



INDIAN PSYCHIATRIC SOCIETY

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

(Proposed major changes are marked in ***bold - italics***)

PART I: Memorandum of the Society

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PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENTS

Amend-ments	EXISTING IN THE CONSTITUTION	PROPOSED	JUSTIFICATION OF AMENDMENTS	REMARKS BY THE EC
1.	Part I – Article II – Sec 3:			
	3. To promote prevention, control, treatment and relief of all-psychiatry disabilities.	3. To promote prevention, control, treatment, relief and awareness of all <i>type of psychiatric disorders and</i> disabilities.	To broaden the scope.	Discussed & Recommended

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2.	Part I – Article II – Sec 5:			
	5. To promote research in the field of psychiatry and mental health.	5. To promote research in the field of psychiatry, mental health <i>and allied fields.</i>	To broaden the scope.	Discussed & Recommended

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3.	Part I – Article II – Sec 11 & 12:			
	11. Print, Publish, translate, sell, lend and distributes information whether in the form of periodical journal or books, monographs, treatises or pamphlets and distribute the same among its members/non-members. 12. Publish annual reports of the Society and from time to time special bulletin.	11. Print, Publish, translate, sell, lend and distribute information in form of periodical journal, <i>special bulletin, books,</i> monographs, treatises or pamphlets and distribute the same among its members/non-members. 12. <i>To prepare Annual Report of the Society and present it at the Annual General Meeting.</i>	Annual reports are not to be published, but to be made available to all the members.	Discussed & Recommended

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4.	Part II – Article I – Sec 1 – C:			

	1(c) "Member" shall be an inclusive term embracing Life Fellow, Fellow, Ordinary Member, Associate Member, Honorary Fellow, Corresponding Fellow and Corporate Member elected by Council of the Indian Psychiatric Society. Whenever the article "he" has been mentioned, it shall also include "she".	1(c) "Member" shall be an <i>all-inclusive</i> term embracing Life Fellow, Life Ordinary Member, Life Associate Member , Honorary Fellow, <i>International Life Fellow, International Life Member</i> and Corporate Member (Annual – Jan – Dec.) elected by Council of the Indian Psychiatric Society. Wherever the <i>pronoun</i> "he" has been mentioned, it shall also include "she" <i>and "third Gender"</i> .		Discussed & Recommended
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5.	Part II – Article III – Sec 3:			
	3 (a) The permanent office of the Society is Plot 43, Sector 55, Gurgaon, Haryana. 3 (b) The office of the President, Vice-President, General Secretary, Treasurer & Editor <i>shall</i> be located at their respective place of work	3. The Permanent office of the Society shall be located at Plot 43, Sector 55, Gurugram, Haryana. However, the offices of the President, Vice-President, Honorary General Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Editor <i>may be</i> located at their respective places of work.	"shall" makes it obligatory, "may" does not.	Discussed & Recommended

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6.	Part II – Article V – Sec 5:			
	5. There shall be seven classes of membership namely Life Fellows, Life Ordinary Members, Life Associate Members, Overseas Life Fellows, Overseas Life Ordinary Members, Honorary Fellows and Corporate Members. The membership status of a member shall be determined only by the Council of Indian Psychiatric Society.	5. There shall be seven classes of membership namely Life Fellow, Life Ordinary Member, Life Associate Member, <i>International Life Fellow, International Life Member</i> , Honorary Fellow and Corporate Member (Annual). The membership status of a member shall be determined only by the Council of Indian Psychiatric Society. <i>All reference hereinafter to Fellow, Ordinary Member or Associate Member will mean to be reference to Life Fellow, Life Ordinary Member or Life Associate Member respectively. Except International Life Fellows, International Life Members and Honorary Fellows, all members shall be Indian Citizen and resident in India or shall be a Company or a Society incorporated/registered in India. All members should possess high ethical norms and standards.</i>	Members should be ordinarily resident in India and should maintain high ethical norms and standards.	Discussed & Recommended

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7.	Part II – Article V – Sec 5 (c) :			
	5(c) Ordinary Membership: Registered Medical practitioners under Schedule I or II or part II of Schedule III of Indian Medical Council Act (1956), or who have any other recognized medical qualification which is considered equivalent to the above by the Council of the Indian Psychiatric Society, who are actively engaged in the pursuit of the aims and objects of the Society shall be eligible for Ordinary Membership. Those who are eligible to be members can become Life Members by paying the prescribed subscription.	5(c) Life Ordinary Membership: Registered Medical practitioners under Schedule I or II or part II of Schedule III of Indian Medical Council Act (1956), or who have any other recognized medical qualification which is considered equivalent to the above by the Council of the Indian Psychiatric Society, who are actively engaged in the pursuit of the aims and objects of the Society shall be eligible for Life Ordinary Membership.		Discussed & Recommended

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8.	Part II – Article V – Sec 5 (d) :			
	5 (d) Associate Membership: Workers in allied fields of social, educational, psychological, legal and medical sciences who are interested in the aims and objects of the Society are eligible for Associate Membership. Those who are eligible to be Associate members can become Life Associate Members by paying the prescribed subscription.	5 (d) Life Associate Membership: Professionals working in the allied fields of social, educational, psychological, legal and medical sciences who hold appropriate professional qualifications recognized by authorities established by Law and who are interested in the aims and objects of the Society are eligible for Life Associate Membership.	Slight modification, clause of recognized qualification added.	Discussed & Recommended

