



Minutes of the Special General Body Meeting held on 30.03.2025 at VD Swami Auditorium,

Dr SS Badrinath Campus, Sankara Nethralaya, Chennai

1. **Meeting called to order:** As there is no adequate quorum, meeting was adjourned by ten minutes.
2. **Welcome Address by the President:** Dr. Arulmozhi Varman welcomed all the members and requested to take their seats to continue with the agenda for the general body.
3. **Homage -** Dr. Sriram Gopal informed the demise of Dr. Sivagami. A minute silence was observed by all the committee members for the departed soul.
4. **Discussion on the various amendments proposed by the management committee**
Hon secretary Dr Sriram Gopal detailed the various reasons which necessitated a review of the constitution. He explained when and how the constitutional review committee was formed under the presidency of Dr Nirmal Fredrick, its members, when and how the recommendations were submitted to the Managing committee which deliberated all the recommendations and then came up with the proposed amendments which were tabled to all members a month ago.

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Seconded by : Dr Namitha B

TNOA also publishes an academic journal which is circulated to all the members and members are encouraged to submit articles to this journal. The Academic and Research Committee offers fellowship and travel scholarships to encourage its younger members to participate in training programs and update sessions. We, the members of TAMIL NADU Ophthalmic Association, do accept and establish this constitution as the guiding tool of our Association.

1. Organising conferences, symposia, seminars, workshops, refresher courses, etc., for promotion and mutual exchange of knowledge.
2. Promoting clinical, experimental, community and operational research in ophthalmology.
3. Instituting awards, ornaments, prizes, fellowships, studentships and research grants.
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6. Encouraging formation and affiliation of city / district/Super speciality ophthalmological societies within TAMIL NADU & Union Territory of Puducherry.
7. Co-operating with other Medical Associations.
8. Promotion of social contact and creation of goodwill amongst the ophthalmologists
9. Ensuring ethical practice and professional conduct of its members as laid down by the Association from time to time.
10. Advising on legislation affecting ophthalmic practice and the science of ophthalmology.
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15. Framing bye-laws, rules, regulations and to amend, add, alter or delete the same.
16. Undertake health education to prevent visual impairment and control blindness
17. Doing all such other things as may be incidental to or conducive to the attainment of the aims and objectives of the Association.
18. The activities would be confined to the territory of India.
19. The activities would be purely charitable in nature and not motivated for profit
20. The funds of the Association would be utilised only towards the objects and no portion of it would be distributed in any manner to the trustees / office bearers / members or persons defined in section 13(1) © of the income tax act 1961.
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23. To advocate for patient rights and hospital interests with government bodies, NGOs, media, and other stakeholders
24. Manage insurance-related matters affecting eye care providers and professionals.
25. Advise and support members on medico legal matters.
26. Regularly review financial planning, conduct audits, provide financial reports.

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Dr Sriram Gopal first brought up the need for a uniform address

Dr Nirmal Fredrick clarified that the address can be changed to the premises donated by Dr Siddharthan when the legal formalities are complete.

Dr M Radhakrishnan queried if we could have a communication address for the time being

Dr Sriram Gopal replied that the registrar of societies needs a permanent address for the society, and it is a legal requirement.

Dr Mohanrajan promised to do whatever help needed to this regard.

- a. **Years of existence of TNOA changed to 70 years and member strength to more the 4000**

Proposed by : Dr N Sathian

Seconded by : Dr Chokalingam

- b. **Change of address to reflect the address registered with the registrar of societies and across all documents**

Proposed by : M Radhakrishnan

Seconded by : Dr Pandurengan

- c. **Advocacy, medicolegal issues, insurance issues and finance related matters added**

Proposed by : Dr Kasinathan

Seconded by : Dr Mohanrajan

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Association shall consist of

1. Life Members

Medical practitioners who are Indian citizens domiciled in Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Puducherry holding allopathic qualifications recognized under Schedule I or III of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 and interested in the science and art of Ophthalmology shall be eligible for membership and pay LIFE membership subscription as defined in the bye-laws.

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP

Life members need to have completed the post graduation in ophthalmology to become a ratified member. If anyone who is doing post graduation applies they will be a "Member in Training" granted for a period of 5 years. Within this time they can submit their PG degree, TNMC Additional qualification registration and proof of residence in Tamilnadu (Govt issued ID). Anyone with only a PG degree and not a resident of TN will become a national member. If the "Member in Training" fails to produce such documents within 5 years, then the membership status is cancelled and they will have to apply afresh

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- Domiciled in Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Puducherry as evinced by a government issued proof of residence (Aadhar card, Voter ID, Passport &c)

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- Hold a post graduate degree in Ophthalmology
- I have the post graduate additional qualification registered with TNMC
- Interested in the science and art of Ophthalmology

Along shall be eligible for LIFE membership and pay LIFE membership subscription as defined in the bye-laws.

Only life members who are ratified will be eligible to vote and take part in elections.

Non ratified members are eligible only to take part in academic activities of the TNOA and are eligible to win endowment awards

2. National Members

- National members will be those persons who fulfil the criteria in the clause above but are not residents of Tamil Nadu or Puducherry.
- They shall be entitled to participate in all activities of the Association including the General Body meeting, but will not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the association, nor hold position of office and are not eligible for any endowment awards except those entitlements which are specifically provided in the bye-laws.
- They will pay a subscription as provided in the by-laws

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- National members will be those persons who fulfil the criteria in the clause above and are not residents of Tamil Nadu or Puducherry. They will be entitled to receive the TNOA JOSR Journal As a soft copy only.
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3. International Members

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3. Member in Training

Registered medical practitioners pursuing a post graduate course in ophthalmology will be included as a "Member in Training" for a period of five years from the date of registration. They will have the following privileges
They are entitled to participate in all activities of the Association including the General Body meeting.
They are eligible only to take part in academic activities of the TNOA and are eligible to win endowment awards.

Will not be entitled to vote at a meeting of the association, nor hold position of office

If they furnish proof of satisfying the criteria for a "Life Member" within that period of five years they will be ratified in the subsequent General Body meeting and become "Life Members".

Failure to produce such proof with the stipulated period of five years will lead to their "member in training" status getting lapsed and they will have to apply afresh if they wish at any later date.

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- They will pay a subscription as provided in the bye-laws.

4. Honorary Life Members

- Any person who has rendered outstanding service to Ophthalmology in general and Indian Ophthalmology in particular shall be eligible to this membership provided his / her name is recommended and passed at both the meetings of the Managing Committee and the General Body.
- Honorary Members shall be entitled to participate in all the activities of the Association, but shall not be entitled to vote at a meeting of the Association, nor hold position of office nor apply for an award.
- They are exempt from paying membership subscription.
- Honorary life members will not be more than 5% of the total membership of the Association.
- One life member can propose only one honorary member during his / her life time.

5. Associate members

- This membership will be life membership. It will comprise of:
- Medical practitioners holding allopathic qualifications under Schedule I and III of Indian Medical Council Act, 1956
 - Non - Medical scientists interested in ophthalmic sciences
 - They shall pay the Life Membership subscription as defined in the bye-laws.
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- Medical practitioners holding allopathic qualifications under Schedule I and III of Indian Medical Council Act, 1956.
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ARTICLE VI - SUBSCRIPTION

The subscription for the life members, National, International and Associate members will be as stipulated in the bye-laws from time to time.

ARTICLE VII - PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP

- All Life Members shall be entitled to participate in all the activities of the Association including the right to vote and stand for office and shall also be entitled to receive publications of the Association as provided in the bye-laws.
- New Life Member Applicant: The application for membership (except Associate & Honorary Members) duly proposed by one ratified member and seconded by one ratified member of the Association shall be recommended by the managing committee and ratified by the General Body for admission to the Association.
- A New Life Member Applicant (except Associate & Honorary Members) whose application is under consideration is entitled to attend and take part in the deliberations of the Conference of the Association as defined in the Bye Laws if it is held prior to his/her membership being approved by the General Body but will not have the right to vote till his/her membership is duly ratified by the General Body.
- All Associate Members shall be entitled to participate in scientific and social activities of the Association. They shall not be entitled to attend nor vote at a General Body meeting nor hold any office.
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ARTICLE VIII - CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Association will cease:

- By Voluntary Resignation
- Death of the Member
- Before any disciplinary action is taken against any member for any professional misconduct, the member will be served with a notice in writing to appear before a meeting of the Managing Committee and will be given an opportunity to explain. The Managing Committee shall decide by a two thirds majority of those present & voting to delete the name of the member from the membership any professional misconduct. This decision shall become final on confirmation by the General Body at its next meeting or Special General Body called for this purpose.
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ARTICLE IX - GENERAL BODY

1. LIFE Members shall constitute the General Body of the Association
2. It shall govern the affairs of the Association through its elected office - bearers and committees
3. It shall hold a general Body meeting during the conference, ordinarily to be held once a year. 21 days notice shall be given prior to the General Body Meeting.
4. Quorum : minimum of 5% of total members shall form the quorum
5. Adjourned Meeting: In case the Quorum is not present at the start of the meeting or during the meeting of the Annual General Body Meeting, the meeting shall adjourn for at least 30 minutes and shall meet on the same day at the same venue.
6. The recalled meeting will not require any Quorum
7. The General Body Meeting will be called to order at 9 AM; signatures will be obtained from all the members present; condolences expressed; followed by the two orations; then the regular affairs of the association will be taken up

ARTICLE X - SPECIAL GENERAL BODY

1. A Special General Body Meeting can be called by any of the following for a specific purpose
 - a. The President
 - b. On a requisition signed by at least 2/3rd members of the Managing Committee.
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Secretary Dr Sriram Gopal detailed on how the total number of members was increasing rapidly every year whereas the numbers were of mostly postgraduates or were doing fellowship in our state or even worse, the main purpose of membership was to only facilitate presenting a paper in the annual conference as mandated by the NMC a few years back. He explained the different memberships now in vogue, the vagueness in the definition of a “domicile” and the ultimate lack of quorum in our meetings in comparison to the total number of members. He stressed on curating the member records to include only qualified ophthalmologists who are resident in the state of Tamil Nadu and having a registration of additional qualification with the TNMC.

