

1. Name of the society



NATIONAL NEONATOLOGY FORUM

2. Registered office

The Registered office of the society shall be situated in the National Capital Territory of Delhi and at present it is at the following address:

803, Northex Tower, A-9, Netaji Subhash Place, Ring Road, Pitampura, Delhi- 110034

The Office shall function from the registered office only and the same would be the address of communications and correspondence henceforth.

3. The aims and objectives, for which this society is established, are as follows:

- i. To encourage and advance the knowledge, study and practice of the science of neonatology by organizing conference, to conduct various fellowships and other courses in Neonatology of its own or in association / affiliation with any National or International body.
- ii. To provide facilities to scholars and for the study of research in neonatology in any of its aspects by way of scholarships, fellowships, grants and endowments etc.
- iii. To co-operate and affiliate with other bodies and also to engage in such other forms of activities as may be decided upon by the society from time to time for the purpose of carrying out all or any of the objectives of the society.
- iv. To do all other such things as may be necessary, incidental, conducive, or convenient to the attainment of the above objectives of the society.
- v. To work for the professional support of its members and make guidelines for advocacy & protection of members.
- vi. To organize charity activities pertaining to neonatal health.
- vii. To conduct free health checkup camps for neonate.
- viii. To conduct awareness programme for neonatal health.
- ix. Awareness of newborn at risk of suffering from HIV/AIDS & other condition.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Name of the society:

"NATIONAL NEONATOLOGY FORUM" (here in after referred to as the society) has been established for the objectives specified in the Memorandum of Association.

2. Definitions

- 2.1 The fiscal year of the Society shall be from April 1st to March 31st and/or as per government policy of financial year.
- 2.2 Operational year of the Society shall be from January 1st to December 31st.
- 2.3 At all places hereinafter he / him / himself shall be taken to mean she / her / herself as well.
- 2.4 If specifically stated otherwise at all places hereinafter "society" shall be taken to mean National Neonatology Forum.

2.5 At all places except if specifically stated otherwise hereinafter "member" shall be taken to mean member of the Society.

3. The membership of the society shall be two categories namely:

- 1 (a) Life
- (b) Associate Life
 - (i) Associate Life (OBG and Nursing)
 - (ii) Corporate Honorary Membership
- 2 (a) Contribution towards corpus fund -
Contribution towards corpus fund for various categories shall be decided by the Executive Board of the society and shall be ratified by General body of the society from time to time.

4. Eligibility for Membership:

4.1 Life Member

Any person who is a Resident Indian citizen possessing MBBS degree in Modern medicine recognized by Medical Council of India (MCI) and is holding a diploma/degree in Paediatrics / Neonatology recognized by Medical Council of India (MCI) or any equivalent National statutory body formed by Government of India may be approved by the Executive Board as Life member of the society.

4.2 Associate Life Member

Associate life members of the society shall not be having any voting right. Associate life members of the society shall not be eligible to contest any election for any post.

4.2.1 For Obstetricians

Any person who is a Resident Indian citizen possessing a diploma/degree in Gynecology & Obstetrics recognized by Medical Council of India (MCI) or any equivalent National statutory body formed by Government of India may be elected by the Executive Board as Associate Life member of the society after paying the requisite contribution towards Corpus fund. They will be eligible for membership of sub chapter e.g. perinatology etc.

(Only Subchapter Membership will be allowed).

4.2.2

Any person possessing MBBS or equivalent degree recognized by Medical Council of India (MCI) or any equivalent National statutory body formed by Government of India may be elected by the Executive Board as an Associate Life member of Society after paying the requisite contribution towards Corpus fund.

These include:

4.2.2.1 Resident Indian Citizen

4.2.2.2 Eligible Non-Resident Indian

4.2.2.3 Eligible Foreign National of Indian/Non-Indian origin

4.2.3 Nurse Associate Life Member

Any person having GNM or Graduation in Nursing and registered with Nursing Council of India and having special interest in Neonatology can apply for Associate Life Membership of the society NNF and can be elected so by Executive Board of the society after paying the requisite contribution towards Corpus fund.

