Amendments to the Constitution to be discussed at the Annual State Council meeting to be held at Chandrapur on 25th November 2011.

OBJECTS

Page 3: 5. To work to bring uniformity in Basic Medical Education, Medical Research, Medical Services, Registration and to achieve sense of Brotherhood among all members of the profession who are registered to practice Modern Scientific Medicine (Allopathy).

OBJECTS: ADD: (6). To work for welfare of the members and their family members.

7. To work for updating Members with the latest advancement in the field of Medical and allied subjects.

METHODS

For the attainment and furtherance of these objects the “State Branch” may:

6. Hold periodical meetings and conferences of the members of the Association and the Medical Profession in general.

ADD: under (6): To establish academic wings as per HQ directive, such as College of General Practice – State Faculty, Academy of Medical Specialties – State Chapter etc.

Page 5: 21. Do all such other things as are cognate to the objects of the State Branch or incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

ADD: New (22): To establish welfare Schemes for members and for the family of the members, as Social Security Scheme, Professional Protection Scheme, medical Insurance Scheme etc.

RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Page 6: The words working committee and the Central Council in the following rules mean the Central working committee of the Indian Medical Association and the Central Council of the Indian Medical Association, respectively.

ADD – DEFINITIONS in the beginning:

HQ means Indian Medical Association – Head Quarters, New Delhi.

CWC means Central Working Committee – IMA HQ.

CC means Central Council – IMA HQ.

State means Indian Medical Association – Maharashtra State.

State Executive means State Executive Committee of IMA – Maharashtra State.

State Council means State Council of IMA MS.

Local Branch means Local Branches under State Branch.
SUBSCRIPTION AND CONTRIBUTION

Page 9: 15. Branch members shall pay their subscription to the Branch according to the scale and instalments fixed by the branch. The branch shall, however, pay a contribution at the rate fixed from time to time by the Central Council (add “and State Council”) per head per year for all members on its roll on 1st April each year. This shall be paid to this Association. Such contribution shall become due on the 1st April and shall be (delete from “within...till end of para and ADD: one month in advance i.e. before 1st March every year since HQ consider zero annual membership on 1st April-if HQ.

16. Direct Members shall pay such subscription as may be determined by the Maharashtra State Council from time to time. Add at the end: before 1st March every year.

COMPOSITION OF THE MAHARASTRA STATE COUNCIL

25. The Maharashtra State Council shall be composed of the following members of the Association:

1. Ex-Officio Members.

Page 10: a) The President ADD: a) 1) PRESIDENT ELECT.
   e) Four Vice Presidents.
   f) Three Change to FOUR Honorary Joint Secretaries.
   g) Honorary Treasurer.
ADD: In g. All Office Bearers of all wings of State Branch.
   h) Add: Regular and alternate Representatives of the State on the Central Working Committee of IMA.

2. Branch Representatives

Page 11: a) Representatives from Branches:
   The Representative from the branches is appointed by the branches according to the following: One representative for the first 20 members or less. One additional representative for a complete unit of ten subsequent members. Names of the representatives shall be communicated to state office at least six weeks “SIX weeks “change to “EIGHT WEEKS” before the annual meeting of the State Council. In case any of the representatives of a branch is unable to attend the meeting of the Maharashtra State council, the president of the said branch may nominate any other member of the branch to deputize for him for that particular meeting. The names of such members, who are deputized, shall be communicated to the honorary State Secretary of the Maharashtra state branch before the meeting.

Page 12: c) In the event of Death, infirmity, inability in case of President elect (before installation) fresh election shall be called. ADD: “Election commission will conduct the fresh Election during the next immediate Annual State Council Meeting”. In case of similar situation of President after installation, senior Vice President shall work as President for remaining part of the tenure.

Page 13: 34. To appoint and remove salaried officers and servants of the State Branch Delete – as it comes under purview of Office Bearers.

