

Rules and Regulations &

Constitution

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About us

The not-for-profit association namely, '*Unity in Law or ULA*' is a young society which works to harness the efforts of the legal fraternity towards the common goal of the development of the rule of law by academically strengthening the legal fraternity through joint initiatives, projects, programs and generating platforms for intellectual discourse. The foremost upcoming organisation for international legal practitioners, Bar associations and Law societies. Established in 2024, shortly after the visit of the first Indian delegation of lawyers to the United Kingdom, with an aim to protect and advance the rule of law globally, the ULA was born out of the conviction that an organisation made up of the world's lawyers could contribute to global stability and peace through the administration of justice.

The ULA has considerable expertise in providing assistance to the global legal community, and through its global membership, it influences the development of international law reform and shapes the future of the legal profession throughout the world.

ULA works closely with professional organisations within the legal community throughout the world and involves its members heavily in its projects and activities. As a dedicated-to-Rule of Law Society, ULA seeks to advance and promote research, academic thought and new professional policies and practices concerning the development of law as a Learned Society. It works closely with academic institutions and other professional bodies across the world. ULA provides a wealth of professional information and guidance to support the professional and academic work of its members and also helps all legal practitioners alike. Through its academic initiatives, it includes articles, relevant case laws, regulations, professional guidelines and model clauses within the easy reach of its members.

ULA's network of branches and chapters across India and the world offers members a valuable global network of other like-minded professionals to share views and experiences with. ULA and its branches organise regular conferences, seminars, lectures and social meetings which address topical issues in the rule of law/its development/law reform and allow members - and often non-members - to come together. It offers a range of membership services and benefits.

At the ULA, we understand that as our world continues to outgrow national frameworks, there is greater demand for international dialogue and collaboration, and in some cases, rules and guidelines. Since times immemorial, individuals and institutions have looked to such organisations to play a role in these endeavours.

We are trying to envision a better future for the legal fraternity and we invite you to join us.

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Unity in Law or ULA

CONSTITUTION OF UNITY IN LAW OR ULA

Article 1

Name and Objects

The name of the society is Unity in Law or ULA (hereinafter, the “Association”). Its objects are:

- 1.1 To create a sense of brotherhood, cooperation, mutual harmony, love and affection amongst the members of the society and also amongst the legal fraternity.
- 1.2 To take up effective, reasonable and lawful steps for the solution of problems relating to members of the society or relating to the legal fraternity.
- 1.3 To render all possible help in case of any natural calamity e.g., earthquake, flash floods, famine or in case of any other emergency.
- 1.4 To promote the upholding of the rule of law and to encourage the profession of law in India;
- 1.5 To promote and protect the privileges, interests and prestige of the association and to promote union and cooperation among the advocates practicing in India and other foreign associations and advocates;
- 1.6 To promote and maintain high standards of profession among members of the Bar.
- 1.7 To establish and maintain a functional website and adequate online pro-bono services for members and legal fraternity at large.
- 1.8 To watch the state of law, progress of legislation and administration of justice and to take such steps as may be necessary for their progress and reform;
- 1.9 To express opinion on proposed legislation and other matters of interest and to make representation in respect thereof;
- 1.10 To take necessary steps to prevent and remedy any abuse of law or mal-administration of justice;
- 1.11 To make representation from time to time to the authorities on matters affecting the Bar and legal fraternity anywhere;
- 1.12 To acquire and safeguard the rights and privileges necessary or convenient for the association;

- 1.13 To arrange for raising funds for legal aid and awareness and to do everything including applying of funds that may be necessary to that end;
- 1.14 To adopt all such matters as might be necessary or incidental to the carrying out of the aforesaid objects;
- 1.15 To conduct and hold seminars and conferences on issues and topics of interest to the legal profession and to disseminate information on this behalf;
- 1.16 To plan and organize independent and self-funded academic tours of members, without any support of funds from society/association, as exchange programmes with an intent to engage in meaningful growth and discussions for the benefit of the legal fraternity.
- 1.17 To assist such Associations and Societies and Members of the Legal Profession in India and throughout the world to develop and improve the legal profession's organisation and status.
- 1.18 To assist Members of the Legal Profession in India and throughout the world, whether in the field of legal education or otherwise, to develop and improve their legal services to the public.
- 1.19 To advance the science of jurisprudence in all its phases.
- 1.20 By common study of practical problems to promote uniformity and definition in the field of Law.
- 1.21 To promote the administration of justice under the rule of law among the peoples of the world.
- 1.22 To promote in the execution of these objects the principles and aims of the United Nations in their legal aspects and to cooperate with, and promote coordination among, international juridical organisations having similar purposes.

