

CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYELAWS

BECAUSE OF ADDITION/DELETION OF SOME CLAUSES, THERE MAY BE A DIFFERENCE IN THE NUMBER OF THE ORIGINAL AND PROPOSED CLAUSES. ALL CHANGES ARE HIGHLIGHTED BOTH IN THE EXISTING AND PROPOSED CLAUSES.

CONSTITUTION

2. AIMS / OBJECTIVES

2.6 and 2.7. Existing: None

2.6. To increase public awareness about Neurological Disorders.

2.7. To formulate professional code of conduct for its members.

Explanation: These are legitimate aims of the Society which is the leading representative of Neurologists and Neurosurgeons and Neuroscientists in the country.

4. LIFE MEMBERSHIP

4.3. Existing: The privileges of Life Member would be to receive the journal of the Society, voting and contesting for posts as per rules.

*Proposed: The privileges of Life Member would be to receive the journal of the Society, voting and contesting for posts as per rules and to present papers at conferences of the Society. **The privileges of Membership shall come in to effect after the Executive Committee has approved the application either at the mid term meeting or at the EC meeting at the annual conference.***

Explanation: The existing clause did not specify when the privileges come into effect and the proposed clause only clarifies that.

4.4. Existing: Those Full Members who have Life Membership fees shall be accepted as Life Members.

Proposed: Deleted.

Explanation: As there is no category of Full Members, this clause is not applicable now.

5. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

5.2. Existing: Associate Members shall be proposed and seconded by Full members of good standing. **The Secretary**, Neurological Society of India shall be the authority to admit Associate Members.

*Proposed: Associate Members shall be proposed and seconded by Full members of good standing. The **Executive Committee** shall be the authority to admit Associate Members.*

Explanation: The Executive Committee and not the Secretary should be the authority to admit all members.

5.3. Existing: Associate members can take part in all the activities of the Society by presentation of papers at scientific meetings, participation in discussions, or publication of papers in the journal of the Society etc. and shall have all the privileges of membership, except that they shall not have the right to vote or be office bearers of the Society.

*Proposed: Associate members can take part in all the activities of the Society by presentation of papers at scientific meetings, participation in discussions, or publication of papers in the journal of the Society etc. and shall have all the privileges of membership, except that they shall not have the right to vote or be office bearers of the Society. **The privileges of Membership shall come in to effect after the Executive Committee has approved the application either at the mid term meeting or at the EC meeting at the annual conference.***

Explanation: The existing clause did not specify when the privileges come into effect and the proposed clause only clarifies that.

6. HONORARY MEMBER

6.2. Existing: An Honorary Member shall be proposed and seconded by **full members** of good standing only.

*Proposed: An Honorary Member shall be proposed and seconded by **Life Members** of good standing only.*

Explanation: As there are no full members only Life Members, this change had to be made.

7. MEMBERSHIP DUES

7.1. Existing: The executive committee shall propose all dues for different categories of members. These decisions will be implemented with the concurrence of the general body. Membership shall be counted from 1st January to 31st December for purposes of annual subscriptions.

*Proposed: The Executive Committee shall propose all dues for different categories of members. These decisions will be implemented with the concurrence of the general body. Membership shall be counted from 1st January/**1st June** to 31st December/**31st May** for purposes of annual subscriptions.*

Explanation: As members are admitted twice a year (1 June and 1 January after the EC meetings), the membership term also should reflect that to allow for complete years of membership and not half years.

7.2. Existing: Members who have not paid their subscription by 31st December shall be sent a registered acknowledgement due notice by the Treasurer of the Society giving them till 31st March to clear all outstanding dues. Non-payment of subscription by 31st March would result in removal of the member's name from the rolls.

Proposed: Members who have not paid their subscription by 31st December/31st May shall be sent a registered acknowledgement due notice by the Treasurer of the Society giving them till 31st March/31st August to clear all outstanding dues. Non-payment of subscription by 31st March/31st August would result in removal of their names from the membership rolls.

Explanation: The subscription should be valid from the date of membership and this is ensured with this clause as members are being admitted twice a year on 1 June and 1 January.

