

# THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN UROLOGISTS

## CONSTITUTION

### 1. TITLE

The name of the Association shall be "THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN UROLOGISTS" hereafter referred to as "The Association".

### 2. REGISTERED OFFICE

The office of the Association shall be determined from time to time by the Council of the Society.

### 3. OBJECTIVES

- a. To promote high standards in the practice of Urology
- b. To associate together in one corporate body all scientific personnel actively interested in practice of Urology in Southern states namely Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Pondicherry.  
  
*b<sub>1</sub>. (Amendment, 2014): To associate together in one corporate body all scientific personnel actively interested in practice of Urology in Southern states namely Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Pondicherry (Puducherry) and other territories namely Lakshadweep Islands and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.*
- c. To foster high and uniform standards in postgraduate training in Urology.
- d. To promote research in Urology or other disciplines for the purpose of improving the practice of Urology.
- e. To promote, establish or support any institution, scientific association or research organization which is directed towards raising the standards of Urological practice or teaching or research in Urology in South India.
- f. To promote publication of scientific literature pertaining to Urological practice or research.
- g. To endeavour, to establish and maintain liaison with other associations or organized bodies, in India or abroad whose objects are keeping with those of Association.

- h. To carry out any other activities which are identical or conducive to the furtherance of the objects of the Association.

#### 4. MEMBERSHIP

There shall be following category of members.

##### a. Full Members

Full members shall be qualified Urologists engaged in active practice of urology in South India. These full members who migrate places other than South India will go in to a category of affiliated members.

##### b. Associate members:

Associate members shall be

Urology post graduates undergoing training at recognized institution in South India.

Other registered medical practitioners of Modern Medicine (Allopathy) who are interested in fostering relationship and furtherance of Urological progress in South India.

##### c. Affiliated members

Affiliated members shall be qualified Urologists engaged in active practice of Urology in areas other than South India.

#### 5. RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

Only full members have the right to vote.

Only full members shall become office bearers of the Association.

All classes of members shall have the right to attend any scientific proceedings of the Association.

#### *Amendments, 2004*

*5a. All the authors of papers to be presented at the Annual Conference should be members of ASU except non-Urologists.*

*5b. Papers at South Zone conference will be presented only by member of the South Zone chapter. Outsiders will have to become Affiliated Members if they have to present paper and participate in the Conference. This will apply to qualified Urologists only.*

*5c. Good papers and posters presented at the State Conferences of the member state are to be invited at ASU conferences and the authors should also be the members of ASU.*

## 6. CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- a. Any member may resign from his membership at any time by serving a notice in writing to the Secretary. Such resignation shall not relieve the member from the responsibility to pay any dues to the Association prior to ceasing to be a member.
- b. The Council shall have the right to terminate the membership or alter the class of any individual member even after election, if it is subsequently found that material facts supplied in the application were incorrect.
- c. The Council shall have the powers to terminate the membership of any member
  - i. Who have been found guilty of unprofessional behaviour or of working against the interest of the Association provided that members concerned is offered full opportunity to present his case to the Council and provided that in case of termination of membership, the latter is confirmed at the Annual General Body Meeting by two third majority of members present.
  - ii. Who have defaulted in paying the Association dues for over a period.

## 7. SUBSCRIPTION

The subscription shall be as follows:

Full Members (Life Subscription) Rs. 200.00

Affiliated Members (Life Subscription) Rs. 200.00

Associate Members (Annual) Rs. 50.00

*7a. (Amendment, 2006). With effect from 2006, the membership fee is Rs.2,000.00 for all categories of members*

## 8. FINANCIAL YEAR

The Financial year of the Association shall be from 1st April to 31st March.

## 9. BANK ACCOUNT

The Bank Account shall be operated by the Treasurer in the name of the Association. All cheques shall be signed by the Treasurer of the Association.

