



**SRI LANKAN
PROFESSIONALS
ASSOCIATION**
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

AMENDMENT NO. 01 TO THE CONSTITUTION

26 APRIL 2024



Preamble:

Whereas, the Sri Lankan Professionals Association (SLPA-UAE) in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) was established on 28th May 2019 under the patronage of the Consul General of Sri Lanka to Dubai and Northern Emirates, with the objective of fostering collaboration, providing support, and promoting the professional advancement of Sri Lankan professionals in the UAE.

Whereas, SLPA-UAE reached a significant milestone by officially becoming a registered Limited Liability Company (LLC) under the name Sri Lankan Professionals Association LLC-FZ (SLPA-LLC-FZ) in the UAE, registered in Meydan Free Zone with License Number 2309634, thereby serving as a platform for eight Sri Lankan professional member associations to operate in accordance with UAE laws and regulations.

Whereas, the Constitution of SLPA-UAE, enacted on 9th May 2022, underwent amendments proposed by the Executive Committee of SLPA-UAE for 2022-2023, which were presented during the 4th Annual General Meeting held on 3rd September 2023.

Whereas, during the 51st executive committee Meeting held at Seafarers Club on 26th April 2024, the Executive Committee members of SLPA-UAE for 2024-2025 unanimously voted to execute the proposed amendments, herein referred to as Amendment No. 01.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Executive Committee and members of SLPA-UAE that the following amendments to the Constitution of Sri Lankan Professionals Association in the United Arab Emirates (SLA-UAE) be adopted:

Article 5.1 - APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

5.1.1) Three Members to the Executive Board shall be nominated by each Member Association at an Annual General Meeting.

All such positions listed under Sub-article 5.1(a) to (i) shall be rotated annually among the Member Associations. Initially, for next three years, commencing from the AGM in year 2021, such rotation shall be prioritized.

in the order stated in the Sub-article 5.1(a) to (i) within the founder Member Associations in the order of the Appendix "A" (Appointment of Executive Board).

Proposal 1 - The proposal is to preserve the existing understanding while respecting that certain member associations are NOT committed towards SLPA-UAE at all other than a mere legal coverage. In such cases having to hold key executive positions of the SLPA-UAE Board with such minimum commitment towards SLPA-UAE could cause significant harm to SLPA-UAE. The Roster is NOT the ideal method in this case and should be provided to another member organization.

PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY REQUIREMENT

Proposal 2 - This is especially in terms of Treasurer/Assistant Treasurer roles as this is the most important role in terms of specialized technical competence required by a board member. The Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer positions preferably shall be held with a professional who have an acceptable professional qualification or experience and should not be done based on the existing rotation policy.

1st RIGHT OF ACCEPTANCE/REFUSAL OF A POSITION

Proposal 3 - This is a practical and an amicable way to structure the board in the case of a specialized competency/commitment is required, but the position has been directed to an organization based on the Rotation policy and its unable to nominate such candidate.

COMPLETE SWITCHING-OFF OF EXISTING OFFICE BEARERS

There should be a continuation of existing office bearers and breading through one tenure.

5.1.2 – TERMS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The terms of the Executive Board shall be one -year period from the date of appointment.

Proposal 4 - The terms of the Executive Board shall be two -year period from the date of appointment.

ARTICLE 13.1 – ASSETS & LIABILITIES - FUNDS

Subject to strict compliance with the specified requirements of the UAE Regularity Authorities, the Association shall obtain or generate funds from.

- a. *Due contributions of the Member Association*
- b. *Donations from well-wishers.*
- c. *Any lawful source e.g., public fund-raising events, sponsorships etc.*

Proposal 5 - SLPA-UAE to be allowed to expand its income generation avenues under SLPA-LLC-FZ trade license and approved trading activities.

ARTICLE 13.2.a – ASSETS & LIABILITIES – BANK ACCOUNTS

The Association shall operate a bank account under the duly appointed third- party management company approved by the UAE Regulatory Authorities for SLPA-UAE operations within the UAE.

Proposal 6 - A bank account directly under SLPA-LLC-FZ, approved by the UAE Regulatory Authorities in UAE, to be established for SLPA-UAE operations.

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS COMMUNICATION WITH EXTERNAL PARTIES

Proposal 7 - Patrons (the Embassy and Consul General Office) and other significant organisations in the UAE, such as SLBC, SAHANA, OLCOT SCHOOLS, shall communicate directly with the respective Member Associations, copying SLPA-UAE but not going through SLPA-UAE. Member Associations of SLPA-UAE to ensure they are officially be registered with such organizations to enable this communication flow.

SLPA-UAE UAE's PRESENCE AT MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS AGM's

Proposal 8 - Every member association to be requested to include provision in their respective constitution to have a SLPA-UAE representation at their AGMs to oversee elections of Member Association as an observer/adjudicator.

INCLUDING NEW EXCOM MEMBERS OF MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS DURING SLPA-UAE UAE TENURE.

Proposal 9 - The Annual General Meeting (AGM) dates of member associations within SLPA-UAE may vary from those of SLPA-UAE itself. Consequently, new Executive Committee members may be appointed to the SLPA-UAE board by their respective Member Associations. In such instances, the incoming Member Association's Executive Committee will be warmly received onto the SLPA-UAE executive board, assuming their duties with full inclusion in all SLPA-UAE communication platforms and activities. Meanwhile, outgoing members, with the exception of the Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, will transition out of their roles.

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End of the Amendment No. 01