Dr Nirmal Fredrick wanted only a brief note on each point since it was taking up so much time

Dr Arulmozhivarman wanted a detailed explanation of each change, the rationale behind it so that the members understand the reason behind the changes. He wanted it to be clear that the changes were there for a reason and there was no motive to it. He detailed on Tamil Nadu having the largest number of post graduate seats in the whole country.

Dr Balaji R explained that since they will anyways pay a membership fee it will not have a financial implication for the association.

Dr M Radhakrishnan wanted to know if asking for permanent and current address will help in any way.

Dr Arulmozhivarman explained that it would be of no use.

Dr Sriram Gopal explained that the review committee suggested keeping these PGs aside and ratifying them when they produce the required documents which was practically very complicated. And that the MC had suggested that the PGs be kept in a separate category called “Member in Training” which also had its own share of problems.

He suggested that a ratified life member should only be one with a PG degree, have govt issued proof of residence in TN and have a additional qualification registered with the TNMC. Anyone without all three can be classified as a associate member. This category can become a ratified life member if they produce these documents within 5 years.

Dr Namitha B wanted to know how the other specialty associations went about this issue and whether it would make sense to have an annual membership.

Dr Sriram Gopal replied that this was the case with other associations like ENT, anesthesia etc and that having an annual membership will mean going after each of these members for the annual subscription.

Dr Arulmozhivarman added this was how many other state ophthalmic associations handled this as well.

Dr Sukumar S S queried on whether the discounted conference registration fees for the PGs would continue.

Dr Sriram Gopal replied in the affirmative saying that it would carry on as usual.

Dr V R Vijayaraghavan wanted to know if we could make all the PGs from Tamil Nadu as life members.

Dr Arulmozhivarman replied that they can be when they produce the PG certificate as is the practice across all other associations.

Dr Thangavelu wanted a practical working solution, have a certain type of membership, have a fixed period and bring them into it, if at the end of the period if interested and they produce the needed proof they can be ratified. He also suggested that attending at least 3 GB meetings be made a criterion for becoming a life member.

Dr Nirmal Fredrick recalled that annual membership that was in force in 2012 and said that this was something like that. He suggested that the term be liquid, and they be ratified in the next GB if and when they produce the needed proof.

Dr Arulmozhivarman summarized that anyone who produces a PG degree certificate in Ophthalmology, Govt issued proof of residence in Tamil Nadu and TNMC registration within 5 years of becoming a member can be ratified in the next GB and added that it was not any different to what Dr Nirmal was implying.

Dr Sriram Gopal then raised the issue of being eligible to win awards in the conference.

Dr Arulmozhivarman reiterated that if they are eligible to present papers then they should be eligible to win awards as well.

Dr Nivean brought up the case of DOS where only ratified life members are eligible to win awards.

Dr Sukumar also wanted clarity on that point as well.

Dr Chandrasekar pointed out that currently PGs present papers before being ratified but are eligible to win awards.

Dr Sriram Gopal pointed out that there is fallacy that they are not ratified when they win the award but are ratified when they are present the award in the next conference.

Dr Nirmal Fredrick suggested that a delineation that all should be eligible for the contested awards for presentations and the nominated awards should be eligible only to ratified life members.

Dr Arulmozhivarman agreed with the same.

Dr Vijay Shanmugam spoke for the PGs and for them to be included in all aspects of the association.

Dr Arulmozhivarman thanked him for his inputs

In conclusion the following 3 points will be the criterion for becoming a "Ratified Life Member" of the TNOA

1. Postgraduate degree in Ophthalmology
2. Govt issued proof of residence in Tami Nadu (Aadhar, Passport, Driving license, Voter ID, Ration Card)
3. Additional qualification registration with the TNMC

Anyone lacking even one of these will be an associate member and will continue to be so for a period of 5 years from the date of joining by which time if they produce such proof they will be ratified in the next GB failing which they will be removed from the associate member list.

The only two current associate members can be made honorary members.

Dr Chandrasekar cited an example of an election contestant not having a TNMC registration last year

Dr Sriram Gopal explained the current constitution says only "domicile" and does not define it. That the main aim of these changes was to remove any ambiguity which existed and make it clear.

He also went on to ask the members present what happened to the existing members who did not meet the above criteria.

Dr Namitha opined that they should give the data within 3 months

Dr Arulmozhivarman explained that this exercise should be taken up from the next conference for the existing members.

Dr Sriram Gopal suggested the same and it must be started from Cherrycon since simultaneously the elections also will be going on during this time.

Dr Nirmal Fredrick suggested that new resolutions need not be brought be brought up and this be taken as a separate amendment in the next GB

Dr Sukumar wanted to know if a current life member will lose his voting right if he becomes relegated to an associate member.

Dr Arulmozhivarman and **Dr Sriram Gopal** replied in the affirmative.

Dr Sriram Gopal quoted a couple of examples wherein there was a discrepancy.

He went on to say how digitization has helped keep the records more accurate.

Dr Sharmila Devi wanted to know if a Bonafide certificate from the institution and registration for the conference alone can be make a Post graduate eligible to present papers in the annual conference.

Dr Sriram Gopal explained that even now anyone can be a presenting author but must have a TNOA member as a chief author.

Dr Arulmozhivarman agreed with the same.

Dr Sriram Gopal queried if in “cessation of membership” the “failure to produce the documents within 5 years” must be added as criteria towards cessation of membership.

Dr Chandrasekar opined that the members could continue to be an associate member for ever if they wanted without being ratified.

Dr Arulmozhivarman and **Dr Sukumar** also agreed that they can continue as an associate member.

Dr Chandrasekar wanted to know if we can call them domiciled members.

Dr Nirmal Fredrick replied saying that the Societies act is a central act, and we cannot change or add as per our wish.

Dr Sriram Gopal brought up the changes like

- Period of notice for the GB reduced to 21 days instead of 30 days
- Quorum stays at 5% as before
- Life member will mean “Ratified Life Members” only

All present agreed to these changes

Dr Chokalingam opined that allopathic was not a correct term and **Dr Sriram Gopal** agreed saying that it should be ideally called “Modern Scientific Medicine”

All the above amendments were passed

Proposed by : Dr Manoj Khatri

Seconded by : Dr Chockalingam

New committees

ARTICLE XI. COMMITTEES

The following shall be the statutory committees elected by the Association:

1. Managing Committee
2. Executive Committee
3. Editorial COMMITTEE of TNOA JOURNAL OF OPHTHALMIC SCIENCE AND RESEARCH
4. Academic & Research Committee
5. Ethics Committee
6. Standards Committee
7. Grievance Committee

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8. Medico-Legal Committee
9. Insurance committee
10. Finance Committee

Dr Sriram Gopal detailed about the new committees added and renaming the standards committee.

Dr Kasinathan raised a query about having one single committee called member welfare committee which would have experts regarding issues to help members solve their issues.

Dr Sriram Gopal clarified that many issues like medicolegal and Insurance etc have a significant overlap. This will enable a single point of contact and make things easier.

Dr Arulmozhivarman suggested the President and secretary and Immediate past president and vice president as a part of this member welfare committee

Dr Nirmal Fredrick explained how discussions earlier necessitated separate committees and though there was an overlap many issues needed different areas of expertise. He went on to agree that the president and secretary are Ex Officio members of all committees and the president and secretary is the first point of contact for all member issues. He also said how at a given point in time each committee will have a role to play in dealing with issues.

Dr Rajasekar reiterated that the first point of contact is the secretary who will escalate it to a mail trail to the respective committees and relay the response to the member

Dr Sriram Gopal agreed with the same and quoted a recent example as well

All the above amendments were passed

Proposed by : Dr Ravishankar

Seconded by : Dr M Kumaran

Managing committee

2. Functions

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Dr Sriram Gopal explained that the number of MC members were proposed to be increased to 15 since the present 7 numbers was decided in the year 2000 when we had 5 district societies and 1200 members, but now there were 18 district societies and more than 4000 members. He also added the 2018 amendment stated that one must have been a MC member at some point of time to take up any other office bearer post. Hence this was a bottle neck in members taking up office bearer posts incl vice president.

Dr Arulmozhivarman explained the hiatus of 25 years since the numbers were increased. He also compared it to Maharashtra which had as many members as us also had 15 MC members.

A member raised a query on a proportional increase and keep it lesser.

Dr Arulmozhivarman explained that that will mean increasing it 4 times which will mean 28 members One member wanted it to be divided into 4 zones and have it represented proportionally

DR SRIRAM GOPAL explained that all district societies are not equal in size and number

DR. N V ARULMOZHIVARMAN said that all district societies are represented in the managing council

Dr M Radhakrishnan asked if the managing council member will be eligible for contesting elections

DR NIRMAL FREDRICK clarified that they are only representative of the district society only and not a managing committee member

He went on to add that the editorial committee and the ARC committee can have an increased number and have regional or zonal representation like in the AIOS. They could be elected members and will be part of the managing committee straightaway.

