

**CONSTITUTION OF
ASSOCIATION OF CHINESE PROFESSORS AT MCMASTER UNIVERSITY**
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1. Name

The Organization shall be called the ASSOCIATION OF CHINESE PROFESSORS AT MCMASTER UNIVERSITY (ACPM).

2. Objectives

The objectives of the Association shall be:

- To enhance interaction and collaboration among Chinese Professors as well as with other professors and colleagues at McMaster University.
- To facilitate communication and collaboration with other similar Canadian-Chinese associations within and outside of Canada.
- To promote Sino-Canadian relationships by enhancing academic exchanges and linkages.
- To foster multi-cultural understanding and harmony in Canadian society.
- To contribute to the well-being of McMaster University and Canadian society at large.

3. Memberships

The membership of the Association is composed of the following categories: Regular Members (or Member), and Associate Members.

Member:

An individual of Chinese descent, who holds a tenure-track or a contractually limited faculty appointment at McMaster University, or is a professor emeritus of McMaster University, can become a Regular Member of the Association on a voluntary basis. A member shall recognize and accept the Constitution and By-laws of the Association.

Associate Member:

An individual who does not satisfy the criteria for the Regular Member can join the Association as an Associate Member on the recommendation of two Regular Members. An Associate Member shall recognize and accept the Constitution and By-laws of the Association.

4. By-Laws

The Association may, from time to time, enact such By-Laws as considered appropriate with respect to the affairs of the Association.

5. Nature of the Organization

The Association is a social organization by voluntary members with the above-mentioned objectives. Therefore, it is neither a political nor a union-type of organization. The Association may associate, affiliate or federate with other organizations that are consistent with the objectives of the Association.

6. Amendment

This Constitution may be amended, from time to time, by a resolution confirmed by a two-third majority of the votes cast at a general meeting of the members called for that purpose. Any such amendment shall not be effective until so confirmed.

BY-LAW NO.1

By-laws relate generally to the business and affairs of the Association.

BE IT ENACTED as a By-law of the Association of Chinese Professors at McMaster University (hereinafter called the “Association”) as follows:

Officers of the Association

1. There shall be a President to take care of the daily operation of the Association, who shall be assisted by a Vice-President. Both shall be elected the first time. The President shall serve for a two-year term, after which shall pass the presidency to the Vice-President, who shall be elected every two years beyond the first term. There shall be a Secretary elected by the members who shall serve a two-year term, who shall be responsible for membership networking and organizing activities. The President, Vice-President, immediate Past-President, Secretary and the Advisory Committee (described below) shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Association and coordinate the activities of the Association.

Election of the Officers of the Association

2. An election shall be organized by an Election Committee consisting of the President, the sitting Vice-President, and an elected member. Any member can be nominated by another member or self-nominated. A slate of the candidates shall be drawn up by the Election Committee, and voted on by the members. The official appointment shall be determined by a majority vote from a general meeting attended or email messages responded by more than two thirds of the members. The immediate Past-President shall serve as the Returning Officer who shall then collate the vote and report to the members at the general meeting on the results.

Duties of the President and Vice-President

3. The President shall, when present, preside all meetings of the Executive Committee and general meetings of the Association. The President shall have the responsibility and power to carry on the affairs and businesses of the Association. During the absence or inability of the President, the Vice-President shall exercise the President’s duties and powers.

Advisory Committee

4. There shall be an Advisory Committee consisting of individuals elected by the members of the Association. The functions of the advisory committee shall be to advise the President and Vice-President on important matters related to the Association.

Frequency of Meetings

5. There shall be at least one general meeting a year when the President shall report on the general activities of the Association. The election result shall be reported at one of these general meetings when appropriate.

Membership Due

6. An annual membership due shall be determined by the Executive Committee for members and associate members, and the amount may be revised at times. The Vice President and the Secretary shall be responsible for the collection of the dues and disbursement of the fund. The money collected shall be used for running the affairs of the Association. A financial report shall be presented by the Secretary at the annual general meeting. Failure to pay the membership due will forfeit the membership in the Association until such time when dues are paid up to date.

Dissolution of the Association

7. A vote carrying at least 75% of the members at a general meeting shall be necessary to dissolve the Association.