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9.	Part II – Article V – Sec 5 (e) :			
	5 (e) Overseas Fellowship : Registered Medical Practitioners under Schedule I or II or Part II of Schedule III of Indian Medical Council Act (1956), or who have any other recognized medical qualification which is considered equivalent to the above by the Council of the Indian Psychiatric Society, who have obtained a recognized postgraduate qualification in psychiatry and are engaged in whole-time	5 (e) International Life Fellowship : <i>Registered Medical Practitioners under Schedule I or II or Part II of Schedule III of Indian Medical Council Act (1956), or who have any other recognized medical qualification which is considered equivalent to the above by the Council of the Indian Psychiatric Society and have obtained a recognized postgraduate qualification in psychiatry, residing outside India including SAARC countries or residing in India but is not an Indian</i>	Overseas Fellows and Members are to be re-designated as International Life Fellows and Members.	Discussed & Recommended

	<p>practice in Psychiatry for more than 5 years after obtaining postgraduate qualification shall be eligible for Fellowship. (For the purpose of election to Fellowship, recognised post-graduate qualification in psychiatry will be when a candidate has undergone at least 2 years training in psychiatry and has obtained D.P.M. or M.D. (Psychiatry) or D.N.B. (Psychiatry) or MRC Psych. or Dip. Psych. from any university in India or any commonwealth country or any Royal College of U.K. and Ireland or is a Diplomat of American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology or any other post-graduate qualification of any other university or examining body considered equivalent to above by the Council provided a minimum of 2 years training in psychiatry has been undertaken by the candidate for that qualification) residing outside India including SAARC Countries.</p>	<p><i>citizen and are engaged in whole-time practice in Psychiatry for more than 5 years after obtaining postgraduate qualification shall be eligible for Fellowship. For the purpose of election to Fellowship, recognised post-graduate qualification in psychiatry will be when a candidate has undergone at least 2 years training in psychiatry and has obtained D.P.M. or M.D. (Psychiatry) or D.N.B. (Psychiatry) or MRC Psych. or Dip. Psych. from any university in India or any commonwealth country or any Royal College of U.K. and Ireland or is a Diplomat of American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology or any other post-graduate qualification of any other university or examining body considered equivalent to above by the Council provided a minimum of 2 years training in psychiatry has been undertaken by the candidate for that qualification.</i></p> <p><i>(Note – 1. Existing Overseas Fellows will be re-designated as International Fellows.</i></p> <p><i>2. If any International Fellow, who is an Indian Citizen, relocates permanently to India, his membership may be converted to Life Fellowship by the Executive Council, provided he has made a request to the Hon. Treasurer with a proof of address and a declaration for the purpose)</i></p>		
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10.	Part II – Article V – Sec 5 (f) :			
	<p>5 (f) Overseas Ordinary Membership: Registered Medical practitioners under Schedule I or II or part II of Schedule III of Indian Medical Council Act (1956), or who have any other recognized medical qualification which is considered equivalent to the above by the Council of the Indian Psychiatric Society, who are actively engaged in the pursuit of the aims and objects of the Society shall be eligible for Ordinary Membership residing outside India including SAARC Countries.</p>	<p>5 (f) International Life Membership: <i>Registered Medical practitioners under Schedule I or II or part II of Schedule III of Indian Medical Council Act (1956), or who have any other recognized medical qualification which is considered equivalent to the above by the Council of the Indian Psychiatric Society, residing outside India including SAARC Countries or residing in India but not an Indian citizen, who are actively engaged in the pursuit of the aims and objects of the Society shall be eligible for International Life Ordinary Membership.</i></p> <p><i>(Note – 1. Existing Overseas Members will be re-</i></p>	Do	Discussed & Recommended

		<p><i>designated as International Life Members.</i></p> <p><i>2. If any International Member, who is an Indian Citizen, relocates permanently to India, his membership may be converted in Life Member by the Executive Council, provided he has made a request to the Hon. Treasurer with a proof of address and a declaration for the purpose)</i></p>		
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11.	Part II – Article VI – Sec 8:			
	8. After a person is duly elected by the Council, The General Secretary shall send him a letter informing him of his election. He shall be required to pay his subscription and dues.	8. After a person is duly elected by the Council, The Honorary General Secretary shall send him a letter informing him of his election.		Discussed & Recommended

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12.	Part II – Article VI – Sec 10			
	10. A Corresponding Fellow may be elected by the Council, after his name is proposed and seconded by two Fellows and he gives his consent in writing. The Fellow who proposes his name should furnish particulars regarding the candidate's academic qualifications, experience, a list of published papers and books, administrative ability and his significant contributions in the field of psychiatry and/or mental health.	10. An International Life Fellow or an International Life Member may be elected by the Council, after his name is proposed and seconded by two Life Fellows or <i>International Life Fellows</i> and he gives his consent in writing. The Life Fellow or the <i>International Life Fellow</i> who proposes his name should furnish particulars regarding the candidate's academic qualifications, experience, a list of published papers and books, administrative ability and his significant contributions in the field of psychiatry and/or mental health.		Discussed & Recommended

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13.	Part II – Article VI – Sec 11:			
	11. A person shall cease to be a member of the society if his name is removed from the register. The name of the person shall be removed from the register by the Council - a) on his death b) on his resignation. The resignation of	11. A person shall cease to be a member of the society if his name is removed from the register. The name of the person shall be removed from the register by the Council a) on his death b) on his resignation. The resignation of any		Discussed & Recommended

