

# AOPAS: CONSTITUTION

The name of the Society shall be "Association of Pelvic Acetabular Surgeons" (AOPAS)

OBJECTIVES: The objectives of the Society shall be:

- (a) To promote and direct the development of Pelvis and Acetabular Surgery along sound and progressive lines.
- (b) To foster and co-ordinate training in Pelvis and Acetabular Surgery and to advise on organization of both under-graduate and post-graduate teaching programs for Pelvis and Acetabular Surgery.
- (c) To provide and promote dissemination and diffusion of knowledge of Pelvis and Acetabular Surgery amongst Orthopaedic Surgeons allied specialties and members of the medical profession in general.
- (d) To establish scholarships, foundations and lectureships and to provide grants and other benefactions either in India or elsewhere which are designed to enhance the learning in, and practice of, Pelvis and Acetabular Surgery or to contribute to the establishment of the same.

To attain these, without prejudice to the generality of these objectives:

1. To hold an Annual Conference of AOPAS every year with the triple objectives of:
  - (i) Encouraging scientific discussion of high order amongst its members.
  - (ii) Initiating, considering and reviewing activities concerned with the attainment of AOPAS's objectives.
  - (iii) Encouraging fellowship among the members.
2. To procure the publication of a scientific journal.
3. To publish pamphlets, memoranda, monographs, booklets and books to fulfill these objectives.
4. To affiliate with a given subscription to other bodies and societies with similar objectives.
5. To institute fellowships, orations, prizes, awards and other competitions for the general purposes of these objectives.

## BYELAWS: RULES & REGULATIONS

## Article Activities

The activities of the "Association of Pelvic Acetabular Surgeons" shall be:

- a) To promote the objectives enshrined in the Memorandum of the Association.
- b) To associate together in one academic body, all qualified medical doctors practicing Pelvis and Acetabular or actively interested in Pelvis and Acetabular Surgery.
- c) To serve as an agency for safeguarding the interest of its members and for the development of Pelvis and Acetabular Surgery to this end:
  1. To interact with the Indian Orthopaedic Association (hereinafter referred to as IOA) and the Medical Council of India and other medical groups and other state Orthopaedic associations etc.
  2. To monitor and advise on relevant government legislation and university measures.
  3. To monitor and advise in the activities of bodies connected with public education and dissemination of information, the media and the press.
- d) To amalgamate if deemed expedient in the interest of the AOPAS with any other Association having objects similar to those of the AOPAS
- e) To purchase, take on lease or in exchange, receive by way gift, grant or otherwise, hire or in any other manner acquire any real or personal property and any rights or privileges which are conducive to the attainment by the AOPAS of its objectives as herein set forth or any of them and to construct, maintain and alter any buildings or erections necessary or desirable for the work of the AOPAS
- f) To sell, let, mortgage, dispose of, turn to account, all or any of the property or assets of the AOPAS as may be thought expedient with a view to the promotion of its objectives.
- g) To collect funds by way of subscription, donation, gifts and sale of publication and/or to borrow or raise money for the purpose of the AOPAS on such terms and on such securities as may be thought fit.
- h) To invest the money of the AOPAS not immediately required for its purposes in or upon such investments, securities or property as may be determined by the AOPAS
- i) To do all such other things as are incidental, or conducive to the attainment of the above objectives or any of them.

## Article I - MEMBERSHIP

### A. CLASSIFICATION:

The following types of member shall constitute the AOPAS

(a) Founder members: Those who initiated formation of association in the year 2005 by contributing Rs. 25,000 towards the corpus their names are;

1. Dr. C J Thakkar,
2. Dr Ramesh Sen,
3. Dr Dilip Patel,
4. Dr Nadeem Faruqui,
5. Dr Jose Pappanacherry,
6. Dr Parag Sancheti,
7. Dr Rakesh Rajput.

Founder members are life members and will have same privileges as life member.

(b) Honorary Member

(c) Life Member.