He also said that the editorial board needs to be there to meet the regulation of the publishers

Dr Chokalingam said he was seeing the same faces so getting more faces and increasing the base of representation it must be more participative. He added that this was going to be in the vogue for at least 5 years so it should not be a problem.

DR SRIRAM GOPAL explained that this was a way of involving more people in the affairs of the association and make them interested in taking up other posts

Dr Sharmila asked about bringing in more people in ARC committee etc rather than the MC

DR. N V ARULMOZHIVARMAN explained that they are independent bodies and are not a managing committee themselves. MC members need to be elected and not ones who come in by virtue of being in any other committee like the ARC. The members of committees like the ARC are nominated and not elected

DR NIRMAL FREDRICK suggested that they be made elected members and not nominated members

DR. N V ARULMOZHIVARMAN intervened and stated that the point of discussion was increase in number of the MC and not whether we can have ARC and editorial board must comprise of elected members. He said this was not a part of the recommendations from the MC and cannot be taken up here since it was a different proposal

DR NIRMAL FREDRICK said that the recommendations of the Constitutional review committee and the MC have not been separately posted here and wanted recommendation of the CRC and the changes cleared by the MC

DR. N V ARULMOZHIVARMAN replied that the Constitutional review committee was an arbitrary body formed by the then president. It was fully up to the MC to take those suggestions, add, delete or extrapolate them and submit its final proposed amendments to the members and thence the general body and that it was not binding on the MC to fully take up the suggestions of the CRC

DR SRIRAM GOPAL stated that the recommendations of the CRC were sent the members of the CRC, then sent to the MC one month in advance for scrutiny, the changes were discussed over a zoom meeting for 3 hours prior to the MC meeting and then again a few points were also discussed in person at the MC meeting held in January 2025 at the mid-year meeting. He added the MC can amend alter and change to constitution with a 30 day notice

DR NIRMAL FREDRICK wanted more clarity on what the changes were

DR SRIRAM GOPAL clarified that the recommendations of the MC which were being discussed here

DR. N V ARULMOZHIVARMAN reiterated his earlier point of the powers of the MC and then that MC would be superfluous if the CRC recommendations were to be tabled in the GB

DR SRIRAM GOPAL said that all the MC members were in possession of the draft of the CRC

Dr M Radhakrishnan stated that the societies act stated that any member of 10 years can stand for president elect.

Dr D Chandrasekar brought up the point that there is a provision in the current constitution that any member can propose a change in the constitution with a 3 months' notice and it was not conveyed to the members

Dr D Chandrasekar complained that the current constitution was not present in the TNOA website

DR SRIRAM GOPAL replied that the 2018 constitution has been at the same tab on the website since 2018 and has not changed since

Dr D Chandrasekar complained again that it was not available on the website

DR SRIRAM GOPAL opened that TNOA website and demonstrated on screen that the 2018 constitution was very much present at the same tab along with the conference manual etc. He clarified the terminology of the tab and he assumed that all members had accessed the website at some time earlier and were aware where the constitution could be accessed. He went on to show that the 2018 constitution was very much present and highlighted the words "Amendments approved by the SGB held on 3/6/2018" explaining that amendments have to be approved by the GB to come into force.

DR. N V ARULMOZHIVARMAN agreed to the above points and stated it was acceptable that one can complain about difficulty in navigation but not an allegation that it was not there at all

All the above amendments were passed

Proposed by : Dr Ravikumar

Seconded by : Dr Pandurengan

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- b. The Honorary General Secretary shall circulate the agenda for the meeting at least a month before the date of the meeting through hard copy, email or any other accepted means of documentable communication.
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DR SRIRAM GOPAL stated there were only a few clerical errors that were corrected, and it was specified that there should be at least one in person meeting per year

Executive Committee – No changes

ARTICLE XIII - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. Composition

- a. President
- b. President Elect
- c. Vice President
- d. Honorary General Secretary
- e. Honorary Treasurer

The President may invite any other person / persons as Special invitees but such persons will have no voting rights and shall leave the meeting at the end of the discussion relevant to them.

2. Functions

Conduct affairs of the Association and meet as often as necessary or by acceptable electronic means. It will nominate TWO members to represent Tamil Nadu on the Managing Committee of the All India Ophthalmological Society when called for by the AIOS subject to ratification by the Managing Committee, "Provided that one of the members shall be the Secretary of the Tamil Nadu Ophthalmic Association".

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Journal of the Association – No changes

ARTICLE XIV - JOURNAL OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. The Association shall publish a journal called "Journal of Tamil Nadu Ophthalmic Association"
2. One issue of this journal will be devoted to the proceedings of the Annual Conference every year.
3. The Editor shall be elected once in three years and shall constitute an Editorial Committee which shall comprise of
 - a. Editor
 - b. Managing Editor
 - c. Three Members

Ex-officio Members (entitled to vote)

- a. The President
- b. Honorary General Secretary
- c. Honorary Treasurer
- d. Immediate Past Editor

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 - b. Ex-officio Members
 1. The President
 2. Honorary General Secretary
 3. Honorary Treasurer
 4. Immediate Past Editor
 - c. Managing Editor, Associate Editors, Joint Editors and peer reviewers (Section wise)
 - d. National or International ophthalmologists as advisors (Without Voting Rights)
(c & d approved by the Managing Committee)

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Academic and research committee

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ARTICLE XV -ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE

The Academic and Research Committee will consist of:

- a. Chairman
- b. Three members nominated by Chairman

Ex-officio members (entitled to vote)

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Members increased to 5 instead of 3 earlier. Members to be nominated and approved by the MC
DR SRIRAM GOPAL suggested that this could have the zonal representation which was discussed earlier

Dr Sukumar SS agreed to the change

Dr Chitra R suggested that these members to be elected

Dr Sukumar opined that it was not possible

DR SRIRAM GOPAL explained that the role of these members was coordination of ARC activities in each area and was possible only with such an arrangement

DR NIRMAL FREDRICK drew a parallel to the AIOS model wherein there were elected members to the ARC

DR. N V ARULMOZHIVARMAN said that this point was not brought up in the CRC and the MC and hence could not be taken up as an amendment. He reiterated that the purpose of the SGB was only to discuss the recommendation of the MC and not bring up new ideas and did not want any deviation and dilution of that agenda

Dr Mohanrajan agreed that the SGB needs to stick to its agenda and not deviate

Dr Siddharthan explained that any suggestions from the members must be drafted properly well in advanced, worded properly an sent to the secretary to be taken up in the MC and the GB and not be mere oral suggestion in the SGB

DR SRIRAM GOPAL reminded about how any member can suggest a change of the proper timeline and protocol was followed

All the above amendments were passed

Proposed by : Dr Sandeep

Seconded by : Dr Karunanithi

Election and tenure of Office Bearers

ARTICLE XVI - ELECTION AND TENURE OF OFFICE - BEARERS AND MEMBERS OF THE STATUTORY COMMITTEES

The Association shall elect the following office - bearers

1. The Vice - President shall be elected by the ratified members of TNOA who are eligible to vote every year. He becomes the President Elect the following year.
2. The Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Joint Secretary, Joint Treasurer, Editor, ARC Chairman and 7 Members of Managing Committee will be elected by the ratified members of TNOA who are eligible to vote for a period of 3 years or at 3rd annual conference whichever is longer, at the end of which period they will not be eligible for re-election for the same post.
3. In case there is an election it will be by secret ballot as per conditions and procedures laid down in the bye-laws
4. The President - Elect of the previous year will become President from the commencement of the next annual conference.
5. Vacancies:
The following succession shall be effective:
 - a. President will be succeeded by President - Elect
 - b. President - Elect will be succeeded by Vice - President
 - c. Honorary General Secretary will be succeeded by the Honorary Joint Secretary
 - d. Honorary Treasurer will be succeeded by the Honorary Joint Treasurer
 - e. Other Office Bearers and Chairman of Committees and members will be nominated by the President subject to ratification by the Executive Committee and shall hold office for the residual term.
6. Office bearers and committee members shall cease to hold office :
 - a. When the period of their tenure is over
 - b. If by a resolution, the special General Body, called for the purpose, decides by a 3/4th of the majority of members present that certain office - bearer or bearers be removed from office.
7. The election will be by secret Ballot which may be by physical or electronic balloting as per conditions and procedures laid down in the bye laws

ARTICLE XVII - FUNCTIONS OF THE PRESIDENT, PRESIDENT- ELECT AND VICE PRESIDENT

- a. The President will act on behalf of the Association and will represent the Association during his/her tenure.
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The following **interim** succession **until the next elections** shall be effective:
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Only correction of typographical errors

ARTICLE XVIII - FUNCTIONS OF THE HONORARY GENERAL SECRETARY

- The Honorary General Secretary shall manage all correspondence and shall keep the minutes of the Association and Committee Meetings which will be read and confirmed at the following meetings respectively.
- He shall have charge of all records of the office and keep a register of all papers communicated to him.
- He shall be responsible to the Association for carrying out the resolutions of the Associations.
- All records shall be open to inspection by any member of the Association after a written request to the President and passed by the Managing Committee.
- All documents, covenants, contracts shall be made jointly with the Honorary Treasurer. All Properties and Documents of the Association shall be under the custody of Honorary General Secretary.
- The Honorary General Secretary may incur an expenditure in unforeseen circumstances as per the guidelines provided in the Bye-laws.
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1. The Honorary Treasurer shall receive money due to the Association and shall make all payments in accordance with any rules framed by the Managing Committee and shall conduct transactions and every receipt given shall be signed by him. He will prepare a statement regarding the financial position of the Association jointly with the Honorary General Secretary which will be audited by the certified auditors and present the same at the annual meeting of the General Body for adoption.

