

# **Board Charter**

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# AMENDMENT, MODIFICATION OR VARIATION

(a) This Charter is effective from 16 January 2023 and is reviewed every two years.

(b) This Charter may be amended, varied or modified by the Records and Information Management Practitioners Alliance Global (RIMPA Global) Board.

# RIMPA GLOBAL

# 1 ROLE AND PURPOSE OF THE BOARD

- (a) The Board is responsible for:
  - (i) the overall governance, management and strategic direction of RIMPA Global
  - (ii) monitoring the operational and financial position of RIMPA Global
  - (iii) driving organisational performance to deliver value to Members
  - (iv) identifying and overseeing the controls and monitoring of risks
  - (v) overseeing and evaluating the performance of the CEO
- (b) The Executive Committee is responsible for:
  - (i) identifying and reviewing significant, confidential, or urgent matters, prioritising issues and making recommendations to the Board

## 2 BOARD POWERS

- (a) The Board has powers as outlined in the Constitution
- (b) The Board has the power to establish a committee. When a committee is established, the Board must:
  - (i) establish a term of reference (ToR) defining the boundaries of the committee
  - (ii) appoint a representative of RIMPA to preside as the Chair for the committee
  - (iii) ensure proceedings of committees align with the committee ToR
  - (iv) ensure the committee reports to the Board, unless otherwise delegated and reports on activities as required
  - (v) finalise committee resolutions by adoption or confirmation
  - (vi) a committee must exercise the powers delegated in accordance with any directions of the Board

## 3 BOARD COMPOSITION

- (a) The Board must have a minimum of eight and a maximum of 12 Directors
- (b) The Board consists of:
  - (i) Chair
  - (ii) Vice Chair
  - (iii) Executive Director
  - (iv) at least five and up to seven elected Directors
  - (v) at least three and up to five appointed Directors
  - (vi) a majority of elected Directors
- (c) The Board elects one Chair and one Vice Chair of the Board from the elected and appointed Directors who hold office in accordance with the Board Election Procedure
- (d) Where the Board does not hold the minimum number of Directors, the Board has a period of six months after the AGM or the Director's departure to replace the Director



- (e) The executive committee consists of:
  - (i) Chair
  - (ii) Vice Chair
  - (iii) At least one Director
- (f) The Finance Committee consists of:
  - (i) Chair
  - (ii) Vice Chair
  - (iii) Executive Director
  - (iv) CEO
  - (v) CFO

#### 3.1 Appointment of Members

- (a) Directors are appointed to the Board in accordance with the Constitution
- (b) the Chair is appointed:
  - (i) By ordinary resolution at the Board meeting following the AGM
- (c) the Vice Chair is appointed:
  - (i) By ordinary resolution at the Board meeting following the AGM
- (d) the Executive Director is appointed:
  - (i) By ordinary resolution at the Board meeting following the AGM
- (e) the Investigation Representative is appointed:
  - (i) By ordinary resolution at the Board meeting following the AGM
- (f) the Company Secretary is appointed on terms and conditions determined by the Board:
  - (i) The Company Secretary reports to the Executive Committee
- (g) the CEO is appointed on terms and conditions determined by the Board:
  - (i) The CEO reports to the Chair of the Board
- (h) an Alternate Director is appointed by a Director and approved by the Board, to exercise some or all the Director's powers for a specified period or as otherwise notified by the Board

#### 3.2 Eligibility of Directors

- (a) an elected Director must:
  - (i) be a current professional member of RIMPA Global
  - (ii) have held professional status for at least two years
  - (iii) have a detailed understanding of applicable legislation and RIMPA Global's governance framework
  - (iv) have a Director Identification Number (Director ID)



- have the industry, technical, governance or behavioural skills and competencies to undertake the duties of the Director
- (b) an appointed Director must:
  - (i) have a specialised skill or competency to undertake the duties of the Director

## 4 **RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### 4.1 All Board members

- (a) All Board members are responsible for:
  - (i) representing RIMPA Global
  - (ii) ensuring the Board meets the objectives of the strategic plan(s)
  - (iii) contributing to the strategic direction of RIMPA Global
  - (iv) undertaking a specialist portfolio role or executive position within the RIMPA Global Board
  - (v) responding to all resolutions within the timeframes requested
  - (vi) attending all in person and virtual Board meetings
  - (vii) attending RIMPA Live conference

#### 4.2 Chair

- (a) the Chair is responsible for:
  - (i) overseeing and evaluating the performance of the Board, Directors, and Executive and Finance Committees in accordance with the RIMPA Global Board Performance Evaluation Policy
  - (ii) presiding as the Chair of the AGM, Executive Committee meetings and Board meetings
  - (iii) developing and managing a Chair succession plan
  - (iv) determining business of AGM, Executive Committee and Board meetings

#### 4.3 Vice Chair

- (a) the Vice Chair of the Board is responsible for:
  - (i) acting as the Chair in the absence of the Chair
  - (ii) actively developing and managing Vice Chair succession plan.