(d) Associate Life Member.

(e) Overseas Member.

**The term 'Members' hereinafter used shall refer to group (c) namely Life Member and Overseas Member only.**

#### B. ADMISSION:

Admission to membership will be granted by the general body on the recommendations and approval of the executive committee, by a simple majority of the members present, subject to the eligibility provisions for each category as defined in the subsequent clauses of this Article.

#### C. ELIGIBILITY, CONFERMENT, OBLIGATIONS, RIGHTS & PRIVILEGES:

##### HONORARY MEMBER:

Eligibility:

1. Any Eminent person, not necessarily a Pelvis and Acetabular Surgeon, from India or abroad who has made significant contributions, in basic research in Pelvis and Acetabulum or to the cause of Pelvis and Acetabular Surgery.
2. Who has been recommended by the executive committee, shall be considered eligible for admission to Honorary Membership. (recommendation from the executive committee to clearly mention the claim to eminence and the contribution to the cause of Pelvis and Acetabular Surgery)
3. To be confirmed by the General Body Meeting.

Conferment:

1. On receiving the recommendations of the executive committee, the General Body Meeting shall adopt a resolution recommending the Conferment of Honorary Membership.

2. The admission to Honorary Membership would thereafter be carried out as a formal ceremonial function with the presentation of a scroll duly signed by the President and Secretary.

Right & Privileges:

1. Honorary Membership will confer a lifelong privilege to participate as an honoured guest in the scientific and cultural activities of the AOPAS without having to pay the Annual Subscription or any other dues whatsoever. No free stay and travel will be provided.
2. However, he would not have a right to vote or would not be allowed to hold a post of an office bearer.
3. Only one honorary member in any given calendar year may be inducted.

b) MEMBERS:

(i) LIFE MEMBERSHIP: Fee Rs. 10,000

Eligibility:

1. An Orthopaedic Surgeon who has obtained recognized (by any registered medical council of any state or union territory or MCI) post-graduate qualification in Orthopaedic Surgery and who is actively in the practice of Orthopaedic Surgery.
2. Who is duly proposed and seconded in the prescribed form by the 'Members' of the AOPAS; and
3. Whose name, after proper scrutiny is recommended by the executive committee shall be considered eligible to be admitted as a Life Member.

Conferment:

On the General Body Meeting approving of the admission, the Secretary shall convey the decision of the General Body to the aspirant.

Obligations:

A Life Member shall:

1. Pay the appropriate subscription, in full, at the time of admission, as decided from time to time, and be enforced.
2. Maintain an abiding interest in Pelvis and Acetabular Surgery.
3. Observe high standard of medical ethics and behaviour, and
4. Uphold the objectives, the good name, the dignity and the traditions of the AOPAS
5. Update from time to time, his e mail, contact details and phone numbers in AOPAS members register.

Rights & Privileges:

A Life Member shall be entitled to:

1. Participate in all activities of the AOPAS
2. Constitute the Business/General Body Meeting together with the other "Members".
3. Vote at a business meeting on any issue but particularly in matters pertaining to election of office bearers, accounts and financial matters, admission to membership, termination of membership, amendment to the Rules & Regulations, fixing of subscription etc.
4. Stand (Contest) for election to the executive committee (Subject to the Provisions of relevant articles).
5. Membership and privileges resulting from the affiliation of the AOPAS to various International Bodies.
6. Receive the journal and other publications on such payment as may be decided by the AOPAS

(ii) OVERSEAS MEMBERSHIP: One time fee: equivalent to Rs. 250 USD ( Members from SAARC countries shall pay contribution equivalent to their Indian counterparts, but have privileges limited to overseas members.)

#### Eligibility & Conferment:

An Orthopaedic Surgeon practicing abroad, who is duly proposed and seconded by a 'Member' and after scrutiny of the proposal, is recommended by the executive committee and approved by the General Body shall, on payment of the prescribed dues, be admitted as an Overseas Member for life.

