

Constitutional amendment Committee consists of:

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The following amendments were discussed-

PREAMBLES-

- **Part I points 21, 22 amalgamated-**

OLD: To persuade the Medical Council of the India and other apex bodies for quick implementation of Radiation Oncology as a separate specialty in all the teaching institutions in India to promote basic radiation Oncology training in the form of theory classes and clinical demonstration at the undergraduate level for better preparation of the future doctors in early detection and proper treatment guidance of patients in the community.

NEW: To persuade the **National Medical Council**, National Board of Examinations and other apex bodies for quick implementation of Radiation Oncology as a separate mandatory specialty in all the teaching institutions in India to promote basic radiation Oncology training in the form of theory classes and clinical demonstration at the undergraduate level for better preparation of the future doctors in early detection and proper treatment guidance of patients in the community.

- **MEMBERSHIP:**

- **Part II points 2.2.1 and 2.2.2-**Added **DMRT** as additional qualification along with MD and DNB for criteria of Membership.
- **In 2.2.3, added:** **No additional fees need to be paid for up gradation of Membership category from STUDENT TO LIFE MEMBER**, upon completion of their postgraduate degree / diploma.
- **Part II points 2.3.1 and 2.3.2 re-worded- 2.3.1:** The membership application shall be in a form approved by the Executive Committee and shall require to be duly proposed by an existing valid life member. **The application must be ratified by and sent through the Secretary of a State Chapter / Zone** and shall be accompanied by documentary evidence of eligibility, qualification and prescribed fees along with membership fees.
- **2.3.2:** The Executive Committee will facilitate the acceptance of membership of the applicant. **The Secretary General, in discussion with the Executive Committee, will forward the application for Membership of the applicant, with recommendation to the General body of the Association (final authority for acceptance) for approval and acceptance.**
- **Part II points 2.3.3, 2.3.4 and 2.3.5 added-**
- **2.3.3:** Membership of the Association shall consist of **primarily membership of AROI Central and secondarily of the State Chapter / Zone** to which the member belongs. The unique Membership number shall always be allotted by AROI Central, **and no separate membership number shall be allotted by any State chapter / Zone. - This point was modified that states/zones can give their membership number but only after the LM number allotted by the Central Body.**

- **2.3.4:** The Member shall be governed by the rules and bye laws **primarily of AROI Central and secondarily of the State Chapter / Zone** (provided that the latter has an independent Constitution which is in congruence to the AROI Constitution and which is ratified by the AROI central body).
- **2.3.5:** If a member wishes to migrate from one State Chapter / Zone to another, he/she should communicate the same to the Secretaries of both the Chapters / zones and to the AROI central body. He / she may then have to pay the membership fees of the chapter / zone into which they are migrating under the discretion of respective state chapter to which they wish to migrate. His / her name shall be struck off the register of Membership of the State Chapter / Zone from which he / she is emigrating. The Membership number allotted by AROI central shall remain the same and no additional membership fees needs to be paid to AROI central for migration
- **Part II points 2.6 added – Cessation of Membership-**
- **2.6.1: CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP BY DEATH** - Upon the death of any Member, the Membership shall automatically cease. The unique membership number provided shall never be re-used. The personal details of the Member shall be erased / locked in the database but shall remain available for access to the Executive Committee upon reasonable request for access only for future administrative / academic purposes.
- **2.6.2 CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP BY MISCONDUCT-** The Executive Committee by a three - fourth (3/4) majority of members present in the meeting may temporarily or permanently remove the name of any member from the Membership Register for gross misconduct (any activity that is considered detrimental or repugnant to the interest and / or reputation of good standing of the Association or in gross violation of the rules and by laws of the Association) after sending him/her a notice by registered post and giving him/her a proper opportunity to defend himself/herself including a hearing in person. If the member fails to respond within a stipulated time as decided by the Executive Committee, the Committee may take an ex-parte decision. At all points, it must be ensured that the principles of natural justice are followed. Such action of the Executive Committee shall be subject to ratification by 2/3rd members present at the General Body Meeting of the Association. In such a case, the membership and admission fees shall not be refunded.
- **Part II points 2.6 added – Cessation of Membership-**
- **CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP OF STATE CHAPTER / ZONE** - Subject to the clause 2.6.2 above, any member, whose conduct qualifies him / her for cessation of membership may be recommended for cessation of membership by misconduct by the unanimity of three-fourth (3/4th) majority of the Executive Committee of the State Chapter / Zone, present and voting in the meeting, to the Central Executive Committee with appropriate reasons and evidence for consideration of the same. Then, the course of action as mentioned in clause 2.6.2 shall be followed, if the Central Executive Committee feels the case to be admissible.
- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE-**
- **Part II points 3.2.1 – Executive Committee – added-**

