RULES

NAME

1.1 The name of the Society shall be The Royal Geographical Society of Queensland Incorporated (in these Rules called "the Society").

OBJECT

2.1 The object for which the Society is established is to promote and stimulate the study of geography.

POWERS

3.1 The powers of the Society are:-

3.1.1 To subscribe to, or become a member of any other society, club or organisation, whether incorporated or not, whose objects are altogether or in part similar to those of the Society provided that the Society shall not subscribe to or support with its funds any society, club or organisation which does not prohibit the distribution of its income and property among its members to an extent at least as great as that imposed on the Society under or by virtue of Rule 28.10;

3.1.2 In furtherance of the objects of the Society to buy, sell and deal in all kinds of articles, commodities and provisions, both liquid and solid, for the members of the Society or persons frequenting the Society's premises;

3.1.3 To purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire and otherwise acquire any lands, buildings, easements or property, real and personal, and any rights or privileges which may be requisite for the purposes of, or capable or being conveniently used in connection with, any of the objects of the Society provided that in case the Society shall take or hold any property which may be subject to any trusts the Society shall only deal with the same in such manner as is allowed by law having regard to such trusts;

3.1.4 To enter into any arrangements with any government or Authority that are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects and the exercise of the powers of the Society; to obtain from any such Government or Authority any rights, privileges and concessions which the Society may think it desirable to obtain; and to carry out, exercise and comply with any such arrangements, rights, privileges and concessions;

3.1.5 To appoint, employ, remove or suspend such managers, clerks, secretaries, servants, workmen and other persons as may be necessary or convenient for the purposes of the society;

3.1.6 To remunerate any person or body corporate for services rendered, or to be rendered, and whether by way of brokerage or otherwise in placing or assisting to place or guaranteeing the placing of any unsecured notes, debentures or other securities of the Society, or in or about the Society or promotion of the Society or in the furtherance of its objects;

3.1.7 To construct, improve, maintain, develop, work, manage, carry out, alter or control any houses, buildings, grounds, works or conveniences which may seem calculated directly or indirectly to advance the Society's interests, and to contribute to subsidise or otherwise assist and take part in the construction, improvement, maintenance, development, working, management, carrying out, alteration or control thereof;

3.1.8 To invest and deal with the money of the Society not immediately required in such manner as may from time to time be thought fit;

3.1.9 To take, or otherwise acquire, and hold shares, debentures or other securities of any company or body corporate;

3.1.10 In furtherance of the objects of the Society to lend and advance money or give credit to any person or body corporate; to guarantee and give guarantees or indemnities for the payment of money or the performance of contracts or obligations by any person or body corporate, and otherwise to assist any person or body corporate;

3.1.11 To borrow or raise money either alone or jointly with any other person or legal entity in such manner as may be thought proper and whether upon fluctuating advance account or overdraft or otherwise to represent or secure any moneys and further advances borrowed or to be borrowed alone or with others as aforesaid by notes secured or unsecured, debentures or debenture stock perpetual or otherwise, or by mortgage, charge, lien or other security upon the whole or any part of the Society's property or assets present or future and to purchase, redeem or pay-off any such securities;

3.1.12 To draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, execute and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange, bills or lading and other negotiable or transferable instruments;

3.1.13 In furtherance of the objects of the Society to sell, improve, manage, develop, exchange, lease, dispose of, turn to account or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property and rights of the Society;

3.1.14 To take or hold mortgages, liens or charges, to secure payment of the purchase price, or any unpaid balance of the purchase price, of any part of the Society's property of whatsoever kind sold by the Society, or any money due to the Society from purchasers and others;

3.1.15 To take any gift of property whether subject to any special trust or not, for any one or more of the objects of the Society but subject always to the proviso in sub-rule (3.1.3);

3.1.16 To take such steps by personal or written appeals, public meetings or otherwise, as may from time to time be deemed expedient for the purpose of procuring contributions to the funds of the Society, in the shape of donations, annual subscriptions or otherwise;

3.1.17 To print and publish any newspapers, periodicals, books or leaflets that the Society may think desirable for the promotion of its objects;

3.1.18 In furtherance of the objects of the Society to amalgamate with any one or more incorporated societies having objects altogether or in part similar to those of the Society and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members to an extent at least as great as that imposed upon the Society under or by virtue of rule 28.10;