7.3. Existing: Only Members, who have paid their dues by 31st March, would be eligible to vote in that calendar year. **Those who have not cleared dues by 31st March will cease to be a member of the society.**

*Proposed: Only **Life Members**, who have paid their dues by 31st March, would be eligible to vote in that calendar year.*

Explanation: Only those Life Members who have paid all their dues (some Life Members opt for installment payment scheme) would be eligible to vote. Since there is no category of Full Members with annual subscription, the second part of the clause is not necessary.

8. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

8.2. Existing: The Executive Committee shall consist of:

1. President 1
2. President Elect 1
3. Secretary 1
4. Treasurer 1
5. Members (Neurology)
6. Members (Neurosurgery)
7. Members (Allied Branches of Neurosciences)
{One EC Member would be elected for every block of 500 members *or* part thereof, out of the specialities of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Allied disciplines of Neurosciences. }
8. Immediate Past Presidents 2
9. Editor Neurology India 1

Proposed: The Executive Committee shall consist of:

- 1. President 1*
- 2. President Elect 1*
- 3. Secretary 1*
- 4. Treasurer 1*

5. *Members (Neurology)*

6. *Members (Neurosurgery)*

7. *Members (Allied Branches of Neurosciences)*

{One EC Member would be elected for every block of 500 members or part thereof, out of the specialities of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Allied disciplines of Neurosciences.}

8. *Immediate Past Presidents 2*

9. *Editor Neurology India 1*

11. Deputy Editor Neurology India 1

12. Past Secretary 1

13. Past Treasurer 1

14. Organizing Secretaries of the forthcoming and concluded Annual Conferences 2

Past Secretary, Past Treasurer and the Organizing Secretaries will not have voting rights.

Explanation: Since the Editor is going to be elected at the end of year 5 of the incumbent, there will be an overlap of 1 year when there will be an Editor and the newly elected Editor (who will be designated as Deputy Editor for 1 year). Since the Deputy Editor is to take over all the functions of the Editor after 1 year, during this period, the Deputy Editor should be part of the EC to learn how it functions.

The Past Secretary and Treasurer will contribute to the smooth transition of the functioning of the EC as it is possible that the entire EC may have new members except the President and the Past Presidents. Since the Secretary and Treasurer will have intimate knowledge of the Society's affairs for 3 years, their presence in the EC for 1 more year will ensure continuity in the functioning of the EC. Since they are not elected members, they will not have voting privileges during the EC meetings.

The Organising Secretaries are important for smooth running of the Annual Conference which is the most important event in the calendar of the Society. Their presence in the EC for 1 year both before the Conference and after the Conference will ensure that they understand their duties and also participate in any discussions pertaining to the Conference matters. Their inclusion in the EC will also improve their mutual trust. The Conference accounts are settled only in March of the year following the Conference and hence the presence of the Organising Secretary will ensure that any issues regarding the conference account can be quickly resolved.

9. ELECTIONS TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

9.2 Existing: 1. No member of E.C. can take charge of office of any post of the Society without **contemplating** the term of existing post.

*Proposed: 1. No member of E.C. can take charge of office of any post of the Society without **completing** the term of existing post.*

Explanation: The word contemplating is substituted by the word completing which is what is intended.

9.5. Existing: Elections shall be held by postal ballot, prior to the annual conference.

*Proposed: Elections shall be held by postal or **electronic ballot**, prior to the annual conference.*

Explanation: As we are moving towards e-voting, it is essential to include electronic ballot as a legitimate method of voting.

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12. MEETINGS

12.1. Executive Committee

12.1.i.Existing: The E.C. would have overall charge of all functions of the Society including financial, administration etc.

They can employ persons for efficient running of the Society.

It can authorize any member to open bank accounts to be operated jointly by at least one more full member with permission of EC / President NSI.

All accounts must be admitted to the Treasurer NSI for auditing.

Proposed: i. The E.C. would have overall charge of all functions of the Society including financial and administrative matters. It can employ persons for efficient running of the Society.

Explanation: The third statement “It can authorize...” is not necessary as bank accounts in the name of NSI are all covered by specific clauses. The fourth statement regarding accounts is covered separately and “admitted” should be “submitted”.

12.2. Existing: General Body Meeting (GBM)

i. There shall be at least one General Meeting of the Society chaired by the President.

Proposed: General Body Meeting (GBM)

*i. There shall be at least one General Meeting of the Society chaired by the President **every year**.*

Explanation: “Every year” which is implied in the existing clause is specified in the proposed clause.

