

**THE AUTISM SOCIETY OF INDIA
MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION**

1. The name of the Society shall be **AUTISM SOCIETY OF INDIA**
2. The registered office of the society shall be at

60, Vittal Mallya Road, Bangalore -560001 in the state of Karnataka

AIM and OBJECTIVES

3. The **AIM** of AUTISM SOCIETY OF INDIA, (hereinafter referred to as the Society) is to function as a national body for concerted action on all matters relating to persons with autism spectrum disorders and their families in order to meet the objectives. Its area of operation will be the entire Republic of India.

4. The **objectives** of the Society are as under:

i) To secure for persons with Autism Spectrum Disorders irrespective of caste, creed, race, religion, gender, or socio-economic status from all possible sources including Government, provision of remedial, educational, training, employment, respite, residential, welfare and social security services.

ii) To create a common bond of understanding, cooperation and action, among professionals, parents, families, guardians affected by the challenges of ASD as well as organisations working in the area of intellectual /developmental disabilities at the national and international level.

iii) To secure for all persons with Autism spectrum Disorders all fundamental rights as enjoyed by the citizens under the Constitution of India.

iv) To secure legal rights and legal protection for persons with Autism Spectrum disorders against exploitation, abuse and discrimination.

v) To secure empowerment of parents/guardians to act on behalf of persons with Autism Spectrum disorders (ASD) in legal and other matters.

vi) To secure adequate representation in policymaking and implementing bodies of the Central and State Governments and local level bodies.

vii) To secure special and inclusive education with all support services and to interface with the government.

viii) To enhance the quality of life of persons with ASD in families and the community.

ix) To promote awareness among the families and community about the nature and needs of persons with ASD

x) To promote awareness and sensitization among professionals in medical, legal, educational and other related fields through awareness and training programs about the needs of persons with ASD.

xi) To disseminate and exchange information regarding research into causes, treatments and integration of persons with ASD through all available means.

xii) To make all efforts and measures required meeting the above objectives.

5. The income and property of the Society shall be applied solely towards promotion of the objectives of the society and no part thereof shall be paid or transferred, to the members of the society, provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any employee of the society, even when he/she is a member of the society, in return for the services rendered to the Society and in connection with the work of the Society

6. The following persons shall be members of the first governing body of the society:

Sl. No.	Name & Address	Age	Occupation	Designation
1.	Ms Merry Barua A1/51, Panchsheel Enclave, New Delhi - 110017	54 yrs	Special Educator	President
2.	Dr. Rubina Lal 901, B-3 Whispering Palms Lokhandwala Complex Kandivali (E) Mumbai - 400101	50 yrs	Special Educator/ Parent	Vice President West Zone
3.	Ms Mythili Chari, 8-2-616/B/2/D, Road No. 11, Banjara Hills Hyderabad - 500034	54 yrs	Special Educator	Vice President South Zone
4.	Ms Indrani Basu 22 Anjuman Ara Begum Row., Kolkata - 700033	50 yrs	Special Educator	Vice President East Zone
5.	Ms Jayashree Ramesh L 76/A, HBCS Kirloskar Colony, III Stage, IV Block, Basaveswarnagar, Bangalore - 560079	42 yrs	Special Educator	Secretary
6.	Dr. Veronica Mathias 60, Vittal Mallya Road, Bangalore - 560001	64 yrs	Parent/ Special Educator	Joint Secretary
7.	Ms Suchita Somashkeraiah 4/1, 1 st Main Road, Subbanna Garden, Vijayanagar, Bangalore - 560040	41 yrs	Special Educator	Joint Secretary
8.	Mr. S. Saleem Ahmed, C3-1704, L&T South City Apartments, Arikere, Bangalore - 560076	43 yrs	Design Consultant/ Parent	Treasurer

7. We, the undersigned are desirous of forming a society under the Karnataka Societies Registration Act in pursuance of this Memorandum of Association:

