

INDIAN ARTHROPLASTY ASSOCIATION: CONSTITUTION

The name of the Society shall be "Indian Arthroplasty Association" (IAA)

Address: Deptt. of Orthopaedics, PGI, Chandigarh

Office: Areas of Operation - Throughout India

OBJECTIVES: The objectives of the association shall be:

- (a) To promote and direct the development of joint replacement surgery along scientific and progressive lines.
- (b) To foster and co-ordinate training in joint replacement surgery and to advise on organization of both under-graduate and post-graduate teaching programs for joint replacement surgery.
- (c) To provide and promote dissemination and diffusion of knowledge of joint replacement surgery amongst Orthopedic 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 joint replacement 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 IAA 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 IAA's objectives.
 - (iii) Encouraging fellowship among the members.
2. To procure the publication of a scientific journal aimed at publication – at least twice a year
3. To publish Newsletter, 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.
6. To encourage e - education through IAA website and Webinars
7. Mid-term meeting may be planned every year.

BYELAWS: RULES & REGULATIONS

Article Activities

The activities of the "Indian Arthroplasty Association" (IAA) shall be:

- a) To promote the objectives enshrined in the Constitution of IAA.
- b) To associate together in one academic body, all qualified medical doctors practicing joint replacement surgery or actively interested in joint replacement surgery.
- c) To serve as an agency for safeguarding the interest of its members and for the development of joint replacement surgery to this end:
 1. To interact with the Indian Orthopaedic Association (hereinafter referred to as IOA) and the National Medical Commission of India, other state Orthopaedic Associations and other medical groups;
 2. To monitor and advise on relevant government legislation and regulations;
 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 associate if deemed expedient in the interest of the IAA with any other Association having objectives similar to those of the IAA.
- e) To purchase, take on lease, 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 IAA 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 IAA.

f) To sell, let, mortgage, dispose of, turn to account, all or any of the property or assets of the IAA 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 IAA on such terms and on such securities as may be thought fit.

h) To invest the money of the IAA not immediately required for its purposes in or upon such investments, securities or property as may be determined by the IAA only after approval from Executive Committee and General Body.

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 IAA.

(a) Founder members: Those who initiated formation of association. Founder members are life members and will have same privileges as life member.

(b) Honorary Member

(c) Life Member

(d) 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 joint replacement Surgeon, from India or abroad who has made significant contributions, in basic research in joint replacement surgery or to the cause of joint replacement 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 joint replacement 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 IAA 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 INR 10,250 (to be revised as and when needed by the approval of EC and General Body).

Eligibility:

1. An Orthopedic Surgeon who has obtained recognized (Any registered medical council of any state or union territory or MCI) post-graduate qualification in Orthopedic Surgery and who is actively practicing Orthopedic Surgery or an overseas member who is a certified member of the medical council and orthopedic body of the country in which he practices.
2. The membership will be confirmed only after ratification of a) Certificate of Post-graduation and b) the Medical Council Registration by the Secretariate of IAA.

3. The new members will have voting rights only after their membership is ratified in the GBM.

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 by IAA.
2. Maintain an abiding interest in joint replacement surgery.
3. Observe high standard of medical ethics and behavior; and
4. Uphold the objectives, the good name, the dignity and the traditions of the IAA.

Rights & Privileges:

A Life Member shall be entitled to:

1. Participate in all activities of the IAA.
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 IAA to various International Bodies.
6. Receive the journal and other publications on such payment as may be decided by the IAA.

e) TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

A. 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 IAA 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 Executive Committee 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 the General Body Meeting, voting and casting their votes validly.

B. For financial misconduct:

1. The Subscription referred to in this Article shall be as determined by the IAA 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 IAA may prescribe an Application Fee or an Entrance Fee or both, which shall be payable as per the decision of the IAA.
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 Right & Privileges as defined hereinafter. Longer default shall attract termination of Membership as per the relevant provision of these Rules & Regulations.