#### Right & Privileges:

An Overseas Member shall be entitled to:

1. Participate in all activities of the AOPAS
2. Receive the journal and other publications on such payments or any other dues, as decided by the AOPAS
- 3.. Pay necessary admission fees as decided from time to time by general body. However, an Overseas Member shall not be entitled to contest for elections to the Executive Committee.

Should an Overseas Member decide to settle in India, he would be a Life Member in India. On intimating to the AOPAS his intention to become a Resident Indian, will be admitted by the General Body to the Life Member-ship of the AOPAS

c) ASSOCIATE (LIFE) MEMBER: One time entry fee: Rs. 5000/-

Associate Life Members shall not be entitled to:

1. Participate in Business meeting, or
2. Vote at such a meeting, or
3. To stand for elections to the Executive Committee.

They shall not have the membership right and privileges resulting from the affiliation of the APAS to various International Bodies.

#### Eligibility:

Post graduates trainees or students in Orthopaedic Surgery, Members of Medical Profession interested in Orthopaedic Surgery, who are duly proposed and seconded by members of AOPAS and recommended for admission by the executive committee shall be eligible for Associate Membership.

#### Obligations:

1. Payment of the appropriate subscription, in full, as decided from time to time would be enforced.
2. By their conduct, behavior and character, to uphold the high traditions and dignity of the AOPAS

#### Rights & Privileges:

The Associate Life Member shall be entitled to:

1. Participate in all scientific & cultural activities of the AOPAS and
2. To receive the journal and other publications of AOPAS on such payments as may be decided upon from time to time.

ADDITIONAL FEES / PREMIUM MEMBERSHIP : As and when applicable for subscription to AOPAS Journal or other academic / social privileges -

1. The Subscription referred to in this Article shall be as determined by the AOPAS from time to time and can be changed on the recommendation of the executive committee at a General Body Meeting of the Association by a simple majority.
2. In addition to the Subscription above mentioned the AOPAS may prescribe an

Application Fee or an Entrance Fee or both, which shall be payable as per the decision of the AOPAS

3. On default withdrawal of privileges: A Member who has not paid his total dues during the previous Accounting year shall ipso facto cease to have the subscribed Rights & Privileges. Longer default ( 2 years or more) shall attract termination of Premium Membership.

e) TERMINATION OF Life MEMBERSHIP:

On improper or harmful conduct:

1. If it shall appear to the executive committee that the conduct of a member is or has at any time been, prejudicial to the AOPAS and or the objectives for which it was formed and exists, the executive committee shall have power at its discretion to direct that notice shall be given to such members suspending his membership until the next Annual General Meeting following such suspension. Notice of a proposal to suspend a Member's membership under this clause shall be given to such Member at least 14 days before the meeting at which the same is to be considered. He would be invited at the executive committee Meeting for explanation and any resolution to suspend a Member's membership shall be void and not effective unless passed by two-thirds of the Members present at such a meeting, voting and casting their votes validly.

2. The suspension by the executive committee of Member shall be intimated to all the Members present at the Annual General Meeting following the date of suspension. Furthermore, the President or his deputy shall explain why the executive committee ordered the suspension. Any member present at the Annual General Meeting concerned may then propose that the suspended Member's membership be terminated. If another member seconds this proposition, the President or this deputy shall then call for the nomination and seconding of two tellers. This done, the President or his deputy shall put the proposition to the members at the Annual General Meeting who shall vote by ballot. The resolution shall be void and of no effect unless passed by two - thirds of the Members present at the Annual General Meeting voting and casting their votes validly. If the proposition is carried, the President shall give notice to the suspended member, or his deputy terminating his/her membership of the AOPAS within 10 days following the date of the Annual General Meeting and such member shall forthwith cease to be a Member of the AOPAS. If the proposition is not passed by the two-third majority or alternatively if no such proposition is received by the president or his deputy, the suspended member shall be notified of this non-termination of the suspension within 10 days following the date of the Annual General Meeting. There upon that member would be continued as a member.