The Association may take all action that it deems appropriate in the pursuit of its objects. In pursuit of such objects, the Association has the capacity to represent and stand and intervene in judicial, administrative, arbitral and other proceedings. The members do not have the aforesaid capacity; however, in a given proceeding the Association may authorize a member to act on the Association's behalf.

The Association is a non-political organisation and as such shall not entertain any matter which is political or even semi-political in character. This is part of the basic structure of the Constitution and cannot be amended/repealed.

All the incomes, earnings, movable, immovable properties of the Association shall be solely utilized and applied towards the promotion of aims and objects only, set forth in the Constitution and no revenue/profit/income thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus, profits in any manner whatsoever to the present or past members of the association or to any person claiming through any one or more of the present or the past members. No member of the association shall have any personal claim on any movable or immovable properties of the association or make any profits, whatsoever, by virtue of this membership. This is part of the basic structure of the Constitution and cannot be amended/repealed.

Article 2

Definitions

These articles will be collectively known as the 'Constitution of Unity in Law or ULA'. Unless the context otherwise requires, the following words in these articles mean: -

- 2.1 'Association' or 'Society' means Unity in Law or ULA.
- 2.2 'Associate Member' means an Association of Advocates in India or anywhere in the world and enrolled as such a Member.
- 2.3 'Committee' means the Executive Committee of Unity in Law or ULA.
- 2.4 'Court' means any Court in India
- 2.5 'Corporate Member' means a corporate entity/Law firm/LLP recognised by relevant laws/statutes/authorities admitted as member of the Association.
- 2.6 'Founding Member' means one of the persons who were part of the Indian delegation of lawyers who visited the United Kingdom from 17-21 April 2023.
- 2.7 'Government Member' means a government agency, entity or individual employed by such agencies or entities admitted as member of the Association.
- 2.8 'Honorary Member' or 'Honorary Fellows' means a person unanimously conferred membership by the Association.
- 2.9 'Law Student Member' means a studying law student, having yet not been enrolled with any Bar, admitted as a member of the Association.
- 2.10 'Member' means any/all members of the Association.

- 2.11 'Temporary Member': A temporary member is a member other than a member within the meaning of 2.5.
- 2.12 'Non-Active Member' means a Member whose name is kept on the list of Members notwithstanding all just exceptions.

Article 3

Membership

- 3.1 The number of members to which Unity in Law or ULA proposes to be registered is not less than two and not more than five thousand but the Association may from time to time register an increase or reduction in the number of members.
- 3.2 The members of Unity in Law or ULA shall be ipso facto the subscribers to the Constitution/Rules & Regulations and such other persons or corporate bodies who shall be elected/admitted to membership per the Constitution and shall be entered in the Register of Members accordingly and she/he shall be a member thereof.

Any person of good moral character in good standing at the Bar of the legal profession of another country who is admitted to practice law but is not admitted to the Bar of an Indian state. An International Lawyer member shall have the same rights and privileges as a Member.

- 3.3 The Association shall maintain a Register of Members and all entries, once approved, shall be made in the register. The membership of the Association shall comprise of the following types: -
- 3.3.1 Member
 - 3.3.2 Associate Member
 - 3.3.3 Temporary Member
 - 3.3.4 Non-Active Member
 - 3.3.5 Government Member
 - 3.3.6 Corporate Member
 - 3.3.7 Law Student Member
 - 3.3.8 Honorary Member
- 3.4 The admission fee and subscription for membership of Unity in Law or ULA shall be fixed with an overall intent of a not-for-profit profile, but the Association may from time to time

alter the same depending upon the prevailing circumstances considering genuine expenses being incurred. The Admission fee and annual subscription for Members, charged and to be renewed annually, shall be as under: -

a)	Designated Senior Advocate	7500/- INR
b)	Advocate (<i>Having practice of more than 10 years</i>)	5,000/- INR
c)	Advocate (<i>Having practice of 10 years or less</i>)	2,500/- INR
d)	Non-Active Member	1000/- INR
e)	Associate Member	5,000/- INR
f)	Corporate Member	15,000/- INR
g)	Law Student Member	500/- INR
h)	Honorary Member	NIL