- Positions of Chair (Immediate Past President), Presidents of State Chapters and YROF convenors need to be added.
- The tenure of the Chair shall be one term. (2 years)
- The tenure of YROF convenors would be one term, starting from conclusion of previous YROC until the end of subsequent YROC.
- Modification: Treasurer shall be nominated by the Secretary General and shall preferably be from the same city where **AROI / ICRO Bank Accounts** operate from. (Ludhiana)

- **ELECTIONS-**

- **Part II points 3.2 – Elections (modifications)-**

- Voting shall be carried out electronically. The vendor whose software will be used shall be selected by a committee consisting of the President, President Elect, The Secretary General **and the Chief Election commissioner. The vendor selected shall be approved by the Executive Committee and presented and approved by the General Body immediately preceding the Election.**
- The Secretary General will in the month of July (latest by 15th July), inform the Chief Election Commissioner of the vacant posts in the Executive Committee of AROI and ICRO, The Secretary General shall provide the complete UPDATED voter's list of AROI and ICRO to the Chief Election Commissioner. The Secretary General shall also **exhibit the details of the various posts (the position and number of posts) for which the election is to be conducted.**
- **Format of nomination forms would be made available by the Secretary General periodically keeping in mind the current updates which needs to be incorporated timely.**
- Unfilled posts shall be filled up by the General Body **in consultation with** the President, President Elect and Secretary General. Nominations for the unfilled posts shall be invited from the floor and will be decided by the General Body. In the event of an election **for unfilled**, voting shall take place on the floor of the house.
- **Transparency in announcement of results: to be announced by election commission, magnitude of voting count and margins of win/loss of each candidate has to be announced to all members.**

- **ANNUAL GENERAL BODY/ OTHER MEETINGS-**

- **Part II points 5.1.3 and 5.2.2 – (modifications)-**

- **5.1.3 ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING:** The Annual General Body Meeting of the Association shall be held each year on the second day (Saturday) of the Annual Conference of the Association, **preferably at 18:00 hrs.** at a place fixed by the Executive Committee. The notice and agenda of the Annual Conference **shall be notified in the website at least 30 days in advance of the date fixed for the meeting / circulated to all members by mail.** The notice for Annual General Body Meeting shall be issued by the Secretary General.
- **5.1.3.1-**The Annual General Body Meeting shall begin with **Obituaries to the departed souls of Members during the intervening time between the previous and present Meetings and read by the Secretary General.**
- **5.2.2-**The minutes of the immediately concluded **preceding** Annual Body Meeting will be confirmed by the **subsequent first** General Body.

- **Part II points 5.2.3 added – Conference bids-**
 - **5.2.3.1:** All Conference bids have to be accompanied by a proposal of a registration fee matrix with timelines decided by the local Organizing Committee, considering a maximum escalation of 15% over and above the current year's registration fees (to be verified by the Secretary General). Upon selection of successful bid, **the incumbent Organizing Secretary must get the registration fees ratified by the General Body only if it is more than 15 %.**
(Dr. M. S. Athiyamaan raised a request that the registration fees can be lower than the early bird on the Conference days, but Dr. Vijay Karan Reddy replied that it is kept as low as possible hence the rates can't be reduced further)
 - **5.2.3.2:** The incumbent (immediate succeeding) Conference Organizers can open Conference registrations offline at the venue of the immediate preceding Conference from the first day of the Conference, provided their registration rates have been verified by the Secretary General as specified in bye law 5.2.3.1.
 - **Part II points 5.3.2 modified – Extraordinary GBM-**
 - The President may, whenever he/she thinks fit, considering the gravity and need of such a meeting, convene an Extraordinary General Body Meeting, other than the Annual General Body Meeting, at such place he/she decides. The proposition notice must state clearly the reason for calling the Extraordinary General Body Meeting and a notice of at least 15 days must be given to Members by posting on the Website of the Association. The required quorum for the meeting shall be at least 25 Members other than Central Office bearers.
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- **STATE/ REGIONAL CHAPTERS/ ZONES-**
 - **Part II points 9.1 modified, subsections added-**
 - **9.1 State/Regional Chapters.** Any state or region having **more than 25 radiation oncologists who are life members of the Association** can form a chapter, with explicit permission, in writing from the Central body of the Association.
 - **9.1.1 Zones -** Any region, comprising more than one State Chapter having a combined total of more than 50 Radiation Oncologists who are life members the Association can form a Zone, with a proposal ratified, first, by the Executive Committees (by a 2/3rd majority present and voting) and second by the General bodies (by a 2/3rd majority present and voting respectively of all the constituent State Chapters and then sent as a written proposal addressed to the Secretary General of AROI for ratification by the AROI Central Executive Committee and placement for final ratification by the General Body of the Association.
 - **9.1.2. Merger means cessation of independent status -** It must be clearly understood that, if the proposal is so accepted, the constituent State Chapters shall automatically cease to exist with immediate effect and merge into the Zone. All members of
 - constituent State Chapters shall automatically become members of the Zone with no change in membership number or payment of additional fees.
 - **9.1.3. Elections in newly created Zone -** Upon formation of a new Zone, elections must be conducted as per usual rules / bye laws to posts as mentioned therein within a period of three months from the date of formal inception and communicated to AROI Central.