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2. The Accounts shall be operated jointly by :
 - a. Honorary General Secretary or Honorary Joint Secretary and
 - b. Honorary Treasurer or the Honorary Joint Treasurer
3. The treasurer and the secretary shall jointly maintain a list of current members and their database including their contact numbers, address, email ID, government approved ID
4. He shall act under the advice and guidance of the finance committee

Dr Chocklalingam corrected it to “circulated before and was accepted as read” as the right wording
This was accepted by all

Dr Balaji R wanted to have clarity on the words “acting under the advice of the “Finance Committee” while now the Secretary and treasurer were acting under the advice of the EC and MC

Proposed by : Dr Sathyan N
Seconded by : Dr Jayanthan S

Finance

ARTICLE XX – FINANCE

1. **The Finance of the Association shall be kept under one single account**
2. **General Accounts: One TNOA account under different head of accounts.**
The General Account will include all receipts and expenditure by way of
 - a. Subscription
 - b. Advertisement charges
 - c. 25% Funds collected by the Association from stall charges
 - d. Any surplus or deficit generated from conferences, meetings, symposium etc. hosted by Tamil Nadu Ophthalmic association.
 - e. Sale of any property belonging to the Association.
 - f. Payments made towards holding of conferences, workshops, instructions courses, continuing medical education programme, public medical education activities, social service activities, medical camps, donations, printing and stationary, postage and courier, salary to office assistants, taxes, fees, etc. for the efficient working of the association and office.
 - g. Interest earned from bank accounts both savings and fixed Deposits.
3. **Fixed Deposits:**
 - a. All life membership subscription shall go to the reserve fund. Only the interest from this will be transferred to the general fund.
 - b. Any other income or unconditional donations may be added to this fund at the discretion of the managing committee with approval of the General Body.
- c. Donation towards Awards
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 - a. Funds will be AL Local Organizing Committee aid to Academic and Research Committee in the annual budget to be approved by the MC and GB.
5. Journal Account :
 - a. Funds will be AL Local Organizing Committee aid to Journal of TNOA in the annual budget - to be approved by the MC and GB.
6. The Constitution & Bye-laws book may be printed once in 3 years incorporating all the amendments and working rules. The total number of copies to be printed will be = to the number of members + 600 copies for the new members who are expected to join in the next 3 years and may be modified from time to time depending on circumstances.

ARTICLE XX – FINANCE

The Finance of the Association shall be kept under one single tax assessment. All transactions shall only be under the PAN and GST assessment of the Tamil Nadu Ophthalmic Association

TNOA Main Account

This will include all receipts and expenditure by way of

1. Membership charges
2. Advertisement charges
3. Sale of any property belonging to the Association.
4. Accounts and Payments made towards holding of all conferences, workshops, sponsorships to academic events, instructions courses, continuing medical education programme, public medical education activities, social service activities, medical camps, donations, printing and stationary, postage and courier, salary to office assistants, taxes, fees, etc. for the efficient working of the association and office,
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Sponsorship Account

This shall serve as the "Verified" sponsorship account of the TNOA. The aim of this account is to have a same account year on year for the sponsors to pay into. The Hon Treasurer of the TNOA and the Organising Secretary / Conference Treasurer shall handle this account.

Conference Account

To facilitate payment of delegate registration fees by way of the payment gateway, This account will be handled by the Organising Secretary of that year's conference and the Conference treasurer.

Conference Revenue

1. 5% of all heads of income collected (inclusive of TDS) towards conduct of the conference shall be transferred to the Main account of the TNOA
2. All taxes incl GST shall be handled by the TNOA. The LOC shall ensure that the funds due towards such taxes are remitted to the Main account of the TNOA in the first week of the subsequent month.
3. Any surplus generated from conferences, meetings, symposium etc. hosted by Tamil Nadu Ophthalmic association will be shared by the TNOA and LOC on an equal basis.

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1. All life membership fees shall go to the Main account.
2. Any other income or unconditional donations may be added to this account at the discretion of the managing committee with approval of the General Body.
3. Donation towards Awards, shall be made into one Fixed Deposit with the interest being transferred to the Main Account to foot the expenses towards such awards
4. Funding of various Committees
Funds will be allotted to the various statutory committees in the annual budget, to be approved by the MC and GB,

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DR SRIRAM GOPAL explained the reorganization of the various accounts of the TNOA, one main account one sponsor account and one conference account

He brought up the point of sharing of conference revenue and wanted a consensus on the percentage of sharing He clarified that the GST is fully paid to the govt, nothing is retained by the TNOA and the GST credit is a myth

DR. N V ARULMOZHIVARMAN stated that 10% is too high a number

Dr Atheek also agreed that 10% will be not a viable number to conduct a conference

DR SRIRAM GOPAL explained that TDS deduction is 10% at times and 5% share for TNOA is a logistical difficulty

DR SRIRAM GOPAL suggested it to be changed to 5% exclusive of TDS

Discussion went on to the cost of the journal. **Dr Balaji** clarified that not giving physical copies did not reduce the outgo by a big margin

It was agreed that the TNOA share to be limited to 5% exclusive of TDS, GST and any other taxes that may apply

All the above amendments were passed

Proposed by : Dr SS Sukumar

Seconded by : Dr R Balaji

Conferences

ARTICLE XXI –CONFERENCES

1. The Association shall organize conference / conferences at least once a year.
2. The venue of the conferences shall be recommended by the Managing Committee and approved by General Body. In unforeseen situations, the President will take decision in consultation with the Executive Committee.
3. Six months before the date of the conference, a preliminary notice will be sent to every member by the Honorary General Secretary.
4. The conference shall be organized on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Ophthalmic Association only by affiliated Local Organizing Committee or bodies (Ophthalmic) and the President, Secretary and Treasurer of TNOA will be ex officio members of the Organising Committee & Chairman Scientific Committee of previous Local Organizing Committee.
5. Request for hosting the future conference(s) should reach the Secretary TNOA one month before the Annual managing council meeting. The affiliate association should have passed a resolution in their meeting to host the conference, the managing council member of the requesting association must be present at the meeting.
6. Absenteeism of Presenters and Chairpersons and other officials, without due intimation in writing to the Chairman Scientific Committee of Local Organizing Committee during the conference will lead to such persons being banned for a period of one year from presenting papers or holding such positions.
7. The audited statement of accounts of the conference shall be submitted by the Organising Secretary to the Honorary Treasurer of the Association before 31st December of the respective calendar year.
8. The Chief Guests of a TNOA Annual Conference will be selected by the Local Organizing Committee in consultation with the President Elect.
9. In the TNOA Annual Conference, other allied specialty members can participate as speakers, but not as Chairman, Co-Chairman, Convenor or Moderator.
10. The presentation certificates will be issued to all authors of free papers subject to the maximum of 3 co-authors.
11. The organising Secretary of each TNOA Conference shall provide along with the accounts, the list of faculty members who have defaulted before the next managing committee meeting.
12. TNOA registration for Medical council credit marks with TNMC: TNOA has been formally registered as an association with the TNMC to conduct conferences and CME and give CME credit hours for TNOA conference. Certificate charges for the credit hours will be added to the Delegate Registration fee.

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4. The conference shall be organized by the affiliated society on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Ophthalmic Association. The affiliate society will form a local organising committee to conduct the event. The President, President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer of the TNOA and Scientific Committee Chairman of previous conference will be ex officio members of the Organising Committee.
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DR SRIRAM GOPAL explained the reason the deadline needs to be shifted to the end of the financial year rather than the calendar year

He added the reasoning in adding trade partners in the defaulting list

Dr Sathyan. N wanted to know if there should be a separate clause to state what action must be taken in case of a default

DR SRIRAM GOPAL and **DR. N V ARULMOZHIVARMAN** explained that this needs to be taken on a case-to-case basis by the EC rather than a blanket response

Dr Chockalingam was also of the opinion that a default list needs to be submitted, and appropriate action needs to be taken by the EC and MC

All the above amendments were passed

Proposed by : Dr D Chandrasekar

Seconded by : Dr Vasantha

Bye Laws

ARTICLE XXII – BYE-LAWS

The society under its constitution shall frame bye laws for the smooth functioning of the affairs of the society.

ARTICLE XXIII – AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

1. The managing committee may recommend an amendment, addition, alteration or deletion to the Constitution, provided they give at least 30 days clear notice with the details of proposed amendment to the members of the Association before the Special General Body Meeting called for the purpose or at the Annual General Body as a special resolution.
2. Any member may propose any amendment, addition, alteration or deletion to the Constitution giving a minimum 60 days clear notice before the Special General Body Meeting or at the Annual General Body Meeting as a special resolution. The proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing and shall be duly seconded and signed by five other members of the Association.
3. Quorum for amendment of constitution shall be the same as that for the Annual General Body meeting.
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3. Quorum for amendment of bye-laws shall be the same as that for Special General Body Meeting.
4. Any amendment addition, alteration or deletion in the bye-laws shall be made if approved by simple majority of the members present at the Special Annual General Body Meeting.

