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President's and Directors Responsibilities

We, the Directors and the President of AUV have been elected as representatives to act for and on behalf of the Ukrainian Community in Victoria. Our responsibilities are to interpret what we believe Ukrainians in Victoria would want so we can grow and foster kinship amongst each other.

We as Directors and the President have not been elected to foster our own personal beliefs, views or the views of Ukrainian organisation we may be members of, associate or affiliated with.

We have to act in the best interest of the Ukrainian community in Victoria, to the absolute exclusion of our own personal beliefs.

Directors Rights and Responsibilities

- All Directors have been elected to act fairly and responsibly for and on behalf of the whole Ukrainian Community state wide, irrespective whether they are members of AUV or not.
- The Directors have not been elected to represent any faction, political or other interest groups in the community and are to act as individual independent Directors democratically.
- All Directors are equal in every respect and have the same rights as all other Directors
- All Directors are equally responsible for the actions of other Directors
- Directors have the right to speak and be heard expressing their point of view without fear or favour.
- Directors has the right to speak without interruption and criticism.
- No Director has the right to make inappropriate remarks or derogatory comment towards another Director
- No Director has the right to make inappropriate gestures or negative body language toward another Director
- Should a Director have an opposing view to that of another speaker, they may state their view after the Chairman has indicated they may speak.
- All Directors should respect the democratic principle we live under in Australia.
- The Directors are the only decision makers for and on behalf of the Association of Ukrainians in Victoria.

President's Rights and Responsibilities

- The President is the Chairman of the Board.
- The Chairman is equivalent to that of the Speaker of the House of Representative, President of the Senate etc. within the Governments of Australia under the Westminster System.
- According to our Constitution the Chairman has equal voting rights on issues before the Board and in the case of equal vote on an issue, he can exercise the Casting Vote.
- The Chairman must ensure the meeting is conducted democratically and allow free discussion.
- The Chairman is legally liable for any illegal acts, hence care must be taken that meetings act in accordance with the law and legal priorities:
 1. Statutory requirements,
 2. The Constitution
 3. Common Law
 4. In accordance with the Westminster System of Governance.
- The Chairman is the servant to the meeting and guides the meeting
- The Chairman cannot make a statement or show preference on any issue before the Board and remains independent and impartial.
- The Chairman carries out the will of the meeting
- An important function of the Chairman is to ensure that all speakers are fairly treated:
 - Those who are "Vocal" more than others may need to be toned down
 - Those who are "Timid" may need to be nurtured so as they express their views more clearly
- The Chairman is not a decision maker.
- It is the Chairman's responsibility is to disseminate all information coming to the notice of AUV to all directors immediately by email without edit or comment.



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