3.5 The Admission fee, one year's annual subscription or half year's subscription (*in case the membership is sought in the second half of the year*) shall be payable along with the application for membership by the applicant seeking membership to the Association. In case the applicant is not admitted as a member, the amount paid by him at the time of tendering his application shall be refunded in full. In case the applicant is admitted as a member then the subscription shall be payable by the member in advance annually by UPI/RTGS (with remarks) or cheque/demand draft payable at Chandigarh. Payment of subscription in cash will not be accepted.

3.6 Any member, who is an Advocate, shall on being enrolled as Senior Advocate, pay for the relevant half year and thereafter subscription that may be payable by Senior Advocate. Credit shall be given to her/him for the amount already paid by him. When a Non-Active Member becomes an Active Member he shall pay the increased subscription for the relevant half year and thereafter.

3.7 Subject to the provisions of these Rules, except other specified categories, every Advocate entitled to practice law, shall be eligible for Membership to the Association.

3.7.1 An Advocate applying for Membership of the Association shall do so in the '*prescribed form*' duly proposed by one existing Member of the Association and seconded by 3 existing Members of the Association. The full name, residential address and normal place of practice of the Advocate applying for Membership together with the full name and addresses of the proposer and seconders shall be entered in the register maintained by the Association for this purpose. On the application being checked, verified and found correct, the name of the applicant shall be put on the website of the Association and for a period of at least 10 days, after which the Application shall be placed before this Association for consideration and shall be taken up at the meeting. The Association shall amongst

other matters consider objections, if any that may be received objecting to the enrolment of the applicant as a Member of this Association. The decision of the Association, electing or refusing to admit the applicant as a Member, shall be communicated to the Member. An applicant whose application for Membership has been rejected shall not be eligible to apply afresh for such Membership for a period of one year from the date of rejection of her/his application for Membership.

- 3.7.2 In terms of this Rule, an applicant found to be '*suitable as per general standards*' to be made a member of the association, will be made a member, initially on a temporary basis for a period of 6 months (six months). A person so made a Member on a temporary basis, will be identified as a 'Temporary Member'. Upon expiry of the specified period, the temporary member may be considered as a regular member, if in the opinion of the Association, the member is fit to be considered on the regular roll. The fulfilment of the objectives of the Association, commitment to continuing professional development and contribution in this regard shall determine such fitness.
- 3.7.3 An Association of Advocates shall be eligible for membership, provided that a Member of an Associate Member shall not ipso facto become a Member of the Association. The President or another Member of an Associate Member duly nominated by the governing body of an Associate Member shall be entitled to represent it and participate in the activities of the Association. The Application by an association of advocates desiring to be elected as an Associate Member shall be made only upon a resolution to that effect having been passed by its governing body. Such application shall not be required to be proposed and seconded and neither shall an application on its behalf be required to be displayed as in the other case. Such an Application shall, however, be accompanied by a resolution of a governing body of the applying association.
- 3.7.4 All membership to the Association shall be conditional. The Association may delegate, within the existing members, the function of considering applications for membership.
- 3.7.5 The Association may admit to Honorary membership of Unity in Law or ULA, persons distinguished in LAW, judiciary, commerce or finance who have rendered public service, and who shall not be required to sign, pay subscription etc for this. Such members shall not be under any liability whatsoever.
- 3.7.6 The Association may admit Non-Active Members who are from the legal profession, yet not into active practice.
- 3.7.7 The Association may admit Government Members who are persons that are government agencies or entities, or individuals employed by such agencies or entities.

