

The Constitutional Amendments proposed by Dr. Kshirod Kumar Mishra (LF 13133) and seconded by Dr. Harshal Sathe (LF 08075)

ARTICLE-VI: Election of Office Bearers and Executive Council Members

Existing clause 14(a)	Proposed Amendment	Reason
The Hon. General Secretary/Treasurer of the Society shall provide the list of Fellows of good standing (electoral rolls) as on 30th June to all members of the election commission by the 15th July. The Honorary General Secretary shall inform the CEC by 15th July about the posts for which election is to be held. The Hon General Secretary shall inform the CEC about the date of AGBM by 15th September. Existing Clause 14(b) By the 15th August every year CEC shall address through e-mails to all the eligible fellow members (voters) of the Society (as per the electoral roll given to the Election Commission), informing them about the details of the e-voting procedure and also vacancies due to occur in the ensuing year and inviting on- line nominations, for the posts to which elections are to be held; along with the Election Schedule. Existing Clause: 15 The eligible fellow willing to contest the election for the post of his/her choice, shall have to fill in the information on-line in the prescribed nomination form uploaded on the Society's website, by 15th September. At the time of filing of the nomination, the contestant shall have to upload his/her recent photo, required information & brief bio data (not exceeding 100 words). Nominations without bio data and photograph are liable to be rejected The nominations forms received	The Hon. General Secretary/Treasurer of the Society shall provide the list of Fellows of good standing (electoral rolls) as on 31st Augst to all members of the election commission by the 15th Sept. The Honorary General Secretary shall inform the CEC by 15th July about the posts for which election is to be held. The Hon General Secretary shall inform the CEC about the date of AGBM. By the 15th Sept every year CEC shall address through e-mails to all the eligible fellow members (voters) of the Society (as per the electoral roll given to the Election Commission), informing them about the details of the e-voting procedure and also vacancies due to occur in the ensuing year and inviting on- line nominations, for the posts to which elections are to be held; along with the Election Schedule. The eligible fellow willing to contest the election for the post of his/her choice, shall have to fill in the information on-line in the prescribed nomination form uploaded on the Society's website, by 15th October. At the time of filing of the nomination, the contestant shall have to upload his/her recent photo, required information & brief bio data (not exceeding 100 words). Nominations without bio data and photograph are liable to be rejected The nominations forms received	New members who are elected during the Ec meeting of Mid Term CME can participate in the Election process New members who are elected during the Ec meeting of Mid Term CME can participate in the Election process

on-line shall be duly scrutinized by the Election Commission at the Scrutiny Meeting of Election Commission, which shall be held before **30th September** and the quorum for this meeting shall be two members of election commission. The Election Commission shall invite the Hon. Gen. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer of the Society to attend Scrutiny Meeting as representative of the Society.

Existing Clause: 16(d)

The CEC shall inform Scrutiny Report to all the candidates about the validity of all nominations by **5th October**. Invalid / Rejected nominations shall also be intimated to the concerned contestants. The means of communication shall be through SMSs / e-mail.

Existing Clause: 16(e)

Candidates wishing to withdraw their nominations shall do so on-line to the CEC. The last date for withdrawal of nomination shall be **20th October**.

Existing Clause: 16(f)

The CEC shall display the final list of candidates for various posts on-line on the website of the Society by **27th of October**.

Existing Clause: 17(a)

The CEC shall disclose on the Society's website the list of all the contesting candidates & the posts for which they are contesting, along with their photograph, Bio data and also the detailed instructions for all the voters for casting of their votes through e-voting process by **21st November**.

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The CEC shall inform Scrutiny Report to all the candidates about the validity of all nominations by **10th November**. Invalid / Rejected nominations shall also be intimated to the concerned contestants. The means of communication shall be through SMSs / e-mail.

Candidates wishing to withdraw their nominations shall do so on-line to the CEC. The last date for withdrawal of nomination shall be **20th November**.

The CEC shall display the final list of candidates for various posts on-line on the website of the Society by **21st November**.

The CEC shall disclose on the Society's website the list of all the contesting candidates & the posts for which they are contesting, along with their photograph, Bio data and also the detailed instructions for all the voters for casting of their votes through e-voting process by **21st December**.

The election process will complete by **31st December 5:00PM**

In the e-voting process 70% of voting occurs in the 1st week. Hence 10 days should be enough for the voting. Reducing the duration of voting will reduce the chance of mal-practice by the candidates.