4.3 Any existing Associate Life Member who subsequently satisfies the criteria as specified in Rule 4.1 to be Life member may be elected as Life Member respectively by the Executive Board at such later date after paying the membership fee if any as decided by Executive Board.

4.4 If any member has given false information while applying for membership, his membership stands cancelled.

4.5 Procedure for membership

4.5.1 A Life / Fellow member may propose any person who fulfills the above-mentioned conditions for election as member of the Society in the category as applicable and such proposal shall be seconded by another Life/Fellow member.

4.5.2 The proposal for the membership of the Society shall be made in the prescribed form. The applicable membership contribution towards corpus fund should accompany the application for membership of the Society which shall be returned if the proposal for membership of the Society is not accepted by the Executive Board.

4.5.3 The applicant shall pay the applicable membership contribution towards corpus fund according to the specified membership category as per current rates decided by the Executive Board from time to time.

4.5.4 The proposals for election of the members shall be scrutinized by society office from time to time and then shall recommend the names to the Executive Board for approval.

5. Cessation of membership:

5.1 Suspension of membership

A member guilty of infamous conduct (as defined under ethical code by Medical Council of India (MCI)) or of acts prejudicial to the interests of the Society which also include financial irregularity in relation to society NNF may be suspended, along with a show cause notice by Executive Board (EB) by three fourth majority. EB can form a time-bound enquiry committee and report of the same will be discussed in EB meeting. As per the enquiry committee report, the EB can decide the further action to be taken. A disciplinary committee should be formed along with other committees by Executive Board.

5.2 Termination of membership

Termination of membership can be by resignation, removal or by death.

- 5.2.1** A member may resign from his membership by giving notice in writing and the resignation shall take effect from the date on which the notice is received in the office. However, resignation shall not absolve any such member from paying the dues and arrears if any.
- 5.2.2** A member guilty of infamous conduct (as defined under ethical code by Medical Council of India (MCI) or against the interests of the Society which also include financial irregularity may, on the proposal of the Executive Board and after giving the member 30 days' notice to make any written representation that he may desire to make, be expelled from the Society, by a resolution, carried by a three fourths majority of the members present in Annual General Body meeting of the Society.

6. FELLOWSHIP OF SOCIETY Fellows of NNF (FNNF) :

- 6.1** Any Life member who has in the opinion of the Executive Board or a duly constituted committee, has rendered outstanding services in the field of neonatology may be elected as a fellow of NNF.
- 6.2** Fellows of NNF (FNNF) should be one for every 700 Life members or as decided by EB. A person passing fellowship exam is not entitled to use FNNF as abbreviation. He/She can use the alternate term "Clinical fellow of NNF".
- 6.3** An additional Honorary Fellowship can be given for a Non-member for outstanding working for the cause of New born care. Such proposal shall be approved by the Executive Board of the society.
- 6.4** A Life member may propose for election a life member as Fellow of the society, who fulfills the eligibility as prescribed by Executive Board from time to time and such proposal shall be seconded by another life member.
- 6.5** The proposal shall be in the prescribed application form duly filled in and signed by the person proposed and proposer.
- 6.6** Applications for FNNF will be scrutinized by Immediate Past President, President, President-Elect, Vice President and 1 member nominated by Executive Board (Total 5).

7. Election of Office Bearers and members of Executive Board:

- 7.1** Following Office Bearers and Executive Board members will be elected by secret E-ballot every alternate year for tenure as specified for the post. Hierarchy of the post will be as below:
- i. President-Elect - Tenure One Year
 - ii. Vice -President - Tenure One Year
 - iii. Secretary General - Tenure Two Years
 - iv. Treasurer - Tenure Two Years
 - v. Joint Secretary - Tenure Two Years
 - vi. Five Executive Board members (one each from 5 zones) - Tenure Two Years

The OBs are not eligible to contest for lower OB post.