- 3.7.8 The Association may admit Corporate Members who are companies/persons/entities owning a trademark or other mark related to the field of Law, working actively in Law or opting for legal mechanisms within their realm, MSMEs, non-profit organisations working in the field of Law, Universities and academic Institutions imparting legal knowledge. The Association may reduce subscription fees for MSME's, some academic institutions and non-profit's to half.
- 3.7.9 The Association may admit Law Student Members who are studying law, at any stage and have yet not enrolled with any Bar. The Association may reduce their subscription fees, but not below 100/-.
- 3.7.10 The Association shall have Founding Members, who shall have to go through the same process of membership as others, but shall be the first amongst equals in terms of 3.11 and 4.1.
- 3.8 All Members of Unity in Law or ULA, shall work to attain the objectives of the Association and those who are advocates shall abide by the standards of Professional Conduct and Etiquette as laid down in Chapter II of Part VI of the BCI Rules, as amended from time to time.
- 3.9 If an advocate Member, who is appointed to or accepts any office of profits disintitling him to practice or otherwise suspends his practice, desires to continue his Membership of the Association during that period, he may apply to that effect and the Association may permit his name to be kept in the list of Non-Active Members, subject to the payment of dues prescribed in that behalf.
- 3.10 When any Member who remains in arrears of subscription for three months after it falls due and after he has been required in writing by the Secretary, fails to pay the same, within 30 days of receipt of such notice, his case will be reported by the Secretary to the Executive Committee who may take such action, including removal from Membership, as the Membership of the Association by the Committee on such terms as it may think proper.
- 3.11 Save as provided in Rule 8, no Member shall be removed from the Association except by a resolution passed by 2/3 rd of all the Members voting at an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting. In case of removal of office-bearer/s, Founding Members shall assume the role of the specific office-bearer to initiate/complete the removal process. A Member so removed, may, however, be re-admitted by the Committee not earlier than one year from the date of such removal and on such terms, including payment of admission fee, as the Committee may think proper.

Article 4

The Committee

- 4.1 The affairs of the Association shall, subject to these rules and the general control of the Members in the General Meeting lawfully assembled, be managed by the Executive Committee consisting of the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Asstt. Secretary, the Treasurer, the Asstt. Treasurer and nine Members, of whom at least five shall be from the founding members. The Association or the Executive Committee may appoint other standing or ad-hoc committees, Section or Divisions or Forums to carry out the objectives of Unity in Law or ULA. All committees shall work under the control of the Executive Committee and report through it to the General Body.
- 4.2 If any vacancy occurs in the Committee, the Committee shall as early as possible, fill up the same in the manner provided by these Rules and the election so made shall continue to be in force until the next general election of the office bearers and Members of the Committee. No act of the Committee shall be invalid by reason of any such vacancy not being filled up. If any, Member of the Committee fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Committee without intimation as to reasons for absence, the Committee may pass a resolution that such person shall cease to be a Member of the Committee.
- 4.3 The Committee shall ordinarily physically meet at least once every two months, and remotely via video conferencing at least once every fortnight for dispatch of business. The Committee shall subject to the control of the Members in the General Meeting lawfully assembled, have the following powers: -
- a) To maintain such establishments for the Association as may be required from time to time.
 - b) To spend within the budgeted provisions such monies for the purposes of the Association as may be required from time to time.
 - c) To make such bye-laws and regulations as it may consider necessary or expedient to carry out the aims and objects of the Association. Such bye-laws and regulations shall, however be submitted for the approval of the members of the Association in the next General Body Meeting.
 - d) To report to the General Body Meeting about its activities and the activities and work done by other committees at least once every year.
 - e) Re-constitute all committees at least once every year other than those that may have been elected by the members assembled in General Body Meeting.
 - f) The Committee shall normally transact its business by resolutions passed by the majority of the members present and voting. In case of equality of votes the President shall have a casting vote. It shall be open to the Committee to transact its business and to pass resolutions by means of circulars provided that if any three members of the Committee desire a particular matter to be brought in a meeting of the Committee such a matter shall be transacted in a meeting of the Committee.