37. The Office Bearers of the State Branch except the President ADD: President Elect and the Vice Presidents shall be elected or appointed by the State Council, as per provisions laid down in the Bye- Laws:

{President Elect after President for one year in 2012 for the year 2012-2013 and thereafter only President Elect from year 2013. (There will election of President for the year 2011-2012 and President elect for the year 2012-2013 in the year 2012. The President will be installed in November 2012 and President elect will be installed as President in November 2013. Thereafter from 2013 onwards there will be election of President elect every year.)}
MEETINGS OF THE MAHARASHTRA STATE COUNCIL

A) The Annual Meeting of the Maharashtra State Council shall be held ordinarily at the time of the Annual Conference at convenient place date and time to be decided by the State Secretary in consultation with the President. The inaugural function and the installation of the incoming state president shall be held after completion of the deliberations of the Annual State Council Meeting. The host branch may collect hospitality charges in as decided by the host branch in consultation with the IMA MS. (2008) Add: IMA MS office bearers and approved by State Executive Committee.

Page 13: The Business to be transaction at the Annual Meeting of the State Council shall be the following:

Business of the Annual Meeting of the State Council:

i) The Election, if necessary (in the absence of the President and the Vice President) of the Chairman.

ii) Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous ordinary State Council Meeting.

iii) Adoption of Annual Report of the previous year. Add: with all its wings such as CGP, AMS and PPS.

iv) Adoption of the audited accounts - Combine no. iv and ix.

v) Amendments of the Rules or/ and Bye Laws, if any:

vi) Election of members and alternate members on the working committee of IMA.

vii) Election of the Office Bearers as per Bye Laws and 15 members and alternate members of the Executive Committee from branches with less than 50 members.

Specify all the posts for election at State Council under vii.

a. Member of Election Commission 1 Post.

b. Hon. State Secretary 1 Post.

c. Hon. Treasurer 1 Post.


e. Director of studies of IMA CGP State Faculty 1 Post.

f. Hon. Secretary of IMA CGP State Faculty 1 Post.

g. Hon. Jt. Secretary of IMA CGP State Faculty 1 Post.

h. Members of IMA CGP State Faculty Governing Council 3 Posts.

i. Chairman IMA AMS State Chapter 1 Post.

j. Hon. Secretary IMA AMS State Chapter 1 Post.

k. Member on the Central Governing Council CGP-HQs 1 Post.

NOTE: 1. Posts at no. b, c, & 1 of d are from area where IMA MS office is situated.

2. Posts at no. i and j are for three years and election will be every 3rd years.

c) Change one month to SIX WEEKS in 2nd line. (Since notice is to be posted before 30 days.)
viii) Election of member of Election Commission.
ix) Consideration of the Budget for the ensuing year - Combine no. iv & ix.
x) Resolutions brought forward by the Executive committee of the State Branch.
xi) Resolutions brought forward by the local branches.
xii) Resolutions brought forward by the individual members of the State Branch.
xiii) Any other business with the permission of the President.

NOTE:

c) Notice of resolutions to be moved at the Annual meeting of the State Councils shall reach the state Secretary at least one month (change one month to SIX WEEKS. (Since notice is to be posted before 30 days) before the meeting.

Page 15: D) Requisition Meeting of the Maharashtra State Council:
A requisition meeting of the Maharashtra State Council shall be held within six weeks on receipt of a requisition signed by at least 100 members of the Council stating the business for which the meeting is required. The time, date and place of such meeting shall be fixed by the State Secretary in consultation with President.

39. 3) This notice shall be sent to members whose names have been on record at State Office two months before the date of meeting.

QUORUM FOR THE MEETING OF THE STATE COUNCIL

39. 4) The Quorum for all meetings of the State Council other than the requisition meeting, shall be 25 of which at least 15 shall be other than the Office Bearers of the State Branch. The quorum for the requisition meeting shall be 100. Change 25 to 50 in 1st line, 15 to 40 in 2nd line and 150 in 3rd line.

