

# Anatomical Society of India

## HISTORY

### **First Constitution**

**Name of the Society:** The name of the society shall be “**The Anatomical Society of India**”.

**Objects of the Society:** The objects of the society shall be:-

- (A) The advancement of the study of and researches in Anatomy and allied subjects as per schedule of subjects (appended).
- (B) Holding of the **conferences** to present papers and communications regarding work carried on by the members of the society and discuss matters relating to the subjects mentioned above.
- (C) To formulate views regarding the **standardization of examination and teaching of Anatomy**, in particular, and the other scheduled subjects in the undergraduate courses and encourage and discuss methods of post-graduate teaching and **research work** in closest co-operation among the members of the society.
- (D) The publication of a **journal** or journals, **monographs** and **dissertations** under the auspices of the society and preparation of **text books**, on the basis of Indian Anatomical data.
- E) To promote a spirit of close brotherhood and co-operation amongst the members of the society and to keep close touch and contact with similar **societies or associations abroad** for mutual benefit in the furtherance of the objects of the society.
- (E) To see that teachers and workers in the subjects figuring in the schedule are ensured of an economic status to enable them to continue their professional engagements and **maintain and improve the standard of their work**.
- (F) To undertake all such things as are incidental and conducive to the above objects of the society.
- (H) To establish **branches of the society** in different states of India.

**Head Quarters of the Society:** The head quarters of the society shall, for the present be in **Calcutta**.

**Members:** The society shall consist of Foundation members, Honorary members, Life members and Ordinary members.

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**Patrons:** The society, at its annual general meeting, shall have powers to elect as **Patrons**, persons of outstanding eminence whose association with the society is likely to benefit it in the furtherance of its objects.

**Office:** Bearers of the Society: The office – bearers of the society shall consist of:-

- (i) A President.
- (ii) Two Vice- Presidents.
- (iii) Two Secretaries,
  - a. A General Secretary
  - b. A Joint Secretary, one of whom shall be local, residing at the head quarters of the Society.
- (iv) One Treasurer, residing at the Head Quarters.

**Executive Committee:**

The society shall have an **Executive Committee** consisting of all the office-bearers and twelve members elected at the annual general meeting.

**Auditor:**

The society, at its annual general meeting, shall appoint an Auditor and shall fix his remuneration, if any.

**Change of Constitution:** The provisions of the constitution can be altered, modified or added only in a general meeting of the society and provided that **4/5<sup>th</sup> of voting members present** in the meeting shall vote for such alteration, modification or addition.

**Sub-Committee:** The society at its annual general meeting or the executive committee during the course of the working year, shall have powers to appoint **sub-committees** for specific purposes. Such sub-committees shall submit their report to the appointing body.

## **Rules**

**Official Year of the Society:** The official year of the society shall be the **calendar year**.

**Membership:**

**(a) Ordinary :** Any person who is or was engaged at any time in the teaching of any of the scheduled subjects or in carrying on post – graduate work in the same in a university recognized institution or laboratory shall be eligible for election as an ordinary member.

**(b) Foundation:** Any member possessing the qualification of an ordinary member and participating in the inauguration of the society shall be called a Foundation member.

**(c) Life:** Any ordinary member compounding for the payment of all future annual subscriptions by payment in a single sum of Rs.200/- shall be called a Life Member.

**(d) Honorary :** Any person of outstanding scientific attainments in any of the scheduled subjects or any person who has rendered or is likely to render material service in advancing the objects of the society may, on the recommendation of the executive committee of the society, be elected at its general meeting as an Honorary Member.

**Admission Fees:** Foundation and ordinary members shall pay an admission fee of Rs.3/- only. In case of discontinuance of membership for any reason, a member shall pay a re-admission fee of Rs.3/- only.

**Membership Subscriptions:** The annual subscription for ordinary and foundation members shall be Rs.18/-, provided that members with eligibility qualification of less than 5 years standing may, on the certificate of the Professor or Head of the institution where such members may be working, be required to pay only Rs.10/-.

Subscriptions are payable within the first month of each year.