- 4.4 The quorum at any meeting of the Committee shall be five provided that if the quorum is not present at any meeting the same shall stand adjourned to such date and time as the President may appoint and at such adjourned meeting no quorum shall be necessary.

Article 5

Office-Bearers

5.1 PRESIDENT

The President of the Association and in his absence the Vice-President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Committee or other committees. In the absence of the President or the Vice-President the members present shall elect one of them to preside over a meeting.

If any question arises with respect to any matter not provided for in the rules or in the by-laws made by the Executive Committee, such question shall, subject to the provisions of these rules, be decided by the President whose decision shall be binding unless the General Body of the members in a subsequent or urgent meeting otherwise decides.

5.2 SECRETARY

Subject to such directions as the Committee may, from time to time issue, the Secretary shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association and shall have the power, among others, of making such disbursements as may be necessary or expedient for the Association. In his absence, the Assistant Secretary shall discharge the functions of the Secretary.

5.3 TREASURER

The Treasurer shall have the custody of all the monies and securities of the Association and sums due to the Association shall be payable to and recoverable by the Treasurer. Any sums realized or received by the Association shall forthwith be handed over to the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall keep the monies of the Association in such Bank and in such manner as the Committee may direct and shall bring all the monies received into account immediately on receipt thereof. All receipts of whatever description shall be forthwith paid into the bank and only drawn by means of cheque and all payment except for those of petty expenditure shall be made by cheque. The Treasurer may assign such of his work to the Assistant Treasurer as he may think fit.

- 1.4 Committees, Sections, Standing Committees and Divisions may be constituted with its own set of office-bearers, after having been unanimously approved by the General Body of the members. All other clauses, as applicable to the Committee shall apply to them.

- 1.5 Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer may be nominated by the Executive Committee from amongst the Executive Members on a half-yearly basis, and who shall assist the Secretary and Treasurer in their roles respectively.

Article 6

Elections

- 6.1 The Office-Bearers of the Association shall be elected by secret ballot and the other members of the Committees, Sections, Standing Committees and Divisions shall be elected by secret ballot by single distributive votes at the Annual Election that shall be held online. No office bearer or Member of the Committee shall be eligible to hold any office for more than one term i.e. one year (on the same post). The prohibition of one term i.e. one year shall not apply to the posts reserved for Five Founding Members. Canvassing in any form on the date of polling is prohibited.
- 6.2 Election to the Association shall be conducted by an Election Committee of three members to be nominated by the Executive Committee of the Association, which would require the ratification of the General Body. The members of the Election Committee shall not participate in the election, except by casting their votes. The Election Committee shall exercise full and absolute control over the election and its decision shall be final and binding.
- 6.3 The eligibility of the members to contest and vote at the elections shall be as under: -
- 6.3.1 He/she must have a considerable association (in terms of years) with Unity in Law or ULA as its active member for contesting for the post of the Office Bearers. Seniority will be from the date of membership.
- 6.3.2 No members shall be eligible to contest or cast his/her vote at the election unless:-
- a) He/She has paid his/her subscription by or before the LAST DAY of February of the Calendar Year in which the elections are being held and is NOT IN ARREARS ON ANY ACCOUNT.
 - b) A member who is in arrears of his/her subscription or any dues to the Association will not be eligible, to propose or second the candidature of any members to any of the post. Such member shall not be entitled to contest the election.
 - c) Non-Active Members, Law Student, Corporate, Honorary and Associate Members shall not have right to contest or vote.

d) No member shall be able to contest or vote, in case has been specifically debarred or suspended by the General Body.

- 6.4 The Association shall prepare a list of Voters based on the declaration made by the members. Only such members whose names are included in the final voters list shall be entitled to vote, contest, propose and second any candidate in Elections.
- 6.5 The contesting members shall be liable to pay fees along with her/his nomination papers as decided by the General Body in its meeting, from time to time.
- 6.6 Any eligible member may be nominated as a candidate for the post of an Office Bearer / Member of Executive Committee of the Association by filing the nomination in the prescribed form for such candidature duly proposed by one member and seconded by any other member. The nomination form shall be filed in the office of the Association within the period specified by the Election Committee. A candidate so nominated shall be entitled to withdraw his candidature for election on or before the date specified for this purpose. The names of the candidates seeking election to the various posts of Office Bearers/ Members of Executive Committee of the Association shall be displayed on the website one day before the election and shall be allowed to contest for any one post only.
- 6.7 The endeavour shall be to conduct the elections through online mode only, using the latest technology in this regard, to ensure maximum participation of members.
- 6.8 If the number of candidates seeking election to the post of Office Bearer / Member of Executive Committee do not exceed the number of posts available and such contest are unopposed then such candidate shall be declared elected unopposed to that post. In case of a contest, election shall be held for the said post under the control of the Election Committee constituted under these rules. After counting of the ballots, the result shall be announced under the signature of the said Committee.