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If upon dissolution of the Association there shall remain after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among members of the Association or any of them, but shall be given or transferred to association or associations, institution or institutes having objects similar to any of the objects of association to be determined by the votes of not less than three-fifth of the members present personally or by proxy in a meeting at or before the time of the dissolution or in default thereof by the High Court of the State of Tamil Nadu.

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Only correction of syntax and grammatical errors

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District / City / Other Associations / Societies

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2. These Societies shall frame their own constitution which shall not be in conflict with the constitution of TNOA. In the absence of their own constitution and bye-laws, constitution and bye-laws of TNOA will apply.
3. Each affiliated society shall pay onetime affiliation fee of Rs.1,000/-
4. Each affiliated city and other societies must have at least 5 members of its rolls who are members of TNOA.
5. Each affiliated body will nominate one person to the Managing Council of the TNOA which will be advisory council and is meant to bring out the grass root level problems at their Local Organizing Committee alities.
6. These societies shall be autonomous so far as the internal management and working are concerned.
7. Report of the activities of the societies may be published in the Journal of TNOA.

II. SUBSCRIPTION

Subscription for all categories shall be decided by General Body from time to time.

Membership Subscription:

TNOA Life Member	: Rs.4000.00
National Member	: Rs.4000.00
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6. These societies shall be autonomous so far as the internal management and working are concerned.
7. The annual report of the affiliate societies shall be sent to the TNOA every year, one month prior to the annual conference to be included in the TNOA year book.

II. MEMBERSHIP FEES

The membership fees for various categories shall be decided every year at the Managing committee meeting and ratified at the annual general body meeting.

DR SRIRAM GOPAL highlighted the raise in fees for affiliated societies to INR 5000 and insisting on 50% of members of the affiliated society rather than 5 members as earlier. He also emphasized on making it mandatory for sending the annual report to the TNOA

DR. N V ARULMOZHIVARMAN added that this responsibility be passed on the ARC to ensure this happens

DR SRIRAM GOPAL explained that the membership fees need to be decided by the MC and GB like the conference fees rather than state a number

DR NIRMAL FREDRICK clarified that the same can be decided by the MC and cleared in the GB since this was only in the bye Laws. But it was agreed not to put in a numerical value in the constitution

All the above amendments were passed

Proposed by : Dr D Chandrasekar

Seconded by : Dr Ravikumar

Eligibility to various Offices

III. ELIGIBILITY FOR VARIOUS OFFICES

1. Past Presidents will not contest any election but they may be nominated or co-opted in any committee
2. No member shall hold more than one office or more than two committee memberships at any one time. One member can contest for only one post

A. Vice President

1. Must have been a member of good standing for a minimum period of 10 years
2. Must have held an organizational position either as an office bearer or a member of Managing Committee for a minimum period of one term and attended at least four such meetings.
3. Should have actively participated in the scientific / organizational activities of the Association.

B. Honorary General Secretary and Honorary Treasurer

1. Must have been a member of good standing of the Association for 5 years.
2. Must have been a member of the Managing Committee for at least one full term and attended at least four meetings of the Managing Committee.
3. Should have actively participated in the scientific / organizational activities of the Association.

C. EDITOR

1. Must have been a member of good standing of the Association for 5 years
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3. He/she should have been member of the Managing Committee for one full term & attended four Managing Committee Meetings.

D. ARC CHAIRMAN

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F. MEMBER – MANAGING COMMITTEE:

1. Must have been a member of good standing of the Association for 3 years.
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DR SRIRAM GOPAL explained that the ambiguity in the old clause “to contest for one post” be changed to “to file nomination for only one post” after inputs from the Election commission

He explained that changing / withdrawal and renomination was possible but not two nominations at the same time

Dr Chandrasekar wanted transparency in the nominations filed from the secretary’s office

DR SRIRAM GOPAL and **DR NIRMAL FREDRICK** explained that the secretary was only a returning officer who forwards the nomination to the election commission

Dr Siddarthan wanted to know the frequency of the update

Dr Jeyanthan added the hard copies can come in only by the last date of withdrawal making the process easier

Seconded by : Dr M Radhakrishnan

It should be published every quarter. The quarterly terms for the TNOA Journal are

First Quarter	: <u>October to December</u>
Second Quarter	: <u>January to March</u>
Third Quarter	: <u>April to June</u>
Fourth Quarter	: <u>July to September</u>

Dr Mohanrajan pointed out the difficulty in the AIOS model of online elections and the difficulty involved

DR SRIRAM GOPAL suggested to have online voting until the first day of the conference with a helpdesk to enable voting on the first day of the conference

Dr Chandrasekar wanted to know why elections had not been called for 6 months prior this year before the constitutional revision

DR. N V ARULMOZHIVARMAN stated that this was not the practice in the years prior and wondered why this was being brought up this year alone

Dr Chandrasekar replied saying that his delay might have a role in the upcoming elections since the MC numbers have been increased to 15

DR SRIRAM GOPAL wanted to know if an election called after the aforesaid deadline would countermand the elections of the previous year(s). He added that the president calls for elections under the advice of the Election commission and the secretary only communicates the same. He recalled the discussion with the president and the Election comm and their suggestion to wait so that the need or physical voting can be done away with after the revision of the constitution.

DR. N V ARULMOZHIVARMAN was of the opinion that since the election were never called for 6 months prior and there had never been an issue nor was it brought up as an issue. So, he advised to move on

Dr Chandrasekar wanted these elections to have only 7 members in the MC as before

DR SRIRAM GOPAL said one aspect alone cannot made an exception so that would mean having physical voting as well

Dr Chandrasekar said he did not want to keep physical voting but was insistent on the number of MC members to be kept at 7

DR SRIRAM GOPAL explained that except the increase of MC members to 15 nothing else would change like the list of ratified members with voting rights since the new members would be ratified only at the next GB after the elections. He went on to recall that everyone in the GB agreed to stop physical voting and to increase the number of MC members from 7 to 15 as evinced by the discussions earlier. He wondered why all these changes which were accepted need to be postponed for another 3 years

Dr Chandrasekar agreed to all the points but still stuck to his demand of maintaining the number of MC members to 7 only, but wanted all other changes with respect to the constitution and the election to be enforced this year itself

Dr Siddarthan queried Dr Chandrasekar on what his point was and what he would achieve by doing such a thing

DR. N V ARULMOZHIVARMAN wondered how if this was not acceptable for this election how it would become acceptable 3 years from now

Dr Chockalingam made a point that there was still 4 months left according to the amended constitution, so we were not doing anything against that. He went on to say this was not a change that was brought up only one to two months before the elections. He also stated that when the six months period had never been followed in true spirit in the previous years, why this year alone that should be raised as an issue, and nothing is going to change since there is still 4 months time

Dr Chandrasekar mentioned that this was his observation and just wanted to bring the point up for discussion

DR SRIRAM GOPAL apologized that there was a delay of a month or two due to unavoidable personal reasons, but that delay was never intentional

All the above amendments were passed

Proposed by : Dr Sandeep

Seconded by : Dr Karunanithi

Stalls

VII. STALLS

1. Commercial Exhibition: Commercial Exhibition will be organized by the host committee on behalf of the Association. The rates for the stalls will be decided by the host committee in consultation with the Executive Committee.
2. All Conference collections (Registration, stall charges & sponsorship charges) should be paid directly to Tamil Nadu Ophthalmic Association. All receipts will be in the name of Tamil Nadu Ophthalmic Association by way of cheques/ Demand drafts /NEFT/ET using only the TNOA PAN Number. All payments shall be made only through the bank after appropriate deduction of applicable taxes.
3. 75% of the stall charges shall be transferred to the conference head / sub account of TNOA. The TNOA conference account shall be operated jointly by the conference Local Organizing Committee secretary and the conference treasurer to meet the conference expenses. TNOA conference bank account shall be operated in the city where the annual conference is held. All taxes related to the conference except GST are borne by the respective conference account. 50% of the profit is transferred to the Local Organizing Committee if the Local Organizing Committee is tax compliant. Mid-Year Conference Account & Bank account will be operated by the President & the Organizing Secretary of the mid-year conference.
4. 25% of the amount received from the trade as stall charges for the Annual Conference shall be retained in TNOA account. A provisional budget shall be prepared by the Local Organizing Committee and adhered to.

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3. The TNOA conference account shall be operated jointly by the Secretary and Treasurer of the conference Local Organizing Committee to meet the conference expenses. TNOA conference bank account shall be operated in the city where the annual conference is held. All taxes related to the conference except GST are borne by the respective conference account.
4. Mid-Year Conference Account & Bank account will be operated by the President & the Organizing Secretary of the mid-year conference.
5. A provisional budget shall be submitted by the Local Organizing Committee along with the proposal to host the conference. The same shall be approved by the Managing Committee.

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DR SRIRAM GOPAL highlighted that all collections of a conference must be in the name of TNOA and must go to accounts of the TNOA only and explained why this was important

All the above amendments were passed

Proposed by : Dr R Balaji

Seconded by : Dr Mohanrajan

VIII. ETHICS COMMITTEE

To deal with all ethical matters in relation to the Association and its members and complaints received regarding the above. The committee would consist of President, three Immediate Past Presidents and the President Elect. The President would be the Chairman of the Committee.

