

Current Constitution

14. (a) 12. Co-opted Members: Maximum of two eligible members of the society may be Co-opted at the discretion of the President.

Suggested Amendment

14. (a) 12. Co-opted Members: Maximum of three eligible members of the society may be Co-opted at the discretion of the President.

Current Constitution

16. Election to the Managing Council

The outgoing Managing Council shall invite nominations for:

- (i) Seven posts of members for the Managing Council (or the number may vary depending upon vacancies as determined by the Managing Council).
- (ii) One post of Joint Clinical Secretary.
- (iii) One post of Treasurer
- (iv) One post of Vice President

The incumbent Managing Council shall not recommend any names as candidates for the post of Joint Clinical Secretary.

The outgoing Managing Council shall invite nominations for election to the new Managing Council at least four weeks before the Annual General Body Meeting.

All nominations must be addressed to the Secretary and sent or given to the office of the MOGS in a sealed envelope (superscripted - Election MOGS Year). Nominations can also be sent by Reg. A. D. Post or by courier service. The office must record the receipt of such envelopes and give an acknowledgment for the same immediately.

The nominations should reach the Society's office at least fifteen days before the Annual General Body Meeting and will be scrutinized by at least two Office Bearers. It is clearly emphasized that no contestant at these elections can also be a returning officer.

All nominations received must be put inside a sealed box and kept in locked security. These will be opened only on the day and time of scrutiny and in front of the scrutinizers. A person may withdraw his nomination not later than ten days prior to the Annual General Body Meeting.

If the requisite number of nominations for the membership of Managing Council are not received, the Managing Council shall recommend names to fill up these

vacant posts or these may be filled up by the names suggested for consideration by the General Body itself or by the newly elected Managing Council.

Should the number of nominations for any elected post or post of Member of Managing Council exceed the number of vacancies, an election by a secret ballot to choose the winning candidate will be held at the Annual General Body Meeting of the society.

Contestants and/or their certified representatives can be present at the time of scrutiny and counting of votes. For the post of member of Managing Council, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be appointed to the longest term. Elections must be held to decide the tenure of membership if any vacancy is less than 3 years.

Suggested Amendment

16. Election to the Managing Council

The outgoing Managing Council shall invite nominations for:

- (iii) Seven posts of members for the Managing Council (or the number may vary depending upon vacancies as determined by the Managing Council).
- (iv) One post of Joint Clinical Secretary.
- (iii) One post of Treasurer
- (iv) One post of Vice President

The incumbent Managing Council shall not recommend any names as candidates for the post of Joint Clinical Secretary.

Nominations

The outgoing Managing Council shall invite nominations for election to the above mentioned positions on the new Managing Council in the **first week of February** each year.

All nominations must be addressed to the Secretary and sent or given to the office of the MOGS in a sealed envelope (superscripted - Election MOGS Year). Nominations can also be sent by Reg. A. D. Post or by courier service.

The nominations should reach the Society's office by not later than **5.00 pm February 15**. The office must record the receipt of such envelopes and give an acknowledgment for the same immediately. All nominations received must be put inside a sealed box and kept in locked security.

The nominations will be scrutinized by at least two Office Bearers. It is clearly emphasized that no contestant at these elections can also be a scrutinizer. These will be opened only on the day and time of scrutiny and in front of the

scrutinizers. A person may withdraw his nomination not later than **5.00 pm on February 20** or if this is a holiday then the next working day.

If the requisite number of nominations for the membership of Managing Council is not received, the Managing Council shall recommend names to fill up these vacant posts or these may be filled up by the names suggested for consideration by the General Body itself or by the newly elected Managing Council.

Postal Ballot

Should the number of nominations for any elected post or post of Member of Managing Council exceed the number of vacancies, an election by a secret ballot to choose the winning candidate will be held by postal ballot prior to the Annual General Body Meeting of the society.

The President/Vice President/Joint Secretary/Treasurer shall be the returning officers of the election. They shall sign all voting papers. The society office shall forward to each active member a voting paper signed by a returning officer under certificate of posting, by Reg. A. D. Post or by courier service containing the names of persons who have been nominated and two envelopes, one white envelope marked "Voting Paper Only" and the second brown business prepaid envelope bearing the address of the Society Office with bar coding.

Members after exercising their voting right should insert the voting paper in the white envelope marked "Voting Paper Only" which is then inserted in the second brown business prepaid envelope bearing the address of the Society Office with bar coding and mailed to the society.

Only voting papers received in the official envelopes with authenticity confirmed by checking the bar code will be valid. The last date for accepting these will be **5.00 pm on March 31** or if this is a holiday then the next working day. At this time the envelopes will be counted and sealed under the supervision of the returning officers and a representative of the independent auditor.

Counting and Declaration of Results

The scrutinizing of the voting papers shall only be carried out by the scrutineers appointed by the General Body of the Society with assistance from an independent auditor. The sealed envelopes shall be handed over to the scrutineers at the start of the Annual General Body meeting for scrutiny, counting, submission and declaration of the result by the President.

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term. Elections must be held to decide the tenure of membership if any vacancy is less than 3 years.

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!7. Eligibility to the Various Offices of the Society

(6) Election shall be by secret ballot which includes any computerized election process. The elections will only be held at the Annual General Body Meeting where the members are physically present and voting. Adequate number of returning officers shall be appointed at the Annual General Body Meeting by the President.

(7) In the event of a tie at election the President shall declare a winner either by drawing lots or using his casting vote

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