Article 7

Meetings & Audit

- 7.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall ordinarily be held online not later than 15th day of May every year. Not less than 15 days' notice shall be given to the members of the Annual General Meeting. The following shall along with other business that may be required to be transacted, be included in the agenda of the Annual General Meeting.
- a) Auditor's Report on the Account and Balance Sheet of Budget estimate;
 - b) Report of the Secretary on the activities of the terms which will include report of the work of the Committees etc other than the Executive Committee.

- c) The election of the officers of the Association and Members of Executive Committee or other Committees and appointment of Auditors;
- d) The approval of the revenue account and the balance sheet of the affairs of the Association as on 31st March of the previous year duly passed.

7.2 The Committee may call a General Meeting on 7 days' notice to the Members provided that a Special General Meeting may be called on a shorter notice. Provided that the Secretary may call an emergent General Meeting on any day by affixing a notice to that effect on the website of the Association and circulating the same to the Members as can be conveniently informed.

- a) The Committee shall call a General Meeting or a Special General Meeting upon the requisition given in writing by at least 50 Members of the Association in respect of any matter. The requisition specified the matter or question to be laid before the meeting and shall be addressed to the Secretary. The meeting shall be called not later than 2 weeks after the receipt of such requisition.
- b) The quorum at the Annual General Meeting or a General Meeting or a Special General Meeting shall be 1/3rd Members. In absence of such quorum the meeting shall stand adjourned to such a date and time as the Chairman may appoint and for such adjourn meeting no quorum will be necessary.

7.3 The notice of the Annual General Meeting of any of the Special Meetings shall be given by:-

- a) Circulating the notice, to such members as can conveniently be informed in that way;
- b) Sending out such notices by post addressed to every outstation member via use of technology, who may have required the Secretary to send the notice in this way and has registered his address in the office of the Association; The notice of the meeting other than the Annual General Meeting shall be given by;
 - i. Affixing the notice on the website of the Association;
 - ii. Circulating the notice to such members as may be conveniently informed in that way.

7.4 The minutes of the proceedings of any General Meeting shall be recorded by the Secretary or any other member authorized in that behalf and signed by the Chairman of the meeting and the Secretary and placed on record. As far as possible, the meeting must be recorded online.

7.5 The Chairman of every General Meeting shall have full authority to regulate the proceeding and maintain order there, in such a manner, as to him, may deem fit.

7.6 All meetings of the Association shall be held online using video conferencing software for e.g. Cisco Webex/Zoom/Google Meet etc to accommodate maximum members. The

proceedings shall be mandatorily recorded and uploaded on the website within 10 days of the meeting.