- 7.2 All life members of society will be eligible to seek election and to propose and / or second the nomination of candidates and to vote.
- 7.3 For conducting the elections, an election Commission of three members will be nominated by the Executive Board in the first Executive Board meeting of the election year. Members of the election Commission shall be member of the society for at least ten years. The election Commission will be responsible for the scrutiny of nomination papers, informing the candidates about the validity of their nomination papers, informing candidates about the date, time and venue of counting, counting of the votes in presence of the candidates or their authorized, nominee, declaring results and intimating results to the candidates and secretariat. Tenure of election Commission shall be maximum 2 elections. Election will be by e voting only. Any Eligible life member can apply for more than one post in initial nominations but shall seek for only one post in final nomination.
- 7.4 The Secretary General in consultation with the President will finalize the election schedule. He will send notice seeking nomination to the above posts to all the members.
- 7.5 For seeking election to any of the above posts the candidates shall file signed nomination papers duly proposed by a life member of the society and seconded by another life member of the society.
- 7.6 Only life member of the society shall seek election and shall vote in election.
- 7.7 Any eligible life member of the society shall seek election for only one of the posts in the Executive Board.
- 7.8 Any member who has any complaint regarding the election shall give the same in writing addressed to the Secretary General within 21 days of the declaration of results. An election tribunal nominated by the Executive Board shall go into the complaints and the decision of the tribunal shall be final. Tribunal will consist of 3 senior members of society of more than 20 years standing. One of the members will be designated as chairman and will be responsible for smooth functioning of tribunal.

8. Executive Board:

- 8.1 The Society shall have an Executive Board consisting of the following:
- i. President
 - ii. President-Elect
 - iii. Vice - President
 - iv. Secretary General
 - v. Immediate Past President
 - vi. Treasurer
 - vii. Joint Secretary
 - viii. Immediate Past Secretary General - Ex-officio
 - ix. Five Executive Board Members shall be elected in General Election every alternate year - One from Each Zone

- x. Five Executive Board Members shall be nominated by the President every year- One from Each Zone but from any other state of that Zone, other than the state from where elected Executive Board member belongs to. These members will have voting right in the decisions of Executive Board.
- xi. One member each from these categories shall be nominated to Executive Board by the President and approved by the Executive Board. These nominated members shall not have any voting right in the decisions of Executive Board.

xi.i One from Obstetricians

xi.ii One from Nurses

xi.iii One from Armed Forces

- xii. Editor- Invited Member

Executive Board members from Number i to viii under clause 8.1 shall be the Office Bearers of the society.

8.2 Distribution of the states in Zones shall be as following-

- East Zone-** West Bengal, Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura, Manipur, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Jharkhand, Bihar, Odisha
- West Zone-** Maharashtra, Gujarat, Goa, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Rajasthan, Daman and Diu
- North Zone-** Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Uttarakhand, Delhi, Haryana
- South Zone-** Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Andaman Nicobar, Lakshadweep and Karnataka
- Central Zone-** Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, Chattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh

8.3 Tenure of the Executive Board Members -

- 8.3.1** The President-Elect, after tenure of one year will automatically assume charge of President for a period of next one year.
- 8.3.2** Tenure of Vice - President will be one year.
- 8.3.3** Tenure of the Secretary General, Treasurer and Joint Secretary of the Society shall be two years. The Secretary General, Treasurer and Joint Secretary shall be elected every alternate year for a period of 2 years.
- 8.3.4** Tenure of Member Executive Board (Elected) shall be 2 years.
- 8.3.5** Tenure of Member Executive Board (Nominated) shall be one year only.

8.4 Joint Secretary will be from rest of India (Excluding Delhi NCR).

The office bearer of the society will be entitled for only one term. They cannot contest for the same post again.

8.5 President shall not seek election for any post of Executive Board after demitting the office.

8.6 Eligibility Criteria for Office Bearer Candidates:

8.6.1 President-Elect

Shall be a Life-member of NNF for more than Ten completed years. The candidate for President-Elect shall have submitted his/her accounts pertaining to any of the Projects/Program of NNF before filing his/her nomination. He/She can be a Life member of NNF from anywhere in India. He/She should have already served the NNF Executive Board either as Office bearer or member Executive Board or in combination for two complete years before filing the nomination.