ADD: In absence of quorum meeting shall be adjourn for 15 minutes and will be meet after 15 minutes at the same venue and transact the same business, where no quorum will be required. In case of requisition meeting, it shall stand dissolve and there will be no requisition meeting called for six months for the same agenda.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

42. The Executive Committee shall be a continuous body and will be constituted as follows:

The Executive Committee will consist of:
i) Ex-Officio Members.
ii) Elected Members
iii) Co-opted Members.

i) Ex-Officio Members: The President, three Immediate Past Presidents, the Vice Presidents, the Honorary State Secretary, three Honorary Joint Secretaries, the Honorary Treasurer and the members of the Central Working Committee, Chairman of the Social Security Scheme of the State, Director of Studies of IMA C.G.P. Maharashtra State Faculty, Chairman I.M.A. Academy of Medical Speciality, Chairman of Election Commission:

i) Ext-officio Members: ADD: PRESIDENT elect, Regular CWC members, Hon. Secretary & Hon. Jt, Secretary cum Treasure of SSS, Secretary and Jt. Secretary of CGP State Faculty, Hon. Secretary AMS State Chapter, Chairman and Hon. Secretary of PPS, members of election commission.
iii) Co-opted members of the Executive Committee.

**Page 15**: 42. The President may co-opt up to 4 members for any particular meeting of the Executive Committee from the Maharashtra Region. Replace “Maharashtra region” by “one from the place of President and one each from three regions.”

**POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Page 18**: The Executive Committee shall have the right:

ii) To appoint Committee, Sub-committees. Ad-hoc committees and standing committees delete: Standing Committee (usually it is by State Council) as and when necessary. To fill if necessary incidental vacancy in the add: office bearers and election commission.

v) To appoint or remove salaried officers and servants of the State Branch. Delete: As it should be power of Office Bearers.

**MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Page 19**: c) The quorum for the meeting shall be 15 of which at least 10 shall be members other than the Office Bearers of the Association. Change: 15 to 25 and 10 to 20 in 1st line.

**Page 20**: THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

46. These shall ordinarily be organised as a Maharashtra State Medical Conference every year preferably in October or November Or as the Maharashtra State Council may decide under the auspices of the Indian Medical Association Maharashtra State Branch at a suitable place and time as decided by the Maharashtra State Council. The branches shall have the privilege of inviting the conference. ADD: "WITH Rs. 25,000/- as advance part payment as deposit.

**ELECTION COMMISSION**

**Page 21**: a) It shall have maximum 3 members. Change: It shall have maximum 5 members.

f) After constitution of 3 members’ body, one member shall retire just before annual state council meeting.

g) Retiring member, if eligible can avail the opportunity of re-election.

**Powers and Functions.**

**Page 22**: iii) It shall undertake any such election related work as may be desired by the President, ADD: State Executive or State Council.

viii) Election Commission can take the help of some senior (Delete : Senior) members of the local branch ADD “or other members from the members present at the meeting for scrutiny work.

**BYE-LAWS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

**Life Membership**

**Page 23**: 4. A person who is an ordinary member or is eligible to be an ordinary member, seeking enlistment as a Life Member shall pay a lump sum as determined by the Central Council ADD “and State Council”. (already it exists under 6 ) from time to time. Procedure of membership shall be the same as in the case of a branch or direct member.

**Subscription and Head Quarter Fund Contribution.**

**Page 24**: 6. Branch Members shall pay their subscription to the branch according to the scale and installment fixed by the branch. The branch shall, however, pay a contribution and H.F.C. to the Maharashtra.
State Branch at the rate to be fixed from time to time by the State Council and Central Council, as per head per year for all the members on its roll on the April each year. Such contribution shall become due on 1st April.

ADD at the end: “However it will be paid in advance to State before 1st March each year.

8. Life Member shall pay a lump sum in lieu of the yearly subscription as determined by the Indian Medical Association. ADD “Central Council and State council from time to time.”