3.1.19 In furtherance of the objects of the Society to purchase or otherwise acquire and undertake all or any part of the property, assets, liabilities and engagements of any one or more of the incorporated Societies with which the Society is authorised to amalgamate;

3.1.20 In furtherance of the objects of the Society to transfer all or any part of the property, assets, liabilities and engagements of the Society to any one or more of the incorporated societies with which the Society is authorised to amalgamate;

3.1.21 To make donations for patriotic, charitable or community purposes;

3.1.22 To set up a gift fund styled the RGSQ Environmental Fund under the constitution and by-laws of the Society for the specific purpose of supporting dissemination of information, provision of education, and conduct of research about the environment. The RGSQ Environmental Fund must comply with section 78AB of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936*.

3.1.23 To transact any lawful business in aid of the Commonwealth of Australia in the prosecution of any war in which the Commonwealth of Australia is engaged;

3.1.24 To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects and the exercise of the powers of the Society.

MEMBERSHIP

4.1 Membership shall be open to any person and to any institution. There shall be no entrance fee for membership of the Society. Every candidate for admission to

membership of the Society must complete the prescribed form and be proposed in the manner prescribed.

4.2 Application for membership shall be made in writing and forwarded to the Secretary of the Society with the completed proposal form. Applications for student membership must be accompanied by a certificate of studentship from a Lecturer or Principal. An applicant approved by the Council of the Society shall become a member upon the payment of subscription as hereunder provided.

4.3 The application for membership shall be made in writing, signed by the applicant and shall be in such form as the Council from time to time prescribes.

CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

5.1 The Society shall consist of the following classes of membership:-

(a) Honorary Life Members
(b) Life Members
(c) Ordinary Members
(d) Youth/Student Members
(e) Educational or Charitable Members
(f) Corporate Members
(g) Household Members

For the purpose of this rule:-

'Honorary Life Members' shall be defined as those members of the Society who have been formally elected to this status by an Annual General Meeting of the Society on the unanimous recommendation of the Council in recognition of their services to the Society. All members who are Honorary Life Members on the date of adoption of these Rules shall automatically have their membership status confirmed.

'Life Members' shall be defined as those members who have made payment of the Life Membership subscription. All members who are Life Members on the date of adoption of these Rules shall automatically have their membership status confirmed.

'Ordinary Members' shall be defined as those members of the Society who are not less than eighteen years of age and who subscription entitles them to all privileges of Society membership.

'Youth/Student Members' shall be defined as those members of the Society who are under the age of twenty-six years or who are bona-fide full-time students at a recognised educational institution in Australia, provided that a member who is not less than eighteen years of age and under twenty-six years of age may elect to be either an Ordinary Member or a Youth/Student member. Only Youth/Student Members who are not less than eighteen years of age are empowered to vote at meetings of the Society.

'Educational Members or Charitable Members' shall be defined as those members which have made payment of the Educational or Charitable membership subscription. Each institution shall be represented by a person nominated on its behalf.

'Corporate Members' shall be defined as those members which have made payment of the Corporate membership subscription. Each institution shall be represented by a person nominated on its behalf.

'Household Members' shall be defined as more than one person comprising a household but with voting rights restricted to persons over the age of eighteen years, and with the voting rights of this classification being restricted to no more than the equivalent of two Ordinary Member votes.

5.2 The number of members in each class shall be unlimited.

5.3 All members of the Society of whatsoever class shall be bound by the Rules and by-laws of the Society.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

6.1 The membership fees for each class of membership shall be such sum as the members shall from time to time at any general meeting so determine.

6.2 The membership fees for each class of membership shall be payable at such time and in such manner as the Council shall from time to time determine.

6.3 A financial member of the Society at any material time is a member who is not then indebted to the Society in respect of any annual subscription or levy or other payment whatsoever.

ADMISSION AND REJECTION OF MEMBERS

7.1 At the next meeting of the Council after the receipt of an application applicable for any class of membership, such application shall be considered by the Council, who shall as soon as practicable determine upon the admission or rejection of the Applicant.

7.2 Any applicant who receives a majority of the votes of the members of the Council present at the meeting at which such application is being considered shall be accepted as a member to the class of membership applied for.