8.6.2. Vice-President

Shall be a Life-Member of NNF for more than Ten completed years. The candidate for Vice-President should have submitted his/ her accounts pertaining to any of the Projects / Programs of NNF before filing his / her nomination. He / She can be a Life Member of NNF from anywhere in India. He / She should have already served the NNF Executive Board either as Office Bearer or member Executive Board or in combination for two complete years before filing the nomination.

8.6.3. Secretary General

Shall be a Life Member of NNF for more than Ten completed years. The candidate for Secretary General shall have submitted his/her accounts pertaining to any of the Projects/Program of NNF before filing his/her nomination. He/ She shall be a Life Member of NNF from Delhi-NCR only. He/ She should have already served the NNF Executive Board either as Office Bearer or Member Executive Board or in combination for two complete years before filing the nomination & completion of present tenure.

8.6.4. Treasurer

Shall be a Life Member of NNF for more than seven completed years. The candidate for Treasurer shall have submitted his/her accounts pertaining to any of the Projects/Program of NNF before filing his/her nomination. He/ She shall be a Life Member of NNF from Delhi-NCR only. He/ She should have already served the NNF Executive Board either as Office Bearer or Member Executive Board for one complete year before filing the nomination & completion of present tenure.

8.6.5. Joint Secretary

Shall be a Life member of NNF for more than seven completed years. The candidate for Joint Secretary shall have submitted his/her accounts pertaining to any of the Projects/Program of NNF before filing his/her nomination. Joint Secretary shall be a Life Member of NNF. He/ She should have already served as the NNF Executive Board Member for one complete year before filing the nomination.

8.6.6 Member Executive Board Elected:

Shall be a life member of NNF for more than Five Years from the Particular Zone from where He / She is filing the nomination.

8.6.7 Member Executive Board Nominated (Clause 10 of 8.1):

Shall be a Life Member of NNF for more than three Years from the particular Zone from where he/she is being nominated.

8.6.8 Member Executive Board Nominated (Clause 11 of 8.1): Shall be a Life Member of NNF for more than three Years from the particular category from which he/she is being nominated.

9. Power and Duties of the Executive Board:

- 9.1 The Executive Board shall subject to these rules exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things as may be exercised or done by the society.
- 9.2 The Executive Board may appoint committee consisting of members of the society and/or experts from non-members and delegate to them such powers and duties as it may think fit.
- 9.3 The Executive Board may frame regulations consistent with these rules for regulating the procedure of the board or its committees, elections of members of the board and the conduct of the affairs of the society.
- 9.4 The Executive Board shall provide common seal for the purpose of the Society and shall provide for the safe custody of the seal and it shall not be used except by the authority of the Executive Board and in the presence of the President, Secretary and the Executive Board.
- 9.5 Every deed or other document to which the seal of the Society is required to be affixed shall be by the Secretary General in the presence of the President and in token of its having been so affixed, shall be signed by the President and by the Secretary General. In the absence of the President, the member officiating in his absence will undertake the responsibility.
- 9.6 Every deed or other document so sealed with the common seal of the Society and signed by the President and by the Secretary General shall be deemed to be duly executed.

9.7 Meetings of the Executive Board:

- a) The Executive Board shall meet at such time and place as may be necessary for the transaction of the business of the society as directed by the President, and ordinarily it shall meet not less than twice in a year.
- b) Meeting of the Executive Board shall be convened and intimated by the Secretary General in consultation with the President. Date, place and time of any such meeting shall be decided by the Secretary General as per directives of the President.
- c) Ordinarily fifteen days' notice shall be given of all meeting of Executive Board, except in case of emergency when a meeting may be called at seven 'days' notice at the express direction of the President.
- d) The quorum of the Executive Board meeting will comprise four or more members of Executive Board other than the Office Bearers.
- e) One third of the members of the Executive Board through a written request to the Secretary General can requisition an extra ordinary meeting. Secretary General in consultation with President shall convene the meeting with in 21

days of receipt of such notice. Date, Place and Time of the meeting shall be decided by President and Secretary General. Only specific agenda mentioned in requisition shall be discussed in the requisition meeting. Quorum is necessary for any requisition meeting of the society. In absence of quorum such meetings shall dissolve.