	<p>any member from the Society shall be in writing addressed to the General Secretary and shall be accepted by the Council provided he has paid up all his dues to the Society, or</p> <p>c) if his subscriptions are in arrears for two years and he has not paid in spite of a final notice regarding his dues from the General Secretary or Honorary Treasurer.</p>	<p>member from the Society shall be in writing addressed to the General Secretary and shall be accepted by the Council provided he has paid up all his dues to the Society, or</p> <p>c) All Annual Fellows, Annual Ordinary Members, Annual Associate members shall convert their annual membership to Life membership for their respective categories on payment their outstanding dues plus the prevailing subscription fee of the respective category. If the total outstanding amount is more than the current subscription fee of that category, then the total outstanding amount shall be considered to equal to the subscription fee, i.e. they shall have to pay the amount equal to double of the current subscription fee.</p>		
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14.	Part II – Article VI – Section 12:			
	<p>12. The membership of any member may be terminated for other reasons, which the Council may deem sufficient by votes of not less than two-thirds of the members thereof present at a special meeting called for this purpose or at the annual meeting or at the Annual General Meeting. The member concerned shall have a right to explain his conduct and the General Secretary shall acquaint all the members of the Council with his explanation. He shall have the right to appeal to the General Body, if he so desires, but in this case, he must inform the Honorary General Secretary of his desire to do so within a month of the receipt of the decision of the Council.</p>	<p>12. (a) The membership of any member may be terminated for other reasons, which the Council may deem sufficient by votes of not less than two-thirds of the members thereof present at a special meeting called for this purpose or at the annual meeting or at the Annual General Meeting. Before terminating membership of a member, the Council should ordinarily seek opinion of the Local/State/Zonal Branch. The member concerned shall have a right to explain his conduct and the General Secretary shall acquaint all the members of the Council with his explanation. He shall have the right to appeal to the General Body, if he so desires, but in this case, he must inform the Honorary General Secretary of his desire to do so within a month of the receipt of the decision of the Council.</p> <p>12. (b) By decision arrived at a GBM, the Local/State/Zonal branch, if necessary, may recommend termination of membership of a member if he is found guilty of gross misconduct.</p>	<p>Process of Termination/Warning is described. Local/State/Zonal Branches should also be given some rights in the process, though the ultimate authority would be the National Executive Council.</p>	<p>Discussed & Recommended</p>

		<p><i>Before recommending the termination, the concerned member must be given an opportunity of being heard. Any recommendation for termination has to be routed through proper channel.</i></p> <p>12. (c), The Council or the Executive Committee of the Local/State/Zonal branch may, at its discretion, issue a warning to a member found guilty of gross misconduct before taking decision on termination/ recommendation of termination, after giving the member an opportunity of being heard.</p>		
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15.	Part II – Article IX – Sec 15 (a) :			
	<p>15. Each member shall have the right: (a) To attend the General Body Meeting of the Society and to vote on all issues excepting (i) election of office-bearers and council members, and (ii) amendments to the rules and byelaws which can be exercised only by the Fellows.</p>	<p>15. Each member shall have the right: (a) To attend the General Body Meeting of the Society and to vote on issues with the exception of the following two, which can be exercised only be the Life Fellows other than the International Life Fellows. i) Election process of Office-bearers and Council members. ii) Amendments to the Rules and Byelaws.</p>	<p>Clarification regarding voting rights of the Fellows. International Fellows do not have the voting rights.</p>	<p>Discussed & Recommended</p>

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16.	Part II – Article XII Sec. 18:			
	<p>18. All Members of the Society shall pay their annual membership subscriptions to the Treasurer of the Indian Psychiatric Society. The Zonal, State and the Local branches will have liberty to collect additional subscription and donation from their members, including Life Fellows, if it is so decided by the Zonal, State and /or local branch for the running and benefit of the branch.</p>	<p>18. (a) All Corporate Members of the Society shall pay their annual membership subscriptions to the Treasurer of the Indian Psychiatric Society on or before 31 December of the respective year. For this purpose, the period of their annual membership will be considered to be from January to December of the concerned year. (b) The Zonal/State/Local Branches shall have liberty to collect additional subscription and donation from their members, including Life Fellows and all Life Members, if it is so decided by a resolution at the Zonal/State/Local Branch for the running and</p>		<p>Discussed & Recommended</p>

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17.	Part II – Article XVI – Sec 31:			
	<p>31. The Council shall be composed of the following Members of the Society.</p> <p>(A) (i) The President (ii) The Vice-President (iii) The Hony. General Secretary (iv) The Hony. Treasurer (v) The Hony. Editor, (vi) The Immediate Past-President, (vii) The Immediate Past Hony. General Secretary, viii) The Immediate Past Hony. Treasurer</p> <p>(B) Elected Members i) Two representatives from each of the five Zonal Branches. ii) Nine Direct Members (out of which one is reserved for defence personnel as per their recommendation), elected by the General Body of the Society at its Annual General Meeting of which two Lady members will be mandatory. If the stipulated number of Lady member do not contest or are not available, then the Executive Council will have the power to nominate required number of Lady member for a period of one year.</p>	<p>31. The Council shall be composed of the following Members of the Society.</p> <p>(A) Office Bearers (i) The President (ii) The Vice-President (iii) The Hony. General Secretary (iv) The Hony. Treasurer (v) The Hony. Editor (vi) The Immediate Past-President (vii) The Immediate Past Hony. General Secretary (viii) The Immediate Past Hony. Treasurer (ix) The Immediate Past Hony. Editor</p> <p>(B) Elected Members i) Nine Direct Members (out of which one is reserved for defense personnel as per their recommendation), elected by the General Body of the Society at its Annual General Meeting of which two Lady members will be mandatory. If the stipulated number of Lady Member do not contest or are not available, then the Executive Council will have the power to nominate required number of Lady Member for a period of one year. ii) Two representatives from each of the five Zonal Branches.</p>		Discussed & Recommended