**Arrears of Subscriptions:** Any member defaulting in making payment of his subscription for 3 months shall be duly notified of his arrears. If the same are not paid within the next 3 months, he shall forfeit all the privileges of membership. Names of such defaulting members would be communicated to the executive committee who may recommend removal of his name from the list of members for final confirmation in the next general meeting of the society.

**Privileges of Membership:**

- (i) Members shall have the right to be present in all general meetings of the society.
- (ii) Each member shall have one vote in all general meetings of the society provided the subscriptions due are not in arrears for more than 6 months.
- (iii) All members shall be entitled to receive free the Journal of the Society.
- (iv) All members shall have the right to present papers or communications at the annual or special session. Such papers or communications may be published in the Journal of the Society if the editorial board of the journal committee deems it desirable and feasible.
- (v) All members shall have the right to propose or second membership for new entrants.
- (vi) Any member shall be entitled to introduce one visitor only in scientific meetings.
- (vii) All members shall be entitled to the use of the library of the society.

**Election of Members:**

1. In order to be elected a member of the society, a candidate satisfying the provisions for membership shall be proposed by an existing member and seconded by another and the executive committee shall finally deal with the proposed candidature.
2. The application form for membership shall have to be duly filled by the candidate personally, signed by himself as well as by his proposer and seconder.
3. This procedure shall not apply in case of foundation members.
4. Validity of membership would only accrue after scheduled admission fee and subscription are duly received by the society.
5. Honorary members shall be elected at the annual general meeting on the recommendation of the executive committee.

6. The executive committee shall have the right to refuse admission of a new member without assigning any reason.

**Election of Patrons:** Same as for honorary member.

**Removal of Members:** Any member (except honorary and life members) shall be liable to have his name removed from the list of valid members in case:-

(i) He runs in arrears as regard payment of subscription for more than 6 months.

(ii) In the opinion of the executive committee and in the interest of the society such removal is considered desirable. Such removal shall be finally decided in a general meeting by a 3/4<sup>th</sup> majority of members present and voting.

**Management of the Society:**

1. The general management of the society shall be vested in the executive committee.

2. The executive committee shall continue to hold office till a new committee is elected at the next annual general meeting.

3. The first election of members of the executive committee will be by majority votes at the inaugural meeting of the society.

4. For subsequent years, the executive committee shall, not less than one month before the annual general meeting, invite from ordinary, foundation and life members of the society names to be selected as office-bearers and members of the executive committee. These names together with the ones that may be suggested by the executive shall be included in a ballot paper and circulated to all voting members along with the notice of annual general meeting at least 3 weeks before such meeting is due. The ballot papers duly filled in shall be sent back so as to reach the secretariat of the society not less than 10 days before the annual general meeting.

The ballot papers shall be scrutinized by a sub-committee appointed by the executive committee and the result of the election shall be declared at the annual general meeting.

No member shall have the right of voting unless he has been a member for at least 6 months previous to the date of voting.

**Powers of Executive Committee:**

The executive committee shall have

(i) Full power to carry on day to-day administration of the society.

(ii) Powers to transact all business, in case of emergency, notwithstanding any limitations herein lay, and deal with all matters not otherwise provided for in these rules.

(iii) Powers to frame bye-laws that may appear conducive to the benefit and efficient administration of the society provided of course that such bye-laws be not inconsistent with or contradictory to anything contained in the constitution and the rules of the society. These bye-laws shall be operative so long as they are not rendered inoperative by a general meeting or by a subsequent executive committee decision.

(iv) Powers to propose modification or alteration of existing rules at the annual general meeting.

(v) Powers to appoint sub-committees during the course of the year for the smooth and efficient working of the activities of the society.

### **Vacancies During the course of the year:**

Any vacancy or vacancies in the executive committee during the course of the working year shall be filled by the executive committee provided that such vacancies do not exceed 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the total number of members in the executive committee at a time.

Such casual vacancies in the executive committee shall not render the business transacted by the executive committee invalid or inoperative.