## 10. OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Officers of the Association shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The officers shall be elected at Annual General Body Meeting from the list of suggested nominations submitted to the Council.

a. President

The Vice President for the given year will automatically become the President for the next year. He will hold the Office for one year. Election for the post of the President will be held only if the Vice President of the previous year does not wish to or is not available to take over the Office of the President. The President shall hold Office from the day following the termination of Annual General Body Meeting at which he is installed to the termination of the next Annual General Body Meeting.

b. Vice President

Vice President shall be elected for a period of one year. He will automatically become the President of the following year. The Vice President shall hold the Office from the day following termination of Annual General Body Meeting at which he is elected to the termination of the next Annual meeting.

*b<sub>1</sub> (Amendment, 2000). The Vice President is renamed as President-Elect*

*b<sub>2</sub> (Amendment, 2000). An ASU member can apply for nomination to the post of President Elect only if he/she has completed a tenure of two years as Council Member / Secretary / Treasurer in the Association of Southern Urologists.*

c. Secretary

Secretary shall be elected for a period of two years. He will hold the Office from the day following termination of Annual General Body Meeting at which he is elected to the termination of the Second Annual meeting.

d. Treasurer

Treasurer shall be elected for a period of two years. He will hold the Office from the day following termination of Annual General Body Meeting at which he is elected to the termination of the second annual meeting.

*d<sub>1</sub> (Amendment, 2013). The Treasurer shall be elected from members of ASU from any constituent state of ASU.*

e. No officer of the Association shall be eligible for re-election for the same post.

## 11. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

- a. President shall preside over all the meetings of the Association.
- b. The Vice President shall perform all duties of the President in his absence or at his request. The Vice President shall have such other powers and functions as may be assigned by the Council.
- c. The Secretary shall look after the day to day affairs of the Association under the directions of the council. He shall be responsible
  - i. For summoning all meetings of the Association
  - ii. For preparing the agendas and keeping minutes of the proceedings
  - iii. For all files, documents, books and other papers of the Association.
  - iv. For maintaining a register of members.
  - v. For formulating the annual report to be presented to the Council and Annual General Body Meeting.
- d. The Treasurer shall be responsible for receiving all subscriptions and other dues from the members, for paying all bills and for preparing an audited statement of accounts and Balance Sheet annually to the Council and General Body Meeting. He shall keep true and accurate records of all financial transactions of the Association. On request from the Secretary he shall pay authorized bills of the Association. He shall be responsible for notifying all members regarding their dues to the Association.

## 12. COUNCIL

The Council of the Association shall consist of

- a. Office bearers elected as per rule 10, two immediate past Presidents, and 4 members elected in the Annual General Body Meeting from the list of suggested nomination submitted representing each state of South India.

*a<sub>1</sub>. (Amendment, 2005). Office bearers elected as per rule 10, immediate past President and immediate past Secretary and 4 Members elected in the Annual General Body Meeting from the list of suggested nominations submitted representing each state of South India.*

*a<sub>2</sub>. (Amendment, 2013). Office bearers elected as per rule 10, immediate past President, immediate past Secretary and the Presidents of the member state associations of the ASU.*

- b. No member of the Association shall be eligible for election as member of the Council unless he has completed 2 years as a member of the Association at the time of election.
- c. The Council members shall be elected for a period of 3 years.

*c<sub>1</sub>. (Amendment, 2013). The Council members shall be elected for a period of 2 years*

### 13. DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL

- a. The Council shall constitute the executive authority of the Association in all scientific, business and financial activities.
- b. The Council shall be responsible for arrangements for the business and scientific parts of the Annual General Meeting.
- c. The Council shall have the powers to decide to convene such other scientific meetings besides the annual one as it deems desirable.
- d. The Council shall have the powers to invest money of the Association with due regard for all existing laws.
- e. The Council shall meet at least twice a year.
- f. The Council shall have powers to appoint any sub committee for any special purpose or any aspect of functioning.
- g. Such sub committee shall be under the direction of the council and the report of such sub committee shall be incorporated in the report of the council & submitted to the Annual Meeting.
- h. (Amendment, 2000). If a duly elected Council Member fails to attend two consecutive Executive Council meetings in a year (the Mid Term and the Annual), he should forfeit his post and a member be elected again by the Executive Council/GB.*

### 14. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Annual General Meeting shall consist of two parts i.e., Business and Scientific, to be held during the II Saturday and Sunday of July every year.