3. Re-admission of a terminated member could be considered only after seven years of suspension. He can be re-inducted but will not be eligible to hold any post.

Article II - THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ( Governing council )

There shall be an advisory council comprising 7 members, which shall monitor the activities of the office bearers of the association. The advisory council shall have the power to request the executive committee members to resign or vacate office if their conduct or actions are found unbecoming and unworthy of the trust and responsibility placed upon them. However, the council shall first write to the particular office bearer

asking them to explain a particular situation or misconduct. It is worthy of the advisory council to give maximum two opportunities for the errant office bearer to improve performance before taking the decision to impeach them from the office.

The initial members of advisory council were selected from the founder members, by the members present during the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 15, 2016,

Dr. C J Thakkar,  
Dr. Dilip Patel,  
Dr. Nadeem Faruqui,  
Dr. J Papaneccherry,  
Dr. P Sancheti,  
Dr. Rakesh Rajput  
Dr. CP Das  
Dr. Ramesh Sen

- a) The decisions of the governing council shall be binding only if a quorum of at least 2/3 members of the council is present at a meeting. The meeting of the council need not necessarily be conducted at an AOPAS meeting.
- b) All decision taken by executive committee will have to be ratified by the advisory council before putting it to General body
- c) The Advisory council will meet at least once in a year during the annual meeting before the GBM. No travel/ stay benefits will be given to any member of advisory council or executive committee.
- d) There will be nine members in Advisory/Governing council - Past Presidents will be added each year to the council and will have tenure of 3 years.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### A. COMPOSITION:

The executive committee of the AOPAS (hereinafter referred to, as 'Committee') shall consist of

(1) President, (2) Immediate Past President (3) President-Elect, (4) Vice-President, (5) Honorary Secretary (6) Honorary Treasurer and (7) 5 Zonal (East, west, north, south, central) Executive Committee Members. The hierarchy shall be according to the numbers mentioned against their names.

### B. DURATION OF OFFICE:

The Committee shall be elected at an Annual General Body Meeting and its Members will hold office as detailed below:

1. President - 1 year
2. Immediate Past President - 1 year
3. President-Elect - 1 year
4. Vice President – 1 Year
5. Honorary Secretary - 3 years
6. Honorary Treasurer - 3 years
7. 5 Executive Committee members - 2 years (2 or 3 retiring by rotation every year)
8. Starting from 2022 - every even year (2024,2026,etc) south and central zone EC

members will be replaced & every odd year (2023,2025,etc) EC members from East, west and north zone will be replaced.

### C. ELIGIBILITY:

Only Life members and only those with at least 5 years standing as a life member can be member of executive committee.

The first executive committee will be elected at the first general body meeting after the registration.

The election will be by manual secret ballot at the first general body meeting

The general body may decide to hold election by electronic means for the future elections if fair election can be guaranteed

President and President Elect -

For first five years from registration of society, only the founder member or the member of advisory council can be a president or president elect

After five years, to be a president elect, the life member has to serve in any capacity in the executive council for its full term of 3 years.

Secretary/ Treasurer:

The first secretary and treasurer should be a life member of AOPAS and should be proposed and seconded by any two members of advisory council.

For subsequent committees, any life member of AOPAS can contest for the post of secretary and treasurer, but should have served in the capacity as executive committee member.

EC Member:

For the first two executive committees, any life member who is practicing actively as pelvis and acetabulum surgeon for at least five years as certified by at least two advisory council members, is eligible to contest.

From the third executive committee onwards, a candidate should be a member of AOPAS for a minimum period of 5 years. No previous experience as Executive Committee Member is required.

### D. ELECTION:

1. The election to the EC committee shall be held by secret ballot during the Annual General Body Meeting ( Nominees for EC committee should be present in meeting or should have officially intimated the President of their intention to serve as EC member beforehand). The newly elected members will be inducted at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting.