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18.	PART III – Bye-Laws – Article II:			
	<p>ARTICLE-II Subscriptions 2. For member residing in India:</p> <p>(a) The Application fee shall be Rs. 100/- (b) The Subscription for various classes of membership shall be:</p>	<p>ARTICLE-II Subscriptions 2. For member other than International Life Fellow and International Life Member, the Subscription for various classes will be</p> <p>a) To be deleted b) To be treated as a)</p>		Discussed & Recommended

<p>i) Fellow: Annual Rs. 800/- Life - Rs. 8000/-</p> <p>ii) Ordinary Member: Annual Rs. 500/- Life - Rs. 5000/-</p> <p>iii) Associate Member : Annual Rs. 500/- Life - Rs. 5000/-</p> <p>iv) Corporate Member Rs.30000/-</p> <p>v) Fellow above the age of 65 - No fees</p> <p>3. For members residing overseas: (a) Application fee shall be U.S. \$20/- (b) Subscription for various classes of membership shall be -</p> <p>i) Fellow & Corresponding Fellow U.S. \$ 60/- \$.600/-</p> <p>ii) Ordinary Member U.S. \$50/- \$.500/-</p> <p>iii) Associate Member U.S. \$ 50/- \$. 500/-</p> <p>iv) Corporate Member U.S. \$ 200/- NA</p>	<p>i) Life Fellow – Rs. 17000/-</p> <p>ii) Life Ordinary Membership – Rs 11000/-</p> <p>iii) Life Associate Membership – Rs. 11000/-</p> <p>iv) Corporate Membership (Annual – January to December) – Rs. 51000/-</p> <p>v) Upgrading Life Ordinary Membership to Life Fellowship – Rs. 6000/-</p> <p>3. For International Life Fellow, International Life Ordinary Member (now onwards treated as International Life member), the Subscription will be as follows.</p> <p>(i) International Life Fellow – \$ 2000 in equivalent Indian Rupees.</p> <p>(ii) International Life Member – \$ 1800 in equivalent Indian Rupees.</p> <p>(iii) To be deleted</p> <p>(iv) To be deleted</p> <p>(The rate of subscription is subject to change from time to time after approval by the general body of the society)</p>			
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19.	Part III – Article IV – Sec 10 (d) :			
	10. Duties of the Zonal Representatives and Direct Council Members – <u>New Section</u>	10 (d) Zonal Representatives will co-ordinate between the National body and the Zonal Branches and will look after the entire activities of the concerned Zonal Branch as well as those of the State/Local branches falling under the concerned Zonal areas. Direct Council members will look after such duties as assigned to them by the Council.	10 (d) is a new sub-section added to the section 10.	Discussed & Recommended

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20.	Part III – Article VI – Sec 12:			
	12. Election for the vacancies occurring in post/posts of Vice-President (who will be the President Elect for the succeeding year). Honorary General Secretary, Honorary	12. Election for the vacancies occurring in post/posts of Vice-President (who will be the President Elect for the succeeding year). Honorary General Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Editor	Process of election, declaration of the results and taking charges of the newly	Discussed & Recommended

	<p>Treasurer, Honorary Editor and Direct Members of the Council shall be held on the day of Annual General Body Meeting. If, however, post of President falls vacant in a year because of any reason, election of President will also be held along with election of other office bearers mentioned earlier. No member will be allowed to contest for more than one post at the same time</p>	<p>and Direct Members of the Council shall be held according to the procedure as described below in this Article. The result of the election will be declared in the Annual General Body Meeting and the newly elected Office Bearers/ Direct Council Members will take their respective charges in the Post AGB Executive Council Meeting. If, however, post of President falls vacant in a year because of any reason, election of President will also be held along with election of other office bearers mentioned earlier. No member will be allowed to contest for more than one post at the same time.</p>	<p>elected members are described.</p>	
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21.	Part III – Article VI – Sec 20:			
	<p>20. (a) Any Fellow of the Society may be nominated for election to any of the posts of the Society, with posts of Vice-President cum President-elect, Honorary General Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, and Honorary Editor requiring additional qualification as given below, if his nomination is proposed by a Fellow and seconded by another Fellow, provided the Fellow so nominated has expressed his consent in writing to be nominated for the said post.</p> <p>(b) The person nominated for the post of Vice-President-cum-President-elect must be a fellow of the Society for at least 10 years and must have served for at least one term as member of the Council.</p> <p>(c)The person nominated for the post of Honorary General Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, and Honorary Editor must be a Fellow of the Society for at least 5 years and must have served for at least one term as member of the Council.</p> <p>(d) All the Fellows signing the nomination papers including the nominated Life Fellow must have paid their annual subscription for</p>	<p>20. Any Life Fellow of the Society may be nominated for election to any of the posts of the Society, with additional criteria and requirements for the different posts as described in the following subsections, if his nomination is proposed by a Life Fellow and seconded by another Life Fellow, provided the Life Fellow so nominated has expressed his consent in writing to be nominated for the said post.</p> <p>(a) The Life Fellow nominated for the post of Vice-President-cum-President-elect must be a Life Fellow of the Society for at least 10 years and must have served for at least one full term of three years as a member of the Council.</p> <p>(b) The Life Fellow nominated for the post of Honorary General Secretary and Honorary Editor must be a Fellow of the Society for at least 5 years and must have served for at least one full term of three years as a member of the Council.</p> <p>(c) The Life Fellow nominated for the post of Honorary Treasurer must be a Fellow of the Society for at least 5 years and must have served for at least one full term of three or two years as member of the Council or have served as Office Bearer of any Zonal Branches for a minimum period of two</p>	<p>1. Criteria of eligibilities of different posts defined with modification in the criteria for the posts of Hon. Treasurer.</p> <p>2. International Fellows are not entitled to hold any elected post of the Society.</p> <p>3. Bar on contesting elections on members who have served on different posts and on those who have not submitted the audited accounts.</p>	<p>Discussed & Recommended</p>