The agenda for the Annual General Meeting shall be

- a. To receive the report of the Council.
- b. To receive the report of the Treasurer and the audited statement of accounts and balance sheet.
- c. To approve new members of the Association as recommended by the Council.
- d. To elect office bearers and members of the Council.
- e. To consider other business as the Council may determine.
- f. To consider any resolution or amendments to the rules submitted by members in accordance with rule.
- g. Quorum at Annual General Meeting shall be constituted by fifteen full members. If no quorum is formed the meeting is dissolved. Another meeting shall be called as per decision of the Council.
- h. Resolution: Any member desirous of moving a resolution at the Annual General Meeting shall notify the same in writing to the Secretary at least six weeks before the date of such meeting.

## 15. ELECTION

- a. Notification of nomination to various posts will be done by Secretary 3 months before Annual General Meeting.  
*a<sub>1</sub>. (Amendment, 2014). Notification of nomination to various posts will be done by Secretary 5 months before Annual General Meeting.*
- b. All nominations will be proposed and seconded by two full members of the Association with written consent of the candidate.
- c. All nominations shall reach the Secretary not later than 8 weeks before the date of Annual General Meetings.  
*c<sub>1</sub>. (Amendment, 2014). All nominations shall reach the Secretary not later than 12 weeks before the date of Annual General Meetings.*
- d. After scrutinizing the nomination the final list of nomination will be circulated by the Secretary to the full members of the Association 4 weeks before Annual General Meetings.

*d<sub>1</sub>. (Amendment, 2014). After scrutinizing the nomination the final list of nomination will be circulated by the Secretary to the full members of the Association 6 weeks before Annual General Meetings.*

- e. Canvassing of any sort for the election of office bearers and Council members is not permitted.
- f. The election shall be held by secret ballot at the time of Annual General Meeting.

*f<sub>1</sub>. (Amendment, 2014). The election shall be held by electronic voting online two weeks prior to the AGM and also during the annual conference on the day of the AGM for members who have not voted during the online voting process.*

*The results would be declared by the Returning Officer (President Elect) only after both the online and on site voting is completed. The results have to be ratified by the AGM after announcement by the Returning Officer*

- g. For any casual vacancy that may occur, the Council shall be empowered to appoint a successor who shall hold office till Annual General Meeting.

## 16. DISSOLUTION

Any member not less than three-fifth of the members of Association may determine that the Association shall be dissolved and there upon it shall be dissolved forthwith, or at the time then agreed upon, and all necessary steps shall be taken for the disposal and settlement of property of the Association, its claims and liabilities. If upon dissolution of Association or termination shall remain after discharge of all debts and liabilities any property or funds whatsoever they shall be given or transferred to an institution or institutions having similar objectives as the Association which shall be determined by the votes not less than three fifth of the members of the group at the meeting at the time of dissolution.

## 17. AMENDMENTS TO RULES

Notice to any proposal to repeal, amend or add to the existing rules shall be forwarded to the Secretary in writing not later than six weeks before the date of Annual General Meeting. All the amendments to rules suggested by the member or by the Council shall be circulated to the members by the Secretary at least two weeks before the meeting. The proposal shall appear on the agenda of the meeting in the form of resolution duly proposed and seconded. No proposal shall be considered as passed unless it is carried by a majority of at least three fifth of the member present by voting.

## 18. Amendments, 2008

- a. *The activities of the association would be purely charitable in nature and not motivated for profit.*



- b. The funds of the institution would be utilized only towards the objects and no portion of it would be distributed in any manner to the trustees or persons defined in section 13(1) of the Income Tax Act, 1961.*
- c. The benefit of objects would be available to the general public irrespective of cast, creed, religion or sex.*
- d. Not more than 5% of the income of the association would be applied for any religious purposes or given to religious institutions.*

#### **CLARIFICATION**

“Qualified Urologists” are those having recognized degree in Urology, obtained from India, US, UK, Australia, New Zealand and Canada