C. 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 proposed the suspension. 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 IAA within 10 days following the date of the Annual General Meeting and such member shall forthwith cease to be a Member of the IAA. 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 suspension of the 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. Re-admission of a terminated member could be considered only after seven years of suspension. He can be re-elected but will not be eligible to hold any post.

Article II - THE ADVISORY COUNCIL

There shall be an advisory council comprising of past Presidents who shall advise and guide the activities of the association. The Executive Committee can request for the advice of this Advisory Council whenever deemed necessary.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. COMPOSITION:

The executive committee of the IAA (here in after referred to, as 'Committee') shall consist of:

- (1) President, (2) Immediate Past President (3) President-Elect, (4) Vice-President, (5)

Honorary Secretary (6) Honorary Joint Secretary (7) Honorary Treasurer and 5 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 Joint Secretary - 3 years
7. Honorary Treasurer - 3 years
8. 5 Executive Committee members - 2 years

C. ELIGIBILITY:

The election will be by manual secret ballot/electronic means at the Annual General Body meeting.

President, President elect and Vice President

Each year in Annual General Body Meeting one Vice President will be elected who will become the President Elect the next year and the President the year after.

The criteria for selecting the Vice President are:

- a) Any member with good standing as an Arthroplasty Surgeon who has contributed actively to the objectives of IAA;
- b) Who has been a member of the Executive Body of IAA for at least for one term;

Secretary

Secretary will be selected every 3 years. He should have been an Executive Committee Member for at least 2 years (One Term) to be eligible for the post of Secretary.

Treasurer

Treasurer will be selected every 3 years. He should have been an Executive Committee Member for at least 2 years (One Term) to be eligible for the post of Treasurer.

Joint Secretary:

Joint Secretary will be selected every 2 years. He should have been an Executive Committee Member for at least 2 years (One Term) to be eligible for the post of Joint Secretary.

Executive Committee Member:

Only Life members of IAA with membership of more than 5 years, are eligible to become the Member of Executive Committee.

Five Executive Committee Members will be selected from the five zones as detailed below:

1. **North Zone:** Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, UTI Chandigarh, Delhi NCR, Haryana, Himachal & Uttarakhand.
2. **East Zone:** Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Orissa, Assam, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland & Tripura.
3. **West Zone:** Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Goa, Daman Diu & Gujarat.
4. **Central Zone:** Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh & Uttar Pradesh
5. **South Zone:** Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamilnadu, Kerala, Pondicherry, Andaman Nicobar & Laksha Dweep.

D. ELECTION:

1. The election of the Executive Committee Members shall be held by a ballot, if required during the Annual General Body Meeting. The newly elected members will be inducted at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting. If there are more than one candidates, contesting for a given post, an election will be held in the GBM under the supervision of the President.
2. The executive with the approval of the General Body may frame and implement Elections Rules without violating in spirit the provisions herein.

E. 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 9 members. If the Quorum is not complete, the attending members will wait for 15 minutes before starting proceedings.

F. DUTIES:

The Committee shall be responsible for:

1. The conduct of the affairs of the IAA.

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

G. INVITEES FOR COMMITTEE MEETING:

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.

H. FORMATION OF COMMITTEES AND DELEGATION OF POWERS:

1. The executive committee may appoint sub committees from among the members of IAA and delegate its power (including those of co-options) for carrying out specific projects such as holding of Conferences, supervisions of building activities or any other purpose approved by the Executive Body.
2. The executive committee shall have the right to change the composition of such sub committee if deemed necessary in the interest of the IAA.
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 Executive committee at least once every year and Progress Report submitted to the General Body.
5. A statement of Accounts of all committees/bodies created by the Executive Committee shall form a part of the Annual Accounts.

I. CONDUCTING CONFERENCES:

1. Any member of IAA doing joint replacement surgery routinely may bid to organize conference, for the proposed year, in his/her locality in the General body meeting. 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 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 IAA by a resolution of the Committee.
5. For opening the account for organization of the conference, PAN card of IAA will necessarily be used.
6. If required by the organizing Secretary an amount up to 10 lac can be provided as seed money for holding the meeting.
7. The Organizing Secretaries shall have the power to organize and constitute various

committees for the proper conduct of the Conference.

