , Functional Secretary – Volleyball,

The Functional Secretaries of the Union shall include the respective secretaries responsible for approved sports and activities of the Union, including the Badminton, Boxing and volleyball Functional Secretary.

Sports, Proposed by Aruna Amarasinghe and Seconded by Upul Gajaweera.

d) An Office Bearer who has served consecutively as Functional Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, or Treasurer for a period of three years shall be ineligible to seek immediate re-election to the same post for a period of one year. The said Office Bearer may, however, apply for a different functional secretary post, office bearer post, or council member position within the OBU Council in the ensuing year, provided that they meet the eligibility criteria for said position.

6) Any vacancy occurring before the ensuring Annual General Meeting shall be filled by the council from among members of the union as specified in clause 8.1.

7) Any person who has been removed from the council for being absent will not be eligible to hold a post in the council for 2 years from the date of removal.

Proposed amendments

Section 5 d Amendment

Redrafted Clause (Amended Periods):

An Office Bearer who has served consecutively as Functional Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, or Treasurer for a period of four (4) years shall be ineligible to seek immediate re-election to the same post for a period of two (2) years.

The said Office Bearer may, however, apply for a different Functional Secretary post, Office Bearer post, or Council Member position within the OBU Council in the ensuing years, provided that he meets the eligibility criteria for such position. Furthermore, under the existing Constitution prior to this amendment, any office bearer who had already served a three-year term shall not be eligible to contest for the next term during this transitional period.
Proposed Mr. Aruna Amarasinghe and Seconded By Mr. Harsha Ubeseckara Wickramasinghe.

8) Any Council member or an old boy who are in arrears of their dues to the Council for any project under taken by the Council during the course of the term shall not be eligible for re-election for the new term.

9) Council Members who have attended at least 60% of the Council meetings for the year are eligible for re-election. In the event that a Council Member or office bearer is unable to meet the attendance requirement due to health, foreign assignments, jobs and training sessions, they shall submit a written request, accompanied by supporting proof to the council before submission, to the Chairman of the Nomination Board in addition to the nomination form. This written request shall request the waiver of the attendance requirement for the relevant position, and such a waiver can only be granted at the sole discretion and by the majority decision of the Nomination Board. The Nomination Board's decision to waive the attendance requirement must be documented in the Nomination Board Chairman's report to the Annual General Meeting. The nomination Board can request any clarification or additional documents from Council, not the opinion.

10) An old boy who is in arrears of his dues to any of the following organizations mentioned below for any project undertaken by the said organizations shall not be eligible to apply for council member or as an office bearer of the council unless all dues are settle in full and confirmed in writing to the General Secretary of the Old Boys' Union by the treasurer or chairman of the respective organizations.

- a) Thurstan College Old Boys' Union
- b) Thurstan College Junior Old Boys' Union
- c) Thurstan College Trust Fund
- d) Thurstan College Swimming Pool Complex
- e) Thurstan College Ground Development Committee
- f) Thurstan College Rugby Club

Proposed and seconded amendment

Section 10 Amendment

Any Old Boy who is in arrears of his dues to any of the organizations mentioned below, in respect of any project undertaken by such organizations, shall not be eligible to apply for the position of Council Member or as an Office Bearer of the Council, unless all such dues have been settled in full.

The settlement of such dues must be confirmed in writing to the General Secretary of the Old Boys' Union by the Treasurer or Chairman of the relevant organization prior to the submission of the nomination. Proposed By Mr. Uppala Hettiarachchi and seconded by Mr. Luxman Wickramasinghe

11) Each member could send only TWO nominations to be elected at the AGM. One as a council member and another as Senior Vice President, Vice President, General Secretary, Treasurer, Asst. Secretary, Asst. Treasurer or as Functional Secretary.

09. THE COUNCIL OF THE UNION

1) The members of the union who are past students and possess a valid membership for a minimum of one year are eligible to be elected as council members.