- **Part II points 9.3 – rules / constitution / logo-**
- **9.3.1**-The State/Regional Chapters may frame their own rules and constitution in accordance with the Constitution of the Association, subject to the fact that this is ratified by the Central body to be congruent to and in the same spirit as the Constitution of the Association.
- **9.3.2**.-The State/Regional Chapters may have their own logo, subject to the fact that it contains the AROI logo within the new logo and this is ratified by the Central body. At every place, both the AROI and State Chapter logo must be used side by side and the State Chapter logo must be of a size that is equal to or smaller to the AROI logo. Similarly, at all State Chapter events, the AROI logo must take precedence over the State Chapter logo. This was accepted by EC, approved by GB and proposed by Dr. Tomcha Singh and Seconded by Dr. Abhishek Singhal.
- **Part II points 9.4 to 9.10 – conduct modified-**
- **9.4**-Tenure of the office-bearers of the State/Regional Chapters should be corresponding to the tenure as applicable to the Association. **If not, it shall be brought to the notice of the Secretary General through official communication of the corresponding State Chapter.**
- **9.5**-The State/Regional Chapters are authorized to have their Annual Conference as well as host other events like CME, teaching **courses independent of the association but the dates of such events shall not coincide with the calendar of events of the Central body.** The State Chapters must inform the Central body about such Conferences, teaching Courses, CMEs in advance (duty of the State / Zonal Chapter Secretary). **Organizers must invite at least one AROI Central Office bearer (Chair/ President/ President Elect/ Secretary General) to be a part of it, preferable physically. In case the State Chapter / Zone cannot bear the expenses of physically inviting any Faculty from outside the State Chapter / Zone in their Annual Conference, the AROI Central Office bearer/s can be requested to join the Conference by taking care of their travel expenses. The local hospitality (accommodation & local transport) could be provided to them by the organizers. This was accepted by EC, approved by GB - proposed by Dr. Virendra Vyas and seconded by Dr. Sayan Das.**
- **Part II points 9.4 to 9.10 – conduct modified-**
- **9.6**-Periodic Elections **shall** be held to the office of state/zonal chapter / in congruence to the Central body terms for such posts / before March 31st of the year of that particular year. If not done or deviated, the president, secretary of the State Chapter will be suspended **for 2 years** from the AROI.
- **9.7** - Rs.30000/- (Rupees Thirty Thousand only) will be paid by the State/Regional Chapter to the Association in lieu of Journal subscription **latest by 31st of March of the year.**
- **9.10** - The State/Regional chapters are entitled to charge their own fees for association membership, for felicitating scientific events etc. All applications for Association membership shall be forwarded by the State/Zonal Secretary. **The Life membership fees for any State Chapter / Zone must not be greater than 50% of that of the AROI central body membership fees at that time.**
- **YROF-**
- **Part II points 11.4 modified, 11.7 added-**