	<p>the current year before filing of the concerned nomination papers and should have no dues of the Society outstanding against them.</p> <p>(e) Overseas fellows intending to contest for any post shall give in writing that they will stay in India during the tenure of the post to which they will be elected</p>	<p>years.</p> <p>(d) To be deleted.</p> <p>(e) International Life Fellows shall not be eligible to be nominated for any elected post in the Council.</p> <p>(f) A Life Fellow who has served as the President of the Society cannot be nominated on any elected post of the Society at any level, i.e. including the Zonal/State/Local Branches. A Life Fellow, who has served on the post of Honorary General Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, or Direct Council Member for two terms, cannot be re-nominated again for the same post. A person, who has served on the post of Honorary Editor for three terms, cannot be re-nominated again for the same post.</p> <p>(g) Hon. General Secretary or Hon. Treasurer or Hon. Editor who desires to get nominated for the election of any other post of office bearer shall be eligible only after one year from the end of his current tenure as office bearer.</p> <p>(h) If the audited accounts of any ANCIPS or any Mid-Term CME of the Society have not been submitted to the Council within one year of the conclusion of the event; the Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer of the Organizing Committee of the event will not be eligible to hold any elected post of the Society for a period of three years or till the time when the audited accounts is submitted and accepted by the Council.</p>		
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22.	Part III – Article VIII – Sec. 30:			
	30. The Annual General Body Meeting shall usually be held during the Annual Conference of the Society and the provisional date and venue shall be proposed and decided at the previous Annual General Meeting	30. The Annual General Body Meeting shall be held on the first day of the Conference after conclusion of the CME session. The Annual Conference of the Society and the provisional date and venue shall be proposed and decided at the Annual General Meeting according to the procedure as given in the Article XIII.	AGB Meeting is of utmost importance for the Society. Holding it on the first day of the Conference will also ensure maximum participation of the	Discussed & Recommended

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23.	Part III – Article XIII- Sec 38:			
	<p>38. The General Secretary of Indian Psychiatric Society shall be responsible for:</p> <p>a) Fixing the dates of the Annual Conference in consultation with the Reception Committee, such dates must not vary from the dates fixed at the previous annual conference by more than 4 (four) weeks.</p> <p>b) To make alternative arrangements, in case the Reception committee fails to give a firm commitment regarding the proposed dates for the Conference by the 1st of August or fails to organize the Conference under exceptional circumstances.</p> <p>c) To negotiate with members desirous of inviting the Annual Conference at different places in India and to keep 2-3 different invitations always pending.</p> <p>d) Informing all members of dates of the meeting.</p> <p>e) Inviting delegates from the Psychiatric Associations of Foreign countries.</p> <p>f) Arranging for railway concession for delegates.</p> <p>g) Writing to all Government and similar agencies at the Centre (including DGHS and DGAFMS) and the States to permit members serving under them to attend the meeting on temporary duty.</p>	<p>38 (a) There shall be a Conference Committee with three members, chaired by a past President and with two other senior members of the Society preferably among those who have served as Organizing Chairman, Organizing Secretary or Organizing Treasurer of a previous ANCIPS or National Mid-Term CME of the Society. Any proposal to organize the Annual Conference or the has to be submitted to the Conference Committee at least six months in advance of the Annual General Body Meeting. The Committee will consider and assess all the proposals, regarding availability of all the required facilities at the proposed conference venue. The Committee will forward all the proposals to the Executive Council along-with its assessment reports. The Executive Council will consider the proposals and the assessment report of the Committee and after considering the reports, will forward a maximum of three proposals to the AGB meeting together with the assessment report of the Committee.</p> <p>(b) The Conference Committee will be responsible for</p> <p>(i) Fixing the dates of Annual Conference in consultation with the Reception Committee, such dates must not vary from the dates fixed at the previous annual conference by more than 4 (four) weeks.</p> <p>(ii) Supervising all the arrangements of the conference and the Reception Committee will make have to remain in touch with the Committee.</p> <p>(iii) To make alternative arrangements, in case the organizing committee fails to give a firm commitment regarding the proposed dates for the Conference well in advance or fails to organize the Conference under exceptional circumstances.</p> <p>(iv) To negotiate with members desirous of inviting the Annual Conference at different places in India</p>	<p>Conferences are now being held at very large scale and require vast infrastructures. There should be permanent body to look after this aspect of organizing the Conferences. Conference guidelines will be modified according to this amendment (if approved). The updated conference guideline along with model format will be placed in AGBM Kolkata.</p>	<p>Discussed & Recommended</p>