- f) The President shall preside at meeting of the Executive Board. In his/her absence the President-Elect shall preside. If both President and President-Elect are absent, then Vice President shall preside over the meeting. If President, Vice President and President-Elect all are absent, then Immediate Past President will preside. If all of above are absent then the members present shall elect one from amongst themselves to preside over the meeting.
- g) Every matter submitted to a meeting of the Executive Board shall be decided according to the majority of the votes cast by the members present and voting at succeeding meeting. In the case of equality of votes, the President shall have a second or casting vote in addition to his vote as a member.
- h) In the event that the President considers a decision is required urgently, Secretary General may circulate a proposal on mail and if he receives approval for the proposal from a majority of members, this shall constitute a resolution as effective as one passed at a meeting duly convened and held.
- i) The Executive Board shall have the power to terminate the appointment of its members and/or any other committees appointed by it, if in the opinion of its three fourth majority, the continuation of such appointment is not in the interest of the society.

10. Duties & Powers of President:

- 10.1 The President will be overall in charge of all activities of the Society and will be consulted by the Secretary General in all issues.
- 10.2 The President and President-Elect have the power to formulate an action plan for their year and form Committees with the approval of Executive Board.
- 10.3 The President can write to Government and National / International bodies and individuals on important issues and send messages, copies of which must be forwarded to the Central Office.
- 10.4 The President of the Society shall preside at the Annual Conference, Annual General Body Meeting, Special General Body Meetings, any other General Meetings or requisitioned meetings and other meetings of the Society. In his absence the President-Elect shall preside. In case the President and the President-Elect are absent, then Vice President shall preside. In case the President, the Vice President, and the President-Elect are absent, Immediate Past President will preside. If President, President-Elect, Vice President & Immediate Past President are absent, then the Executive Board members present shall elect one from amongst them to preside over the meeting.

11. Duties & Powers of President-Elect:

- i) President-Elect shall look after the work of the President in his absence.
- ii) He will formulate an action plan for his Presidential tenure.
- iii) He will assist the President in discharging his duties.
- iv) He shall take care of responsibilities as assigned by the Executive Board from time to time.

12. Duties & Powers of Vice President:

- 12.1** Vice President shall be in-charge of Central NNF - State Branches relations as per the directions of EB.
- 12.2** Vice President shall take care of responsibilities as assigned by Executive Board from time to time.

13. The Power and Functions of the Secretary General:

- a)** Secretary General shall be the Head of the Office. In all- important matters, pertaining to the working of the society and the organization of conferences, seminars etc. Secretary General shall consult the President and take decisions.
- b)** The Secretary General shall keep the President informed about all important matters and shall send a copy relate to the society correspondence to the President for his perusal and comments.
- c)** The Secretary General will write to Government, National and International bodies and individuals on important Issues in consultation with the President. She/he will endorse copies of such communications to the President.
- d)** Registry of members - The Secretary General shall keep and maintain a register and/or computerized record in which the names, last known local addresses/ Mobile number and email ID of all members (Life, Fellow and Associate) shall be entered with the dates of their election and cessation of membership, if any. Any entry in the register and/or computerized record of members shall be deemed final as regards to admission or cessation of membership and their respective addresses.
- e)** Subject to the control and regulations, if any, of the Executive Board, the Secretary General shall be responsible for carrying out the directions and decisions of the Executive Board and in particular he shall:
 - I.** Convene meetings of the society and the Executive Board whenever necessary or called upon to do so on President's direction.
 - II.** Have administrative control over office.
 - III.** Have charge of correspondence in relation to the society as per direction of President.
 - IV.** Keep accurate minutes of all the meetings of society and Executive Board.
 - V.** Prepare the annual report of the society.
 - VI.** Have charge of the movable and immovable assets of the society as directed by Executive Board.
 - VII.** With Treasurer, collect all dues of the society and deposit all amounts of the society in specified bank as approved by Executive Board.
 - VIII.** Pass all bills for payments on behalf of society in consultation with Treasurer.
 - IX.** Be an ex- officio member on behalf of the society of all committees.
 - X.** Perform all such other duties as are incidental to the working of the society administration.
 - XI.** Society can be sued in name of Secretary General.
 - XII.** All notices, communications, memoranda and other papers shall be signed or authenticated by the Secretary General on the approval of the President, and when so signed and authorized shall be conclusive.