7.3 Upon the acceptance or rejection of an application for any class of membership the Secretary shall forthwith give the applicant notice in writing of such acceptance or rejection.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

8.1 A member may resign from the Society at any time by giving notice in writing to the Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect at the time such notice is received by the Secretary unless a later date is specified in the notice when it shall take effect on that later date.

8.2 If a member -
(i) is convicted of an indictable offence; or
(ii) fails to comply with any of the provisions of these Rules; or
(iii) has membership fees in arrears for a period of three months or more; or
(iv) conducts himself in a manner considered to be injurious or prejudicial to the character or interests of the Society,
the Council may consider whether his membership shall be terminated..

8.3 The member concerned shall be given a full and fair opportunity of presenting his case and if the Council resolves to terminate his membership it shall instruct the Secretary to advise the member in writing accordingly.

APPEAL AGAINST REJECTION OR TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

9.1 a person whose application for membership has been rejected or whose membership has been terminated may within one month of receiving written notification thereof, lodge with the Secretary written notice of his intention to appeal against the decision of the Council.

9.2 Upon receipt of a notification of intention to appeal against rejection or termination of membership the Secretary shall convene, within three months of the date of receipt by him of such notice, a general meeting to determine the appeal. At any such meeting the applicant shall be given the opportunity to fully present his case and the Council or those members thereof who rejected the application for membership or terminated the membership and any other member present shall likewise have the opportunity of presenting its or their case. The appeal shall be determined by the vote of the members present at such meeting.

9.3 Where a person whose application is rejected, does not appeal against the decision of the Council within the time prescribed by these Rules or so appeals but the appeal is unsuccessful, the Secretary shall forthwith refund the amount of any fee paid.

REGISTER OF MEMBERS

10.1 The Council shall cause a Register to be kept in which shall be entered at least the names and residential addresses of all persons admitted to membership of the Society and the dates of their admission.

10.2 Particulars shall also be entered into the Register of deaths, resignations, terminations and reinstatements of membership and any further particulars as the Council or the members at any general meeting may require from time to time.

10.3 The Register shall be open for inspection at all reasonable times by any member who previously applies to the Secretary for such inspection.

MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL

11.1 The Council of the Society shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, all of whom shall be members of the Society, and eight (8) other members of the Society.

11.2 At the annual general meeting of the Society, all the members of the Council for the time being shall retire from office, but shall be eligible upon nomination for re-election provided that a President who has been elected President at two consecutive annual general meetings shall not be eligible for election as President at the next annual general meeting thereafter.

11.3 The election of officers and other members of the Council shall take place in the following manner:-

(a) Any two members of the Society shall be at liberty to nominate any other member to serve as an officer or other member of the Council;

(b) The nomination, which shall be in writing and signed by the member and his proposer and seconder, shall be lodged with the Secretary before the annual general meeting at which the election is to take place;

(c) Balloting lists shall be prepared (if necessary) containing the names of the candidates in alphabetical order, and each member present at the annual general meeting shall be entitled to vote for any number of such candidates not exceeding the number of vacancies;

(d) Should, at the commencement of such meeting, there be an insufficient number of candidates nominated, nominations may be taken from the floor of the meeting.

12.1 Any member of the Council may resign from membership of the Council at any time by giving notice in writing to the Secretary but such resignation shall take effect at the time such notice is received by the Secretary unless a later date is specified in the notice when it shall take effect on that later date or such member may be removed from office at a general meeting of the Society where that member shall be given the opportunity to fully present his case. The question of removal shall be determined by the vote of the members present at such a general meeting.

VACANCIES ON COUNCIL

13.1 The Council shall have power at any time to appoint any member of the Society to fill any casual vacancy on the Council until the next annual general meeting. The power contained in this sub-clause shall not include the power to appoint such further number of members to the Council so as to comply with the provisions of Rule 11.1

hereof in the event of an insufficient number of members of Council being elected at an annual general meeting.

13.2 The continuing members of the Council may act notwithstanding any casual vacancy in the Council, but if and so long as their number is reduced below the number fixed by or pursuant to these Rules as the necessary quorum of the Council, the continuing member or members may act for the purpose of increasing the number of members of the Council to that number or of summoning a general meeting of the Society, but for no other purpose.

FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

14.1 Except as otherwise provided by these Rules and subject to resolutions of the members of the Society carried at any general meeting the Council -

(a) shall have the general control and management of the administration of the affairs, property and funds of the Society; and

(b) shall have authority to interpret the meaning of these Rules and any matter relating to the Society on which these rules are silent.

14.2 The Council may exercise all the powers of the Society:-

(a) to borrow or raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as the members of the Society may think fit and secure the same or the payment or performance of any debt, liability, contract, guarantee or other engagement incurred or to be entered into by the Society in any way and in particular by the issue of debentures, perpetual or otherwise charged upon all or any of the Society's property, both present and future, and to purchase, redeem or pay off any such securities;

(b) to borrow money from members at a rate of interest not exceeding interest at the rate for the time being charged by bankers in Brisbane for overdrawn accounts on money lent, whether the term of the loan be short or long, and to mortgage or charge its property or any part thereof and to issue debentures and other securities, whether outright or as security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Society, and to provide and pay off any such securities; and

(c) to invest in such manner as the members of the Society may from time to time determine.

MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

15.1 The Council shall meet at least once in each of at least ten (10) calendar months to exercise its functions.

15.2 A special meeting of the Council shall be convened by the Secretary on the requisition in writing signed by not less than one-third of the members of the Council, which

requisition shall clearly state the reasons why such special meeting is being convened and the nature of the business to be transacted thereat.

15.3 At every meeting of the Council a simple majority of a number equal to the number of members elected and/or appointed to the Council as at the close of the last general meeting of the members, shall constitute a quorum.

15.4 Subject as previously provided in this rule, the Council may meet together and regulate its proceedings as it thinks fit provided that questions arising at any meeting of the Council shall be decided by a majority of votes and, in the case of equality of votes, the question shall be deemed to be decided in the negative and the Chairman shall not have a second vote.

15.5 A member of the Council shall not vote in respect of any contract or proposed contract with the Society in which he is interested, or any matter arising thereout, and if he does so vote his vote shall not be counted.

15.6 Not less than seven days notice shall be given by the Secretary to members of the Council of any special meeting of the Council. Such notice shall clearly state the nature of the business to be discussed thereat.

15.7 The President shall preside as Chairman at every meeting of the Council, or if there is no President, or if at any meeting he is not present within ten minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, and a Vice-President is then present, such Vice-President shall be Chairman or if both Vice-Presidents are then present, then the Vice-President who was first a member of the Society shall be Chairman or, if he is unwilling to be Chairman, the other Vice-President shall be Chairman of the meeting, or if none of the above is present at the meeting or willing to be Chairman, then the members may choose one of their number to be Chairman of the meeting.

15.8 If within half an hour from the time appointed for the commencement of a Council meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of members of the Council, shall lapse. In any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place, or to such other day at such other time and place as the Council may determine, and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting shall lapse.

COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

16.1 The Council may delegate any of its powers to a committee consisting of such members of the Society as the Council thinks fit. Any committee so formed shall in the exercise of the powers so delegated conform to any regulations that may be imposed on it by the Council.

16.2 A committee may elect a Chairman of its meetings. If no such Chairman is elected, or if at any meeting the Chairman is not present within ten minutes after the time

appointed for holding the meeting, the members present may choose one of their number to be Chairman of the meeting.

16.3 A committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper. Questions arising at any meeting shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members present and, in the case of an equality of votes, the question shall be deemed to be decided in the negative.

ACTS OF COUNCIL

17.1 All acts done by any meeting of the Council or of a committee or by any person acting as a member of the Council shall, notwithstanding that it is afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any such member of the Council or person acting as aforesaid, or that the members of the Council or any of them were disqualified, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified to be a member of the Council.

RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

18.1 A resolution in writing signed by all the members of the Council for the time being entitled to receive notice of a meeting of the Council shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Council duly convened and held. Any such resolution may consist of several documents in like form, each signed by one or more members of the Council.

MEETINGS

19.1 Meetings of members shall be of two types, that is to say:-

(a) General meetings as provided for in Rules 20 to 24 inclusive which meetings shall be convened for the formal business of the Society; and

(b) Meetings in furtherance of the object set out in Rule 2 of these Rules at which no formal business of the Society shall be transacted and to which the provisions of Rules 20 to 24 inclusive shall not apply. The Council shall make provision for such meetings to be held regularly at least once each three months and shall prescribe such regulations for the conduct thereof as it deems fit.