13.2.viii. Existing: Prizes for Award winners shall be presented at AGM.

*Proposed: Award winners for the different prizes shall be **announced** during the GBM.*

Explanation: At present award winners are only announced during the GBM and the prizes presented during the Valedictory function.

iv. Existing: The business and administrative meetings of the Society shall consist of Annual General Body Meeting at which all the members are expected to be present.

Forty percent (40%) members shall form the quorum for the Annual General Body Meeting.

If desired number of the members do not assemble the meeting would be adjourned & reconvened after 30 minutes for which no quorum is necessary.

Proposed: The business and administrative meetings of the Society shall consist of Annual General Body Meeting at which all the members are expected to be present.

*Forty percent (40%) members **registered for the Annual Conference** shall form the quorum for the Annual General Body Meeting.*

Explanation: 40% of members registered for the Annual Conference is what is implied in the existing clause and is specified in the proposed clause.

14. SECRETARY

14.1. Existing: Secretary should ensure maintenance of Income Tax exemption and sending all required documents to the Commissioner of Income Tax, Bombay as per rules.

Proposed: Deleted.

Explanation: The Treasurer performs all the functions pertaining to Income Tax and hence this change.

15. TREASURER

15.v. Existing: Get all accounts audited **except those related to Neurology India;**

Proposed: Get all Society accounts audited including that of Neurology India;

Explanation: As per law, all Society accounts have to be audited and submitted to the Income Tax authorities by the Treasurer including those of Neurology India.

15.vii. and viii. Existing: None.

*Proposed: vii. submitting the Income Tax returns of the Society;
viii. maintenance of Income Tax exemption and sending all required documents to Commissioner of Charities Bombay as per rules.*

Explanation: These functions are being performed by the Treasurer and should be performed by the Treasurer and not the Secretary.

16. JOURNAL

16.1. Existing: The Journal of the Society will be named "Neurology India" and this shall be the official organ of the Neurological Society of India. There shall ordinarily be four issues of the journal per year.

*Proposed: The Journal of the Society will be named "Neurology India" and this shall be the official organ of the Neurological Society of India. There shall ordinarily be four issues of the journal per year. **The number of issues per year will be decided by the Editor in consultation with EC.***

Explanation: The Editor in consultation with the EC should be the final authority on the number of issues of the journal.

16.3. Existing: The funds of Neurology India shall be, operated by the Editor and one more member of NSI co-opted by the Editor with permission of EC / President for withdrawals from bank. The audited accounts of the journal will be presented to the EC in December every year.

*Proposed: The funds of Neurology India shall be, operated by the Editor and one more member of NSI co-opted by the Editor with permission of EC / President for withdrawals from bank. The audited accounts of the journal will be presented to the EC in December every year. **The audited accounts shall be sent to the Treasurer by March 31st of every year.***

Explanation: As explained above the audited accounts of Neurology India should be submitted to the Treasurer for submission to the Income Tax authorities.

BYE LAWS

4. SELECTING PAPERS FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

4.4. Existing: None

*Proposed: **Abstracts by non-members from SAARC countries may be accepted for presentation during the annual conference.***

Explanation: This will encourage neurologists and neurosurgeons from SAARC countries to attend our conference and enhance the image of Indian neurosciences in these countries and also foster exchange of ideas between neuroscientists of these countries.

5. Existing: The Secretary would send the list of delegates to the Chairman, Scientific Committee or his/her nominee for selection of judges.

*Proposed: **The Organising Secretary would send the list of registered delegates to the Chairman, Scientific Committee or his/her nominee for selection of judges and chairpersons. Only those persons who are members of the Society and are registered before the last date of submission of abstract will be entitled to present papers, chair a session and be a judge.***

Explanation: Only the Organising Secretary has the list of delegates and not the Secretary. Chairpersons should only be appointed from amongst registered delegates to ensure that there are no absentees.

6. MEMBERSHIP FEES

6.2. Existing: Membership Fees:

Associate Members:

Admission Fees Rs. 600

3 years subscription Rs.1800 (Renewable in 3 year blocks)

Full Members:

Admission Fees Rs. 800/-

Annual Subscription Rs.1000/-

Conversion of existing full members to life members: Rebate of 2.5% for the life membership subscription would be given for every completed year of continuous full membership.