### **Powers and Duties of Office-Bearers:**

The president shall be ex-officio chairman of all the meetings of the society and shall be the constitutional head of the society. He shall originally have one vote and in case of a tie in the voting shall have a casting vote. He shall decide points of order and his ruling shall be final.

The vice-presidents shall have the powers of the president in the absence of the latter.

The secretaries shall be the executive officers of the society and in the absence of the executive committee shall have all executive powers regarding routine administration of the society. They shall prepare all reports of the society and minutes of all meetings.

Certain powers of the general secretary may be delegated specifically to the joint secretary with the consent of the executive committee.

The treasurer shall be in charge of all funds of the society, prepare statements of accounts of the society and present the same at the annual meeting, duly audited and along with the auditor's report.

All cheques shall be signed jointly by the treasurer and one of the secretaries. The secretaries and the treasurer shall prepare the annual budget.

## **MEETINGS**

### **Annual General Meetings:**

Shall be held in the last week of December or first week of January each year, or as soon thereafter as possible. Notice of the annual general meeting shall be issued by the secretariat of the society not less than one month before the date of the annual general meeting. Similar notice shall be needed for all general meetings. Business to be transacted at the annual general meeting shall be:-

- (i) To receive, discuss and adopt the annual report prepared by the executive committee and presented by the Secretaries.
- (ii) To receive and adopt the audited accounts of the previous year as presented by the Treasurer.
- (iii) To discuss and adopt the budget estimates of the ensuing year.
- (iv) To consider any resolution by any member and of which due notice has been given to the secretariat of the society at least 15 days before the annual general meeting.

(v) To consider any resolution presented on behalf of the executive committee as also any changes or modifications of the rules as proposed by the executive committee and circulated along with the notice of the Annual General Meeting.

(vi) To declare the result of the ballot election of office-bearers and members of the executive committee.

(vii) To appoint sub-committees as may be necessary.

(viii) To appoint an Auditor.

(ix) To form branches of the society that has at least 5 members at the local center.

(x) Any other competent business which the meeting may decide to discuss.

**Special General Meetings** may be convened any time by the executive committee in order to consider any matter of special importance and urgency.

**Requisition General Meeting** shall be convened on requisition signed by not less than 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the total number of ordinary members on the roll and stating specifically the purpose of the requisition. The meeting shall be held within 6 weeks from the receipt of such requisition by the executive committee, failing which the requisition shall have the right to hold the meeting on their own initiative after giving due notice as required for all general meetings.

**Executive Committee Meetings** shall be held as often as necessary during the course of the working year. The notice for executive committee meetings shall be not less than 15 days. In order to decide any matter of great urgency and whenever it is not possible to call a regular meeting of the executive committee due to shortness of time or any other inconvenience, meeting of the executive committee may be held by circulation to elicit the opinion of the members of the executive committee on the subject mooted in the agenda.

## **XV. Quorum In Meetings**

The quorum for all general meetings shall be 20 & for executive committee meeting 4.

## **XVI. Failure of Quorum**

Failure of quorum in any meeting (with the exception of a requisition general meeting) shall result in an adjournment of the meeting to the next day at the same hour and place and no fresh notice would be needed. No quorum shall be needed in such adjourned meetings.

Failure of quorum in a requisition general meeting shall be considered as failure of the requisition itself.

## **XVII. The Annual Congress of The Society**

The congress of the society shall be held annually along with the annual general meetings and the business at the congress shall consist of presentation of papers, communications, demonstrations, discussions on anatomical and other allied subjects and any other matter of academic interest so far as anatomy and the scheduled subjects are concerned.

## **APPENDIX**

### **Schedule of Subjects**

The scheduled subjects shall, for the present, be the following:

1. Human Anatomy including - a. Embryology, b. Histology, c. Physical Anthropology, d. Genetics and Heredity.

2. Anatomy, Embryology and Histology of animals in so far as they throw light on the structure of man.
3. Human & Animal Physiology including Nutrition.
4. Morbid and Abnormal Anatomy of man and animals.
5. Anatomy and Physiology of growth.
6. Anatomy and Physiology of the child, adolescent and old.
7. Eugenics, Race-betterment and Human Biology.

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