

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of IPSSZB

Proposed by Dr.Ramanan Earat and Dr.Lokeswara Reddy and Approved by the Constitution Committee Meeting on 25/7/2026 and approved by the EC in its meeting on

PART II

ARTICLE –III

Classification of Members

Members:

2. The IPSSZB shall consist of Life Fellows and Life Ordinary Members of IPS whose names are on the membership register of the Indian Psychiatric Society maintained by the Hon. General Secretary of the IPS and who reside, practice or are employed in a place within the jurisdiction of the IPSSZB.;
3. The IPSSZB shall have no power to enrol any new members directly.
4. No person who is not a member of the IPS shall be a Member of the IPSSZB.
5. Subscriptions:
 - a. Each member shall pay a separate subscription to the IPSSZB. The amount will be fixed according to the byelaws of the IPSSZB. The annual general body meeting of the IPSSZB is empowered to fix or change the subscription.
 - b. The IPSSZB treasurer will also receive financial contribution from the treasurer of IPS.
 - c. IPSSZB will have no claim in the assets or be liable for liabilities of the state or local branches or the IPS and vice versa.
 - d. The state and local branches will have liberty to collect additional subscription and donation from their members, including life members, if it is decided by the state and/or local branch for the running and benefit of the branch.

Proposed Amendment after the Unified Membership by IPS:

Amendment to Article III-Section 5:

All the new members under Unified Membership will become a member of the Zone.

There will be no separate subscription for these members.

The existing members of the IPS who are not members of the Zone shall pay the subscription as decided by the IPS if they wish to be members of the Zone.

ARTICLE-VIII

17. The Executive Council shall be composed of the following members of the IPSSZB

- A.
 1. President
 2. Vice-President cum President elect
 3. Honorary General Secretary
 4. Honorary Treasurer
 5. Honorary Editor
 6. Immediate Past President
 7. Immediate Past Honorary General Secretary
 8. Immediate Past Honorary Treasurer
 9. Immediate Past Editor

(Amendment adopted by EOGBM on 25/4/2021 at Nizamabad)

- B.
 1. One member by the state branch and the Hony. Secretary of that branch
 2. Two members elected by the IPSSZB to the Executive Council of the IPS as zonal representatives.

3. Two women Members (reserved) elected directly from any of the States of the South Zonal Branch

Proposed amendment by the EC:

B: Add 4. President and President Elect of the States of member states:

Rationale: As per the existing bye-law, members who served as Presidents of State branches(after 2021) are not eligible to apply for the post of President Elect of IPSSZB unless they have served as the elected members of IPSSZB Executive Council. It is not just to deny a member who has served as President of State to apply to apply for President Elect post of IPSSZB

19. The new office-bearers and the new members of the Executive Council shall assume office from the day after Annual General Body of the IPSSZB in which they are elected. The out-going office bearers shall hand over charge of their office and all the papers etc., connected with their respective offices within three weeks of the annual general body meeting in which the new office bearers have been elected.

Suggested amendment for inclusion:

The elected representatives from the States as members of the Executive Council of IPSSZB shall assume office as EC members in the First Post AGB EC Meeting

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PART-III-Rules and Bye Laws

Article-V

10.A.

7. (7) The member of the Election Commission on relinquishing or resigning from the Office of Election Commission shall not hold any elected post or nominated post for one year in any Zonal, State or Branch level.

Proposed amendment:

The members of the Election Commission on relinquishing the term of office shall be eligible to contest or get nominated for post in the Zonal or State branch;

Rationale: It is very difficult to get members in the Election Commission as they are denied an opportunity for 5 years;

- 14.f. Canvassing by mobile/telephonic calls only by candidate is permitted; no SMS/e-mails or any other form of communication shall be entertained and it shall invite disqualification of the contestant.

Suggested amendment:

- 14.f. Canvassing by mobile/telephonic calls and messages through mobile phones and as e mail shall be permitted; No group or bulk messages shall be allowed which shall call for disqualification;

Proposed by Dr. Lokeswara Reddy:

Article V. Section 15 A (d):

The voting process will be closed one week before the AGB

Suggested amendment:

The e-voting will be available only for a period of 15 days and the process will be closed one week before the AGB. The date of starting e-voting will be decided based on the last day of e-voting which is one week before the AGB.

Explanation: It was already discussed and decided in the last AGBM and started implementing in this year elections; Proposing the resolution to amend the constitution

15.B

(iv) Under Extra-Ordinary circumstances, the CEC in consultation with Election Commission members, President, and Hon.Gen.Secretary of IPSZB may adjourn the election proceedings of e-voting for a particular post in the interest of the Society. This in no way will affect the election process of other posts or normal functioning of Society.

(v) Such vacancy will be filled up in the post AGBM Executive Council meeting as per Part II Article VIII Section 21 of the Society.

Proposed amendment suggested by Dr.Lokeswara Reddy and accepted by the EC:

Such vacancy will be filled up in the AGBM Executive Council meeting itself.

Explanation:

When the CEC and Election Commission will intimate the AGBM about the adjournment of election proceedings of e-voting for a particular post in the interest of the Society, the decision regarding the filling up such posts should be done in the AGBM itself;

Proposed by Dr.Lokeswara Reddy

Section: 15C (ii):

All the members of the Election Commission shall have the privileges like Free Registration, Accommodation, Local Transport and travel expenses etc during Annual Conference and other events where the presence of Election Commission is required to conduct Election or dispose election related duties. The local Organizing Committee shall make such arrangements.