General Rules about Subscription and Contribution

9. If subscription and contribution on behalf of any member is not paid for one month from its becoming due, the privileges of membership of such member shall be withheld by the Honorary State Secretary pending the decision of the Executive Committee.

11. If a branch member leaves the area of his or her branch permanently and goes to another branch according to the rules of another branch. The fact of transfer shall be notified by the branches to each other and to the Head Quarters through the Maharashtra State Branch. ADD: If a Life member wish to change the Branch in Maharashtra or in other State branch, transfer will be governed as per the rules of HQS.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Page 25 : 14. By removal of name on account of non-payment of subscription after due notice as follows:

a) In case of direct members, if the subscription is not paid within one month after due date, the member shall be notified. If after two months of this notice the subscription remains unpaid, a registered notice shall be given stating clearly that if within 30 days of this notice the dues are not paid, privileges of membership including the supply of the journal shall be suspended and the case be brought before the State Council for action it may decide to take.

b) In case of branch members: The branch shall be free to make any rules it likes about payment of its dues from members, but if the Headquarter Fund Contribution and/or subscription from a branch in respect of any member is not received within one month of the date on which it falls due, the branch shall be notified to pay dues within one month. If the contribution still remains unpaid, a registered notice shall be given to the branch, clearly stating that if the dues are not paid within a month, all privileges of membership shall be suspended on account of members. If the dues still remain unpaid, privileges of membership including the supply of the journal shall be suspended and the case shall be put before the State Executive Committee, for any action it may decide to take.

14. a) & b): Jointly rewrite: All Annual members’ subscription must pay their HFC (State & HQ share) before 1st March to the State Office, either through the Branch for Branch members and direct to State office for Direct member. (Since as per rules of HQ non-payment of HFC before 1st April, strength of all Annual members are automatically suspended /terminated and becomes zero.)

RE- ADMISSION

Page 26 : 16. Persons who have ceased to be members under Rule 14 can be readmitted on fresh application being made by them and on payment of any dues outstanding on the date when they ceased to be members. The Working Committee shall however have the power to write off a part or whole of any outstanding dues against such member or on recommendation of the branch concerned.

Persons who have ceased to be members under Rule 15 can be readmitted on fresh application on expiry of two years or thereafter provided their application for readmission is supported by ten members of association testifying to their good conduct during the intervening period. But the members who have resigned under this clause can be readmitted on submitting a written apology acceptable to the working committee on recommendation of the branch concerned.
Page 27: e) No business shall be transacted at a special or requisition meeting other than that for which the meeting is called.

f) A notice may be served on any member either personally through a servant of the State Branch or by post Under Certificate of Posting. Rewrite 2nd line: “by registered with AD/ speed post or courier with POD.”

g) If within half an hour or such time as decided by the President or the Chairman from the appointed time a quorum is not found, the meeting if convened on the requisition of members to be called again by the Secretary in consultation with the President later and at this meeting the members present, whatever their number, shall form the quorum and shall carry on the business. Rewrite: If there is no quorum at the appointed time, the requisition meeting shall stand cancelled and no other meeting shall be called within 6 months for the same agenda.

18. Funds of the State Branch:

Income: The funds or the income of the State Branch shall be derived from the following sources.

a) Subscription of the direct members after deducting the share of the office of the I.M.A. Headquarters.

b) Contribution from the branches to the State Branch on account of members on their rolls.

c) Contribution from the Life Members as determined by the Head Quarters ADD “and State council”.

Page 28: 19. There shall be a reserve fund of the State Branch. At least 5% “change to “At least 40%.” of the surplus each year shall be credited to this fund. The reserve fund shall only be drawn upon by a special resolution of a meeting of the State Council at which ¾ of members present vote in favour of the resolution of withdrawal.