Conversion of Associate member to full member:

Admission Fees Rs.200/-

Annual subscription as per rules.

In future full members would be admitted only as life members.

Life Members:

Admission Fees Rs.9000 in one installment

or

Rs.3250 yearly in 3 installments

Postal surcharge for sending newsletter and journal for members/associate members residing abroad Rs.1000 per year.

DD/cheque to be drawn in favour of "Neurological Society of India", payable at the city of residence of Treasurer NSI. Out station bank charges Rs.25/- to be included in the cheque.

Proposed:

Associate Members

Admission fees Rs.1000

3 years subscription Rs.2500 (renewable in 3 year blocks)

6 years subscription Rs.5000 (for 6 year DM/MCh/DNB candidates)

Life Members

Admission fees Rs.15000 in one installment or Rs. 5500 in three installments

Conversion of Associate member to Life Member

Admission fees Rs. 12000 in one installment or Rs. 4500 in three installments.

Members residing overseas shall only receive the electronic version of the Newsletter and electronic alerts about the journal. Those desirous of obtaining a paper copy of the journal should specially apply for the same to the Editor and pay a surcharge of Rs.1000 per year. Paper copies of the Newsletter shall not be sent to overseas members.

DD or cheque should be drawn in favour of "Neurological Society of India", payable at the city of residence of Treasurer NSI. Out station bank charges Rs.100 should be included in the cheque.

Explanation: The last revision of membership fees occurred way back in 1997. Keeping in mind the inflation and the increase costs of running the Society, it was felt that this increase was reasonable.

A provision has been made for 6 year course residents so that they need not renew their Associate Membership after 3 years.

There was no concession for conversion of Associate Membership to Life Membership. That has been corrected.

Overseas members will not receive the paper copy of the Newsletter similar to the domestic members.

9. JOURNAL

9.1. Existing: As and when a paper is received by the Editor he shall scrutinize it and submit it to at least one other member of the Editorial Board, for critical and confidential comments.

If the paper pertains to the subject outside the Editor's field of interest he shall call upon other referees either from the Editorial Board or from the members of the Society.

Notice of vacancy of post would be printed by Secretary NSI in the newsletter. If one of the reviewers recommends publication and the other does not, the Editor shall refer the paper to a 3rd referee for an independent opinion.

9.2. In the event of modifications of alteration being suggested by one or both reviewers, the Editor shall communicate the appropriate unsigned comments on the paper to the author for action. If both the referees find the paper unsuitable for publication even with modification, the Editor shall inform the author accordingly.

9.3 If any member residing overseas wants the journal to be sent by air, a surcharge of air postage prevalent at the time would be additionally charged. Any member resident in India going abroad for one year or more shall pay overseas postage surcharge as per rules.

9.4 The Executive Committee would obtain the concurrence of the general body if the amount paid by the Society, to the Editor, for bringing out the journal is to be altered.

Proposed: 9.1 The Editor shall appoint a Editorial Board consisting of Life Members of the Society as far as possible. However, he may co-opt members from non-members of the Society if he feels that they will enhance the functioning of the Journal.

9.2 The Editor shall decide on the process of review and decision on papers submitted to the Journal.

Explanation: There is no need to micromanage the peer review process and it should be left to the Editor.

Regarding posting of the journal, the publisher and the Editor are monitoring the process.

The amount paid to the Editor is approved by the EC and is presented to the General Body in the Accounts by the Treasurer.

11. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS / EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

11.1. Existing: Election by postal ballot: Canvassing or soliciting votes or casting on other candidates would debar from election. President NSI will be the returning officer for the election.

*Proposed: Election shall be by postal ballot **or electronic ballot** as decided by the EC. Canvassing or soliciting votes or casting on other candidates would debar from election. President Elect NSI will be the returning officer for the election.*

Explanation: The words electronic ballot has been added to provide for the transition to e-voting in the near future.

11.2. Existing: Schedule of events for election: 30 April - Treasurer notifies Secretary NSI of list of eligible members who can vote.

*Proposed: Schedule of events for election: **1 June** - Treasurer notifies Secretary NSI of list of eligible members who can vote.*

Explanation: Since members are being admitted on 1 June every year, the list of eligible members should be as of 1 June and not 30 April.