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Proposer



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Dated: 18th Nov 2023

PROPOSAL FROM MEMBER

I, Dr. Vivek Kirpekar, Life Fellow (11066) of Indian Psychiatric Society, would like to propose resolution for the following amendments in the constitution for consideration by the Council and to submit it to the Annual General Body Meeting, 2024

Part III Byelaws

Article – VI Election of Office Bearers and Executive Council Members

Clause 14 – (a) The Hon. General Secretary /Treasurer of the Society shall provide the list of Fellows of good standing (electoral rolls) as on **30th June (15th August)** to all members of election commission by the **15th July(31st August)**. The Honorary General Secretary shall inform the Chief Election Commissioner by **15th July (31st August)** about the posts for which election is to held. The Hon. General Secretary shall inform the CEC about the date of AGBM by **15th September(15th October)**

Proposal : Change of dates from **30th June to 15th August**; from **15th July to 31st August** and **15th September to 15th October**

Explanation.: Date extension.

(b) By the **15th August(15th September)** every year CEC shall address through email to all the eligible fellow members (voters) of the society (as per the electoral roll given to the election commission), informing them about the details of e-voting, procedure and also vacancies due to occur in the ensuing year and inviting online nominations, for the posts to which the elections are to be held along with the election schedule.

Proposal: Change the date from **15th August to 15th September**

Explanation.: Date Extension.

(c) **Canvassing by mobile/telephonic calls is only permitted. No other means are permitted for canvassing**

Proposal: Change to **Canvassing by other means like WhatsApp messages, emails, SMS where the receiver has option of blocking the message or call is permitted only after the display of the list of candidates by the CEC. Canvassing in all the official WhatsApp groups related to IPS is not permitted at all.**

Explanation: No logic in allowing only telephone calls. When the number of voters is very high and no personal contact between candidate and voter it is difficult for candidate to reach a voter and voter to know about the candidate just by a phone call.

Clause 15 The eligible fellow willing to contest the election for the post of his/her choice shall have to fill in the information online in the prescribed nomination form uploaded on the Society's website by **15th September (15th October)**.

Proposal : Change the date from **15th September to 15th October**

Explanation: Date Extension

Clause 16 (a) before **30th September**

Proposal : Change the date of scrutiny meeting from **30th September to 31st October**

Explanation: Date Extension

(d) by **5th October**

Proposal : Change the date of informing the scrutiny report to all the candidates from **5th October** to **5th November**

Explanation: Date Extension

(e) be **20th October**

Proposal : Change the last date of withdrawal from **20th October** to **20th November**

Explanation: Date Extension

(f) by **27th October(30th November)**

Proposal : Change the date of display of final list of candidates on Society's website from **27th October** to **30th November**

Explanation: Date Extension

Clause 17 (a) The CEC shall disclosed on the Society's website the list of all the contesting candidates along with their photograph, bio-data, and also the detailed instructions for all the voters for casting their votes through e-voting process by **21st November (15th December)**

Proposal : Change the date from **21st November** to **15th December**

Explanation: Date Extension

Clause 18 (b) Hon. General Secretary shall intimate the date of AGBM to the CEC before **15th September(15th October)**

Proposal : Change the date **15th September** to **15th October**

Explanation: Date Extension

(g) Disputes –

I. If, however the complainant is still not satisfied with the decision of the President, **the result of that post shall be withheld and the matter shall be referred to the tribunal as per Article-XXI clause 37 a) of rules of the society.**

Proposal : Replace these words by **he/she may appeal to the tribunal, however the results as declared by the Election Commission will not be withheld and the person shall continue to work on the same post until the tribunal in its verdict make the election null and void.**

Explanation: Candidate just may not be satisfied for any valid or invalid reasons, so functioning of the society cannot be hampered by any such things

III. Till the verdict of the tribunal, Council may nominate a member having experience of that post to discharge the duties of the said office.

Proposal : **III to be deleted**

Explanation: Not required after the amendment in Clause 18 (g) I.

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Life Fellow No. 11066

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Dated: Nov 13, 2023

PROPOSAL FROM MEMBER

I, Dr. Ashsih V. Saboo, Life Fellow (01146) of Indian Psychiatric Society, would like to propose resolution for the amendments in the constitution for consideration by the Council and to submit it to the Annual General Body Meeting

Part III Bye-Laws

Article – VIII Calling of the Annual General Body Meeting

Clause 30 – (a) Notice and agenda of the General Body Meeting and copies of the minutes of the proceeding of the last **Annual** General Body Meeting shall be sent by the Hony. General Secretary to all members of the Society at least 30 days before the meeting.