2) The Council of the union shall consist of the following members.

- Patron – There shall be a Patron elected at the AGM among person of eminence, whose patronage will enhance the prestige of Thurstan College.

Proposed and Amended

Special Amendment

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Constitution, the tenure of all Office Bearers of the Thurstan College Old Boys' Union, except the President, shall terminate on 23rd May 2026.

Thereafter, new Office Bearers shall be elected and appointed in accordance with the amended provisions of the Constitution at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held on 29th May 2026.

The newly elected Office Bearers shall assume duties and hold office in accordance with the terms and conditions stipulated in the amended Constitution. All the previous positions hold in Section 5c and 5d has been not qualified to continuation or apply for the same positions to next term after these amendments. And existing section 5c and 5 d valid in this transition period of this amendment. Proposed by Aruna Amarasinghe and seconded by Mr. Bathiya Seeherth

- Two Ex-Officio Office Bearers of the union
- Twenty elected office bearers of the union
- 21 elected members from following age groups distributed evenly as far as possible.
 - a) 50 Years and above
 - b) 40-50 Years
 - c) 30-40 Years
 - d) 20-30 Years

3) If there shall be a shortfall other than those selected by the Nomination Board, any member nominated from the House at the Annual General Meeting for election as a council member shall produce his membership card in proof of his eligibility to be elected as a Council Member.

4) The elected members shall hold office until ensuing Annual General Meeting, subject to provisions defined elsewhere in this constitution or determined otherwise.

5) Any vacancy occurring before the ensuing Annual General Meeting shall be filled by the council from among members of the union as specified in clause 9.1. However, the council will have the right to suspend or remove such an appointee before the end of his term, by majority decision without assigning any reason thereof.

6) All persons who are eligible for election as office bearers or council members must be present at the Annual General Meeting or their prior consent must be obtained in writing.

10. MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

1) The Council shall meet at least once a month each year and meetings shall be summoned by the General Secretary by giving notice thereof;

2) The Council shall regulate the procedure to be followed at its Meetings and may for that purpose, make such standing orders as it may consider necessary.

3) The quorum for a meeting of the Council shall be fifteen.

4) The General Secretary, acting under the directions of the council may invite persons other than members of the council or members of Union when such persons' presence is necessary and helpful.

5) Any Council Members who cannot attend a meeting is required to inform the General Secretary or Old Boys' Union Manager prior to the meeting. A Council member who fails to attend three (03) consecutive meetings will automatically cease to be member of the council. Absence conveyed through a member at the meeting will not be acceptable.

6) Any council member who excuse himself from Three (03) consecutive meetings shall cease to be a member unless he provides satisfactory and acceptable reasons for his absence to the council.

11. DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE COUNCIL

1) The affairs and finance of the Union shall, unless otherwise specifically provided for in this constitution, be administered by the council.

2) In addition to the powers and duties vested in council elsewhere in the constitution and without prejudice to the generality of the powers in clause 11.1 it shall have the following powers and duties:

a) To organize an Old Boys Day;

b) To appoint any Committee for such purposes as it may consider necessary;

c) To establish and special fund to be utilized for such purposes as it may consider necessary and to specify what monies shall be credited to the Fund;

- d) To prepare and submit for tabling at the Annual General Meeting an Annual Report and the Audited Financial Report for the year ending on the 31st December of each year.
- e) To take such action as it may consider necessary to attain the objects of the Union.

3) Any member of the council of the union or a member of a subcommittee of the union cannot purposefully omit another member of the same committee when communicating matters relevant to the functions of the said committee due to personal reasons. If a member of a subcommittee of the OBU council is found guilty of such an offence, the council can sack the guilty person from the said subcommittee. If a council member is found guilty of such an offence, the council of the union can take necessary action against such a member based on the constitution of the OBU.