14. The Power and Functions of Treasurer:

Treasurer shall assist in the discharge of organizational and financial duties with special reference to the following:

- a) Shall be responsible for keeping up to date accounts of the society with all the account books posted up-to date.
- b) Shall dispose off the bills for payment as sanctioned by the Secretary General and only on his written instruction.
- c) Shall prepare a budget of the estimated receipts and expenditure of the society for each year and present the same for review to the Executive Board.
- d) Shall get the accounts of the society audited by the auditors.
- e) Shall prepare an annual statement of accounts and balance sheet showing the financial position of the society, get it audited by the auditors appointed at the annual general body meeting of the society and present it for adoption by the Executive Board and General Body.
- f) The bank account of the society shall be maintained in a nationalized bank & will be jointly operated by the President, Secretary General and Treasurer, signed by any two out of three.

15. Powers and Responsibilities of Joint Secretary:

- 15.1 To co-ordinate and execute the assigned duties by President, Vice President, Secretary General and/or Executive Board for smooth functioning of the office and the society.
- 15.2 To carry out all such incidental administrative work at central office as required for smooth functioning of the office, as advised and approved by President & Secretary General except any work related to finances where Treasurer has to advise and direct him.
- 15.3 In case of vacancy of post of Secretary General other than by efflux of time, he will take over as the Secretary General till the new Secretary General is elected and takes over.

16. Privilege of the members:

- a. To attend annual General Body/ Special General Body / Requisition meetings.
- b. To attend conferences, seminars, and workshops organized by society on paying the fee if any, as decided by the society.
- c. To receive communications and publications of the society free of cost or at a price as approved by Executive Board and ratified by General Body.
- d. To propose, second and elect and get elected as office bearers or nominated as members of the Executive Board, City/Union Territory (UT)/State or regional branches.

17. State / City Branches of Society:

- I. The life members of the NNF are allowed to establish City/Union Territory (UT)/State Branch within the frame work of the Memorandum of Association of NNF. State chapters will have the jurisdiction of a State or Union Territory. City chapter will have a jurisdiction of a city.
- II. The City / Union Territory (UT) / State Branches shall promote the aims and objectives of the NNF as enunciated in the Memorandum of Association.
- III. A minimum of 10 life members are required to constitute the General Body of the City/ Union Territory (UT) / 25 members for State Branch. Once a state / city

branch is established, the Executive Board of society must be formally approached by its office bearers to seek official recognition.

- IV. A member of the City/Union Territory (UT) / State Branch must be a member of the Central NNF. If a State is not having its own State Branch, the life members residing in such State can join State Branch of the adjoining State with all the privileges and rights of the members of that State Branch.
- V. The City/ Union Territory (UT) / State Branch shall function within the rules and regulations of the NNF stipulated by the Executive Board and the General Body.
- VI. "Finances" All Branches will be allowed to raise funds by way of subscription, advertisement, registration fee for program permissible under the ethical code for their activities.
- VII. The City/ Union Territory (UT) / State Branch can appoint or elect their Office Bearers on the lines of NNF.
- VIII. The City/ Union Territory (UT) / State Branch shall submit annual report of their activities, the list of members and an annual audited statement of accounts to the Executive Board every year.
- IX. The General Body of NNF shall be the final arbitrator of any dispute between the City/ UT/State Chapters and the NNF. The decision of the General Body shall be final and binding.
- X. The directive principles guiding the activities of the City/ Union Territory (UT) / State Branches shall be communicated by the President/Secretary NNF from time to time.
- XI. To enjoy such other privileges as may be determined by the Executive Board from time to time.