12. CONFERENCES

12.2. Existing: The EC would decide location of the conference by inviting bids on prescribed form 3 years in advance.

*Proposed: The EC would decide location of the conference by inviting bids on prescribed form 3 years in advance. **Only neuroclubs/societies/groups registered with the NSI can bid for the conference. The last date for submission of bids will be 30 November. If there are no valid bids then bids will be invited again through the January Newsletter and the last date for submission of these bids will be 31st March.***

Explanation: Since we only accept the bids of neuroclubs/societies/groups and not from individual members, this sentence was inserted. Since last year, NSI has requested all such neuroclubs/societies/groups to register with NSI. Forms for this registration are available on the NSI website since last year. The last date for submission of bids is not mentioned in the existing clause and this has caused problems in the past. Again there is no provision for the lack of valid bids by 30 November. This scenario has been addressed in the proposed clause.

12.5. Existing: An initial loan of Rs. 100,000 as seed capital for starting the conference work, shall be given to the Organizing Secretary, by the treasurer NSI if requested. This loan is to be repaid within one month of the end of the conference.

*Proposed: **An amount up to Rs. 3 lakhs may be transferred to the Conference account at the beginning of the year.***

Explanation: Since the conference account is the NSI account, there is no loan involved. Only transfer of funds can occur from one Society account to another.

Existing: 12.7. The organizing secretary will insure the annual conference appropriately. The audited accounts of the annual conference should be submitted to Secretary NSI at least 6 weeks before the next annual conference by the Organising Secretary for discussion at EC meeting of NSI.

12.8. The Organizing Secretary of the Conference shall ensure that every trade exhibitor takes an advertisement in Neurology India.

12.8.a. 50 % of the registration fees collected, will be given to the NSI. The EC is authorised to change this amount if necessary

*Proposed: **Delete all clauses.***

Explanation: Since the financial management of the conference has been changed so that the conference account is opened with NSI PAN and is a Society account like other accounts (Secretary's, Editor's etc.) these clauses have no relevance or are impossible to implement (eg. advertisement in Neurology India). 12.8. Existing: The Organising Secretary shall ensure that the final announcement with all forms is positively mailed not later than June 20th. Abstracts of all papers to be presented at the annual conference should reach the Secretary, Neurological Society of India before 31st July.

*Proposed: The Organising Secretary shall ensure that the final announcement with all forms is positively mailed not later than June 20th. Abstracts of all papers to be presented at the annual conference should reach the **Chairman Scientific Committee (President Elect or as decided by the Executive Committee)**, Neurological Society of India before 31st July. **All abstracts should be submitted through the Abstract Centre in the NSI website.***

Explanation: The abstracts for the conference presentation are being submitted electronically for the past 2 years and are not submitted to the Secretary. They should reach the Chairman, Scientific Committee and not the Secretary.

12.11. Existing: There shall not be a separate session for Allied Neurosciences papers. **Platform papers shall have a maximum of three parallel sessions.** Posters would as far as possible be on display during the entire scientific session. **There would be a group of papers, which would be considered as "TAKEN AS READ BY TITLE".**

*Proposed: There shall be no separate session for Allied Neurosciences papers. Attempts should be made to have as few parallel sessions as possible. **However, the number of parallel sessions will be determined by the Chairman, Scientific Committee.** Posters would as far as possible be on display during the entire scientific session. **Additional types of sessions such as Talking Posters, Short Platform Presentations, Touch Screen presentations etc. may be introduced by the Chairman, Scientific Committee.***

Explanation: The Chairman Scientific Committee should have the freedom to decide on the number of parallel sessions depending the number of abstract submissions and the local facilities. Category of “Taken as read” papers should not be there as they can be presented as posters if found suitable or rejected.

12.12. Existing: Depending on local facilities there may be a “Touch Screen” presentation.

Proposed: Delete

Explanation: It is already covered in 12.11.

12.13. Existing: Each delegate to the annual conference shall be allowed to present only one platform paper and one poster. This shall not apply to papers presented at the History of Neurosciences session.