19. B) The Life Membership Contribution received by the State Branch shall be earmarked separately as “Life Membership Fund” and shall not be utilised without prior sanction of the State Council. However, interest out of this fund can be used for the functioning of the State Branch. Ordinarily Finance Committee ADD “President, Hon. Secretary” and the Treasurer will see that this fund is properly invested.

Page 29: 20. Expenditure: Replace “The State Council shall” by “The Office Bearers shall out of the Funds of the State Branch, defray all ordinary expenses and shall pay rents, salaries, wages and such other charges as may be necessary for carrying on the work of the State Branch. It shall further provide for the publications as authorised, and shall be empowered to spend money on scientific investigations, conferences, prizes, scholarships and on such other purposes as it may consider advisable in furtherance of the objects of the State Branch.

21. The Office Bearers of the State Branch:

c) One Honorary State Secretary and two (Change two to three) Honorary Joint Secretaries. One of the Elected Joint Secretaries shall be from the Branch where the State Headquarters is situated. d) One Treasurer. ADD: 3rd Joint Secretary – nominated by the President” ADD: e) Chairman, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Jt.Secretary of IMA MS CGP Faculty.

Chairman and Hon. Secretary of IMA MS SSS, elected by respective General Body Meeting will be considered as Office Bearers of the State Branch.
Duties and Powers of the Office Bearers.

Page 30: 22. The President:
ADD: f) shall be ex-officio member of all sub and standing committees.

24. The Honorary State Secretary:

e) Change Shall prepare” to “Shall get prepare by the Hon. Treasurer” a budget for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the State Council.

Page 31: j) Shall organise the I.M.A. by encouraging the establishment of branches where they do not exist and by creating a general interest in I.M.A.

g) Re-write: “Shall organize meeting of eligible doctors for encouraging the formation of new Branch, where it does not exist by creating interest in activities of IMA”

25. The Honorary Treasurer:

Page 32: g) Shall prepare the annual statement of accounts and a balance sheet showing the financial position of the State Branch, get it audited by the auditor elected at the annual meeting of the State Council and ADD: “prepare the BUDGET” and put it before the meeting through the Honorary State Secretary for adoption.

ELECTION OF THE OFFICE BEARERS

President and Three Vice Presidents.

Page 32: 26. l a) The election commission shall on or before 20th June year invite the branches to nominate one member for the office of the President, ADD: PRESIDENT ELECT, FOR ONE YEAR IN 2012, AND THEN ONLY President elect, 3 members for the office of Vice presidents of the Maharashtra State Branch of IMA. The members nominated by the branch must have been LIFE MEMBERS of the association for at least 10 years. The nominations can be filled by the branch using printed letterheads signed by the Honorary Secretary or President of the branch.

The nominee for the post of President, ADD: President elect, and Vice Presidents should have held some post at the local branch. The nominee for the post of President MUST have attended at least 5 STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS. Nominee for vice President MUST have attended at least 3 STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS.

COUNTING OF VOTES

Page 39: 27. Add – NEW – (O) “All relevant papers and ballot papers will be preserved for one year - if there is no dispute or till the dispute is resolved.”

Page 40: b) Time of Nomination, Withdrawal and if necessary time of Polling shall be declared well before State Council meeting.
Add new dates after (B) as (C) to (H), delete c) and change d) and e) as i) and j).

c) Election Commission shall invite through Branches the Nominations of the entire elective. posts of IMA MS to be held at the Annual State Council meeting on or before 6 weeks before the date of Annual State Council Meeting.

Nomination should be in a sealed envelope and must be supercribed with “Nomination for the Election at State Council Meeting” and addressed to “Election Commission”.