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9.	Dr. Nalini Menon 1032, High Point, 45, Palace road, Bangalore - 560001	57 yrs	Special Educator	Founder Member	
10.	Ms. Akila Vaidyanathan 1000, 25 th Main, Sector I, HSR Layout, Bangalore - 560034	40 yrs	Special Educator/ Parent	Founder Member	
11.	Mr. S. Vaidyanathan 1000, 25 th Main, Sector I, HSR Layout, Bangalore - 560034	69 yrs	Retired Executive Director, HMT Ltd	Founder Member	
12.	Ms. Ratna Das Qtr. No. D-20, RBI Quarters, Osborne Road, Bangalore - 560042	52 yrs	Special Educator/ Parent	Founder Member	

Sl. No.	Name & Address	Age	Occupation	Designation	Signature
13.	Ms. Kavita Sharma A 109, Saroj Apartments, 7th A Cross, LB Shastrinagar, Vimanapura P.O, Bangalore - 560017	44 yrs	Parent / Special Educator	Founder Member	
14.	Ms. Indrani Basu Flat # S2, 2 nd Floor, Royal Oak, 136, Defence Colony, III Main, IV Cross, Indiranagar, Bangalore -	34 yrs	Special Educator/ Parent	Founder Member	
15.	Ms. Priti Vadakkath #345 Jalvayu Vihar, Kamanahalli Main Road Banaswadi Bangalore - 560043	34 yrs	Parent	Founder Member	

Witnesses

Sl. No.	Name & Address	Age	Occupation	Signature
1.	Mr. Sriram Narayan 1000, 25 th main, Sector I, HSR layout, Bangalore - 560034	42 yrs	Software Consultant	
2.	Cdr. Ajei Vadakkath #345 Jalvayu Vihar, Kamanahalli Main Road Banaswadi Bangalore - 560043	37 yrs	Service Officer	

THE AUTISM SOCIETY OF INDIA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Article-I

1. In these Rules and Regulations, the following expressions shall have the meanings set forth hereunder, unless repugnant to the subject or inconsistent with the text.

- i) "**SOCIETY**" shall mean The Autism Society of India also Referred to as "ASI" in this document.
- ii) "**ACT**" shall mean the Karnataka Societies' Registration Act, 1960 Or any modification or reenactment thereof for the time being In force.
- iii) "**AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER**" is a neurological disorder of the brain of a person with symptoms as enumerated in DSM-IV / ICO-10 standards on autism as diagnosed and certified by a qualified medical professional.
- (iv) "**MEMBER**" is a person or institution who has been admitted as a member as per the provision of Article-III of this Constitution.
- iv) "**GENERAL BODY**" shall mean the body of all individual members & representatives of the institutional members, who have voting rights at the annual and extra-ordinary meetings of the Society as per the provisions of Article-IV of this Constitution
- v) "**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**" shall mean the body of members of the Society vested with the responsibility for the management and administration of the Society as per the Provisions of Article -IV of this constitution'

vi) "**CONSTITUTION**" shall mean the Rules and Regulations of the Society.

vii) "**OFFICE BEARERS**" shall mean the members of the Executive Council who have been elected by the General Body as office bearers with the designations as the President, Vice President, Joint Secretary and Treasurer. Till such time, the first elections are held as per the provisions of this constitution, they shall be the persons mentioned in the Memorandum of Association of the Autistic Society of India.

(viii) "**OFFICE**" shall mean the Registered Office of the Society.

(ix) "**PARENT**" shall mean the father and/or the mother or the guardian of a person with ASD.

(x) Words importing singular shall include plural and vice versa.

(xi) Words importing masculine shall include feminine gender and vice- versa.

(xii) "**INCLUSIVE EDUCATION**", means an educational system under which children with autism attend the same school as normal children, without any segregation. The stress should be on recognised functional academics and on the need of separate special schools or complementary education, so as to enhance their social acceptance.