2. The executive with the approval of the General Body may frame and implement Elections Rules without violating in spirit the provisions herein.

3. To consider postal ballot or e-ballot for election to the council and to give rights to all members to participate in such election. However, the office bearers and members of the committee shall only be those, whose addresses and emails & cell numbers are registered with the office of the AOPAS & are residents of INDIA

#### E. VACANCIES ON THE COMMITTEE:

In case of Office-bearers, the hierarchy rule mentioned as in 'A' will be followed. The vacancy in case of members of committee shall be filled in by co-option by the Committees. The tenure of such co-opted member will be till the next Annual General Body Meeting.

#### G. ABSENCE FROM COMMITTEE MEETING:

A member of the Committee who remains absent for 3 consecutive meetings of the committee without prior intimation shall be deemed to have resigned and his membership of the Council shall be deemed to have been terminated.

Quorum of the Committee: Minimum should be 6 members.

#### H. DUTIES of the committee :

The Committee shall be responsible for:

1. The conduct of the affairs of the AOPAS
2. Maintenance of proper records.
3. Planning and executing activities to attain the objectives of the AOPAS
4. Calling the General Body Meeting and placing before it such agendas as are required by these bye-laws and all other such matters that may affect the AOPAS or its objectives.

#### I. INVITEES:

The Committee may with the permission of the President:

1. Invite a member to participate in its deliberations.
2. Invite a member or a non-member for its deliberations on a specific issue.
3. Such invitee members shall have no voting rights.

#### J. FORMATION OF SUB-COMMITTEES AND DELEGATION OF POWERS:

1. The executive committee may appoint sub committees from among the members of AOPAS and delegate its power (including those of co-options) for carrying out specific projects such as holding of Conferences, supervisions of building activities, etc.
2. The executive committee shall have the right to change the composition of such sub committee if deemed necessary in the interest of the AOPAS
3. The President and the Secretary shall be ex-officio members of all such sub committees.
4. The work of such sub committees shall be reviewed by the managing committee at least once every year and Progress Report submitted to the General Body.
5. A statement of Accounts of all sub-committees/bodies created by the managing committee shall form a part of the Annual Accounts.

#### K. CONDUCTING CONFERENCES:

1. A member of AOPAS may bid to organize conference, for the next year, in his/her locality in the General body meeting and he will be the organising secretary for that annual conference.

The Privilege of becoming the organising secretary will be in the following order -

- 1) President
- 2) Vice President
- 3) Secretary
- 4) Treasurer
- 5) Any other life member ( for min 5 years) nominated by the President and seconded by another life member (for min 5 years). The President in that case shall take the

responsibility of proper conduct and accounts submission of that organising secretary.

If there is more than one member bidding, then members present in the General body, by show of hands will select the venue of the conference.

2. The local organizer will select the venue ( Venue should be preferably well connected to major cities in India) and local organizing committee in consultation with the executive committee.

3. The President, Secretary and Treasurer will be part of the organizing committee.

4. The Organizing Secretaries shall be responsible for the Administration and financial conduct of the Conference and shall be authorized to open and operate a regional account of the AOPAS by a resolution of the Committee.

5. The Organizing Secretaries shall have the power to organize and constitute various committees for the proper conduct of the Conference.

6. Accounts shall be finalized within 10 months of the completion of Conference, audited and forwarded to the Hon. treasurer who shall place them before the next General Body Meeting.

7. The monies saved after spending in the annual meeting will go to AOPAS Account.

### Article III - GENERAL BODY MEETING

#### ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING:

1. Accounting Year shall be from 1st April to 31st March.

2. There shall be an Annual General Body Meeting held once a year by 31<sup>st</sup> March unless the dates are specifically waived at a previous General Body Meeting. Presentations of The Annual Accounts and elections to the Executive committee shall be held at this Meeting.