Meetings of both types described in Rule 19 hereof may be held on the same day.

ANNUAL GENERAL OR GENERAL MEETINGS

20.1 The annual general meeting shall be held within three months of the close of the financial year.

20.2 The business to be transacted at every annual general meeting shall be:-

(a) the receiving of the Council's report and the statement of income and expenditure, assets and liabilities and mortgages, charges and securities affecting the property of the Society for the preceding financial year;

(b) the receiving of the auditor's report upon the books and accounts for the preceding financial year;

(c) the election of members of the Council; and

(d) the appointment of an auditor.

21.0 The Secretary shall convene a special general meeting-

(a) when directed to do so by the Council; or

(b) on the requisition in writing signed by not less than the number of ordinary members of the Society which equals double the number of members presently on the Council plus one. Such requisition shall clearly state the reasons why such special general meeting is being convened and the nature of the business to be transacted thereat; or

(c) on being given a notice in writing of an intention to appeal against the decision of the Council to reject an application for membership or to terminate the membership of any person.

22.1 At any general meeting the number of members required to constitute a quorum shall be double the number of members presently on the Council plus one.

22.2 No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum of members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. For the purposes of this rule "member" includes a person attending as representing a corporation which is a member and includes such number as are present (not exceeding two) of the voting representatives of Household members.

22.3 If within half an hour from the time appointed for the commencement of a general meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of members of the Society, shall lapse. In any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place, or to such other day and at such other time and place as the Council may determine, and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, the members present shall be a quorum.

22.4 The Chairman may, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the meeting), adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place. When a meeting is adjourned for thirty days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in case of an original meeting. Save as aforesaid it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.

23.1 The Secretary shall convene all general meetings of the Society by giving not less than 14 days notice of any such meeting to the members of the Society.

23.2 The manner by which such notice shall be given shall be determined by the Council provided that notice of any meeting convened for the purpose of hearing and determining the appeal of a person against the rejection or termination of his membership by the Council, shall be given in writing. Notice of a general meeting shall clearly state the nature of the business to be discussed thereat.

24.1 Unless otherwise provided by these Rules, at every general meeting-

24.1.1 the President shall preside as Chairman, or if there is no President, or if he is not present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the meeting and a Vice-President is then present, such Vice-President shall be Chairman or if both Vice-Presidents are then present, the Vice-President who was first a member of the Society shall be Chairman or, if he is unwilling to be Chairman, the other Vice-President shall be Chairman of the meeting, or if none of the above is present at the meeting or willing to be Chairman then the members may choose one of their number to be Chairman of the meeting.

24.1.2 the Chairman shall maintain order and conduct the meeting in a proper and orderly manner.

24.1.3 every question, matter or resolution shall be decided by a majority of votes of the financial members present.

24.1.4 every financial member present shall be entitled to speak upon a motion. Every financial member present shall be entitled to have one vote (save for Household Members, whose voting entitlements shall be in accordance with Rule 5.1) and in the case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

24.1.5 voting shall be by show of hands or a division of members, unless not less than one-fifth of the members present demand a ballot, in which event there shall be a secret ballot. The Chairman shall appoint two members to conduct the secret ballot in such manner as he shall determine and the result of the ballot as declared by the Chairman shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the ballot was demanded.

24.1.6 voting of members shall be in person and on a show of hands. Every person present who is a member or a representative of a Corporate member shall have

one vote and in a secret ballot every member present in person or other duly authorised representative shall have one vote provided that in the case of Household members where there are more than two persons who comprise a Household member who are present at the meeting, only two of such persons may vote on behalf of such Household members.

24.1.7 Educational members, Charitable members, Corporate members and Household members shall only have the right to vote by their representatives at meetings if they have caused to be delivered or posted to the Secretary so as to be received by the Secretary, not later than the commencement of the meeting at which they intend to vote an authority in writing stating the names of their respective representatives at the meeting. Such an authority need not be in any particular form but must, in the case of an Educational, Charitable or Corporate member, be signed by an officer thereof and in the case of a Household member, by all of the persons who comprise such Household member who are not less than 18 years of age. The authority shall be deemed to confer authority to demand or join in demanding a secret ballot.

