

AGENDA-12-Amendments of Rules & Bye-laws, if any.

There were four proposals of amendments of Rules and Bye-laws. The proposal of Dr. S.K. Mukherjee and Dr. Joseph Varghese was concerned with the rules regarding membership. Dr. Rajiv Jain expressed views in favour of abolition of annual membership, but said that the membership fee should not be doubled. Dr. RR Ghosh Roy also expressed similar views. Dr. Mukesh Jagiwala said that the cut-off date should be 2014. For those above 65 years of age, it is proposed to be free. However, Dr. M. Jagiwala conveyed rage such type of members who have not joined the Society till such late age should not be encouraged. Dr. Ajit Avasthi pointed out that it was for existing life fellows. It was a general consensus that overseas ordinary membership should be abolished. Overseas people can become corresponding fellows. Dr. Ajit Avasthi was of the opinion that abolition of certain categories cannot be done. He also said that if some members felt doubling of fee was not correct, it could be kept below it. The fee for corresponding fellow should be 1000 US\$. He also said that specific resolution should come for abolition of annual membership. Dr. Roy Abraham said that the proposal has been examined by the Constitution Committee and these are necessary to plan for financing our activities from our own resources. Dr. Mukesh Jagiwala said that there were few members who resided overseas but they had Indian addresses in the directory. Dr. Roy said that members residing overseas for more than 6 months should lose their membership. Finally the proposal was accepted with correction. Annual membership was retained at this time.

Another proposal was from Dr. Abhay Matkar regarding article VI - section 17. Dr. S. Nambi told that about 40% to 50% members living in non-urban areas were not using computers. Dr. Mukesh Jagiwala said that no one's voting rights were being taken away. Dr. Ajit Avasthi said that all were for use of technology, but secrecy and sanctity should be preserved and for some time all the provisions should be maintained. The EC must satisfy itself that the technology was foolproof. Dr. TV Asokan also expressed apprehension about the sanctity of e-polling. Dr. Rajesh Rastogi felt that the technology was not foolproof and the cost would be tripled. The discussion was concluded with remark of the President that it was a sensitive issue and it should be studied by the EC first and after that the decision would be taken.

The fourth proposal was moved by Dr. J. Varghese and Dr. Varghese Punnoose. It was passed unanimously. Dr. Sandeep Grover opined that rules framed should be circulated and should be added in the Constitution.

Resolution for amendment of Constitution

Aim: This resolution for amendment is hereby being submitted for better functioning of society.

1. We propose that annual membership should be deleted because we get little from annual members and spend much more. It is not infrequent that we receive application for annual membership in the month of September or even later. We elect them in the month of January and its validity expires on 31st March and in the month of April we start sending request and reminders. Very few annual members send their subscriptions on their own. This means more work for Hony Treasurer's office. Life subscription will save time and enable the office to engage in more constructive works like fund raising.
2. Another equally important proposal is for creating provision for online membership. Online membership will ensure highly convenient and paper free membership application and error free directory.

(Original clauses are given in black and proposed amendment in blue.)

ARTICLE-V

Classification of Members

5. There shall be nine classes of membership namely Fellows, Life Fellows, Ordinary Members, Life ordinary Members, Associate Members, Life Associate Members, Honorary Fellows, Corresponding Fellows and Corporate Members. The Membership status of a member shall be determined only by the Council of the Indian Psychiatric Society

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(a) Fellowship: Registered Medical Practitioners under Schedule I or II or Part If of Schedule III of Indian Medical Council Act (1956), or who have any other recognised medical qualification which is considered equivalent to the above, by the Council of the Indian Psychiatric Society, who have obtained a recognised post graduate qualification in psychiatry and are engaged in whole-time practice in Psychiatry for more than 5 years after obtaining post graduate 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 MRC Psych, or Dip. Psych, from any university in India or any common wealth country or any Royal college of U.K. and Ireland or is a Diplomate of American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology or any other post-graduates 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).