(xiv) "**SELF ADVOCATE**" refers to a person with autism who attempts to present, through any forum, before the society in general or any specific private, public or Government body, the difficulties or problems faced by persons with autism and seeks remedial measures or legislation for their benefit.

(xv) **ZONES**. Various States in the country shall be grouped into four zones, comprising State- wise

(a) **NORTH ZONE**: The States of Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Chattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Jammu & Kashmir, and Union Territory of Chandigarh

(b) **EAST ZONE**: The States of Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Sikkim, Orissa, and Union Territory Andaman & Nicobar Islands,

(c) **WEST ZONE**: The States of Gujarat, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Goa, Union Territory of Diu & Daman, Dadra and Nagar Haveli.

(d) SOUTH ZONE: The States of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Pondicherry, and Union Territory of Lakshadweep.

ARTICLE-II AIMS & OBJECTS

Section-1

AIM

(a) The aim of AUTISM SOCIETY OF INDIA, (hereinafter referred to as Society) is to function as a national body for concerted action on all matters relating to persons with autism spectrum disorders and their families in order to meet the objectives.

OBJECTIVES

(b) The objectives of Society are as under:

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ARTICLE-III MEMBERSHIP

Section -1

Classes of membership

The membership of Society shall consist of

- (a) Individual Members
- (b) Institutional Members
- (c) Patron Members
- (d) Donor Members
- (e) Life members

Section-2

- (a) **Individual Members;**

The following individuals shall be eligible for membership of the Society.

(i) The individual parent of a person with ASD is eligible to become a member. The siblings (over the age of 18 years) and /or the grand parents of a person with ASD are eligible to become members of the Society.

(ii) A person belonging to a recognized profession.

(iii) Person with ASD (over the age of 18 years) who is a self-advocate.

(iv) Any other person interested in serving the cause of autism.

(b) **Institutional Members:** The following institutions shall be eligible for membership of the Society.

(i) A registered association of parents, which includes parents of persons with ASD.

(ii) Schools, educational institutions, centers for ASD including vocational centers, workshops, respite centers, residential centers (including integrated/ inclusive education schools/ centers.

(c) **Patron Members:** A person or an institution making a contribution of an amount of not less than Rs. 50,000 is eligible to become a Patron member of the Society.

(d) **Donor member:** A person or a institution making a contribution of not less than Rs. 5,000 but not more than Rs. 50,000

(e) **Life member:** Individual members and Institutional members are eligible to become Life Members on payment of the prescribed fee.

Section-3

Procedure for admission:

Admission of members shall be by application to the Executive Council and according to the procedure, which the Executive Council shall determine. The decision of the Executive Council shall be final in the matter of granting membership of the Society.

Section-4

Voting Rights:

(i) Individual members shall have voting rights. A representative nominated by an Institutional Member shall have voting rights. Donor/Patron members shall have no voting rights.

(ii) The President shall be entitled to exercise a casting vote in a meeting when the vote's cast at a meeting for or against a proposition is equal.

Section-5

Termination of membership:

Membership of the society shall be liable for termination:

(i) On the death of a member

(ii) On a member failing to renew the annual subscription fee after due notice

(iii) On a member tendering his resignation in writing to the Executive Council and

(iv) On removal from the society for indulging in activities prejudicial to the aim and objectives of the Society.

Section-6

Membership Fee:

(i) The initial registration fee will be Rs. 100/ per individual and Rs. 500/ for institutions.

(ii) Annual and Life membership fee (in addition) will be in accordance with a "Resolution" of the General Body finalized at the first Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Society

(iii) Annual Membership fees may be revised from time to time at the discretion of the General Body

Section-7*

Register of Members. : The Association shall maintain at its registered office a register containing the official list of all its members with particulars of (i) Name & address (ii) date of admission (iii) the amount of membership fee due & paid and of other payments made to the society (iv) date on which membership ceased.