IX. STANDARDS COMMITTEE

To deal with all matters related to maintaining standards in equipment, drugs and medicines. And to resolve disputes between members and those of the trade with regards to supply and maintenance of equipment. The committee to consist of: The president, The Joint Secretary and 3 Nominees approved by the Managing Committee. The President would be the Chairman of the Committee.

X. GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

A Grievance committee shall be constituted by the President comprising of three Past Presidents with one as Chairman for the committee.

- i. The committee shall hold office for 1 year.
- ii. The functions of the committee shall be to resolve dispute of members with respect to Office bearers, Sub committees and the secretariat.
- iii. The preferred method of dispute redressal shall be by arbitration and the decision of the committee shall be binding on all parties.
- iv. An appeal will be allowed to either party to the general body, where the issues shall be put up by the grievance committee through Managing Committee.

VIII. ETHICS COMMITTEE

Objective & Functions: To deal with all ethical matters in relation to the Association and its members and complaints received regarding the above. ,

Membership: President, three Immediate Past Presidents and the President Elect. The President would be the Chairman of the Committee.

IX. TRADE RELATIONSHIP COMMITTEE

Objective & Functions: To deal with all matters related to maintaining standards in equipment, drugs and medicines. And to resolve disputes between members and those of the trade with regards to supply and maintenance of equipment.

Membership: The President, The Joint Secretary and 3 Nominees approved by the Managing Committee. The President would be the Chairman of the Committee. ,

Duration: The committee shall hold office for 1 year

X. GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

Objective: To resolve disputes of members with respect to Office bearers, Sub committees and the secretariat.

Functions: Dispute redressal by arbitration between the aggrieved parties. The decision of the committee shall be binding on all parties. An appeal will be allowed to either party to the general body, where the issues shall be put up by the grievance committee through Managing Committee.

Membership: Three Past Presidents with one as Chairman of the committee, to be constituted by the president

Duration: The committee shall hold office for 1 year

XI. ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Objective: To advocate for patient rights and hospital interests with government bodies, NGOs, media, and other stakeholders.

Functions: Engage with policymakers, collaborate with NGOs, utilize media platforms, build relationships with stakeholders.

Membership: One past president and two members with relevant resources

XII. MEDICO-LEGAL COMMITTEE

Objective: Advise and support members on medicolegal matters.

Functions: Regularly review legal protocols, conduct training sessions, handle legal matters.

Membership: TNOA members with medico-legal qualification, one managing committee member, legal advisors and senior TNOA members with experience in medico-legal matters.

XIII. INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Objective: Manage insurance-related matters affecting eye care providers and professionals.

Functions: Regularly review insurance protocols, conduct training sessions, coordinate with insurance companies.

Membership: TNOA members with expertise in insurance matters, one managing committee member, other members with experience in insurance related matters

XIV. FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Objective: To advise the office of Treasurer and managing committee on financial transparency, tax compliance, accountability and investment

Functions: Review financial status and account keeping, optimize finances, implement accountability measures.

Membership: One past treasurer, one managing committee member and TNOA Life members with knowledge of taxes, finances, and administration

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DR SRIRAM GOPAL detailed that the older committees were pretty much the same except renaming the standards committee and explained regarding the new committees and how the objective, functions, constituents and term of every committee had been defined better now, and all committees will have a term of one year only

All the above amendments were passed

Proposed by : Dr Chockalingam

Seconded by : Dr Kumaran

Awards

XI. AWARDS

TNOA Life Time Achievement Awards:

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee and the ratification by the Managing Committee, the TNOA will award the Life time achievement award every year for up to two senior members of the TNOA for their contributions to the science of ophthalmology and the functioning of the TNOA. The Award will be presented during the inaugural session of the Annual Conference subject to following guide-lines:

- The member should not be less than 65 years of age.
- He / She should have actively participated in the Association for a minimum period of 20 years.
- The affiliate societies may recommend one member from their association for consideration of this honour
- The recommendations will be sent to the Hony. General Secretary along with the candidate's biodata and photograph.
- The affiliate society / associations will, however, not recommend the name of any member posthumously.

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- The ~~nominated~~ member should ~~have completed~~ 65 years of age.
- He / She should have actively participated in the Association for a minimum period of 20 years.
- The affiliate societies may recommend ~~only one~~ member ~~per year~~ from their association for consideration of this honour
- The recommendations will be sent to the Hony. General Secretary along with the candidate's ~~bio data~~ and photograph.
- The affiliate society / ~~association should~~ not recommend the name of any member posthumously.

No changes but for syntax in lifetime achievement awards

Proposed by : Dr Nishanth M

Seconded by : Dr Jeyanthan S

1. TNOA Dr. Joseph Gnanadickam Memorial Gold Medal Oration Award :

- TNOA Dr.JosephGnanadickam Memorial Gold Medal Oration Award Committee consist of The President (TNOA), The Secretary (TNOA), Imm Past President-TNOA (Member), Patron-Founder Member, Convenor will be the -Director & Medical Superintendent of Joseph Eye Hospital, Trichy.
- On the recommendation of the Joseph Gnanadickam Memorial Award Committee the Managing Committee will ratify this annual award.
- The Award will be presented during the inaugural session of the TNOA Conference and the recipient will deliver the 20mts Oration at the AGM of TNOA.
- There will be no other scientific activity in any other hall during this time.
- The recipient will be introduced at this session by a representative of the Joseph Gnanadickam Memorial Award Committee.

2. TNOA Dr.G. Venkataswamy Community Ophthalmology Oration Award :

- The award will be given annually to a person from Tamil Nadu, any other state or any other country in recognition of his / her contribution to Community Ophthalmology.
- The Award will be presented during the inaugural session of the TNOA Conference and the recipient will deliver 20 minutes oration immediately after the Joseph Gnanadickam Oration at the AGM
- There will be no other scientific activity in any other hall at this time.
- The Awardee will be decided by the President Elect, Hony. General Secretary and Treasurer and whenever necessary, a Director from Aravind Eye Care System will be co-opted.
- The recipient will be introduced at this session by the President.

9. TNOA Salem Ophthalmic Association SankaraNethralaya Alumni Dr.S.S.Badrinath medal of Honour

- The recipient should be a life member of TNOA and should have enrolled at least 90 days before the TNOA Conference.
- The award is in recognition of the clinical work done and contribution to ophthalmic science.
- The awardee will be decided by
 - The President of TNOA or his/her nominee.
 - Secretary of the Salem Ophthalmic Association.
 - Secretary of the SankaraNethralaya Alumni.
- The medal will be presented by the President of TNOA along with other awards.

Note on all Endowment Awards

- Nominations for the oration awards shall be invited from the respective patron donors by the Hony Secretary.
- The nominations shall be discussed by the executive committee and forwarded to the managing committee for approval
- Sharing the awards to be avoided
- All future endowments received must be for a minimum of TEN Lakh rupees and they will only be a part of the regular sessions and shall not be an new / exclusive single hall activity.
- Any proposal for a new award shall be submitted to the managing committee and ratified in the general body. The award shall come into force from the subsequent conference

1. TNOA Dr. Joseph Gnanadickam Memorial Gold Medal Oration Award :

- Patron, Director & Medical Superintendent of Joseph Eye Hospital, Trichy.
- The award will be given annually to a TNOA member in recognition of his / her contribution to Ophthalmic science
- The Award will be presented during the inaugural session of the TNOA Conference and the recipient will deliver the 20 minutes Oration at the AGBM of TNOA.
- There will be no other scientific activity in any other hall during this oration.
- The recipient will be introduced at this session by a representative of the TNOA Dr.Joseph Gnanadickam Memorial Award Committee.

2. TNOA Dr. G. Venkataswamy Community Ophthalmology Oration Award :

- Patron - Director of Aravind Eye Care System
- The award will be given annually to a person from Tamil Nadu, any other state or any other country in recognition of his / her contribution to Community Ophthalmology.
- The Award will be presented during the inaugural session of the TNOA Conference and the recipient will deliver 20 minutes oration immediately after the Joseph Gnanadickam Oration at the annual GBM.
- There will be no other scientific activity in any other hall at this time.
- The recipient will be introduced at this session by the President.

3. TNOA Salem Ophthalmic Association Sankara Nethralaya Alumni -Dr. S. S. Badrinath medal of Honour

- Patrons - Secretary of Salem Ophthalmic association and Secretary of Sankara Nethralaya Alumni
- The recipient should be a life member of TNOA and should have enrolled at least 90 days before the TNOA Conference.
- The award is in recognition of the clinical work done and contribution to ophthalmic science.
- The medal will be presented by the President of TNOA along with other awards.

4. TNOA Dr. J. Agrawal Teaching Excellence award

- The recipient should be a life member of TNOA
- The award is in recognition of the teaching and research work done and contribution to ophthalmic science.
- The medal will be presented by the President of TNOA along with other awards.