(a) Life Fellowship: Registered Medical Practitioners under Schedule I or II or Part If of Schedule III of Indian Medical Council Act (1956), or who have any other recognised medical qualification which is considered equivalent to the above, by the Council of the Indian Psychiatric Society, who have obtained a recognised post graduate qualification in psychiatry and are engaged in whole-time practice in Psychiatry for more than 5 years after obtaining post graduate qualification shall be eligible for

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- (b) Life Fellowship: Those who are eligible to be Fellows can become Life Fellows by paying the prescribed subscription.

5b will be deleted

- (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 recognised 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.

(b) 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 recognised 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.

- (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.

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- (d) Honorary Fellowship: Distinguished persons who are not eligible to become Fellows of the Society and who have made valuable contributions towards promotion of mental health are eligible for Honorary Fellowship.
- (e) Corresponding Fellowship: Eminent psychiatrists of other countries who are well known for their contributions or services in the field of psychiatry and mental health are eligible for Corresponding Fellowship.
- (f) Corporate Membership: Voluntary societies whose aims and objects or work touches upon the subject of mental health shall be eligible for Corporate Membership.
- (g) Life Overseas Fellowship: Registered medical practitioners who fulfils the criteria to become Life Fellow and residing outside India can become Life Overseas Fellow.**

ARTICLE-VI

Election of Members

6. Any person desirous of becoming a Member shall make an application to the Honorary Treasurer along with application fees, in prescribed form and sign a declaration in the form, "I hereby declare that I shall promote the aims and objects of the Indian Psychiatric Society to the best of my ability and agree to abide by its constitution and bye-laws for the time being in force." After his name has been proposed and seconded by two Fellows of the Society, his application will be put up for consideration and election by the Council. This provision shall also apply to a voluntary Society desirous of becoming a Corporate Member.

(to be added)

The application can be made online also along with scan copy of supporting documents and proof of payment which may be done online using designated payment portal. The online application will have the facility of online recommendation by two fellows. The properly filled, aptly supported by documents and duly recommended application form will be submitted to Honorary Treasurer who will forward it to the Executive Council Members. In the absence of any objection or deficit/ discrepancy Honorary General Secretary will forward the application to the President with his/her recommendation after 7 days and President will communicate his/her approval within 7 days to Honorary General Secretary and Hony Treasurer.

7. A Fellow may be elected by the Council either directly after application in the prescribed form, along with prescribed fees as mentioned in Section 6, or he may be elected from among the Ordinary Members of the Society. In the latter case, prior to his election by the Council, the Fellow who proposes his name shall furnish full particulars about the candidate, list of published papers, books, and an estimate of his work as an administrator, clinician and or a teacher.

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ARTICLE-XII

Subscription

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.
- 18. All Members of the Society shall pay their LIFE 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.**

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AGENDA -13-Resolution from members, if any