ARTICLE-IV ORGANISATION

Section-1

The **Organisation of the Society** shall consist of:

- (a) The General Body
- (b) The Executive Council (EC)
- (c) Office Bearers
- (d) The Local Chapters
- (e) The Secretariat
- (f) Co-opted Members
- (g) Technical Advisors

Section-2

The General Body:

(a) The General Body of the Society shall consist of all individual & representatives of the institutional members and will have voting right at the annual and Extra-ordinary meetings of the Society. The Donor/Patron members shall also be the constituents of the General Body, without voting rights.

(b) A regular meeting of the General Body shall be held every year at which the General Body shall, when due, elect the President of ASI and members of the Executive Council for a two year term and transact such other business as may be necessary. The General Body may, at other times, meet in extraordinary session at the call of the President or on a written requisition by a majority of the members of the Executive Council or on a requisition by not less than twenty five members of the General Body

(c) The general body shall:

(i) Decide on amendments and/or additions to the Memorandum of Association and the Rules and Regulations of the Society

(ii) Establish general policies and procedures of the Society, and

(iii) Serve as a final forum on all matters pertaining to the rights of the members and the interpretation of the Rules and Regulations of the Society.

(d) At each annual meeting of the General Body, the conduct of the business shall be in the following order:

(i) To read and approve of the minutes of the previous meeting

(ii) To receive, consider and pass the Report and Accounts for the previous year.

(iii) To appoint or re-appoint the Auditors and fix their remuneration.

(iv) Election of the President and members of the Executive Council,

when due

(v) To consider and vote upon the Resolutions notified in the Agenda

(vi) Any other business with the permission of the Chair.

(f) At any Extra-Ordinary session of the General Body the business shall be restricted only to the agenda actually circulated.

Section-3

The Executive Council (EC)

(a) The management and administration of the Society shall be vested in the Executive Council.

(b) The Executive Council shall consist of a President and not less than 10 members and not more than 30 members elected by the General body.

(c) (i) The members of the Executive Council shall be the parents and /or professionals with at least 50% of the members being parents of persons with ASD

(ii) Members of the Executive Council will consist of one or more elected or co-opted members from each major city.

(d) All members of the Executive Council should have access to Internet facilities, as proceedings will be ordinarily conducted through the Internet. All members of the Executive Council should respond to every email within 10 days and if there is no response for 3 months continuously it will be deemed that the member has resigned.

e) The first Executive Council shall consist of members as mentioned in Memorandum of Association of ASI. Elections will be conducted within 6 months of registration of the society

Section-4

Function & Powers of the Executive Council of ASI

(a) To raise financial resources and manage all assets and funds and conduct and manage all the activities of Society

(b) To invest the funds of the society in approved securities in accordance with provisions of the Income Tax Act 1961.

(c) To acquire immovable property (including agricultural land) and/or movable assets as may be required for fulfillment of the objectives of the Society

(d) To open bank accounts and operate the same jointly with the treasurer and another office bearer authorized by the Executive Council.

(e) To draw, make, accept, endorse, and discount cheques, notes, or other negotiable instruments.

(f) To issue receipts for any monies, securities and the documents received on behalf of the Society.

(g) To accept and receive in any manner cash and movable or immovable property either unconditionally or subject to conditions as may be approved by the Executive Council, as per the guidelines laid down by the General Body.

(h) To solicit, obtain or accept donations, grants, and gifts from any person or institution.

(i) To acquire by way of gifts, purchase, exchange, lease, or hire or otherwise howsoever any land, buildings, apartment or rights to in any movable or immovable property.

(j) To borrow money which may be required for the Society in such manner as may be deemed fit, including hypothecation, mortgage, etc., of the assets of the Society and settle the terms for such loans.

(k) To sell, transfer, exchange, mortgage, demise, dispose off, or otherwise deal with any property belonging to the Society

(l) To pay affiliation fees or membership fees to allied organizations in India and abroad

(m) To keep proper accounts of all sums of money received and expended by the Society and have the accounts audited every year as prescribed by law

(n) To make available grant of money or otherwise provide assistance to any schools, vocational centres, residential center, day care centers, respite centres, and other institutions working for the welfare of persons with ASD.