		<p>and to keep 2-3 different invitations always pending.</p> <p>(c) The Honorary General Secretary will be responsible for</p> <p>(i) Informing all the members about the dates of the Annual Conference.</p> <p>(ii) Inviting delegates from the Psychiatric Associations of Foreign countries.</p> <p>(iii) Writing to all Government and similar agencies at the Centre (including DGHS and DGAFMS) and the State Governments to permit members serving under them to attend the meeting on temporary duty.</p>		
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II – PROPOSAL for bringing out an Updated copy of the Constitution –

- (A) It is observed that many amendments have taken place since the last publishing of the hard copy of the Memorandum of Association and Rules & Regulations, including Bye-Laws on 01-01-2012. It is proposed that the Constitution Committee will bring out a new updated copy of Memorandum of Association and Rules & Regulations, including Bye-Laws, incorporating all the amendments adopted after 01-01-2012, which may be distributed during the next ANCIPS at Kolkata. The Constitution Committee is authorized for renumbering of the sections to maintain rationality, rectifying minor mistakes, grammatical or otherwise, in the process of compiling the new copy.
- (B) During the process of bringing out the updated copy of the Constitution, all reference to Annual Fellows, Annual Ordinary Members or Annual Associate Members, wherever they appear, shall be corrected to Life Fellow, Life Ordinary Members or Life Associate Members. After correcting all such references in the updated copy, the clarification inserted for this purpose in the Part V, Art V, Section 5 will be deleted.

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Amend-ments	EXISTING IN THE CONSTITUTION	PROPOSED	JUSTIFICATION OF AMENDMENTS	REMARKS BY THE EC
24.	Part III – Article XIII – Sec. 42:			
	<p>42. Contribution to the fund of society- Fifty percent (50%) of the amount accumulated in the hand of reception committee after meeting all expenses shall be credited to the funds of the society and the other half to be credited to local branch organizing the conference. If the venue of the conference is not covered by any local branch of the society, the entire amount of the net income of the conference shall be credited to the society. Ten percent (10%) of the amount thus received from the reception committee by the society shall be credited to the fund of the zonal branch concerned. The reception committee shall submit the audited statement of account and credit the share of the society to the society within nine months of holding the conference</p>	<p>42. Twenty percent (20%) of the registration charges of the delegates of the annual conference and Mid-Term CME conducted under the auspicious of Indian Psychiatric Society must be credited to the account of the Indian Psychiatric Society before the last date of the conference.</p> <p>Contribution to the fund of society- Fifty percent (50%) of the amount accumulated in the hand of organizing committee after meeting all expenses shall be credited to the funds of the society and the other half to be credited to local branch organizing the conference. If the venue of the conference is not covered by any local branch of the society, the entire amount of the net income of the conference shall be credited to the society. Ten percent (10%) of the amount thus received from the organizing committee by the society shall be credited to the fund of the zonal branch concerned. The organizing committee shall submit the audited statement of account and credit the share of the society to the society within nine months of holding the conference.</p>	<p>To have a fixed amount of yearly income for the society.</p>	<p>To be discussed</p>

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Amend-ments	EXISTING IN THE CONSTITUTION	PROPOSED
25.	Appendix III FINANCE CODE	
	<p>1) Financial Transaction of the Office bearers:</p> <p>(a) Expenses of Hon. Gen. Secretary & Hon. Treasurer: An Advance amount of Rs. 25,000/- shall be released by the Hon. Treasurer towards the expenses of the Hon. Gen. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer each, before obtaining the vouchers. If this advance amount has been exhausted and the necessary vouchers have also been produced for the same to the Hon. Treasurer, another Rs.25,000/- could be released as advance. Hon. Treasurer shall be empowered to release beyond the said Rs. 50,000/- only as advance after getting the approval of the council.</p> <p>The above advance need not include certain already planned expenses such as printing and postage of ballot papers, compilation of Member-ship directory & posting, for which amount, the concerned office bearer shall get the prior approval from the council itself.</p> <p>(b) Expenses of the Editor: The Editor's corpus fund shall not be utilised and only the interest accrued from this fund could be utilised towards the expenses of IJP. The Editor should, under usual circumstances, try to generate funds by advertisement in a way that the Journal is self-sufficient, but in case of emergency Rupees One lakh could be released for each issue of Journal, of which Rs. 50,000 shall be released first, and the next 50,000 shall be released by the Hon. Treasurer after obtaining necessary vouchers for the earlier installment.</p> <p>(c) Expenses of the President & Vice President: An advance amount of Rs. 5,000/- may be released to the office of the President and Vice President each, if this advance amount is exhausted and the necessary vouchers have been furnished, an additional advance of Rs. 5,000/- could be released upon request. However, the Hon. Treasurer shall get the prior approval of the council, if any additional advance was to be granted.</p> <p>2) Advances & Grants permissible to the chair persons/conveners of committees and specialty sections. The Hon. Treasurer shall release an advance amount of Rs.5,000/- to the chairpersons of committees, specialty sections who</p>	<p>1. <i>Financial transaction of the office bearers: Expenses of the Editor: The Editor should under usual circumstances try to generate funds by advertisement, donations, etc. in a way that the Journal's expenses are self-sufficient. Such flow of funds shall be rooted through IPS and such funds should be earmarked for the Journal expenses only and released to the concerned payments as per Editor's desire. In case of further need, Rupees Six lakhs may be released by the Hon. Treasurer and necessary vouchers shall be obtained for the same. In case of further needs the Hon. Treasurer shall get the concurrence of the President & Hon Gen. Secretary and all such expenses require to be brought to the notice of the Council.</i></p> <p>2. <i>Reimbursement of Travel expenses All the office bearers and members of the Council shall be eligible for the flight fare (economy class) or 2 tier A/C train fare for attending the Council meetings other than the Annual meeting. If a Special Invitee wishes to claim TA, he is required to get the prior approval of the President.</i></p> <p>3. <i>Periodical Revision of membership fees: Revision of membership fee for the various categories could be considered at the end of every three years. The council could offer its recommendations in this regard based on the Hon. Treasurer's report, for approval in the AGB.</i></p> <p>4. <i>Submission of accounts of Conferences/ National Mid-Term CME/ Other programmes of IPS: The existing procedures for the accounts of the ANCIPS shall continue (Part - III, Article XIII,42). The same could be made applicable for the National Mid Term CME also. The Chair persons of the committees and Speciality sections shall submit the accounts of the programmes that they had conducted within three months after the completion of such programmes to the Hon. Treasurer.</i></p> <p>5. <i>Releasing/Advancing IPS Funds for extraordinary situations: After getting the concurrence of the office bearers through E=mail, the President shall direct the Hon. Treasurer to release/advance funds for extraordinary/ priority situations. Such an action is to be ratified in the next Council meeting and AGB.</i></p>

