

1. The name of the society shall be: "The South African Genetic Society".
2. The purposes of the society shall be:
 - a. to promote contact between people with an active interest in the science, genetics,
 - b. to stimulate research in genetics,
 - c. to disseminate knowledge of genetics,
 - d. to arrange for cooperation with other scientific societies or bodies where common problems may require such.
3. Membership shall be open to any person with a scientific interest in genetics.
4. The activities of the society shall include, among others, the following:
 - a. the holding of local meetings (say monthly) when papers will be presented on original research or problems of actual interest in the literature of genetics or a related field,
 - b. the holding of congresses from time to time as conditions may dictate, preferably at intervals of not longer than three years.
5. Both official languages shall be used during meetings of the society. The minute shall be taken alternatively in Afrikaans and English.
6. The Society shall be governed by an Executive Committee consisting of the following members:
 - a. Elected members
 - a President
 - a Vice President
 - a Secretary
 - a Treasurer
 - an Editor
 - one or more additional members
 - b. Branch representatives
 - One representative of each local branch of the society
 - c. Ex officio members
 - Any head of a University Department of Genetics in the Republic or any past President of the Society may if he wishes serve as a member of the Executive Committee.
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 - a. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor and one or more additional members shall be elected during the general meeting at each congress.
 - b. One representative shall be chosen by each branch of the Society during the first meeting following each Congress.
 - c. In the event that a President must resign during his term of office, the Vice President shall become President. In the event of the resignation of the other elected members of the Executive Committee, the remaining members of the Committee shall fill the vacant post by appointment. In the event of the resignation of a branch representative, the branch concerned shall appoint a replacement.
8. A quorum at a General Meeting at a Congress shall consist of the members of the Association present at the meeting.
9. Constitutional amendments with the exception of changes in membership fees may be made only by a two-third vote of members present at a General Meeting at a Congress. Changes in membership fees shall be made by a two-third majority of

the members responding to a postal vote. Elections and other decisions at General Meetings shall be decided by a simple majority of votes of members present. In the event of a tie, the President or his representative in the chair shall cast the deciding vote.

10. a. The classes of membership are the following:

Active member	- open to any person with an interest in Genetics. Membership fee - R2.00
Student member	- open to any person who presents satisfactory evidence that he is registered at a University. Membership fee - R1.00
Sustaining member	- Open to any individual or organization with an interest in Genetics. Membership fee - R50.00
Honorary member	- Open to any person elected by a majority of votes of members present at a General Meeting during a Congress or by a majority of votes of members responding to a postal vote. Membership fee - none
Inactive member	- Any member who will be overseas for two or more years and notifies the treasurer of this fact, need not pay membership fees for the period of his absence.
- b. Active, student and sustaining members have a vote and are entitled to receive the publications of the Society.
- c. The membership of any active, student or sustaining member who does not pay membership fees for two consecutive years shall automatically cease.