All office bearers' and council members' sans Ex-Officio president and Ex-Officio deputy president are required to raise funds for the union, which should be credited to a bank account of the Union. The value of funds to be raised by each officer bearer or council member shall be decided on the first council meeting for the term and should be equal to or more than the amount stipulated in the schedule given below. The contribution made by any member who resigns from the council before the completion of one-year term will be calculated on a pro rata basis according to the agreed amount to be raised by the said member and the number of months served in the council. Any council member or office bearer failing to raise the agreed funds for the Union during his term shall not be eligible to apply for any post of the council or as a council member for a period of two years.

Minimum Amount of Funds to be raised by an office bearer or council member of the union serving a one-year term.

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| a) Senior Vice President | – | Rs. 500,000.00 or higher |
| b) Vice President | – | Rs. 300,000.00 or higher |
| c) General Secretary | – | Rs. 300,000.00 or higher |
| d) Assistant Secretary | – | Rs. 100,000.00 or higher |
| e) Treasurer | – | Rs. 50,000.00 or higher |
| f) Assistant Treasurer | – | Rs. 50,000.00 or higher |
| g) Functional Secretary | – | Rs. 100,000.00 or higher |

h) Council Member – Rs. 50,000.00 or higher

Proposed amendments

- a) *Senior Vice President* – *Rs. 1 million or higher*
- b) *Vice President* – *Rs. 600,000 or higher*
- c) *General Secretary* – *Rs. 600,000 or higher*
- d) *Assistant Secretary* – *Rs. 200,000 or higher*
- e) *Treasurer* – *Rs. 200,000 or higher*
- f) *Assistant Treasurer* – *Rs. 100,00 or higher*
- g) *Functional Secretary* – *Rs. 200,000 Lacks or higher*
- h) *Council Member* – *Rs. 100,000 Lack or higher*

Proposed by Harsha Ubsekara and Seconded By Aruna Amarasinghe

4) All members appointed to a subcommittee appointed by the Union where the General Secretary is an Ex-Officio member are required to copy to the General Secretary all correspondence associated with decisions or concerns related to the functions of the subcommittee. Any member failing to abide by this clause can be removed from the subcommittee by the council of the union.

5) Council meeting dates to be decided at the first council meeting and it can only be changed at a subsequent council meeting only.

6) Functional Secretary will function with the Senior Vice President and Vice Presidents as given below:

a) Senior Vice President

- 1. FINANCE AND FUNDRAISING
- 2. EDUCATION
- 3. PHYSICAL RESOURCES
- 4. MEDIA & PUBLIC RELATIONS
- 5. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

b) Vice President # 1

- 1. CRICKET
- 2. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES
- 3. ATHLETICS
- 4. OTHER SPORTS (Athletics, Boxing, Handball, Table Tennis, Karate, etc.)
- 5. CADETTEING

6. CHESS

7. Scouting

Proposed amendments

8. Badminton

c) Vice President # 2

1. RUGBY

2. SWIMMING

3. SOCCER

4. BASKETBALL

5. TENNIS

Proposed amendments

6. Boxing.

7. Volleyball Proposed by Aruna Amarasinghe and seconded by Daminda Cooray

12. ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Council may appoint an “Advisory Committee” to provide guidance and advice to the council as and when necessary.

1) The Advisory shall consist of 9 members of whom at least 6 members should be Over the age of 60 and 3 members may be in the age category 50 to 60 years. All members should be Old Boys.

2) The members shall be Professionals who have held or holding high positions in the Government or Private sector or persons who have made significant contributions to the development of the College.

3) The council of OBU shall select the Members of Advisory committee.

4) The selected members shall hold office until the ensuing Annual General Meeting.

5) The Advisory Committee shall meet at regular intervals as decided by the Advisory Committee and function in an advisory capacity to provide guidance to the OBU and the council. The Members of the Advisory committee may attend council meetings if they deem necessary by informing the General Secretary.

13. THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 1) The Annual General Meeting of the Union shall be held before the end of the calendar year provided that the Council may for any reasons it may consider expedient, postpone the Annual General Meeting for a maximum period of ninety (90) days.
- 2) At least twenty-eight (28) days written notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to members.
- 3) The Agenda of the Annual General Meeting shall include interalia, the following items;
 - a) Tabling of the Annual statement of the Audited Accounts of the Union, any other Fund and any Club established by the Union and all other recognized affiliated bodies with respective Annual Reports thereof.
 - b) Any Resolutions submitted by the outgoing council or by a member to reach the General Secretary seven days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.
 - c) Tabling the report of the Nomination Board and submitting the list of Nominations.
 - d) Election of office bearers and council members:

In the event of there being nominations from the House, duly proposed and seconded by members present, in addition to or in replacement of the nominations made by the Nomination Board, such election shall be decided by majority vote, The presiding officer at the Annual General Meeting shall make appropriate and proper arrangements to conduct such a vote and he shall be entitled to casting vote.

 - i. Any such member nominated by the House at the Annual General Meeting should be present in person and shall produce his OBU Membership card as proof of his membership and also produce any information and documents required to prove his eligibility to be elected as a council member as specified elsewhere in this constitution.
 - e) The appointment of Auditors for the ensuing year.
- 4) AGM notice should be circulated via e-mail and general notice should be displayed in a printed national paper (at least one paper). In addition to email, all other electronic media which cover legal provisions of the electronic act take as an additional mode of informing AGM notice.

14. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

- 1) A special General Meeting of the Union shall be summoned by the General Secretary of the Union on the directions of the president or upon a decision of the council or upon a written requisition made by at least 25 members and stating the nature of the business for the transaction of which the meeting is to be summoned or for the purpose of considering an appeal provided for in clause 6.2 (b).
- 2) At least Ten days' notice of a Special General Meeting shall be given to members and the General Secretary shall set out in the notice the item/s of business to be transacted at such meeting.

- 3) Only the item/s of business set out in the notice shall be transacted at a Special General Meeting.
- 4) When a written requisition is made by at least 25 members as in clause 14.1, the General Secretary is bound to summon a Special General Meeting within Thirty (30) days of receipt of such requisition.

15. PROCEDURE AT ANNUAL AND SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- 1) The President or the Ex-officio Deputy President or the Senior Vice President or one of the Vice Presidents or a Council Member of the outgoing committee, in that order or a member of the Union elected by the members present shall preside at an Annual or Special General Meeting.
- 2) The Chairman of the Nomination Board shall read the report of the Nomination Board at the Annual General Meeting.
- 3) Any objections received by the Nomination Board will be notified to the AGM.
 - a) Voting at an Annual or Special General Meeting shall be properly organized and shall be by show of hand under the guidance and presence of the presiding officer.
 - b) A decision shall be taken by majority of votes.
 - c) In the event of and equality of votes, the matter in issue shall be decided by the presiding officer casting his vote.

Proposed amendmended

a) Voting at an Annual or Special General Meeting shall be properly organized and shall be by secret vote under the guidance and presence of the presiding officer. Proposed by Daminda Cooray and Seconded by Mr.Luxman Wicramasinghe.

- 4) Every point of order and the interpretation to be placed upon any article of the constitution shall be decided by the person presiding and his decision thereon shall be final and conclusive for the purpose of that meeting.
- 5) The quorum for an Annual General Meeting shall be 50 and a special General Meeting shall be 25.
- 6) An Annual or Special General Meeting which cannot be held for want of a quorum shall be adjourned for a specific date.

7) An adjourned Annual or Special General Meeting shall be held on the due date notwithstanding the absence of a quorum.

8) Nominations –

The Nomination Board shall open the nomination papers reached to them on time in the presence of the General Secretary, Senior Vice president or Vice President. The Nomination Board shall determine whether the nominations are in compliance with the provisions set out in clause 8.1 and 8.5. The recommended and accepted nominations shall be displayed on the OBU notice board one week before the Annual General Meeting. An objection may be made by any member to the nomination board within three days of such display. Every objection shall be made in writing and shall specify the ground of objection and shall be signed by the objector/ objectors. The Nomination Board shall review objections and shall announce the observations at the Annual General Meeting.

16. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE SECRETARY

1) The General Secretary of the Union shall carry out his duties subject to the direction of the council.

2) The General Secretary shall, in addition to the duties vested on him elsewhere in this constitution, maintain in two separate Minute Books of council Meeting and of the Annual or Special General Meetings respectively.

3) The General Secretary is bound to provide Minute Books, Documents, and any other records which are related to the council matters for the perusal of any member of the council on their valid request.

4) The General Secretary shall be responsible for carrying out any decision, order, or resolution passed by the council.

5) The General Secretary shall be obliged to follow the Constitution and/or by rules and regulations made by the Union when he discharges his official duties and functions.

6) Summoning all meetings of the Union and the council is consultation with the president and as directed by the council from time to time.

17. FINANCES OF THE UNION AND THE DUTIES OF THE TREASURER

1) The Financial Year of the Union shall be from 1st of January to 31st December each year.

- 2) The Treasurer shall collect and keep a proper account of the finances of the Union and shall maintain the necessary books of accounts for that purpose.
- 3) The funds of the Union shall be kept in deposit in a Bank to be decided upon by the council unless otherwise determined by the council.
- 4) All cheques shall be drawn by the president or the Senior Vice president or one of the vice presidents together with the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer.
- 5) The Treasurer shall submit to council:
 - a) A statement of the Accounts of the Union in respects of each calendar month showing receipts and payments and a reconciliation of balance; and
 - b) An Audited Statement of Accounts of the Union for the Financial Year last ended, so that it may be tabled at the Annual General Meeting;
- 6) The Accounts of the Union shall be audited by the Auditor appointed at the AGM.
- 7) The Treasurer shall carry out his duties and act as directed by the council from time to time.

18. THE THURSTAN OLD BOYS' AFFILIATED INSTITUTIONS

Any group desired to formulate an Association, Group, Society, or a Club under the name of Thurstan Shall request the Union to recognize them as an affiliated body, if they so desire.

19. AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

- 1) An amendment to, or a revision of this Constitution may only be affected by a Resolution passed at an Annual or Special General Meeting as hereinafter provided.
- 2) A Resolution submitted or approved by the council of the Union may be passed by a simple majority.
- 3) A Resolution submitted by a member, but not approved by the council of the Union shall be passed by a two – third majority of those present and voting.

20. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

- 1) With effect from the operative date of this constitution, every current member of the union who is a past student shall be deemed to be an Ordinary member, Life Member, Tutorial Staff Member or a Honorary Life Member as the case may be.

2) The Office Bearers and the Council of the Union elected at the last Annual General Meeting shall continue in office from the operative date of this constitution until the first election of the office bearers and other members of the council of the union there under.

21. EXCLUSION OF

No decision of the union or council tabled at a meeting in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution shall be questioned in any court of Law or Tribunal.

22. OMISSIONS

Where no specific provision has been made herein in respect of any matter which may arise at the meeting of the council of the union or at any Annual or Special General Meeting. It may be decided by a majority vote of the members present at any such meeting or in the event of an equality of votes the matter in issue shall be decided by the president casting his vote.

23 Effective date of the Amendments

All amendments proposed and seconded at the SGM shall take effect from the next immediate AGM. Any other amendments made at the AGM shall also take effect from the next immediate AGM. proposed by Aruna Amarasinghe and Seconded by Harsha Ubesekara

Ratified and adopted at a Special General Meeting held on 26
.March 2026.

SCHEDULE 1

Application for the Membership of the Old Boys' Union (Annexed)

SCHEDULE 2

Crest of the Old Boys' Union (Annexed)

President Thurstan College Old Boys' Union

Secretary
Thurstan College Old Boys' Union

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