Semiconductor Industry Association of Australia (SIAA) – Foundational Rules and Bylaws

1. Name and Legal Status

The organization shall be known as the **Semiconductor Industry Association of Australia (SIAA)**. It is a not-for-profit, member-driven association incorporated under Australian law.

2. Mission and Objectives

SIAA is dedicated to fostering a robust, innovative, and globally competitive semiconductor ecosystem in Australia. Our objectives include:

- **Advocacy & Support**: Representing the interests of Australia's semiconductor sector to government bodies, industry stakeholders, and international partners.

- **Collaboration**: Facilitating partnerships among industry players, academia, and research institutions to drive innovation and commercialization.

- **Standards and Best Practices**: Promoting the adoption of international standards and best practices to enhance quality and interoperability.

- **Workforce Development**: Supporting education and training initiatives to cultivate a skilled semiconductor workforce.

- **Global Engagement**: Engaging with international semiconductor associations to align on global industry trends and standards.

3. Membership

3.1 Eligibility

Membership is open to entities and individuals engaged in or supporting the semiconductor industry in Australia, including but not limited to:

- Semiconductor manufacturers and designers

- Equipment and material suppliers

- Research and academic institutions

- Government agencies and policymakers

- Industry consultants and service providers

3.2 Membership Categories

- **Corporate Members**: Companies directly involved in semiconductor activities.

- **Associate Members**: Organizations indirectly supporting the semiconductor industry.

- **Academic Members**: Educational and research institutions.

- **Individual Members**: Professionals and experts in the semiconductor field.

3.3 Rights and Responsibilities

Members are entitled to:

- Participate in SIAA events and initiatives

- Vote in general meetings (as per membership category)

- Access industry reports and publications

Members are expected to:

- Uphold the association's mission and values

- Comply with the bylaws and code of conduct

- Pay annual membership dues as determined by the Board

4. Governance Structure

4.1 Board of Directors

The Board shall consist of elected representatives from the membership categories, ensuring diverse representation. Responsibilities include:

- Setting strategic direction

- Overseeing financial management

- Approving major initiatives and policies

4.2 Executive Committee

Comprising the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, the Executive Committee manages the day-to-day operations of the association.

4.3 Committees and Working Groups

SIAA may establish specialized committees to focus on areas such as:

- Policy and Advocacy

- Research and Innovation

- Education and Workforce Development

- Standards and Compliance

5. Meetings

5.1 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

An AGM shall be held annually to:

- Present the annual report and financial statements

- Elect Board members

- Discuss and vote on key matters

5.2 Special Meetings

Special meetings may be convened as needed to address urgent or specific issues.

6. Financial Management

- SIAA shall maintain transparent financial records, subject to annual audits.

- Funding sources may include membership dues, grants, sponsorships, and event revenues.

- Financial decisions shall be made in alignment with the association's mission and ethical standards.

7. Code of Conduct

Members and affiliates are expected to:

- Engage in ethical business practices

- Respect intellectual property rights

- Foster an inclusive and collaborative environment

- Avoid conflicts of interest

8. Amendments to Bylaws

Amendments to these bylaws require:

- A proposal submitted by a member in good standing

- Approval by a two-thirds majority vote at an AGM or special meeting

9. Dissolution

In the event of dissolution:

- Remaining assets shall be distributed to one or more not-for-profit organizations with similar objectives

- The decision shall be made by the Board and ratified by the membership

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This foundational document aims to establish a clear governance and operational framework for SIAA, promoting growth and collaboration within Australia's semiconductor industry.

SIAA Membership Fee Structure (Annual, in AUD) 2025

Membership Category	Annual Fee (AUD)	Notes
Corporate Member – Large	$5,000	For companies with >100 employees or >$50M revenue. Includes voting rights, full participation, and branding opportunities.
Corporate Member – Medium	$2,500	For companies with 21–100 employees or $5M–$50M revenue. Voting rights included.
Corporate Member – Small / Startup	$750	For companies with ≤20 employees or <$5M revenue. Designed to encourage startups and scale-ups.
Associate Member	$1,000	For service providers, consultants, or entities adjacent to semiconductor manufacturing. Non-voting.
Academic Member	$500	For universities, TAFEs, and research institutions. May include limited voting rights depending on structure.
Individual Member	$150	For professionals, retirees, or consultants without company affiliation. Non-voting.
Student Member	$30	Must be currently enrolled in a tertiary institution. Non-voting. Access to events and resources.
International Membership Category	Annual Fee (AUD)	Notes
International Corporate Member	$2,500	For overseas companies directly involved in the semiconductor sector (design, manufacturing, materials, etc.). Includes limited voting rights, access to reports, participation in Australian events, and online networking.
International Associate Member	$1,200	For overseas service providers, consultants, and adjacent industry players. Non-voting. Access to online content and events.
International Academic/Institutional Member	$600	For universities and research institutions outside Australia. Access to shared research, policy updates, and collaborative opportunities.
International Individual Member	$200	For professionals based outside Australia with an interest in the Australian semiconductor sector. Access to webinars, newsletters, and limited networking.