(o) To appoint employees and / or engage the services of contractors, to settle the terms of their employment or engagement, and lay down conditions for their termination.

(p) To enter into an arrangement with any government, individual or corporate entity or local body, as may be conducive to the objectives of the Society.

(q) To seek advice and / or opinion from lawyers, chartered accountants, and other specialists and professionals.

(r) To file and/or defend suits on behalf of the Society, to compound suits or to refer any differences or disputes with third parties for arbitration.

(s) To select persons, whether members of the Executive Council or not, for representing the Society on statutory and /or non-statutory bodies appointed by the Central or State Governments and/or any local bodies like Zilla Parishads, Gram Panchayats etc., for promoting the welfare of persons with ASD

(t) To appoint sub-committees for discharging job specified services in furthering the aims and objectives of the Society, as and when deemed necessary by the Executive Council.

(u) To co-opt up to five (5) persons from the members as members of the Executive Council for a period of two (2) years and to appoint up to five (5) persons in any discipline as Technical Advisors for a period of Two (2) years

(v) To accept trusteeship of person with ASD so that they may not be manipulated or taken advantage of and to arrange for suitable custody.

(w) Frame byelaws relating to the internal administration of the Society (x) Publish/print any material, which is in conformity with the aims and Objectives of the Society.

(y) Organize seminars, workshops etc., or hold fund raising events in keeping with the aim and objectives of the Society.

(z) In general to manage the affairs and activities of the Society and generally do all such things, take all such actions, incur all such expenses and execute all such documents, whether specifically enumerated in the foregoing or not, as may be proper, necessary, or expedient for carrying out the aim and objectives of the Society and/or for compliance with statutory requirements.

Section-5

Office Bearers

(a) Office bearers.

(i) The Executive Council shall have nine Office Bearers. They are the President, four Vice Presidents, (North, South, East & West), Secretary, Two Joint Secretaries, and Treasurer.

(ii) The office bearers are elected, when due, by the General Body.

(iii) Office bearers will hold office for two years. Members are eligible for re- election provided that office bearers shall not hold the same post for a continuous period exceeding two years except, in the case of the secretary and treasurer, who shall not hold their posts for a continuous period exceeding four years

(iv) In case of any vacancy in the Executive Council among the office bearers caused by any reason whatsoever, another office bearer may be appointed in his place by the Executive Council and such appointed office bearer shall hold the office for the un-expired portion of the term.

(b) President

(i) The President will be the chief executive of the Society and shall function on the advice of the Executive Council. The President shall guide and supervise the various activities of the Society

(ii) The President shall preside over all the meetings of the Executive Council and the General Body

(iii). President shall ensure that action is taken on all the decisions taken by the Executive Council and shall also ensure that all the resolutions adopted by the General Body are executed.

(iv) The President may not take decisions on his/her own except in cases of emergencies, provided that such actions are placed before the Executive Council within 7 days for ratification.

(v) In the absence of the President, the four Vice-Presidents shall, from among themselves select one of them to assume the duties of the President.

(c) Vice Presidents

The Vice-Presidents shall assist the President in his duties .The Zonal Vice President shall network within his/her own zone and with other members in charge of local chapters of the Society. The President and the Secretary shall consult the Vice-Presidents on important issues and shall keep them posted of the decisions/action taken

(d) Secretary / Joint Secretaries

(i) The Secretary shall act under the supervision and advice of the President and the Executive Council.

(ii) The Secretary shall be in charge of all executive work of the Society and shall keep all the records of the business matters of the society and the proceedings of the Executive Committee and the General Body.

