



Western Cape Chapter of ORSSA – Constitution –

1. Name of the Chapter

The name of the Chapter shall be the *Western Cape Chapter of the Operations Research Society of South Africa*.

2. Objects of the Chapter

The objects of the Chapter shall be to promote in the Western Cape region of South Africa a wider knowledge of the techniques and practices of Operations Research.

3. Membership

Any member of the Operations Research Society of South Africa shall, on application and payment of the appropriate annual fees, become a member of the Chapter.

4. Office Bearers

Office Bearers of the Chapter shall be as follows:

- 4.1. Chairperson
- 4.2. Vice Chairperson
- 4.3. Secretary
- 4.4. Treasurer

5. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of all office bearers with three other elected members.

6. Election of Executive Committee

All members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by ballot, at the Chapter's Annual General Meeting by the members present. Nominations for the different positions of the Executive Committee shall be received at the Annual General Meeting if duly proposed and seconded by a member present at the Annual General Meeting.

If from any cause whatsoever a vacancy occurs within the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee may fill such a vacancy by appointing any member to such office and the person so appointed shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.

7. Tenure of Office

The members of the Executive Committee shall hold office from the end of the Annual General Meeting at which they are elected until the end of the following Annual General Meeting.

8. Annual General Meeting

An Annual General Meeting shall be held each year. At least two weeks' notice shall be given to all Chapter Members. A quorum at the Meeting shall be the members present.

9. Special General Meeting

A Special General Meeting shall be convened by the Secretary:

- 9.1. upon the direction of the Chairperson in writing, or
- 9.2. upon the request of four (4) members of the Executive Committee, or
- 9.3. upon the request of fifteen (15) Chapter members.

At least two weeks' notice of such Special General Meeting shall be given.

10. Powers of the Executive Committee

- 10.1. It shall have the power to enter into such contracts as may be necessary for the carrying out of the objects and business of the Chapter;
- 10.2. It may recommend amendments to this Constitution;
- 10.3. It shall administer the Chapter's Funds;
- 10.4. It shall be entitled to establish special interest groups;
- 10.5. It shall arrange functions designed to promote Operations Research in the Western Cape Region of South Africa;
- 10.6. The Chairman shall have a casting vote.

11. Amendments to the Constitution

Amendments may be proposed by any member and seconded by any other member at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting if the Special General Meeting was called for the purpose of amending the Constitution. Thereafter the amendment shall be accepted by at least two-thirds of the members present. All amendments are subject to approval by the national committee of *Operations Research Society of South Africa*.