The Envelope should not contain any other letter other than Nomination and should not address to Hon. Secretary IMA MS.

d) Last date of receiving the Nominations shall be 7 days before the date of Annual State Council meeting up to 5 pm. in State Office.

e) The Election Commission shall display the list of valid Nominations at 10 am on the day of the Annual State Council meeting at the venue of the meeting.

f) Withdrawal of the Nomination shall be up to 1 pm on the day of the Annual State Council meeting. The Contesting member must be physically present and signed the attendance register before 11 am, failing which, the nomination shall automatically be taken as withdrawn.

g) Election, if any, shall be conducted between 3 pm. To 5pm. on the day of the Annual State Council meeting.

h) The counting of votes shall commence at 5.30 pm. on the day of the Annual State Council meeting.

d) Report of scrutiny and counting of votes shall be submitted by the Election Commission to the State President.

e) President shall declare the result soon after.

Page 41 : 33. The Annual Conference :

a) There shall be organised a Maharashtra State Medical Conference every year or as the State Council may decide under the auspices of the I.M.A. Maharashtra State Branch, at a suitable place and time to be decided by the State Council. The branches shall have the privilege of inviting the conference. ADD : “with Rs. 25,000/- as part/advance payment.

34. Reception Committee:

c) Fee for membership of Reception Committee shall not be less than Rs. 50/- Change to Rs. 200/- but may be more if so decided by the Branch inviting the conference.
35. Delegates:

a) Delegation fee shall be **Rs. 25/-** per member, for members of I.M.A. The split of **Rs. 25/-** being as under.
   
i) **Rs. 10/-** per member to be paid to the local branch hosting the Annual State conference.
ii) **Rs. 15/-** per member of the Reception Committee to be paid to the LM.A. Maharashtra State Branch.

**REWRITE:** The delegate fees will be as decided by the host Branch and approved by The State Executive Committee and will be shared as **40%** to State Branch and **60%** for the host branch.

b) It is expected that all the delegates shall register as conference delegates on payment of registration charges fixed and approved by the State Executive Committee.

**ADD:** “IF a member does not register as Delegate for the Conference and wish to attend only the business meetings, he will only the Hospitality charges to the Host Branch as decided by the Reception Committee and approved by the State Executive Committee of which at least **25%** Will be paid to the State Branch.

38. Subject Committee; DELETE with all reference in 44 also.

41. The Expenses of the Conference shall be born wholly by the branch inviting the Conference. The State Council shall not be responsible for any part of the expenses. **ADD** “The host branch will contribute minimum **Rs. 25,000/-** to State Reserve Fund/Premises Fund.”

42. Program of the Annual Conference:

The Conference will have:

a) Inaugural Session.

b) Open Session – delete.

c) Scientific Session and

d) Such other-Business and Functions as may be arranged.

The **Inaugural Session** may have the following:

i) Address by the Chairman of the Reception Committee
   
   ii) Reading of Messages.
   
   iii) Installation of the President.
   
   iv) Inauguration of the Conference.
   
   v) Address by the President of the Conference.
   
   vi) Inauguration of Exhibition and speech by distinguished guest.
   
   vii) Election of Representatives of delegates on Subject Committee necessary,
   
   viii) Any other business permitted by the Chair.

**Rewrite:** The Inaugural Session may have the following in order:

1. Address by the Chairman of the Reception Committee.
2. Reading of Messages.
3. Report and address by State Secretary.
4. Address by the President of the Conference.
5. Inauguration of the Conference.
6. Prize and Award presentation.
7. Inauguration of Exhibition
8. Installation of the NEW PRESIDENT. And Presidential Speech.
10. Speech of Chief Guest.
11. Vote of thanks.
43. The Reception Committee in consultation with the President and the Honorary State Secretary will make the arrangements for the Scientific Session, for papers and discussions during the Conference. All papers read at the Session will be the property of the Association.

**Page 44:** General Rule:

(deleted : b,c,d,e.)

All resolutions proposed to be put before the Annual State Council shall be sent to the Honorary State Secretary and copies to the Organizing Secretary of the Conference at least one month before the beginning of the Conference.

Rewrite: All resolutions proposed to be put before the Annual State Council shall be sent to the Honorary State Secretary at least six weeks before the beginning of the Conference.

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