(iii) The Secretary shall also provide, on a regular basis, the input information relating to the functioning of the Society for posting such information in the Website of the Society for the benefit of all the members of the Society and the general public

(iv) The secretary shall undertake the task for writing, editing and sending the periodic newsletter of the Society to all members of the Executive Council and also to the member's in charge of local chapters. And also ensure that the same is posted in the Website of the Society. The Members of the Executive Council and the local Chapters shall provide to the Secretary the inputs needed for the preparation of the periodic news letter

(v) In the absence of the Secretary, one of the joint-secretaries nominated by the President shall assume the duties of the Secretary

(vi) The Joint Secretaries shall assist the Secretary in his duties.

(e) Treasurer

(i) The Treasurer shall function under the directions of the President and Secretary

(ii) The Treasurer shall perform the duties usually pertaining to this office such as preparation of the annual budget, disbursement& accounting of all authorized expenditure, maintain account of all receipts, keeping of proper accounts and financial records, preparation of the annual accounts for submission to the General Body and maintaining of all financial records and submission of financial reports to statutory authorities

Section-6

Local Chapters

(a) Local Chapters of the ASI can be formed in a Zone, provided at least 20 members of the society in that Zone jointly agree to do so. They shall apply to the President for recognition of the Chapter. The Executive Council shall decide on the request to form a Local Chapter.

(b) Each local chapter will be headed by a person elected by the Chapter members and co-opted into the EC, who will be responsible for disseminating information to local members, and passing on news and views from local chapters to the Executive Council for discussion and action.

(c) Each local chapter can form their own committee with their own rules and regulations, which shall not be inconsistent with the Rules, and Regulations of the ASI. Such Rules and Regulations shall be approved by the Executive Council

(d) Recognition to a Chapter of the Society can be withdrawn by the Executive Council, if the Chapter undertakes activities prejudicial to the aim and objectives of the Society.

Section-7

The Secretariat

(a) The Executive Council is empowered to employ such staff and to rent or lease or acquire such premises as it deems necessary in order to carry out the work of the Society.

(b) No employee of the Society in any capacity is eligible to hold elective office or to serve a member of the Executive Council.

(c) The paid staff of the Society shall be responsible to the Secretary of the Society for the conduct of the affairs of the Society.

Section-8

Co-opted Members

(a) The Executive Council may co-opt from among the members of the Society from major cities to be members of the Executive Council for a period of two years or till the term of the then current Executive Council ends, whichever is earlier.

(b) The co-opted members shall have voting rights in the Executive Council.

Section-9

Technical Advisors

(a) The Executive Council may appoint as technical advisors persons with knowledge and experience in the field of ASD or in any other discipline, (such as Medical, Legal, Finance, Government matters, Media & Communications, Legal, Computer & Internet related matters) and whose association, counseling and guidance are considered useful to the furtherance of the aim & objectives of the Society.

(b) The Technical Advisor shall be assisting the Executive Council by making recommendations with regard to all activities and objectives of the Association.

(c) The appointment of a Technical Advisor shall be for a period of two years or till the term of the then current Executive Council ends.

(d) Advisors may be co-opted to the Executive Council but shall not have voting rights, if they are not members of the Society.

Article- V MEETINGS

Section-1

Meetings of the General Body

(a) (i) At the regular annual meeting of the General Body, the quorum shall be 25 % of the members entitled to vote, In the absence of necessary quorum, the meeting will stand adjourned and will be reconvened after 1 /2 hour on the same day and the same venue when the members present shall form the quorum and their decision shall stand and binding.

(ii) The extra- ordinary meeting of the General Body convened, as per Section 2 (b) of this Constitution shall stand abandoned if the necessary quorum is not present at the first appointed time.

(iii) The Secretary shall give the Notice of the meeting of the General Body and also the Agenda to all members of the Society at least 30 days prior to the date of the meeting

Section-2

Meetings of the Executive Council

(b) (i) The Executive Committee shall meet as often as considered by the President.

(ii) The Secretary shall convene the meeting of the Executive Committee by giving at least 14 days notice and circulating the agenda for the meeting by email. Such meetings may be convened either by members attending in person or through tele-conferencing or Video conferencing or through the Internet facilities.

