



## **ABU COPYRIGHT COMMITTEE RULES**

### **Article 1: RULES**

The purpose of the Rules of the Copyright Committee (the "Committee") of the Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union (the "ABU") is to regulate the activities of the Committee and to establish the procedure for elections and/or the appointment of officers and members. The Rules are intended to conform to the Statutes of the ABU.

### **Article 2: PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES**

The purpose of the Committee is generally to advocate and protect the interests and rights of all ABU members. The objectives of the Committee are:

1. to monitor and analyse developments in legislations and court decisions on copyright and to exchange information and opinions among the ABU members, mainly on copyright and other intellectual property and other relevant issues.
2. to organise activities aimed at raising awareness on copyright and protecting and enforcing the rights of the ABU members
3. to adopt common positions on crucial legal issues relating to broadcasting activities, and to represent the members and defend their views and interests in national and international bodies.
4. to build an extensive network of partners who will support the Committee activities, to promote alliances with academic and research institutions, and to develop relationships with non-governmental organisations.

### **Article 3: MEMBERSHIP**

1. The Committee shall consist of representatives of the ABU members only (Full Members, Additional Full Members and Associate Members).
2. Only ABU members referred to in subparagraph (1) above shall be eligible to participate in meetings of the Committee. Provided, that the Chairperson may invite representatives of other organisations and affiliates of the ABU to attend the Committee meetings as observers.
3. The Director, Programme Department of the ABU, shall be a member ex officio of the Committee.

#### **Article 4: ORGANISATION AND FUNCTION**

The Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, two Vice Chairpersons, and general members. The Chairperson and two Vice Chairpersons shall be elected from the members of the Committee.

The Chairperson shall be responsible for the oversight of the activities referred to in Article 5 below. The Vice Chairpersons shall support the Chairperson. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Chairperson shall designate from among the Vice Chairpersons who shall act on behalf of the Chairperson. In designating the Vice Chairperson who will take over the functions of the Chairperson during her/his absence, the Chairperson shall consider the Vice Chairperson who is elected ahead of the other, or the seniority and qualifications of the Vice Chairperson. The Vice Chairpersons shall work closely with the Chairperson to expedite the activities referred to in Article 5 below.

The Chairperson shall be responsible for delegating and assigning tasks, duties, and activities to the Vice Chairpersons.

## **Article 5: ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE**

The Committee shall:

1. call and organise an annual meeting. Between annual meetings, the Chairperson may call a meeting to discuss urgent matters;
2. report its activities to the ABU Programme Committee Meetings;
3. from time to time make recommendations to the ABU Programme Committee in relation to matters within its area of expertise;
4. inform ABU members of matters which affect the interests of ABU members;
5. provide regular updates on the Committee web pages and publish reviews of its activities on the ABU website;
6. attend World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) meetings and other industry meetings representing the ABU;
7. carry out any activities which can benefit the ABU members and the Committee operation, including the organisation of seminars; and
8. from time to time, appoint subcommittee to carry out specific functions approved by the Committee.
9. The members of the Committee shall be able to attend meetings of WIPO representing the ABU. It is desirable that the Chairperson will lead the delegation.

## **Article 6: DECISIONS BY CONSENSUS**

1. Decisions, resolutions and recommendations of the Committee should be possible by a simple majority which shall be determined by show of hands or by roll call. The Chairperson votes only to break ties.
2. On urgent matters between the Committee meetings, the Chairperson or the Director of the ABU Programme Department on behalf of the Chairperson, may consult the Committee members by correspondence. On such urgent matters, decisions, resolutions and recommendations may be passed by votes in writing, telefax, by e-mail and orally by telephoning, if the Chairperson decides to proceed.

**Article 7 : TERMS OF OFFICE, RE-ELECTION AND WITHDRAWAL**

1. The Chairperson and Vice Chairpersons shall be elected by a simple majority vote and shall serve a 2-year term of office. These terms of office shall be extended only by decision of the members of the Committee.
2. In principle, the elections shall be by secret ballot. However, in cases where there is only one candidate for the position and there is not at least a single opposition to the nomination, the procedure of balloting can be waived and the candidate concerned shall be declared elected.
3. At least one month prior to the expiration of any term of office, the Chairperson or any of the Vice Chairpersons shall notify the Director of Programme Department in writing whether they wish to continue to serve. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons shall be eligible for re-election to the same office.
4. If the Chairperson or any of the Vice Chairpersons wishes to resign, the Committee shall elect successor(s) in a regular meeting or in a special meeting called by the Chairperson or by at least ten members of the Committee.

**Article 8: ENTRY INTO FORCE, AMENDMENTS AND SPECIAL SSIONS**

1. The Rules were adopted by consensus of the representatives of the Committee in a meeting held on 4-5 April 2000 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and shall enter into effect on \_\_\_ April 6, 2000.  
  
As amended on 19 July 2011.
2. Any Committee member may propose amendments, revisions, or additions to the Rules. The text of proposed amendments, revisions or additions shall be submitted in writing to the Chairperson, and shall be subject to approval by Committee's regular meeting. An amendment to the Rules requires a three-quarters majority of the Committee members present at the Committee meeting.