- 7.7 Once a year in the month of April / May, the Treasurer and the Secretary shall submit to the Committee a revenue account and balance sheet of the affairs of the Association as of 31st March year duly passed by the Auditor. The Audited Revenue Account and the Balance Sheet shall be laid before the Annual General Meeting of the Members for approval.
- 7.8 The financial year of the Association shall commence on 1st April and will end on 31st March each year, or as fixed by the government from time to time. The accounts of the Association shall be audited at least once a year by the Auditor. At every Annual General Meeting the Accounts of previous year shall be approved by the meeting and on approval the same shall also be mandatorily uploaded on the website within 10 days of the meeting.
- 7.9 The Auditor shall ordinarily be elected or appointed at the Annual General Meeting. Any casual vacancy in the office of the Auditor may be filled by the Committee.
- 7.10 The Auditor shall examine the entire accounts of the Association and shall have excess to accounts and vouchers at all reasonable time through-out the year.
- 7.11 The Auditor shall check the revenue account and the balance sheet and shall, after making any corrections therein as he may deem proper, counter-sign the same. The Auditor shall submit, annually in the month of January, to the Committee, a brief report on such account. The Auditor's Report shall be laid before the Annual General Meeting with the revenue accounts and the balance sheet.
- 7.12 All representations or communications to the Government, third parties or other authorities shall be by the President or the Secretary. No Member of the Committee or any of the Office Bearer shall issue any press statement or make any publicity of his views/objections or any matter of which Committee is ceased, as a Member, except in the manner authorized by the Committee or the General Body.
- 7.13 In the meeting regarding Members: -
- a) On the receipt of a written complaint from any person as to unprofessional or improper conduct on the part of any Member, the Secretary shall place it before the President, and if the President of opinion that it merits consideration, the Secretary shall call a meeting of the Committee as expeditiously as possible.
 - b) The Committee or the Sub-Committee constituted by it generally for the purpose of this rule or especially for any particular case will hold an inquiry into the complaint. If on consideration of its own findings or of the Report of Sub-Committee, the Committee is satisfied that there is a prima facie case against the Member complained against it shall direct that the Complaint together with the

report of the Committee or Sub-Committee be placed before a General Meeting of the Association. Provided always that where a prima facie case is made out against the Member complained the Committee or Sub-Committee shall give such Member reasonable opportunity of being heard in person.

- c) The Association may by a resolution passed at such meeting expel or suspend for a specific period the Member complained against if in its opinion he is guilty of dishonourable conduct. Such Resolution shall be voted up by ballot and shall be considered to be passed if supported by not less than 2/3rd of the Members present and voting at such meeting. Provided always that before such resolution is passed the member concerned shall be given reasonable opportunity of being heard in person before the ballot by the General Meeting.
- d) All such actions, shall be subject to ratification by the General Body.

Article 8

Amendments to the Constitution

The articles of the Association, which do not form part of the basic structure, shall be subject to such additions and/or modifications as may be made from time to time by resolution passed by at least 2/3rd of the members present and voting at a General Meeting.

Proviso: The Voting on any amendment /modification to the Constitution/ Rules of the Association shall be only by way of ‘Secret Ballot’.

Article 9

Sources and Income/Utilization of Funds

- 9.1 The association shall receive funds through contributions and grants from institution (s), organization (s) and the general public, whether Indian or foreign, subject to and in full compliance of the prevalent Indian Laws and Regulations.
- 9.2 The funds of the association shall be invested in or upon one or more securities or investments as may be approved by the General Body or the Executive Committee from time to time being subject to the provisions of the Income Tax Act, as amended from time to time.

No member of the Association shall be appointed to any salaried office of the society or any office of the society paid by fees, and no remuneration shall be given by the Society to any member of such governing/executive/post holding body except repayment of out of

pocket expenses and interest on money lent or spent for premises/ demises to the society supported by duly accepted bills/receipts.

- 9.3 The Executive Committee may (without being obliged to do so) at any time appoint or provide for the appointment of one or more persons as separate or holding trustees (including a banking company or other corporation which is authorized by its Memorandum and Articles of Association to act a such) to hold any land, funds and other properties, investments, securities belonging to the association subject to the Rules and Regulations as the Executive Committee may from time to time think. A holding trustee need not be a member of the Executive Committee.
- 9.4 Such securities shall not be sold or dealt with except with the permission of the General Body and the Executive Committee.
- 9.5 The surplus from any activity of the Association shall be exclusively used for the furtherance of the aims and objects of the Association.
- 9.6 There shall be only one account of the Association, which shall enable UPI payment gateway facility for everything. There shall be no cash deposits or withdrawals. All incomes, expenditures, revenue, and budgetary expenses shall be duly noted by the concerned and the supportive bills/invoices/indents/receipts etc shall be preserved.

Article 10

Annual List of Governing Body

Every year after the Annual General Meeting, list of the office bearers and members of the Executive Committee of the Society shall be filed with the Registrar of the Societies, Chandigarh as required under Section 4 of the Societies Registration Act, 1860.