*Proposed: Each delegate to the Annual Conference shall be allowed to present only one platform paper and one poster. This shall not apply to papers presented at the History of Neurosciences session/**Symposia / CME. Therefore, a member may present only a maximum of two papers (one platform and one poster or two platforms one of which is in the History of Neurosciences session) at the Annual Conference of the Society.***

Explanation: The proposed clause only clarifies the existing rule regarding number of presentations that a member is allowed to present.

12.14. Existing: The History of Neurosciences session shall be held as a **common session on the forenoon of the last day.**

Proposed: There shall be a History of Neurosciences session.

Explanation: Although, it was felt that a separate session for History was necessary, it might not be possible to have the History session as a common session due to the increased number of abstract submissions.

12.15. Existing: Abstracts of the Conference will be published as a supplement of Neurology India and the expenses will be borne by the Organizing Secretary of the Conference.

Proposed: Delete

Explanation: The present Editor and the past Editors of Neurology India have clearly expressed their reservations about publishing the Conference Abstracts as a supplement to Neurology India for various reasons such as difficulty in formatting the abstracts, inability to publish the supplement in time for the conference due to late submissions of abstracts, the negative impact on the Impact factor of the journal etc. Hence it was felt that at the present time it is better to delete this clause as it was not being followed in any case.

12.16. Existing: DIAS SEATING ARRANGMENT during the INAUGURAL FUNCTION of the annual conference will be as follows:

- a. Guest of Honour, NSI President, NSI President elect, NSI Secretary, Chairman - Organizing Committee, Secretary of the Organizing Committee, Joint Secretary of the Organizing Committee, and Treasurer of the Organizing Committee.
- b. The N S I President shall represent all the other associate Organizations.**

Proposed: 12.14. DAIS SEATING ARRANGEMENT during the INAUGURAL FUNCTION of the annual conference will be as follows:

NSI President, Guest of Honour, NSI President elect, NSI Secretary, Chairman - Organizing Committee, Secretary of the Organizing Committee, Joint Secretary of the Organizing Committee, and Treasurer of the Organizing Committee.

Explanation: The existing clause 12.16.b. was not clear as to which associate organizations will be represented by the President. It was felt that this clause was unnecessary.

13. CONDUCT OF CME

13. Existing: None

Proposed: CONDUCT OF CME

13.1. A member who has been a speaker at the CME can only be a speaker at the Annual Conference CME after a gap of 2 years. As far as possible NSI members should be chosen as CME speakers.

13.2. A maximum of 2 foreign speakers per speciality (Neurology, Neurosurgery, Allied Sciences) will be allowed in the CME sessions.

13.3. Inauguration procedure

Members on the dais:

President NSI, Secretary NSI, Org. Secretary of the Conference, Convener CME, Co-convener CME.

The President shall release the CME book.

13.4. All CME speakers are expected to register for the meeting. Only non-NSI non-neuroscientists will be given complimentary registration and accommodation for one day.

13.5. The CME book will be titled “Progress in Clinical Neurosciences”.

Explanation: These conventions are being followed presently and this clause only formalizes existing norms.

14. ACCOUNTS

14.1. Existing: The financial year of the Society and the Journal (Neurology India) accounts shall be from 1st April to 31st March of the following year. The membership will be counted from 1st January to 31st December for the purpose of annual subscription.

Proposed: 14.1. The financial year of the Society and the Journal (Neurology India) accounts shall be from 1st April to 31st March of the following year. The membership will be counted from 1st January to 31st December or 1st June to 31st May (depending on when the member was admitted) for the purpose of annual subscription.

Explanation: Since members are admitted twice a year (1st June and 1st January) the membership should also be counted from the appropriate dates. Otherwise, the membership dues will be for 2.5 or 3.5 years in the case of those admitted on 1st June.

14.2. Existing: The audited account of the Society shall be submitted by the Treasurer of the Society to the Executive Committee and to the general body during the annual conference. The Editor, Neurology India, shall submit to the Executive Committee and to **the general body** the audited accounts of the journal.

*Proposed: The audited accounts of the Society shall be submitted by the Treasurer of the Society to the Executive Committee and to the General Body during the annual conference. The Editor, Neurology India, shall submit the audited accounts of the journal to the Executive Committee and **the Treasurer.***

Explanation: As the Treasurer has to submit all the audited accounts of the Society to the Income Tax department, including that of the Editor, the Editor should submit the accounts to the Treasurer in addition to the Executive Committee. The Treasurer will present all accounts including those of Neurology India to the General Body.