DR SRIRAM GOPAL explained how the 4 nominated awards had different types of committees to decide. So this was being changed in such a way that the patron will nominate to the EC which will deliberate and pass it on to the MC which will decide the awardee to simplify the process. The EC can nominate only in case the patrons do not want to or fail to nominate an awardee

DR. N V ARULMOZHIVARMAN accepted all the above changes and the reasoning behind them

This was agreed by DR NIRMAL FREDRICK

Dr Siddarthan added that suggestion by the patron and the EC was not binding on the MC

Dr Panneerselvam commented this was the way to organize it

Dr Mohanrajan pointed out that the suggestion of the patron must always be respected

All the above amendments were passed

Proposed by : Dr Kishore

Seconded by : Dr Sudarshan

3. TNOA Prof. C.P. Gupta Best Paper Award:

- Will be awarded to the Best Paper in the Best of the Best Session, hereinafter called "THE C P GUPTA AWARD SESSION" on the final day
- The time allotted for each paper is 6 minutes
- Judges –President or his/her nominee, Immediate Past President or his / her nominee, Director RIO GOH or his / her nominee

4. TNOA Prof. E.T. Selvam Endowment Quiz Award :

- Prof. E.T. Selvam Endowment Quiz Award for the best team in Ophthalmic Quiz, to be given annually and conducted during the TNOA conference.
- Only post graduate students of ophthalmology studying in Institutions in Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Puducherry are allowed to participate
- Each team will consist of TWO members, representing the Institution and both of the team members must be members of the TNOA. Both must have enrolled as Life Members on or before 31st May of that year.
- Conducting the quiz is the responsibility of the Chairman Scientific Committee of Local Organizing Committee of the respective conference or anyone officially assigned the duty by the scientific chairman of the Local Organizing Committee.
- All members and delegates must be informed about the quiz programme during the first call for the conference.
- Participants must register well in advance for the quiz.
- The quiz must be clinically oriented quiz and should include: Historical aspects, clinical findings - diagnosis, visual section / salient features etc, and will cover the following sections: conjunctiva and cornea, glaucoma, uvea, lens, squint, neuro - ophthalmology, orbit, miscellaneous.
- In case of a tie, a tie breaker session to be held and one winning team to be selected. In the quiz competition only registered teams should be allowed to participate and non-competing teams should not be permitted to participate
- Sharing the awards to be avoided for all endowment Awards.
- The decision of the Chairman Scientific Committee of Local Organizing Committee of Local Organizing Committee will be final.

5. TNOA Capt. Subramaniam Best Video Award:

- Only members of TNOA are eligible to participate.
- He / She should have enrolled as a Life Members of the TNOA on (or) before 31st May of that year.
- Entries in duplicate should reach Chairman Scientific Committee of Local Organizing Committee and Secretary TNOA on or before 31st May. (Online abstract submission link password to be shared between TNOA office & scientific committee of Local Organizing Committee).
- Proof of membership of TNOA should be sent along with the abstract and text of the video film entered for the Competition.
- A declaration that this film has not been shown earlier anywhere should be enclosed
- Violation of rule (e) above, if proved will attract disqualification of the entry
- The video compact disc should be submitted to the secretary of the TNOA on the first day of the conference.
- TNOA will maintain a record of the video films that participated in the competition each year.
- The time allotted is 6 minutes.
- The Judges shall be
 - The President of TNOA or his / her Nominee
 - The Immediate Past President or his / her Nominee
 - One representative from the donor committee.

Note: In case the donor or any of the Judge's family or institution is competing, they shall excuse themselves from the responsibilities of being a judge.

6. TNOA Coimbatore Ophthalmic Association Best Poster Award:

- Only members of TNOA are eligible to participate.
- He/she should have enrolled as a Life Member of the TNOA on (or) before 31st May of that year.
- Entries should reach the Chairman Scientific Committee of LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE and Secretary, TNOA on or before May 31st before the commencement of the next session of the TNOA Conference.
- Proof of membership of TNOA should be sent along with the abstract of the poster entered for the competition.
- A declaration that this poster has not been presented in any conference earlier, should be given by the participant.
- Violation of rule (c) above, if proved will attract disqualification of the entry
- The poster may be the work of either one or a group of persons.
- The same person may be considered for the award in the subsequent years too even if he / she has won the award earlier, provided a different poster is presented subsequently.
- No Separate session as all are 'v' posters.
- The time allotted is 6 minutes.
- The Judges shall be –
 - The President of TNOA or his / her Nominee
 - The Immediate Past President of TNOA or his / her Nominee
 - President of the Coimbatore Ophthalmic Association or his/her nominee

5. TNOA Prof. C.P. Gupta Best Paper Award:

- Will be awarded to the Best Paper in the Best of the Best Session, called "TNOA Prof. C.P. Gupta Best Paper".
- Judges will be the President or his/her nominee, Immediate Past President or his / her nominee, Director RIO GOH or his / her nominee

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- Each registered team will consist of TWO members, representing the Institution and both of the team members must be members of the TNOA. Both must have enrolled as Life Members on or before 31st May of that year.
- Conducting the quiz is the responsibility of the Chairman Scientific Committee of Local Organizing Committee of the respective conference or anyone officially assigned the duty by the scientific chairman of the Local Organizing Committee.
- All members and delegates must be informed about the quiz programme during the first call for the conference.
- Participants must register well in advance for the quiz. Unregistered teams/participants will not be permitted to participate.
- The quiz must be clinically oriented quiz and should include historical aspects, clinical findings, diagnosis, visual section etc covering various sub specialities.
- In case of a tie, a tie breaker session to be held and one winning team to be selected.
- Sharing the awards to be avoided.
- The decision of the Chairman Scientific Committee of Local Organizing Committee will be final.

7. TNOA Capt. Subramaniam Best Video Award:

- Only members of TNOA are eligible to participate.
- Contestant must have enrolled as a Life Member of the TNOA on (or) before 31st May of that year.
- Entries in duplicate should reach Chairman Scientific Committee of Local Organizing Committee and Secretary TNOA on or before 31st May. (Online abstract submission link password to be shared between TNOA office & scientific committee of Local Organizing Committee).
- A declaration that this film has not been shown earlier anywhere should be enclosed
- Violation of rule (c) above, if proved, will attract disqualification of the entry
- The video should be submitted to the scientific committee of the LOC on the first day of the conference.
- TNOA will maintain a record of the video films that participated in the competition each year.
- The time allotted is 6 minutes.
- The Judges shall be
 - The President of TNOA or his / her Nominee
 - The Immediate Past President or his / her Nominee
 - One representative from the donor committee.

Note: In case the donor or any of the Judge's family or institution is competing, they shall excuse themselves from the responsibilities of being a judge.

8. TNOA Coimbatore Ophthalmic Association Best Poster Award:

- Only members of TNOA are eligible to participate.
- He/she should have enrolled as a Life Member of the TNOA on (or) before 31st May of that year.
- Entries should reach the Chairman Scientific Committee of local organizing committee and TNOA Secretary.
- A declaration that this poster has not been presented in any conference earlier, should be given by the participant.
- Violation of rule (c) above, if proved will attract disqualification of the entry
- The poster may be the work of either one or a group of persons.
- The same person may be considered for the award in the subsequent years too even if he / she has won the award earlier, provided a different poster is presented subsequently.
- No Separate session as all are Electronic Posters.
- A separate time slot will be allotted during the scientific session for presentation and questions to the candidates
- The Judges shall be –
 - The President of TNOA or his / her Nominee
 - The Immediate Past President of TNOA or his / her Nominee
 - President of the Coimbatore Ophthalmic Association or his/her nominee

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7. TNOA TOPS award for the Best Paper in the Retina Session.

- He/she should have enrolled as a Life Members of the TNOA on (or) before 31st May of that year.
- Entries in duplicate should reach Chairman, Scientific Committee of Local Organizing Committee and Secretary TNOA on or before 31st May (Online abstract submission link/password to be shared between TNOA office & scientific committee of Local Organizing Committee).
- Judges - Two judges nominated by the President and President elect and Representative from the endowment committee

8. TNOA Dr. MN Endowment award for the Best Paper in the Cataract Session.

- He/she should have enrolled as a Life Members of the TNOA on (or) before 31st May of that year.
- Entries in duplicate should reach Chairman, Scientific Committee of Local Organizing Committee and Secretary TNOA on or before 31st May. (Online abstract submission link/password to be shared between TNOA office & scientific committee of Local Organizing Committee)
- Two judges nominated by the President and President elect and Representative from the endowment committee.

Note: In All the Awards, In case the donor or any of the Judge's family or institution is competing, they shall excuse themselves from the responsibilities of being a Judge.
All future endowments received must be for a minimum of FIVE Lakhs rupees and they will not be part of a single hall activity.

9. TNOA TOPS award for the Best Paper in the Retina Session.

- TNOA Dr. M.N. Endowment Award for the Best Paper in the Cataract Session.**
- TNOA Dr. V. Velayutham Award for the Best Paper in the Glaucoma Session.**
- TNOA Dr. K. Selvakumari Award for the Best Paper in the Neuro-Ophthalmology Session.**
- TNOA Dr. S. K. Sundramoorthy Award for the Best Paper in the Refractive Surgery Session.**
- TNOA Dr. V. Siddharthan Award for the Best Paper in the Cornea Session.**
- TNOA Dr. M. R. S. Ramakrishnan Award for Best Paper in Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus Session.**

The below guidelines apply to all the Best Free Paper awards (9 to 15)

- He/she should have enrolled as a Life Members of the TNOA on (or) before 31st May of that year.
- One Judge each nominated by the President, President elect and a representative from the endowment committee.

16. TNOA Dr N. S. Venugopal Best Thesis award

- The thesis should be submitted only after the member has appeared for their final post graduate examination and should be within 2 years of appearing for the final year examinations as of 1st January of each conference year.
- Once the thesis is short listed for podium presentation, it is to be presented during the conference and the duration of presentation is 6 minutes
- He/she should have enrolled as a Life Members of the TNOA on (or) before 31st May of that year.
- One Judge each nominated by the President and President elect and a representative from the endowment committee.

