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 EDITORIAL

At the Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Archaeological Assoc. on June 1st 1963, a new membership application form was adopted and written into the new constitution. This form was the final draft approved by Council after deliberations which lasted throughout the previous year. The articles of membership are reprinted below for the benefit of members.

In support of this application, I signify my agreement to the following principles.

1. All archaeological sites are to be regarded as belonging to the national heritage, and the New Zealand Archaeological Association is one of the agencies brought into being to protect them.
2. The aims of the Association may be summarised as follows:-
 - (i) To initiate and to organise research into the pre-history of New Zealand and related areas in the Pacific.
 - (ii) To institute the scientific excavation of archaeological sites and to organise national and local projects to this end.
 - (iii) To associate its members with these projects in order to train them in the basic techniques of archaeological method.
 - (iv) To guide and advise its members in their individual investigations by strengthening the links between professional and amateur archaeologists.
3. The guiding principle of the Association's work is that excavation is not for the recovery of artifacts alone, but for the full investigation of prehistoric activity on any site.
4. As all excavation involves destruction of the record which the site contains, it is essential that the widest possible range of scientific and archaeological techniques be brought to bear on the interpretation of each excavation. Because the individual excavator is not able to apply all these techniques, the Association seeks to encourage team research.
5. In these circumstances a member of the Association undertakes - :
 - (i) where possible to participate in projects of the Association, of accredited groups or groups affiliated with the Association, as the best guarantee of the maintenance of archaeological standards; and
 - (ii) not to undertake excavations on such sites as Council may schedule as important without prior notification to Council, which reserves the right to stipulate conditions concerning standards, the keeping and reporting of records, and to make recommendations concerning the custody of the material products of the excavations; all such notifications to be directed to the secretary.
 - (iii) where private investigations are in hand or intended, to inform the secretary of such investigations so that the secretary may notify an officer or experienced member of the Association, residing in the district, requesting him to confer and advise;
 - (iv) always to obtain the permission of the landowner where archaeological investigations of any character are intended, and to seek the goodwill of the local Maori community.
 - (v) to communicate with any recognised local group before carrying out any investigations within their area of activity.
6. Under the terms of the Constitution, Council reserves the right to discipline or expel any member guilty of wilful disregard of the above commitments.