8. Accounts shall be finalized within 3 months of the completion of Conference, audited and forwarded to the Hon. Treasurer who shall place them before the next General Body Meeting.

9. The monies saved after spending in the annual meeting will go to IAA Account.

10. In case the IAA Annual Conference is organized along with the support of local Orthopaedic/Arthroplasty Association, following rules will apply:

i) A sum of 10 Lac Rupees over and above the seed money will be returned back to the accounts of IAA;

ii) If the profit of the meeting exceeds a sum of 10 lacs, it will be shared between IAA and Local Body in the ratio of 70% for IAA and 30% for the local Association.

11. Apart from IAACON if the Meeting is being organized in association with an International/National Body, the profits if generated will be shared in the ratio as decided in the MOU approved by EC.

Article III - GENERAL BODY MEETING

ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING:

1. There shall be an Annual General Body Meeting held once a year unless the dates are specifically waived at a previous General Body Meeting.

2. 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.

3. The Executive committee should decide and Hon. Secretary should send notices of the Meeting to Members minimum 4 weeks in advance.

4. Quorum for General Body meeting shall be 50 members. If no quorum is present within 15 minutes of the time announced for the meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned for 15 minutes and held at the same venue thereafter whether the quorum is present or not.

5. Any member of the IAA who wishes to move a formal resolution (other than the resolution recommended by the EC) shall give notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary, and shall submit a copy of such resolution at least 20 days before the date of the meeting.

6. A Special General Body Meeting shall be called (which may be online) by the Hon. Secretary, on a decision of the Executive 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.

7. In case the quorum of 50 members is not present then the meeting shall be adjourned for 15 minutes and shall be re-convened at the same venue.

Article IV - FINANCE

A. ACCOUNTS:

1. The Financial Year of the IAA shall end on 31st March every year. Presentations of The Annual Accounts to the Executive committee and General Body Meeting shall be held at the Annual Meeting.
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 Executive committee shall decide Membership 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 Executive 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 a cheque.
3. In case if any two are unavailable due to any reason, the Executive committee by majority vote will authorize one of its members as signatory.

D. PROPERTIES & ASSETS:

All properties and assets of the IAA 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 IAA towards the fulfillment of its objectives and ensure the observance of these Rules & Regulations.
2. Represent the IAA singly or in such groups as may be decided by the Executive Committee for any activity connected with the objectives of the IAA.
3. Carry out all other activities usually associated with that office.
4. Authorize taking decision of the EC by a circular resolution.
5. Chair all meetings of the EC 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).

B. The President Elect shall:

1. Take over the duties of the president when he demits office.
2. He shall be in-charge of the various courses run by the society along with the President. He will oversee the smooth running of all the courses and specially be concerned about the academic standards of instructions imparted.
3. In absence of the President shall carry out all the duties connected with that 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.
4. Will also be responsible for Website of the Association and online activities.

E. The Honorary Treasurer shall:

1. Maintain Accounts, receive subscriptions, pay all taxes on time, pay all bills and present the Accounts annually to the EC and to the Annual General Body Meeting and file returns to Income Tax, Service Tax & any other taxes as applicable from time to time in association with Hon. Secretary. 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 telephone or online.
3. Subject for symposia or panel discussion shall be fixed by the Organizing 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 Executive 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 be granted only to members above age of 70 and honorary members.
7. IAA will not give any advance payments/seed money towards organizing the annual body meeting. The organizing secretary will have to manage the initial funds required towards booking of venue etc.

Article VII – PROPERTY

The income and property of the IAA 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 IAA provided that nothing shall prevent the payment, in good faith of reasonable and proper remuneration and out-of-pocket expenses to any member of the IAA in return for any services rendered to the IAA. No member will be reimbursed for out of pocket expenses.

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 IAA 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 violation of the Memorandum of Association of IAA shall be deemed to be invalid even if adopted as per Article VIII (1).

Article IX – DISSOLUTION

The IAA 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 IAA, shall be disposed of in accordance with the directions of the council and all the other property of the IAA 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 IAA. 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.