#### 4.4 CEO

- (a) the CEO is responsible for:
  - (i) managing the operational activities of RIMPA Global
  - (ii) exercising any delegated powers
  - (iii) ensuring the AGM, Executive Committee and Board meetings are properly called and held
  - (iv) ensuring meeting minutes are kept in compliance with the Act and the



Constitution

- (v) acting as the secretariat for Board meetings
- (vi) providing or procuring advice for RIMPA Global
- (vii) developing and promulgating of RIMPA Global's Governance Framework
- (viii) managing Director induction and succession planning
- (ix) managing company employees
- (x) reporting to the Board on:
  - a. governance, management and strategic direction of RIMPA Global
  - b. the operational and financial position of RIMPA Global
  - c. organisational performance
  - d. risk management

#### 4.5 Company Secretary

- (a) the Company Secretary is responsible for:
  - (i) ensuring compliance with RIMPA Global statutory obligations
  - (ii) ensuring necessary registers are established and properly maintained
  - (iii) exercising the powers delegated in accordance with any directions of the Board
  - (iv) maintaining financial records of RIMPA Global
  - (v) preparing company reports in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)* (the Act)

## 5 TERM

- (a) the term of Board members is in accordance with the Constitution
- (b) the term of the investigation representative is one year and commences and concludes at the end of the calendar year
- (c) the term of the executive committee is two years and commences and concludes at the end of the calendar year

## 6 CESSATION OF BOARD MEMBERS

#### 6.1 Resignation

- (a) when a Director gives notice to RIMPA Global of their resignation:
  - (i) the newly elected Director will serve the remainder of the original term
- (b) a Chair or Vice Chair gives notice to RIMPA Global to resign:
  - (i) where the Chair resigns, the Vice Chair assumes the role and will serve the remainder of the original term
  - (ii) where the Vice Chair resigns, the Board appoints a Director through ordinary



resolution to serve the remainder of the original term

- (c) a resignation takes effect immediately, unless the notice provides otherwise
- (d) an alternate Director is appointed in accordance with of the Constitution
- (e) a Director is stood down for non-performance:
  - (i) an alternate Director is appointed by a Chair, to exercise some or all of the Director's powers for a specified period or as otherwise notified by the Chair

#### 6.2 Other cessation

- (a) if the Director, Chair or Vice Chair:
  - (i) is not re-elected
  - (ii) has been appointed as an alternate Director and that period ceases
  - (iii) is absent from three consecutive Board of Director meetings without consent
  - (iv) does not provide a response to more than three consecutive resolutions when requested, unless the Director has notified RIMPA Global of a leave of absence
  - (v) becomes insolvent under administration
  - (vi) becomes prohibited from being a Director by court order
  - (vii) has not paid their membership renewal fee
  - (viii) has their professional membership suspended
  - (ix) is, or becomes, an employee of RIMPA Global
- (b) when the CEO terminates their contract:
  - (i) the CEO may be removed by notice from the Board
- (c) when the Company Secretary terminates their contract:
  - (i) the Company Secretary may be removed by notice from the Board

### 7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- (a) a conflict of interest is managed in accordance with the Constitution:
  - (i) a conflict of interest (actual, potential or perceived) is when:
    - a. a Director has a private, financial or other interest in an activity being undertaken by RIMPA Global
    - b. the interest could conflict with the performance of the Director's duties
  - (ii) where a Director has a conflict of interest, the Director must declare as soon as identified, the nature of the interest to RIMPA Global
  - (iii) after declaration, the Board must agree on the action appropriate to the nature of the conflict of interest

## 8 PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD MEETINGS

- (a) the Board meet a minimum of three times annually
- (b) the CEO acts as the secretariat for Board meetings



- (c) a Board meeting can be called by:
  - (i) the Chair
  - (ii) the Vice Chair or
  - (iii) five Directors
- (d) the Board may invite other attendees to all or part of a Board meeting
- (e) a representation of five members of the Board is considered a quorum
- (f) notice of a Board meeting must be given to each member of the Board and/or invited guests
- (g) every Board member present in person and entitled to vote has one vote
- (h) a resolution put to vote at the Board meeting is decided by a show of hands, voice vote or electronic vote:
  - (i) a resolution is considered passed if the resolution meets the necessary votes for the type of resolution
  - (ii) all resolutions and voting decisions of Board members are captured in the Board meeting minutes
  - (iii) in the case of an equality of votes, the Chair has the casting vote
- (i) out of session ordinary resolutions for Board meetings are as valid as if it had been passed at a Board meeting, if:
  - (i) the resolution is in writing
  - (ii) a copy has been forwarded to each Board member
  - (iii) the resolution has been accepted by of majority of members entitled to vote
- (j) minutes for the Board meeting are taken and include:
  - (i) the names of those present at the meetings
  - (ii) the resolutions and voting decisions