Note:

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DR SRIRAM GOPAL detailed that there were no changes in these awards except they were reorganized to have a common set of rules etc

Dr Mohanrajan raised a query that he recollected that Capt Subramaniam and Dr C P Gupta could only be won once and asked if that rule still was on force

DR SRIRAM GOPAL clarified such a clause was not there in the 2018 constitution at least

Dr Siddharthan remarked if a person if eligible another time due to exemplary work they should not be denied the chance to win the award a second time

DR SRIRAM GOPAL recalled an instance when the same topic was submitted and video, paper etc in subsequent years and that was taken exception to

DR. N V ARULMOZHIVARMAN remarked that all that can be insisted that the same topic cannot be submitted in more than one category in a conference as it was one difficult to track which was submitted in which year. He added that is a person can submit a different topic which is good in the subsequent year he / she must be eligible for an award. He quoted the example of the ASCRS to highlight his point

DR SRIRAM GOPAL highlighted the point that a separate time slot be allotted for electronic posters

DR SRIRAM GOPAL wanted to change to line stating “sharing of awards to be avoided” to “sharing of awards is not allowed” and this was accepted by all

The statement that all new awards can only be in existing sessions and not a new session also was accepted by all

The endowment award was increased to 10 lakhs

DR NIRMAL FREDRICK queried why this was increased

DR. N V ARULMOZHIVARMAN replied saying that the last revision was from 1 to 5 lakhs 20 years ago. Factoring in the value of money this was a very modest two time increase only after a span of 20 years

He quoted the example of KSOS which takes 5 lakhs for a prize and 10 lakhs for an oration which actually in force for only 5 & 10 years and not for a lifetime like the TNOA. Maharashtra was taking 12 lakhs but they and due to too many requests, they and Karnataka have both put a freeze on the process and set a limited time for such awards

So he said that this was a reasonable increase

He recalled how the Dr Joseph Gnanadickam and Dr G Venkatasamy were brought in as plenary sessions and that cannot be done any more

He pointed out how in other societies orations are a part of other sessions like a keynote. This ensures better attendance unlike in our case which is a plenary session.

He wanted to investigate ways to make it a non-plenary or ways to increase attendance in the plenary sessions

DR SRIRAM GOPAL wanted to know if here was a way to delink these two orations from the GB proceedings and have them as plenary session in the middle of the first and second days

Dr Mohanrajan wanted the orations to be only at 7 lakhs

DR. N V ARULMOZHIVARMAN remarked that competitive prizes / best paper awards can be kept at 7.5 Lakhs. Orations can be kept at 10 lakhs but cannot be a new session or plenary. The orations can only be a part of existing session.

Dr Pannerselvam remarked that the cost needs to be kept high and with the increasing number of awards the pressure on the scientific committee was also becoming more

DR. N V ARULMOZHIVARMAN said that the MC at any point can decide to freeze the process for a specific period. He added that this was just fixing the procedure and the decision to add another award was always left to the MC of that year

All the above amendments were passed

Proposed by : Dr M Radhakrishnan

Seconded by : Dr Namitha

Managing Council

XII. MANAGING COUNCIL

A Managing Council shall be formed with one representative from each of the affiliate district associations.

Each district association shall nominate one of their members / president / secretary for a period of one year.

The nominee should be a life member of TNOA. They will assume office at the General Body Meeting each year.

1. Composition

It shall consist of:

- a. One member from each of the affiliate district associations
- b. TNOA Managing Committee Members

2. Functions

- b. Managing Council shall act on behalf of the district associations to put forward suggestions to the Managing Committee.

3. Meetings

- 1A. The members of the Managing Council shall meet as often as required and at least once during the annual conference. 1/4 of the total number of members of the managing council shall form a quorum.
- 1B. The Honorary Secretary shall circulate the agenda at least a month before the date of the meeting.
- 1C. The President shall preside at the meeting of the managing council. In his/her absence, the President Elect shall officiate for him/her and in the absence of the President and President - Elect, the Vice President will preside. In the absence above three, the meeting may elect its own Chairman and for the purpose of the meeting he/she shall exercise all the powers of the President.
- 1D. Whenever it is found inconvenient to call a meeting of the managing council and whenever the Honorary General Secretary in consultation with the President deems it desirable that the opinion of the Managing Council be obtained, he shall do so by post/ e-mail.
2. The Managing Council Meeting and the Managing Committee meeting will be held on the previous day of the Conference. Managing council meeting on Thursday from 6.30 pm onwards followed by Managing Committee meeting. There will be a Mid-Year Managing Committee Meeting.

XVI. MANAGING COUNCIL

A Managing Council shall be formed with one representative from each of the affiliate district association. Each district association shall nominate one of their members / president / secretary for a period of one year. The nominee should be a life member of TNOA. They will assume office at the General Body Meeting each year.

1. Composition

- One member from each of the affiliate district association
- TNOA Managing Committee Members

2. Functions

Managing Council shall act on behalf of the district association to put forward questions to the Managing Committee.

3. Meetings

- 3A. The members of the Managing Council shall meet as often as required and at least once during the annual conference. 1/4 of the total number of members of the managing council shall form a quorum.
- 3B. The Honorary Secretary shall circulate the agenda at least 21 days before the date of the meeting.
- 3C. The President shall preside at the meeting of the managing council. In his/her absence, the President Elect shall officiate for him/her and in the absence of the President and President Elect, the Vice President will preside. In the absence of the above three, the meeting may elect its own Chairman and for the purpose of the meeting he/she shall exercise all the powers of the President.
- 3D. The Honorary General Secretary can call for a meeting of the managing council in consultation with the President.

DR SRIRAM GOPAL pointed out that except reducing the time for calling a meeting of the managing council to 21 days everything else was unchanged

XIII. CONCESSION TO SENIOR MEMBERS / PAST PRESIDENTS IN TNOACONFERENCES:

Any TNOA life member above 70 years and his/her spouse above 70 years are exempted from paying Registration fee for the Annual conference of TNOA. A Past President & his/her spouse are exempted from paying Registration fee for the Annual Conferences of TNOA.

XIV. TRAVEL ASSISTANCE TO MC MEMBERS FOR ATTENDING THE MANAGING COMMITTEE:

Travel assistance to Managing Committee members for attending the Managing committee meeting, other than during the Conferences (up to the maximum of 2nd Class A/C Train fare and accommodation charges) will be provided. (Preferably booked by TNOA office)

XV. EXPENDITURE LIMIT OF HON.GEN.SECRETARY

- a. The Honorary General Secretary may incur an expenditure up to Rs.10,000/- Over & above this limit President's approval has to be obtained.
- b. Liaison Officer is appointed to assist the General Secretary with regard to matters pertaining to Registrar of Societies. His remuneration will be fixed by the Hony. Secretary and approved by the Managing Committee.

XVII. CONCESSION TO SENIOR MEMBERS / PAST PRESIDENTS IN TNOACONFERENCES:

Any TNOA life member who have completed 70 years, Past Presidents and his/her spouse are eligible for complementary registration in the annual conference of the TNOA.

XVIII. EXPENDITURE LIMIT OF HON.GEN.SECRETARY

- a. The Honorary General Secretary may incur an expenditure up to Rs.25,000/ Over & above this limit President's approval has to be obtained.
- b. Liaison Officer is appointed to assist the General Secretary with regard to matters pertaining to Registrar of Societies. His remuneration will be fixed by the Hony. Secretary and approved by the Managing Committee.

DR SRIRAM GOPAL mentioned that the concession to the past presidents and senior embers was unchanged

He added that the expenditure limit of the Hon secretary was raised to INR 25,000 from INR 10,000 in 2018 keeping in mind the inflation

No changes but for syntax in lifetime achievement awards

Proposed by : Dr Chandrasekar

Seconded by : Dr Balaji R

Dr Chandrasekar spoke on how all points were discussed in the true spirit of the constitution, thanked everyone and apologized if he had raised his voice at any point of time

DR. N V ARULMOZHIVARMAN said that no offense was taken and asked to move on

Dr Siddharthan thanked past president DR NIRMAL FREDRICK for constituting the CRC and allowing them to work on it. He detailed on how they had worked on it for many months and submitted it to the MC. He complimented the secretary DR SRIRAM GOPAL for the beautiful presentation of all the various amendments.

He thanked all the participants of the GB whom he described as wonderful for all their inputs and discussions.

He added a personal note especially to the MC members and the youngsters. He remarked that when we have a criticism or we find something wrong in any procedure or functioning of anyone, instead of indulging in a fault-finding mission he wanted them to point it out in a good way and come up with an alternative positive action plan. He said that we are all working for the one cause of the TNOA.

Dr Sukumar SS as CEC wanted all the nominees in the election to have a peaceful and good election process

DR. N V ARULMOZHIVARMAN thanked everyone, called the next generation to get together to do things better than what is now and take TNOA to a higher level.

Dr Mohanrajan went on stage and requested the support for his candidature for the post of Vice President of the AIOS

DR SRIRAM GOPAL thanked DR T S Surendran, Chairman Sankara Nethralaya for his spontaneous support in conduct of the meeting in their premises

Dr Sharmila proposed the vote of thanks and thanked all involved

Minuted by Dr Sriram Gopal, Hon Gen Secretary