

The Psoriasis Association of Malta

Official Address

19 Triq il Munxar, MUNXAR MXR1128, Gozo

DRAFT STATUTES

To be presented to the Extraordinary General Meeting on
17 November at 6.30pm

Name

The name of the Association shall be **The Psoriasis Association of Malta (PAM)**

Objectives

1. To provide ongoing comprehensive information about psoriasis to those with the condition, their families, and on general lines to society at large with emphasis on schools, the workplace, and social contacts;
2. To be advocates of persons with psoriasis being their representatives where their health care rights are concerned;
3. Supporting and co-operating with research into psoriasis and its multiple manifestations;
4. Generation of funds to support these objectives;
5. To establish relations with sister societies overseas especially within the European Union;
6. The above ultimately strives to ensure that persons with psoriasis are fully aware of the implications of their condition, have access to the best medical and supportive care available, are aware of their rights and obligations within the national health service, and are not subject to discrimination of any sort knowingly or unknowingly;

Membership Categories

Ordinary Membership is open to any person with an interest in psoriasis. An annual payment to be decided upon from time to time by the Council is payable and ensures voting rights.

Applications for membership are made to the Hon Secretary in writing and are dealt with by Council within one month of application. A seconder who is a

voting member of PAM must also sign the application. The Council shall have discretion to accept or reject applications but a rejected candidate may apply for re consideration of the application. Failure to pay outstanding membership fees after 3-month lapse will incur loss of voting rights. The member may still attend meetings but may not be allowed to speak or vote before he/she has settled the outstanding account.

Honorary membership may be bestowed by the Council on individuals who have given exceptional service in the psoriasis field.

Corporate membership is open to any commercial organization having an interest in Psoriasis. Corporate membership is subject to Council approval and an annual fee is payable. This category is non-voting.

PAM Council

The Officers of the Association are the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. In addition three other members one of whom will be the Communications Officer will form part of the committee. There are thus seven (7) voting members.

Elections will be held every TWO or ~~THREE (3)~~ years at the AGM and will be administered by the Secretary and two other nominated members

Legal representation of the Association shall vest in the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer, or in such other member or members of the Council as may be determined, from time to time, by resolution of the Council

The President

The President **will legally represent PAM**. He/she will preside over Council and general meetings.

The Vice-President assists the President as required. Takes over all the President's tasks in his absence.

The Secretary is responsible for correspondence, minutes, agendas in collaboration with President, receives reports from all officers for distribution at Council meeting, administration of elections.

The Treasurer

Responsible for the financial affairs of the PAM.

Annual financial reports to AGM and Voluntary Organisations administration requirement. The AGM will appoint auditors for the particular financial year

Payments by cheque require the signature of the Treasurer or in his absence another Officer. Payments exceeding €250 must be signed by two officers one of whom must be the Treasurer or President.

Meeting schedule

Council meetings at least 3 xs yearly at the call of the President

Annual General Meeting will be held in March each year with the agenda distributed 2 weeks in advance.. Members will be asked for any items they wish included in agenda. Items not in the agenda will not be discussed or voted on unless on matters of urgency as decided by the meeting Chair. Other items may only proceed with no objection from any member present.

Extraordinary general meetings are held at the call of the President or following a request by 50% of the members.

NOTICE for General Meeting must be given at least 3 weeks in advance but in urgent situations the President may convene an EGM with 2 weeks advance notice

Quorum is 50% of the membership + 1 and the meeting will be adjourned if a quorum is not present 45 minutes after the scheduled time. Proceedings at all statutory meetings shall be regulated by Roberts Book of Rules

Amendments to these Statutes shall be carried by a 2/3 majority of voting members at a General Meeting^{***}. Other motions require a simple majority. All proposals shall be sent to the Secretary in writing or electronically before the meeting as indicated in the notice of the general meeting sent by the Secretary. For amendments to the Statute, all paid up members will have voting rights which may be exercised in person at the meeting OR electronically and / or by postal ballot according to the notice of the Secretary.

^{***}Those casting a vote at the General meeting inclusive of those utilising distance voting

Elections

Are administered by the Secretary and another nominated member (s). ~~Where possible,~~ opportunity for postal / electronic ballot will be available for those

unable to attend but this will be mandatory when amendments to the Statutes are proposed. The electoral rules will be published by the Secretary after confirmation by the Council, at least 6 weeks before the election. Nomination details and forms will be made available at this time. Voting by proxy is not acceptable.

Dissolution

Should the Association be formally dissolved, the cash holdings and Other assets held on the account of the Association, after payments of all outstanding debts and liabilities, be transferred to a similar non-profit Association or a non-profit charitable institution in Malta or in Gozo, as decided by a general meeting or failing that by the PAM Council .

Statutes adopted at the General Meeting of the PAM

November 2017

Liam Mercieca

President (on long term absence from Malta for academic reasons)

Bernard Coleiro (in absence of the President currently abroad)

Vice President

Alfred Camilleri

Treasurer

Timothy Fish

Secretary