had already informed the council about their proposed plan of action. After the execution of such plans of actions, the said chairperson shall submit the vouchers to the Hon. Treasurer, who shall keep the council informed of the same. Any excess amount spent by the chairperson could be reimbursed by the council subject to a maximum of Rs. 10,000/-. If however, the General body had already authorised such a plan of action/ programme and expenditure, the council may grant the full amount of the additional expenses thus incurred.

Unspent balance amounts lying with the bearers, chairpersons/ conveners of committees and specialty sections, etc., shall be returned to the Hon. Treasurer.

3) Reimbursement of traveling expenses

All the Office-bearers and members of the Council shall be eligible for 2-tier A/C train fare to and fro for attending Council meetings other than the annual Council meeting. If a special invitee wishes to claim TA, he is required to seek prior approval from President or General Secretary. The office bearers shall be eligible for to & fro airfare for attending emergency extraordinary Council meeting, if any held. The President and Secretary shall be eligible for actual travel expenses for attending IPS activities. However, their air travel expenses will require the approval of the E.G.

4) Advance amount to the organisers of conferences/ national mid-term CME. etc.

A maximum of Rs. 20,000/- could be released as advance amount to the organisers / conveyors of annual conferences, National Mid Term CME or other specified programmes approved by the AGM. Such advance amounts should be returned within 3 months from the date of completion of the above programmes. Any lapse of the organisers in this regard shall be brought to the notice of the council and AGB by the Hon. Treasurer.

5) Periodical Revision of membership Fees

Revision of membership fee for the various categories could be considered at the end of every five years. The council could offer its recommendations in this regard based on the Hon. Treasurer's report, for approval in the AGB.

6. Submission of accounts of conferences/national mid-term CME/other programme.

6. *Payments towards the Income Tax, Registration Dept., WPA and other agencies:*

The Hon. Treasurer shall make the necessary payments to the above after getting the concurrence of the President /Hon. Gen. Secretary. He shall inform the Council & AGB for the ratification of the action taken.

7. *Funds towards the maintenance of the Head Quarters:*

An amount of Rs. 1,00,000/- (One Lakh) could be released by the Hon. Treasurer on the advice of the President towards the maintenance repair works of the building. However, for major repair or construction works prior approval of the Council is needed. The necessary Electricity Charges, Property tax, water Sewage charges are to be paid by the Hon. Treasurer. The number of staffs for the Head Quarters and their salary shall be fixed by the Council and the AGB informed accordingly. Expenses towards the facilities such as furniture, Computer, & other articles, stationary, conduction of meetings, etc shall be Paid by the Hon. Treasurer with the concurrence of the President/Gen. Secretary.

8. *Internal Audit:*

Three of the Fellow members may be nominated at the AGB as internal auditors for each year. The Hon. Gen Secretary shall organise & arrange for their meetings, which should be held once or twice in a year at the Head Quarters. The office personnel of the Head Quarters and Hon. Treasurer shall provide the necessary documents for the scrutiny by the Internal Auditors. The Chair Person of the Finance Sub- Committee shall also be present. The following aspects require to be scrutinised and endorsed by one of the auditors:

(a). The vouchers towards the payments made to be countersigned .

(b) The entries in the Register maintained for the Cheques received (towards membership) and deposited to be countersigned after verifying the entries such as the Cheque No, date, Bank &Place, amount, source and Purpose .

(C) The entries in the Register for the Cash received and deposited to be countersigned. The source, purpose and the Name of the Bank & date deposited to be confirmed.

(d) The entries in the Register for the donations received from the Proceeds of Conferences, National Mid Term CME, etc. to be countersigned after verifying the particulars such as the Cheque No, date, Bank &Place, amount, source, Purpose and deductions made under 26 AS details.