Proposal Delete the word **Annual**

Expl. : There should be more General Body Meetings as being proposed further.

Initial information about the venue (city or town) and provisional dates of the Annual Conference and the Annual General Meeting **shall** be given to all Members by the Hony. General secretary, in a circular at least **90** days before the Annual General Meeting

Proposal: Add **Preferably shall**; change to **30**

Expl. : More practical as some unforeseen problem may arise.

Clause 30 – (e) Business to be transacted – The business to transacted at the Annual General Meeting shall be taken up in the following **order** –

Proposal : Add **(Subject to alteration by the President with the consent of the house)**

Expl. : Sometimes some important matter to be discussed take the backseat and lot of time is lost in other issues. So President should have the power to change the sequence of the items in the agenda.

Clause 30 (e) ii) Confirmation of the minutes of the proceeding of last **Annual** General Body Meeting **and** Extra-Ordinary General Body Meeting, if any

Proposal : Delete the word **Annual**; Replace the word **and** with **or**

Expl. : Only the confirmation of Previous General Body Meeting is needed as minutes of Annual or Any other General Body Meetings would have been already confirmed as per additional clause (h)

Clause 30

Proposal : Add **(h) The Minutes of any type of General Body Meeting shall be confirmed in the next General Body Meeting irrespective of its nature**

Expl. : There should be scope of more General Body Meetings as proposed further.

Clause 31 Quorum – The Annual General Body Meeting shall be **dissolved** if a quorum is not present

Proposal : Replace the word **dissolved** with **adjourned**. Add **for 30 minutes. The adjourned meeting will be called to order after 30 minutes. This meeting will have same agenda items and the members present whatever be their number shall form the quorum and carry on the business.**

Expl. : As the society is growing larger it is practically impossible to have quorum of 10% of fellows, so instead of dissolving the meeting it's better to adjourn the meeting so that important business to be transacted doesn't suffer. More clear and practical.

Article IX **Extra-Ordinary General Body Meeting**

Proposal : Change to **Ordinary / Extra-Ordinary General Body Meeting**

Expl. : Clause for Ordinary General Body Meeting can be added

Clause 32

Proposal : To make two sections of the clause **32 (i)** and **32 (ii)**

Expl. : Clause 32(i) will be for Ordinary General Body Meeting and 32(ii) will be for Extra Ordinary General Body Meeting.

Proposal : New Clause

Clause 32(i) The Regular Ordinary General Body Meetings minimum once during Mid-year Conference and maximum thrice in a year shall be held on the advice of the Executive Council in the physical or online or hybrid mode.

- (a) All IPS related business with regular agenda including confirmation of minutes of last General Body Meeting irrespective of its nature can be discussed in such meetings.**
- (b) The notice and agenda of these meetings and the copies of minutes of last General Body Meeting shall be circulated by Hony. General Secretary at least 30 days before a meeting in physical mode and 10 days before when the meeting is to be held in Online or Hybrid mode.**
- (c) Quorum for such meeting shall be 10% of the fellows of the society. In the absence of Quorum the meeting shall be adjourned for 30 minutes and the adjourned meeting convened thereafter shall not need quorum and the number of members present shall form the quorum and carry on the business.**

Clause 32

Proposal : This will be called as **32(ii)**

- (d) But in any other case, it will stand adjourned to the next day**

Proposal : Replace the words as **for 30 minutes**

Thanking You

With warm regards

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Dated: Nov 13, 2023

PROPOSAL FROM MEMBER

I, Dr. Parag Suresh Shah, (Life Fellow No. 16173) of Indian Psychiatric Society, would like to propose a resolution, for the amendments in the constitution, for consideration by the Council.

EXISTING:

Part II: Rules of the Society - Article XVI Composition of Executive Council -
Clause 31 (A) Office Bearers:

(vii) Immediate Past Hon. General Secretary

(viii) Immediate Past Hon. Treasurer

(ix) Immediate Past Hon. Editor

PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR AMENDMENT: Points (vii), (viii) & (ix) (as shown above) To be deleted.

EXPLANATION: Nowhere in the world in any organization or society (medical or non-medical) these posts are considered as part of Office Bearers or Executive Council. This also increases the financial burden on the Society.

As per Article XX - Clause 36, kindly circulate it among the members of the society and submit it to the Annual General Body Meeting with comments of the Council (if any), to be held during ANCIPS 2024 at Kochi.

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LF 16173

Dated: Nov 13, 2023