(iii) The Quorum for such meeting shall be a simple majority of the members attending / participating in the meeting of the Executive Council.

(iv) The Secretary shall record the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Council and shall, after approval of the President, shall circulate the same by email to all members of the Executive Council.

Article-VI FINANCE

Section -1

Fiscal Provisions

(i) The fiscal year of the Society shall be from 1st of April to the 31st March of the next calendar year.

(ii) Proper Accounts shall be kept of the moneys received and expended and subject to reasonable restrictions at to the time and place; such accounts shall be open to inspection to the members.

(iii) The Annual Accounts of a fiscal year shall be examined by qualified auditors appointed by the General Body. The Annual Accounts, duly certified by the Auditors, shall be presented as a part of the Annual Report of the Treasurer to the Executive Council and, thereafter, for circulation to the members and for adoption at the annual meeting of the General Body.

(iv) The Society may accept and use all gifts, financial support, subsidies, bequests and endowments whether given for general or specific purposes.

(v) The Society may accept and conclude all contracts and acquire, alienate, rent or lease any real property or personal property and pay salaries of the employees and other costs necessary to the conduct of the affairs of the Society.

Section-2

Annual subscriptions fees and other levies.

(i) The general Body shall from time to time, decide the amount of annual subscription and any other levies to be paid by members and the public for any specific service rendered by the Society.

(ii) The annual subscription will, become due and payable on the 1st day of April every year. If the annual subscription is not received by the 30th June of that year, the membership of the member in default shall be deemed to be terminated. It can be renewed with the payment of a late fee that may be fixed by the Society.

Section-3

Investments

(i) The funds of the Society shall be invested in the modes specified under the provisions of section 13(1)(d) read with section 11(5) of the I.T. Act, 1961 as amended from time to time.

Article-VII AMENDMENTS

Section-1

These Rules and Regulations can be amended at any regular meeting or at any special meeting of the General Body called for the purpose. It shall require the affirmative vote of not less than two-third (2/3) of the voting members of the General Body present at the concerned meeting to approve and adopt any amendments to the Rules and Regulations.

Section-2

Any change or amendment of the Memorandum of Association and/or Rules and Regulations of the Society shall be made in accordance with Sections 9 and 10 of the Karnataka Societies Registrations Act, 1960 without violating the provisions of Sections 2(15), 11, 12, 13, and 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961. Further no amendment shall be carried out without the prior approval of the Commissioner of Income Tax.

Article-VIII MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section-1

Website

(i) A National Web site will be created and will be the responsibility of the Secretary for making arrangements for its initial creation. Hosting, maintenance and update

(ii) The Website will contain a directory of all members, together with facilities available in each city and will serve as an information resource centre for ASD in India. It shall also provide links to other website in the Internet which are having similar related information resources on ASD

(iii) The Society shall have on the Internet presence, with adequate security to enable members to interact among themselves electronically through email, e-group. Web chat etc.

Section -2

Indemnity

Every member of the Executive Council and every Office Bearer of the ASI, present or past shall be indemnified out of the funds of ASI against all losses and expenses incurred in the discharge of his duties, except as shall have happened through his own willful neglect or dishonesty.

Article-IX DISSOLUTION.

Section-1

(i) The society shall be dissolved only if it is so desired by not less than two-third (2/3) of the voting members of the Society at a general or Extra-ordinary meeting of the Society.

(ii) In the meeting of the General Body called for deciding on the dissolution of the Society, the General Body may also decide to which society the property remaining after the satisfaction of all liabilities and debts should be transferred.

Section-2

In the event of dissolution or winding up of the Society, the assets remaining as on the date of dissolution shall under no circumstances be distributed among the members of the society / Managing Committee / Governing Body, but the same shall be transferred to another charitable trust / society whose objects are similar to those of this society and which enjoys recognition u/s 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961, as amended from time to time.

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