15. Existing: LIST OF MEMBERS / ADDRESS

Rs. 5000 shall be charged to provide the address list of members of the society where it is used for commercial purposes and Rs. 500 where it is used for conferences or personal use. Members of EC and Organising Secretary of NSI Conferences would be provided complementary address lists. The sum is to be sent to the Treasurer NSI. The Executive Committee is authorized to revise the amount when required.

Proposed: 15. Rs. 10000 shall be charged to provide the address list of members of the society where it is used for commercial purposes and Rs. 500 where it is used for conferences or personal use. Members of EC and Organising Secretary of NSI Conferences would be provided complementary address lists. The sum is to be sent to the Treasurer NSI. The Executive Committee is authorized to revise the amount when required.

Explanation: Several commercial firms request the address database. It was felt that Rs. 5000 was too low an amount for a database containing nearly 2500 names and addresses of professionals.

17. NEWSLETTER

Proposed addition: The Newsletter shall be electronically circulated to all the members and posted on the NSI website. Only those members who request a paper copy will be posted the Newsletter.

Explanation: In an effort to be environmentally friendly and save costs for the Society, we have already implemented the electronic circulation of the Newsletter.

18. Existing: DIRECTORY

A directory containing the history of the society, the constitution and byelaws and addresses of the members shall be brought out at least once in 3 years by the Secretary, NSI. This shall also be made available on the Society website

Proposed: Delete the clause.

Explanation: It is expensive to produce a directory and most members will not use it. The Constitution and Byelaws of the Society are available on the website. Any member can obtain the Members' addresses on a CD by paying Rs.500 only. We also are environmentally friendly by not printing the Directory.

18. Existing: NEURO-NURSES FELLOWSHIPS

50 fellowships of Rs. 750 each will be awarded to the Neuro-nurses on first-cum-first served basis for attending the Annual Conference.

The applications should reach the Treasurer through proper channel before 31st October.

Proposed: 18. NEURO-NURSES FELLOWSHIPS. 50 fellowships of Rs.2500 each will be awarded to the Neuro-nurses on first-cum-first served basis for attending the Annual Conference.

The applications should reach the Treasurer through proper channel before 31st October. A sum of Rs.20000 per year may be given to the NNA towards their conference expenses.

Explanation: The existing fellowship amounts were too low. NSI has been routinely supporting the NNA conference every year with financial help and this clause formalizes that contribution.

19. SYMPOSIA

19.6. Existing: Two or more parallel symposia, of appeal to different groups, might be permitted to be held.

Proposed: 20.6. Two or more parallel symposia, of appeal to different groups, might be permitted to be held. However, symposia covering Allied Neurosciences topics should be held in a Common Session.

Explanation: Allied Neurosciences symposia should be held in a common session and not as a parallel session to encourage all clinician attendees to participate in the session.

20. AWARDS

20.2.7. Existing: Full paper should be submitted in format of "Neurology India", **for publication before the annual conference 4 weeks.**

Proposed: 7. Full paper should be submitted in format of "Neurology India", at the time of submission of the abstract.

Explanation: The existing clause is confusing. The proposed clause clarifies that the full paper should be in the format required by Neurology India.

23. Existing: None.

*Proposed: **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AND SENIOR HONORED MEMBERSHIP AWARDS***

Awards would be presented during the Inaugural function of the Annual Conference to Life Members above the age of 75 years who have played a significant role in the development of Neurosciences in India and there shall be not more than 3 awards each year. Nominations should be sent in the prescribed format to the Secretary before 31st October to be considered and approved by Executive Committee.

Explanation: The Society has been honoring senior members at the annual conference with this award for the past 2 years. The addition of this clause only formalizes that process.

24. Existing: None

Proposed: EDUCATION COMMITTEE

This committee may formulate guidelines for education in neurosciences in the country, suggest programs to enhance education of young members and initiate activities which will add to the education of all members. The EC shall nominate the Chairman for a term of 3 years and the Chairman may co-opt members from the membership of NSI. Associate members may also be appointed on the Education Committee.

Explanation: The EC felt that such a committee will enhance and focus the educational activities of the Society.