- I. The first proposal was placed by Dr. A.K. Mallick, who described his resolution. Dr. Garg expressed his disagreement with the resolution as it would dilute the power of the Scientific Committee. Dr. Mukesh Jagiwala said that in organizing the CME programme, the CME Chairperson should be involved in the Scientific Committee. Dr. Mrugesh Vaishnav also expressed his views. Dr. Roy Abraham cited the provisions of the Constitution in this respect. He said that there was no provision of the Annual CME programme in the Constitution. Dr. Indira Sharma disagreed with this statement and said that previously there happened to be separate registration and inauguration of the Annual CME programme. She said that though it was not the part of the Conference, it was an important annual programme. Dr. Nambi said that the Annual CME was a pre-Conference event and unnecessary time slot for its inauguration should be avoided. He also said that we cannot go by the Constitution alone and conventions were also important. Dr. Harjit Singh said that it was just a matter of terminology; we should do what is the best for the Society. Dr. RR Ghosh Roy said that it was observed for last 2-3 years that both the Constitution and protocols were jeopardized due to whims of the office-bearers. Finally the resolution was passed as per the recommendation of the pre-Conference EC recommendations, which replaced the 'Chairperson of the Organizing Committee' with the 'representative of the Organizing Committee', 'finalization of the Scientific Programme *six months* before' with 'finalization of the Scientific Programme *two months* before' and ' ... award papers (except BPSS Award) will be closed *eight months...*' with ' ... award papers (except BPSS Award) will be closed *six months...*'. The last paragraph of the proposal was deleted.
- II. Proposal 2 was withdrawn by Dr.C.L. Narayan.
- III. Proposal 3 – proposed by Dr. Vinay Kumar – Dr. Vinay Kumar said to consider the proposal regarding Article-VI-(6) – Election of Members regarding online application of membership and withdrew other proposals. Dr. Jagiwala expressed his view that scan copies could be manipulated and signature must be in hard copy. Dr. Philip said that we should be very particular about qualifications and certifications and signed documents must be obtained. Dr. Jagiwala said that fraud must be prevented in all cases. Treasurer Dr. Kumar said that at least scanned copies of the documents had to be submitted. Modified proposal to be submitted and to be considered.
- IV. Proposal 4 by Dr. Rajiv Jain - Dr. Rajiv Jain described his proposal. Dr. Asokan said that there was no need to give extra power to the EC. He said already there is provision of taking action against '*any member*' and it included the President. He said that the EC was accountable to the General Body. Dr. RR Ghosh Roy expressed his view and he suggested for increasing the power of Tribunal. Dr. Jagiwala said that removal of a member is done by the General Body. After discussion, Dr. Rajiv Jain agreed to bring a modified proposal next year and withdrew his proposal.
- V. Proposal 5 – Treasurer Dr. Vinay Kumar described his proposal for amendment in the Finance Code. After discussion, the proposal to amend the article (3) of the Finance Code was accepted. The proposal to amend the article (4) was not accepted.

Dear Sir,

I want to bring an amendment in rules regulations including laws and bye laws Memorandum of society.

Brief Explanation: - while under the rules of society article VII has clause 12 membership of member can be terminated for unspecified reasons by two third majority of council members by calling a meeting for the purpose. There is no clause in rule and bye laws society to remove office bearers who are not working as per the constitution. This is against the sprit equality and a member or office bearer cannot be given differentiated because their status. This amendment is to remove disparity between a member and office bearer.

Article- XVII

Power and functions of the Executive Council

32 a. to h.

Amendment : To keep all sub clauses from 32 a. to 32 h. here by add sub clause 32 (i) in Article XVII

As following

32(i.){.}The executive council is competent to remove any office bearers namely The President, Hony . General Secretary, Hony. Treasurer , Hony. Editor for not abiding the rules and regulations including laws and bye laws as described in Memorandum of rules regulations including laws and bye laws and works in contradiction to the rules and bye laws.

{..}The requisition meeting shall be called as per bye laws VII 23 c. with the agenda to initiate the process of Removal of office bearer not abiding the rules regulations including laws and bye laws as described in Memorandum.

{...} The quorum of such requisition meeting shall be 9 (nine). Two third of majority support is required for motion of removal as to remove the office bearer from the post.

{.V } A new fellow fulfilling qualification of post shall be appointed for the post for temporary period and the post shall be open for election contest when General Secretary sends the list of vacant posts to the Election commission.

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PROPOSAL FOR AN AMENDMENT OF THE IPS CONSTITUTION

PROPOSAL –

1. All the abbreviation “Hony” to be replaced by its full form “Honorary” in the IPS Constitution.
2. The word “Hony Assistant Treasurer, Hony. Assistant Secretary and Hony. Assistant Editor” appearing in Article – III – (4) to be replaced by “Honorary Associate Treasurer, Honorary Associate Secretary and Honorary Associate Editor”.
3. Similarly the words “the Asst Secretary, Asst Treasurer and Asst Editor” appearing in the Article IV- (10), 10 (a) and 10(c) to be replaced by “Associate Secretary, Associate Treasurer and Associate Editor”.
4. The words “the Assistant Secretary, the Assistant Treasurer and the Assistant Editor” appearing in the Article VI – 21 to be replaced by “the Associate Secretary, the Associate Treasurer and the Associate Editor” as well.

Reasoning behind the amendment.

All these posts are usually occupied by senior fellows of the Society and the word ‘Associate’ looks more dignified than ‘Assistant’. There is no other post in between as well.

Submitted to the Honorary General Secretary, Indian Psychiatric Society for necessary action please.

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