Suggested Amendment modified by the Committee and EC

All the members of the Election Commission shall have the privileges like Free Registration, Accommodation, Local Transport and travel expenses etc during Annual Conference and other events where the presence of Election Commission is required to conduct Election or dispose election related duties. **The local Organizing Committee shall make such arrangements at par with Office Bearers;**

Proposed by Dr.Lokeswara Reddy:

Article V-Section 15 C (iv) & (v):

(iv) Rs.75,000 (Seventy-five Thousand) shall be handed over from the IPSSZB as advance to CEC for meeting the expenses relating to election every year latest by 15th of May. This amount shall be transferred to the Account opened by CEC for this purpose in any nationalised bank.

(v) The CEC shall submit the Audited Account of Election (by Chartered Accountant) to the Treasurer of IPSSZB by 31st December every year

Suggested amendment: modified by the Committee and EC

Article V Section 15.C.(iv): The treasurer shall pay directly the vendor the amount incurred for the conduct of the election as approved by the Chairperson of the Election Commission.

delete Article 15.C. (v).

Explanation: as the commission cannot open an account without a PANCARD; hence the removal these clauses. Hence there is no need to submit the account;

17. Any Life Fellow of Indian Psychiatric Society who is also a Life Fellow of the IPSSZB shall be nominated for election to any of the posts of Vice President cum President Elect, the Honorary General Secretary, Honorary Editor, Honorary Treasurer, Zonal Representative to National Executive Council of Indian Psychiatric Society and the Women Representative to Executive Council of IPS SZB if his/her nomination is proposed by an eligible fellow of the Indian Psychiatric Society **who is also a Life Fellow IPSSZB** and seconded by another eligible fellow of Indian Psychiatric Society **who is also a Life Fellow of IPSSZB** and the nominee has expressed his consent for the said post and sign a declaration that he will abide by the Rules and Bye-Laws of the IPSSZB. The person nominated for the post of the Vice President cum President Elect must be a Life Fellow of the Indian Psychiatric Society **as well as LF of IPSSZB** for at least 10 years and must have served at least one full term of Two Years **as an Elected Member of the Council of IPSSZB** or should have served as the President of the State Branch on or before 2021 **(provided he/she has completed 10 years as LF of Indian Psychiatric Society and also 10 years as LF of IPZSZB).** The person nominated for the post of Honorary General Secretary and Honorary Treasurer must be Life Fellow of the Indian Psychiatric Society **as well as a LF of IPSSZB** for at least 5 years and must have served at least one full term of 2 years as an elected member of the Executive

Council of IPSSZB or as an Elected Office bearer of the State Branch of Indian Psychiatric Society. The person nominated for the post of Honorary Editor must be a Life Fellow of the Indian Psychiatric Society **as well as LF of IPSSZB** for at least for 5 years and should have published at least 2 research papers in NMC approved indexed Journal as First Author or Corresponding Author. The Zonal Representative to National EC must be a Life Fellow of Indian Psychiatric Society **as well as LF of IPSSZB** for at least 5 years and must have served one full term of 2 years as an elected member of the Executive Council of the South Zonal Branch;

Proposed Amendment:

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- 17.(a) Any Life Fellow who has served as the President of the IPS SZB cannot be nominated for any Elected Post of the Society at any level, i.e. including the State/Local Branches except as the SZ representative to National Executive Council one year after relinquishing the Office.

Suggested Amendment:

- 17.a. Any Life Fellow who has served as the President of the IPS SZB cannot be nominated for any Elected Post of the Society at any level, i.e. including the State/Local Branches except as the SZ representative to National Executive Council after relinquishing the term of office.
- 17.(b) Honorary General Secretary, Honorary Treasurer or Honorary Editor who desires to get nominated for election to any other posts of office bearer shall be eligible only after one year from the end of his current tenure as Honorary General Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, or Honorary Editor.

Suggested Amendment:

- 17.b. Honorary General Secretary, Honorary Treasurer or Honorary Editor who desires to get nominated for election to any other posts of office bearer shall be eligible only after the end of his current tenure as Honorary General Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, or Honorary Editor.
- 17.(c). If the audited accounts of any IPSOCON or any MID TERM CME of the Society, including that of the PG Training Program, have not been submitted to the Council within 6 months of the conclusion of the event, the Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer of the Organizing Committee of the said events will not be eligible to hold any elected post of the Society for a period of Three Years;

Suggested Amendment:

- 17.c. If the audited accounts of any IPSOCON or any MID TERM CME of the Society, including that of the PG Training Program, have not been submitted to the Council within ONE YEAR of the conclusion of the event, the Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer of the Organizing Committee of the said events will not be eligible to hold any elected post of the Society for a period of ONE YEAR; If any these members wishes to contest the before ONE YEAR, he/she can contest after submitting the audited account to the EC and after its approval by the EC.

Rationale: Many of the MID TERM CMEs, PG CMEs and Annual Conferences are conducted through the State and there is delay in their finalization of accounts; hence this suggestion;.

18. The newly elected office bearers and members of the EC shall assume the office the day after the Annual General Body. State representatives to the Executive Council shall assume Office after their election has been notified to the Hon.Gen.Secretary along with a copy of the proceedings of the meeting at which the election was held. (Amendment adopted by EOGBM on 25/4/2021 at Nizamabad)

Suggested Amendment:

18. The newly elected office bearers and members of the EC shall assume the office the day after the Annual General Body. State representatives to the Executive Council shall assume Office after the South Zonal AGB (after their election has been notified to the Hon.Gen.Secretary along with a copy of the proceedings of the meeting at which the election was held).

The Zonal Representatives from the Zone to National IPS Executive Council will assume as per the IPS Constitution-(after the National AGB);

These are the proposals approved by the Constitution Committee in its meeting held on 25/7/2026 in the Zoom meeting.

These are the proposals accepted by the EC to forward it to AGB as resolutions for Amendment of Bye Laws

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