24.1.8 the Secretary shall cause full and accurate minutes of all questions, matters, resolutions and other proceedings of every Council meeting and general meeting to be entered in a book to be open for inspection at all reasonable times by any financial member who previously applies to the Secretary for that inspection. For the purposes of ensuring the accuracy of the recording of such minutes, the minutes of every Council meeting shall be signed by the Chairman of that meeting or the Chairman of the next succeeding Council meeting verifying their accuracy. Similarly, the minutes of every general meeting shall be signed by the Chairman of that meeting or the Chairman of the next succeeding general meeting provided that the minutes of any annual general meeting shall be signed by the Chairman of that meeting or the Chairman of the next succeeding general meeting or annual general meeting.

BY-LAWS

25.1 The Council may from time to time make, amend or repeal by-laws, not inconsistent with these Rules, for the management of the Society and any by-law may be set aside by a general meeting of members.

ALTERATION OF RULES

26.1 Subject to the provisions of any Act, Regulation or By-law, these Rules may be amended, rescinded or added to from time to time by a special resolution carried at any general meeting provided that no such amendment, rescission or addition shall be valid unless the same shall have been previously submitted to the Director-General, Department of Justice and Corrective Services, Brisbane for approval by the Minister for Justice and Corrective Services. A special resolution for the purposes of these rules has the same meaning as that term is defined in Associations Incorporation Act, 1981.

COMMON SEAL

27.1 The Council shall provide for a Common Seal and for its safe custody. The Common Seal shall only be used by the authority of the Council and every instrument to which the seal is affixed shall be signed by any two members of the Council and shall be countersigned by the Secretary or by a third member of the Council or by some other person appointed by the Council for the purpose.

FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS

28.1 The funds of the Society shall be banked in the name of the Society in such bank as the Council may from time to time direct.

28.2 Proper books and accounts shall be kept and maintained either in written or printed form in the English language showing correctly the financial affairs of the Society and the particulars usually shown in books of a like nature.

28.3 All moneys shall be banked as soon as practicable after receipt thereof.

28.4 All amounts of one hundred dollars or over shall be paid by cheque signed by any two of the President, Secretary, Treasurer or other members authorised from time to time by the Council.

28.5 Cheques shall be crossed 'not negotiable' except those in payment of wages, allowances or petty cash recoupment which may be open.

28.6 The Council shall determine the amount of petty cash which shall be kept on the imprest system.

28.7 All expenditure shall be approved or ratified at a Council meeting.

28.8 As soon as practicable after the end of each financial year the Treasurer shall cause to be prepared a statement containing particulars of-

(a) the income and expenditure for the financial year just ended; and

(b) the assets and liabilities and of all mortgages, charges and securities affecting the property of the Society at the close of that year.

28.9 All such statement such be examined by the auditor who shall present his report upon such audit to the Secretary prior to the holding of the annual general meeting next following the financial year in respect of which such audit was made.

28.10 The income and property of the Society whensoever derived shall be used and applied solely in promotion of its object and in the exercise of its powers as set out herein and no portion thereof shall be distributed, paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise by way of profit to or amongst the members of the Society provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith

of interest to any such member in respect of moneys advanced by him to the Society or otherwise owing by the Society to him or of remuneration to any officers or employees of the Society or to any member of the Society or other person in return for any services actually rendered to the Society provided further that nothing herein contained shall be construed so as to prevent the payment or repayment to any member of out of pocket expenses, money lent, reasonable and proper charges for goods hired by the Society or reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let to the Society.

DOCUMENTS

29.1 The Council shall provide for the safe custody of books, documents, instruments of title and securities of the Society.

FINANCIAL YEAR

30.1 The financial year of the Society shall close on 30th June in each year.

DISTRIBUTION OF SURPLUS ASSETS

31.1 The Society shall be wound up only after the passing by members of a special resolution to that effect.

31.2 If the Society shall be wound up and there remains, after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Society, but shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Society, and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Society under or by virtue of Rule 28.10, such institution or institutions to be determined by the members of the Society.

FELLOWSHIPS

32.1 The Council may confer the Diploma of Fellowship upon members who have rendered valuation service to the Society or who have promoted its objects. Such members shall have the privilege of designating themselves 'FELLOW OF THE ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND' and may use the initials F.R.G.S.Q.