3. If deemed necessary, the President and the Executive committee can organise GBM, Special or Extraordinary GBM, EC meetings by online / virtual platform using Zoom or Teams or equivalent applications.

4. The Agenda for a General Body Meeting shall be determined by the Executive committee in conformity with the Rules & Regulations and shall include any matter deferred at the last General Body Meeting.

5. The Executive committee should decide and Hon. Secretary should send notices of the Meeting to Members minimum 4 weeks in advance. This can be sent by Email, message of official whatsapp or equivalent group or notification on the official AOPAS website.

6. Quorum for General Body meeting shall be 25 members. If no quorum is present within 15 minutes of the time announced for the meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned for 1/2 an hour and held at the same venue thereafter whether the quorum is present or not.

7. Any member of the AOPAS who wishes to move a formal resolution (other than the resolution recommended by the Council) shall give notice in writing or by Email to President and Secretary, and shall submit a copy of such resolution at least 20 days before the date of the meeting.

8. A Special General Body Meeting shall be called by the Hon. Secretary, on a decision of the managing committee, for a specific agenda. However, under exceptional circumstances such a meeting can be convened at any time with one week's notice to all 'Members'. Such a meeting shall transact only the item on the AGENDA.

In case the quorum of 25 members is not present then the meeting shall be adjourned for half an hour and shall be re-convened at the same venue when quorum will not be necessary.

Requisitioned General Body Meeting shall be called by the Hon. Secretary,(a) on a decision of the Committee,(b) on the requisition of at least 25 members for a specific agenda. Such a meeting shall transact only the item on the AGENDA. In the absence of the 25 members, who have requested the Requisitioned General Body Meeting, the meeting stands

cancelled.

9. Every General Body Meeting whether annual or requisitioned, shall be called by at least 28 days notice in writing. The notice shall specify the day, place and time of the meeting, and in the case of requisitioned

General Body Meeting the specific nature of the agenda.

However, the Special General Body Meeting can be convened with 7 days notice.

10. In accordance with the noble intention of going forward with paperless communication, the Executive committee and office bearers shall do official communication to its members in any of the 3 following ways -

- a) Email on their registered email ID
- b) Official message on AOPAS whatsapp or equivalent group by President, Secretary or Treasurer or any of the Advisory council members.
- c) Official notification on AOPAS website - [www.aopas.org.in](http://www.aopas.org.in)

## Article IV - FINANCE

### A. ACCOUNTS:

1. The Financial Year of the AOPAS shall end on 31st March every year.
2. The accounts duly audited shall be presented to the Annual General Body Meeting subsequently.
3. If this is not possible for whatsoever reason, the General Body can, on the request of the Hon. Treasurer defer consideration of the Accounts to the next General Body Meeting.

### B. SUBSCRIPTION:

Subscriptions in all form: The General Body on the recommendations of the managing committee shall decide Admission Fees, Annual subscription to the journal etc.

### C. OPERATIONS OF ACCOUNTS:

1. All subscriptions shall be received and account operated by the Hon. Treasurer within the sanctions made by the managing committee.
2. President, Treasurer and Secretary will be signatory for the bank account(s). Signatures of any two out of three must be there to issue cheque.
3. In case if any two are un-available due to any reason, the managing committee by majority vote will authorize one of its members as signatory.

### D. PROPERTIES & ASSETS:

All properties and assets of the AOPAS shall vest in the advisory council under these byelaws, who shall have the authority to invest the assets but shall not have the authority to liquidate the same without the consent of the General Body after giving 4 weeks notice. Appropriate statement concerning these shall form a part of the Annual Accounts.