Members shall be notified via website, by circular, sent by post, email or any other electronic means as determined by the Governing Body, of the resolutions adopted in the proceedings.

Without prejudice to the provisions of mentioned above, the General Body, the Executive Committee and the Sub-Committees/Divisions/Sections may establish bonafide internal regulations for their work aimed at best serving the objectives of the society. They may adopt such by-laws or rules of procedure, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

Unless expressly decided otherwise, the terms of offices provided for in the constitution when expressed in year(s), shall be understood to run from the period between April 1 (and year), to March 31 (and next year), or if it is later, from the date of appointment, up to March 31 (next year) which cannot exceed one year in any manner.

Article 11

Legal Proceedings

- 11.1 The Society may be sued in the name of its President / Secretary as per the provisions laid down under Section 6 of the Societies Registration Act, 1860 as applicable.
- 11.2 To amend, alter, extend or abridge of the objects and aims of the Society or to amalgamate with such society either wholly or partially with any other society. The Executive Committee shall submit a written report of the proposition to the Members of the Society and shall convene a special meeting for consideration thereof. No proposition shall be carried out into effect unless each Member of the Society has been informed by post ten days previous to the special meeting to be convened by the Executive Committee. The proposition shall have to be agreed and confirmed by not less than three-fifths of the Members at the special meeting so convened.
- 11.3 Further, Sections 12 and 12A of the Act shall be applicable with regard to alteration, extension or abridgement of the objects and aims of the Society.
- 11.4 No Member shall by reason of membership of the Association be liable for any debt or obligation of the Association in the absence of any express promise or agreement in writing by such Member in his personal capacity to accept such liability and similarly the Association shall not be made liable for any such promise/agreement unless expressly authorised/entered into.
- 11.4 If a dispute/controversy/claim arises in the Association/within its members/with the Executive Committee or with any third party/anyone concerned with the affairs of the Association in any manner, the matter shall be first taken to an independent mediator for mediation, and in absence of any settlement, by arbitration to be conducted by a sole arbitrator mutually agreed upon by the parties.

No person shall commence arbitration proceedings relating to the dispute unless that person has duly participated in a mediation proceedings which shall be mandatorily preceded by a notice in writing of such intent. Such a notice, has to be mandatorily replied to within 15 days specifying the intent to appear before a mediator. The dispute shall be taken within 45 days before a mediator for settlement. If, and to the extent that, any such dispute, controversy or claim has not been settled pursuant to the mediation within 90 days of the commencement of the mediation, it shall, upon the filing of a request for arbitration by either party, be referred to and finally determined by arbitration in accordance with the ICA rules by a sole arbitrator who shall be a designated Senior Advocate from Chandigarh. Alternatively, if, before the expiration of the said period of 90 days, either party fails to participate or to continue to participate in the mediation, the dispute, controversy or claim shall, upon the filing of a Request for Arbitration by the other party, be referred to and finally determined by arbitration in accordance with the

manner specified above. The place of arbitration shall be Chandigarh (India). The language to be used in the arbitral proceedings shall be English. The dispute, controversy or claim referred to arbitration shall be decided in accordance with the law of India.

Article 12

Dissolution

- 12.1 If the association needs to be dissolved, the Executive Committee shall submit a written report to the Members of the Association and shall convene a special meeting of the Members and upon the proposal being approved by not less than three-fifths of the Members of the Association at the special meeting so convened. In case the Members approve the Association shall stand dissolved, the dissolution shall be as per Sections 13 and 14 of the Act.
- 12.2 If upon a winding up or dissolution of the Association, there remains any property whatsoever, after the satisfaction of the debts and liabilities, the same shall not be distributed amongst the members of the Association but shall be disposed by way of grant or donate to any other Society, Unit, Association, Federation, Organization or Company having objects similar to the objects of this Society. The Court at Chandigarh shall have jurisdiction in such matters.

Article 13

Application of the Act

All the provisions under all the sections of the Societies Registration Act, 1860 as applicable shall apply to this Society.

Article 14

Essential Certificate

Certified that this is the correct copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Society.

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