(e) The entries for the expenses by Cheque to be countersigned after verifying cheque No, date, Bank details, Receiver and purpose. Verification also to be made for the entries for expenses by cash noting the purpose, date

<p>The existing procedures for the accounts of the ANCIPS shall continue (Part-III, Article XIII, 42). The same could be made applicable for the National Mid-Term CME also.</p> <p>The audited statement of accounts of the Zonal branches shall be submitted to the Hon. Treasurer not later than 31st may each year (Unless the relevant clause in Part-II, Article XIII (24) is amended).</p> <p>The chairpersons of the committees and Specialty sections shall submit the accounts of the programme that they had conducted within one month after the completion of such programmes. Also, they shall submit all the accounts within one month after the closure of each financial year.</p> <p>7. Releasing/Advancing IPS Funds for extraordinary situations: After getting the written concurrence of the office bearers, the President shall direct the Hon. Treasurer to release/advance funds for extraordinary/priority situations. Such an action to be ratified in the next council meeting and AGB.</p> <p>8. Proposed amendments in the Bye-Laws Keeping in view of the above guidelines laid down in the proposed "Finance Code" necessary amendments may be made in the Bye-laws.</p> <p>9. Accounts from Zonal branches: Delinking of the accounts of the Zonal branches from the IPS accounts may be considered after getting the concurrence of the Zonal branches. Necessary amendments to constitution may be made.</p>	<p><i>of issue, and the receiver.</i></p> <p><i>(f) The entries in the Register for the Fixed Deposit Receipts mentioning the amount, date of deposit, maturity date, Renewal date, Bank details and source if needed, etc. to be verified.</i></p> <p><i>(g) The entries in the Register for the donations received for each of the awards to be verified with regard to the donors, amount received, donor Cheque & Bank details, deposited Bank details, Renewals of the FD particulars, etc.</i></p> <p><i>(h) Maintenance of the Receipt books to be verified</i></p> <p><i>(i) Used and current Pass book entries to be verified</i></p> <p><i>(j) Used & current cheque books to be verified</i></p> <p><i>(k) Maintenance of the Application forms of the different category of members signed by the President, Hon. Gen. Secretary, and Hon. Treasurer to be verified</i></p> <p><i>(l) Maintenance of the Membership Register mentioning their address, date of election, amount paid, category of membership, date of demise, etc. as updated every year to be verified.</i></p> <p><i>(m) Maintenance of Registers for the Social Security Scheme with separate pages for each member, amounts paid by cheque (the Cheque No, date, Bank & Place, amount, source and Purpose, deposited date and Bank details), Cash receipt details, Bank deposit & Renewal of Fixed deposit details, amounts disbursed to the bereaved families, to be verified.</i></p> <p><i>(n) The entries in the Register for the expenses of the Head Quarters to be counter signed.</i></p> <p><i>(o) The entries in the Register for the disbursement of salaries of the staff of the Headquarters to be countersigned.</i></p> <p><i>(p) To scrutinise documents and undertake other relevant assignments as directed by the Council.</i></p> <p><i>9. Nothing mentioned in the Finance Code shall supersede the Constitution and Bye-Laws of IPS.</i></p> <p><i>10. Necessary amendments should be made in the Finance Code as resolved by the AGB.</i></p>
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<p align="center"><u>26. APPENDIX VI (NEW)</u></p> <p align="center"><u>IPS GLOBAL</u></p>	<p align="center">Explanation</p>	<p align="center">REMARKS BY THE EC</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IPS Global shall work to connect the Indian Diaspora working in the field of mental health in different parts of the world to the Indian Psychiatric Society. This forum will be opened to all associations and groups of Indian-origin mental health professionals. 2. The members of member societies of IPS Global shall be treated as Indian Psychiatric Society member in meetings of Indian Psychiatric Society. 3. The members of member societies of IPS Global shall not be eligible to participate in AGBM and election process of the Indian Psychiatric Society. 4. The Indian Psychiatric Society will provide local hospitality and complementary registration to two top office bearers of the Member Society and the member societies will reciprocate. 5. IPS Global will organize an international conference every two year in or outside India. All the savings of the conference shall be credited to the account of Indian Psychiatric Society. 6. There shall be a small governing body consisting of President, Vice-Presidents and Hony Secretary General. 7. The post of President and Hony. Secretary General shall remain with Indian Psychiatric Society and the tenure of elected persons shall be of three years. They shall be elected by the Executive Council of Indian Psychiatric Society from the office bearers of Indian Psychiatric Society. 8. The post of Vice-Presidents (More than one Vice President) will go to member societies. 9. The functional year of IPS Global shall be from 1st February to 31st January in respective years. 	<p>During APA we realized that Indian Diaspora working in the field of mental health is either member of IPS or interested in Indian Psychiatry. The love and nostalgia for the motherland is quiet understandable. At the same time it is need of the hour that the entire Indian origin psychiatrist should be brought under one umbrella. Now IPS has become big enough to take care of its extended family. Keeping these things in mind, President and HGS in consultation with office bearers of BIPA, IAPA & similar other organizations of Indian Origin Psychiatrist pondered over it and reached to a conclusion that it's time to launch an Global wing of IPS and it suddenly came to our mind that IPS Global sound smart and emphatic.</p> <p>Purpose:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Connect Indian Diaspora working in the field of mental health to IPS. 2. Create a platform for exchange of knowledge and cross cultural understanding. 3. Enhance the virtual presence of IPS at international level. 4. Embolden IPS identity and say at national and international level. 5. Help youngsters in getting training positions in developed nations. 	<p align="center">Discussed & Recommended</p>

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