- **11.4-** The Vice President Junior & the two Conveners of YROF along with the Organizing Chairman YROC shall be the Committee that shall take all decisions on matters pertaining to YROC.
- **11.7-** The Convener is a member who is the Organizing Secretary of YROC of that current chronological dated year or Organizing Secretary of subsequent YROC. - Hence YROF is represented by 2 Conveners and the term of Convener is 2 years. One new convener takes the position during YROC superseding the convener who was organizing secretary of the previous YROC conference.
- **GENERAL BODY OF THE ASSOCIATION-**
- **Part II points 12 modified, subsections added-**
- **12. For all Administrative Purpose –** Decisions of General Body remains supreme in accordance with the law of this land.
- **12.1-** Subject to the law in force at the time, the General Body shall have the power to add, vary or repeal any of the provisions contained in the rules. Such additions, variations or repeal can be affected by means of a resolution of which due notice has given as per rule 12.2 (below) and which has been assented to by the vote of at least two-thirds majority of the life-members present at the Annual General Body Meeting.
- **12.5 -** Oral discussion and decision of the General body shall be considered as part of official constitution of the Association WITH FOLLOWING THE DUE PROCEDURE AS MENTIONED BELOW. IN THE EVENT OF Any such decision without written proposal shall be forwarded to association constitution committee for timely amendments preferably following the timelines as mentioned in 12.2. The agenda of the official drafted amendment shall be discussed in the subsequent AGM and if accepted shall become part of amended constitution.
- **CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION-**
- **Part II points 13 added-**
- **13.1-** The Scientific Committee of the National Conference must include the following ex officio members - Chair, President, President Elect, Secretary General, ICRO Chairman, ICRO Vice Chairman, ICRO Secretary, Editor-in-Chief, JCRT along with a few other ICRO Members along with the Local Scientific Committee.
- **13.2-** The Scientific content of the Conference shall be decided by the Local Scientific Committee except the ICRO Teaching Course and Orations. It must be kept in mind that there shall be no parallel sessions during Orations, Best Paper Session and Annual General Body Meeting - all of which must be conducted in the main (biggest capacity) hall.
- **13.3-** The Faculty for the Conference shall be chosen by the local organizing committee keeping in mind that not more than 25% shall be Overseas / Foreign (attached to institutions outside India, at the time of the Conference) Faculty. It must also be noted that members of the Executive Committee should be given precedence as Faculty in the program in appropriate capacities.
- **13.4 -** Travel and local hospitality shall be borne only for Past & Present- Presidents, Secretary Generals, Orators apart from Present ICRO Chairman and Secretary, AMPI President and Secretary (for AROI - AMPI joint session). Conference registration shall also be complimentary for them. For other Faculty, travel and

local hospitality (not registration) may be borne only for Speakers and Moderators. Providing travel and logistics to other Faculty shall be strictly at the discretion of the local organizing committee. Dr. Abhishek Shankar raised a request that the Moderators and Chairpersons also should be sponsored as they are invited as faculties, Dr. Abhishek Basu replied that it will become a huge burden for the host if they sponsor everyone. Dr. V. Srinivasan said that only faculties (speakers) will be sponsored by the host and the rest will be left to the discretion of the host as in the constitution. Accepted by GB – proposed by Dr. Indranil Mallik & seconded by Dr. K. S. Kirushna Kumar.

- **13.5-** An amount of at least Rs.25,00,000/- (Rupee Twenty-Five Lakhs only) or 50% of the surplus balance amount of the national conference, whichever is greater will be paid by the organizing committee of the national conference to the association after due audit of accounts is accomplished. Both must be submitted before the subsequent Conference. (Amended in AGM 2023). The registration fees for the ICRO Workshop will be collected directly by the conference organizers. However, the total amount collected (with deduction as per the auditor) will be transferred to the ICRO account within three months after the conclusion of the conference.”
- **13.6-**The exact number of and criteria for FICRO awardees are to be proposed by the ICRO Secretary, decided by the AROI & ICRO Governing Council and ratified by the ICRO GB followed by the AROI EC. The exact number of and criteria for Fellowship / Best Paper awards are to be proposed by the Secretary General, decided by the Central Executive Committee and ratified by the AROI GB. All awards are to be presented during the National Conference - FICRO during Inauguration and the rest during the Valedictory Session.
- **13.7-**The number, criteria and amount of fund for each Oration are to be proposed by the Secretary General, discussed and finalized by the Executive Committee and further discussed and ratified by the General Body. Once decided, no alterations can be made in the rules for an Oration for the time period for which the Oration has been formulated. A person, who has been chosen as an Orator once, cannot give the Oration again.
- **CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT COMMITTEE-**
- **Part II points 14 added-**
- **14.1-**Constitution Amendment Committee is a permanent committee of the association but not the members of the committee. The committee is headed by the President, guided by the Chair, President Elect, functioning of which is supervised by the Secretary General along with members as selected by the Executive Committee and ratified by the Annual General body. Tenure of member/s would be as per decision of the Executive Committee ratified by the Annual General Body.
- **14.2-**Function of the Constitution Committee: To follow the decisions of the general body, formulate the law and redirect it back to the general body for clearance and acceptance as by law of the Association as deemed fit from time to time. If no major changes are made in the interim, it is suggested to review the Constitution every 10 years, for appropriate alterations.