## Article V - DUTIES OF OFFICE BEARERS

### A. The President shall:

1. Guide the activities of the AOPAS towards the fulfillment of its objectives and ensure the observance of these Rules & Regulations.
2. Represent the AOPAS singly or in such groups as may be decided by the advisory Council for any activity connected with the objectives of the AOPAS
3. Carry out all other activities usually associated with that office.
4. Authorize taking decision of the Executive committee by a circular resolution.
5. Chair all meetings of the executive committee and the General Body (In the absence of the President this power shall vest in the President elect and should the President elect to

be absent it shall vest in Vice President of the committee elected to the chair of this specific meeting)

6. Have the privilege of becoming the organising secretary for upcoming Annual meeting of the AOPAS.

B. The President-Elect shall:

1. Take over the duties of the president when he demits office. He shall be incharge of the various courses run by the society. He will oversee the smooth running of all the courses and specially be concerned about the academic standards of instructions imparted.

2. In absence of the President shall carry out all the duties connected with that office.

3. Carry out all activities usually associated with his office

C. The Vice-President shall:

1. Be a member of the Council and carry out such duties as may be assigned by the President.

2. In absence of the President and president elect carry out all the duties connected with that office.

3. Carry out all activities usually associated with his office.

D. The. Honorary Secretary shall:

1. Maintain the Minutes of the Committee and General Body Meetings.

2. Execute the decision of the Committee and the General Body.

3. Carry out all other duties as are usually associated with his office.

E. The Honorary Treasurer shall :

Maintain Accounts, receive subscriptions, pay all taxes on time, pay all bills and present the Accounts annually to the Council and to the Annual General Meeting and file returns to Income Tax, Service Tax & any other taxes as applicable from time to time. He will also generate his digital signature that is a requirement for filling tax returns

#### Article VI - SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

1. The conduct of Scientific Meetings shall be the responsibility of the local Organizer.

2. Scientific program would be finalized after mutual consultations between the President and the local Organizer either in person or on e mail / telephone.

3. Subject for symposia or panel discussion shall be fixed by the Executive Committee.

4. Orations and guest lectures would be suitably accommodated in preparing the scientific program after due consultations with the President and the executive committee.

5. All members including members of managing committee, advisory council and local organizers will have to register at own cost for the meetings and pay for their own travel and accommodation.

6. Free registration will granted only to members above age of 70 and honorary members.

#### Article VII – PROPERTY

The income and property of the AOPAS shall be applied solely towards the promotions of the Associations as set forth in the Memorandum of Association and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise however by way of profit, to the members of the AOPAS provided that nothing shall prevent the

payment, in good faith of reasonable and proper remuneration and out-of-pockets expenses to any member of the AOPAS in return for any services rendered to the AOPAS.

Article VIII –  
AMENDMENT OF MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION AND BYE LAWS

Rules & Regulations:

1. No alterations or additions shall be made to any clause of this Memorandum of Association and / or Bye - laws, Rules & Regulations except by a resolution at a General Body Meeting after due notice of 28 days of such a proposal has been given to all Members of the AOPAS and the amendments adopted by a 3/5th majority of Members present and voting and casting their votes validly at the said meeting.
2. Any amendment to the Byelaws Rules & Regulations in violations of the Memorandum of Association of AOPAS shall be deemed to be invalid even if adopted as per Article VIII (1).

Article IX – DISSOLUTION

The AOPAS may at any time by a resolution passed in an Extraordinary General Body Meeting called for this purpose be wound up, dissolved by a decision of at least 2/3rd of the members present and voting and casting their votes validly. In that event the books and records of the AOPAS shall be disposed of in accordance with the directions of the council and all the other property of the AOPAS shall be transferred to such body or bodies whether incorporated or not as shall be specified by the resolution for winding up, provided that such body or bodies has or have objectives analogous to the objectives of the AOPAS. If not such body or bodies be specified by the resolution, then the said property of the Association shall be transferred to such bodies or body as may be determined by a Judge of the High Court or Justice having jurisdiction in regard to charitable funds and if and so far as effect cannot be given to such provisions, then to some charitable object.

Article X-CHANGEOVER

The modalities of changeover from the existing to these byelaws shall be decided upon by the General Body at It's Meeting by a simple majority.