

New Zealand.



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AN ACT to provide for the Incorporation of the New Zealand Institute of Journalists. Title.
[20th August, 1895.]

WHEREAS certain persons in the Colony of New Zealand have formed themselves into an association, under the name of "The New Zealand Institute of Journalists," for the purpose of—(a) Devising measures for testing the qualifications of candidates for admission to professional membership of the Institute by examination in theory and in practice, or by any other actual and practical tests; (b) the promotion of whatever may tend to the elevation of the status and the improvement of the qualifications of all members of the journalistic profession; (c) the ascertainment of the law and practice relating to all things connected with the journalistic profession, and the exercise of supervision over its members when engaged in professional duties; (d) the collection, collation, and publication of information of service or interest to members of the journalistic profession; (e) watching any legislation affecting the discharge by journalists of their professional duties, and endeavouring to obtain amendments of the law affecting journalists, their duties, or interests; (f) acting as a means of communication between members or others seeking professional engagements and employers desirous of employing them; (g) promoting personal or friendly intercourse between members of the Institute holding conferences and meetings for the discussion of professional affairs, interests, and duties; (h) the promotion, encouragement, or assistance of means for providing against misfortune; (i) securing the advancement of journalism in all its branches, and obtaining for journalists formal and definite professional standing; (j) the promotion by all reasonable means of the interests of journalists and journalism: And whereas it is expedient to incorporate the association, and to give to the same such powers as are hereinafter conferred : Preamble.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short Title.

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The New Zealand Institute of Journalists Act, 1895."

Incorporation.

2. All persons who have become and are now members or associate members of the aforesaid association, and all persons who shall at any time or hereafter become members of the same under and in accordance with this Act, and by the by-laws or rules made hereunder, and their successors, shall be members of and form one body politic and corporate in deed and in law by the name of "The New Zealand Institute of Journalists," and by such name they and their successors may sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, in any and every Court of law and equity in the Colony of New Zealand, in all actions, claims, suits, matters, and things whatsoever, in like manner as fully and effectually as any person in the said colony may or can do.

Seal.

3. The New Zealand Institute of Journalists, under the said name, shall have perpetual succession, and may have and use a common seal, with full power and authority to alter, vary, break, and renew the same at their discretion.

Purchase of land.

4. The said Institute may at all times hereafter purchase, acquire, hold, possess, and enjoy, for any estate or term of years whatever, any real or personal estate of any nature or kind whatsoever; and may sell, convey, demise, exchange, mortgage, and dispose of such real or personal estate or any part thereof: Provided that the real estate to be so acquired shall not exceed a total area of ten acres.

Council and officers.

5. The affairs of the Institute shall be managed by a Council, consisting of President, three Vice-Presidents, Chairmen of branches, and such number of members as may be provided by the by-laws, which shall also determine the manner of election and the term of office of all officers and members of Council.

General meetings.

6. Meetings of the Institute shall be held at such times and places as the by-laws shall direct. The rules and by-laws of the Institute shall provide for the representation and voting at such meetings of its members.

Powers of Council.

7. The Council shall transact all the ordinary business of the Institute. It shall keep or cause to be kept proper minutes of its proceedings; it shall have power to appoint committees, and to pass by-laws for the regulation of its own affairs, and from time to time to rescind, alter, or amend such by-laws, provided that such be not repugnant to the general rules of the Institute; and it shall have power to appoint a Secretary and other necessary officers, and in its discretion to cancel such appointments, and to order the payment out of the funds of the Institute of such salaries or allowances to such officers as it may determine.

All the property of the Institute shall be vested in the President and Honorary Treasurer for the time being, in trust for the Institute.

Qualification of membership.

8. Any person may hereafter become a member of the said Institute who shall possess such qualifications as may be prescribed by the by-laws, and subject to election as therein provided.

9. The said Institute may, from time to time, make all such rules, regulations, and by-laws as the said Institute shall consider necessary for the proper and efficient working of the said Institute. By-laws.

10. Every rule, regulation, or by-law made hereunder may be at any time declared invalid by the Governor in Council. Any rule, regulation, or by-law may be declared invalid by the Governor in Council.