

BYELAWS

1. Ordinary Membership :-

- a) During the first year the membership will be open subject to the approval of the council. In subsequent years, the membership will be by nomination.
- b) A candidate for ordinary membership shall be proposed by at least two or more Ordinary Members of the Association to whom he or she is known personally.
- c) The names and qualifications together with details of the professional experience of such candidates shall be sent to the Hon. Secretary.
- d) Eligibility for membership of such candidates shall be decided by the council. Members will usually be graduates who have been engaged in or directing work of the nature indicated in para 2 of the Constitution. Other persons may be declared eligible for membership at the discretion of the Committee.
- e) A list of the names and professional affiliations of eligible candidates shall be read out at the Annual General Meeting. The Meeting shall be asked whether it requires a ballot to be held. If at that time ten or more Ordinary Members rise in their places and demand a ballot, it shall be held for each and every name upon the list. Otherwise the persons named on the list shall be declared Ordinary Members - Elect of the Association.
- f) The Hon. Secretary shall send a copy of the Constitution and Rules of the Association to each Ordinary Member-Elect, and shall offer him ordinary membership of the Association. Save as where otherwise provided membership shall not become effective until full payment for subscription is received by the Hon. Treasurer.

2. Honorary Membership :-

- a) Honorary Membership of the Association may be offered, as an honour, to persons distinguished in any of the work indicated in para 2 of the Constitution.
- b) Nominations for Honorary Membership shall be put before the Annual General Meeting of the Association by the Council and shall be circulated to Members with Agenda of the Annual General Meeting. The honorary member shall be first unanimously approved by the council and elected by a majority in the general body.

- c) Honorary Members shall have no liabilities as regards subscription, shall be entitled to receive notice of and attend meetings of the Association but shall not be entitled to vote at any General Meeting of the Association.

3. Correspondence Members :-

Scientists residing outside India with appropriate qualifications laid out in the bylaws for ordinary membership will be eligible to be correspondence members.

4. Student Members :-

Post Graduate students upto the age of 30 shall be eligible to be student members. They are entitled to voting rights.

5. Vice President :-

Vice-Presidents shall have no liabilities as regards subscription, shall be entitled at their request to the Hon. Secretary to receive notice of meetings, shall be entitled to attend meetings but shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the association.

6. Finance :-

- a) Ordinary members shall pay to the account of the Association by cheque/Bank Draft/ an annual subscription of the sum of Rs. 25/- (Rs. twenty five only) due on the first day of April of a calendar year.
- b) The Council shall have the power to terminate membership should a subscription be more than one year overdue, provided notice of the council's intention has been sent to the member and a reasonable time (not longer than four months) has subsequently been allowed for the subscription to be paid.
- c) Any member of the Association may compound for all future subscriptions by payment of ten times the annual subscription either in one lump sum or by instalments within one calendar year. Outstation cheques will be accompanied by appropriate Bankers Commission.
- d) The correspondence members shall pay single subscription of U.S. \$150/- (U.S. Dollars One Hundred and fifty only) or equivalent amount in one or more instalments in one calendar year.
- e) Student members shall pay Rs. 15/- (Rs. fifteen only) per year as subscription.

- f) For ordinary membership of the Association to become effective a Cheque/Draft or cash for the amount of the subscription shall be received by the Hon. Treasurer within 3 months of the candidate becoming a member-elect. The Council shall relax this requirement of Members-Elect resident abroad or other exceptional circumstances, and shall substitute such period of time and method of payment as it sees fit.
- g) The funds and estates of the Association shall be derived from the annual subscription of members, grants, donations and other endowments accepted by the council on behalf of the Association. They shall be administered by the Hon. Treasurer acting on instructions from the council for the furtherance of the object of the Association.
- h) The accounts of the Association shall be audited annually and a report and a budget made by the Hon. Treasurer shall be presented to the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

The Council :-

- a) It shall be the duty of the Council to administer the affairs of the Association in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws, and the Council shall exercise such powers and do such acts or things as may be exercised or done by the Association and are not by the Constitution and Bylaws directed to be exercised or done by another person or body.
- b) Nominations for election to the Council, with the written approval of the nominee may be made by any two Ordinary Members of the Association. Nominations by Ordinary Members shall be received by the Hon. Secretary not later than two months before the date of the Annual General Meetings. The election will be held at the time of General Body Meeting. In case sufficient nominations are not received, vacancies will be filled up by council through nominations.
- c) Each year, 25% elected members senior in order of election shall retire from the office at the close of the Annual General meeting and shall not be eligible for re-election for two calendar years following that at which they retired from the office.
- d) Any vacancy occurring in the council other than annual retirement shall be filled by another Ordinary Member of the Association, to be nominated by the Council.
- e) Five members shall constitute a quorum at meetings of the Council.
- f) The proceedings of the council shall not be invalidated by an accidental omission to give any notice required in the Constitution and Bylaws or by any vacancy among its members or by any defect in the election or qualification of any of its members.
- g) The tenure of the first executive council including the office bearers shall be for a period of four years. Any vacancy arising during this period shall be filled in by nomination by the Council.

Subsequently the following pattern will be followed and the decision will be conveyed to the General Body at the Annual Meeting.

The President and Vice-President :-

- a) The President and Vice-President shall be ordinary members of the Association and will be elected members of the Council.
- b) Nominations for both the posts shall be made by the Council.
- c) The term of office of the President and Vice-President shall be two years. President and Vice-President shall be eligible for re-election for one more term.

The Hon. Secretary and Joint Secretary :-

- a) The Hon. Secretary and Jt. Secretary shall be Ordinary Members of the Association and shall be elected members of the Council.
- b) Nominations for the office of the Hon. Secretary and Jt. Secretary shall be made by the Council.
- c) The term of the office of the Hon. Secretary and Jt. Secretary shall be for 2 years and both these officers shall be eligible for re-election for one more term.

The Honorary Treasurer and Joint Treasurer :-

- a) The Hon. Treasurer and Jt. Treasurer shall be Ordinary Members of the Association and will be elected to the Council.
- b) Nominations for the office of the Hon. Treasurer and Jt. Treasurer shall be made by the Council.
- c) The term of office of the Hon. Treasurer and Jt. Treasurer shall be for 2 years and both these officers shall be eligible for re-election for one more term.

Vacancies in the Office :-

- a) In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of the President the Vice-President will take over the office of the President for the remaining period of the tenure. The vacancy arising thereof will be filled by nomination by the Council.
- b) In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of the Hon. Secretary, or of Hon. Treasurer, or of Jt. Secretary or of Jt. Treasurer, the vacancy will be filled by nominations by the Council for the remaining period of tenure for that particular office.

Alteration of Constitution and Byelaws :-

Alterations of the Byelaws will be decided by the Council and will be conveyed to the General Body of the Association provided that notice of such proposed alteration has been given in the announcement of the meeting and two thirds or more of those present and voting on the alteration signify their assent. Notice in writing of any proposed alteration duly seconded shall be given to the Hon. Secretary of the Association at least six months before the meeting. No alteration may be made which would cause the body to cease to be charitable at law.

Expenses :-

For sanction of expenditure, the sanctioning authority of various office bearers of the Association will be decided by the Council.

An account in the name of the Association should be opened in a Bank. The account shall be operated by one of the treasurers and one of the office bearers.

Dissolution :-

If the Association is dissolved, the assets of the body shall not be divided among the members, but will be passed to a body established for Charitable Purposes only and having objects similar to those of the Association.