18. Powers and Duties of General Body:

- 18.1 An Annual General Body meeting of the society shall be held once in a Calendar year at the venue of the Annual Convention of NNF (NEOCON) to confirm AGM agenda. A notice of at least 30 days shall be given for Annual General Body meeting along with the agenda in Publication of the society/ by Post or by mass mail to all life members to their last known postal / e-mail addresses as entered in registry of members.
- 18.2 At the Annual General Body meeting, the following business shall be transacted:
 - a. Confirmation of the minutes of the last Annual General Body meeting.
 - b. Consideration and adoption of the Annual Report of the society.
 - c. Consideration and adoption of the Audited Statement of Accounts.
 - d. Appointment of auditors and fixing their remuneration.
 - e. Appointment of Honorary Legal Adviser.
 - f. Any other business, notice of which has been circulated with the agenda.
 - g. Any other business of which 15 days' notice has been given to the Secretary in writing.
 - h. Any other business with the permission of President.
- 18.3 No business shall be transacted at any Annual General Body meeting unless a quorum is present at the commencement of the meeting.
- 18.4 Ten percent of life members shall form a quorum for the Annual General Body meeting. If within half an hour of the time fixed for the meeting, a quorum is not present the meeting shall stand adjourned to a later time on the same day and at the same place. A quorum shall not be needed for an adjourned meeting.

- 18.5** Extra ordinary General Body meeting can be requisitioned on the written request of ten percent life members of the society addressed to the Secretary with a specific agenda. Secretary General in consultation with President shall convene such meeting within 30 days of receipt of such notice. The venue and Date of such meeting shall be decided by the President.
- 18.6** At all requisitioned meetings, ten percent of the life members shall form a quorum. If there is no quorum present within half an hour of the time fixed for the meeting, the meeting shall be dissolved. Only specific agenda mentioned in requisition shall be discussed in requisition meeting.
- 18.7** The President of the society shall preside at the Annual General Body meeting or requisitioned meetings and other meetings of the society. In the absence of the President, President-Elect shall preside. In absence of President & President-Elect, Vice President shall preside over the meeting. If President, President-Elect & Vice President all three are absent, then the Immediate Past President will preside. If Present, President-Elect, Vice President & Immediate Past President are absent, then members present in meeting shall elect from amongst themselves a Chairman for the meeting.
- 18.8** A question may be submitted to a meeting of the members present and shall be resolved by simple majority of voting if needed. In case of a tie chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to his own.
- 18.9** All statutory notice required to be sent for meetings or any other purpose shall be sent by official publication of the society/ mass e-mail to the last known e-mail address as recorded in the registry of the members.

19. NON- BUDGETED EXPENDITURES:

President and Secretary General (Both combined and in concurrence with each other) shall have the power to incur total non-budgeted expenditure up to Rs. Five Lakhs in a single financial year (This limit is Amendable as per decision of Executive Board/ General Body). Such expenditures need to be presented in the next Executive Board meeting for the approval.

20. FINANCIAL YEAR:

The financial year of the society shall be from 1st April to 31st March or as per the directives of Government of India and Income Tax Act, for every respective year.

21. STATUTORY COMPLIANCE:

President, Secretary General, Treasurer and Auditor of the society shall ensure the statutory compliance in relation to audited accounts, Change Reports etc. as per Society Registration Act every year.

22. Legal proceedings against or by the society:

The society can be sued or sue in the name of Secretary General of the society. Jurisdiction of all matters related to society, National Neonatology Forum shall be NCT of Delhi. Expenses incurred in legal proceeding against Office Bearers will be the sole responsibility of NNF.

Upper limit of legal expenses to be fixed and decided by Executive Board.

23. Assets and Liabilities of the Society :

- 23.1** The society shall raise funds by way of subscription, advertisements, registration fee for programs, donations, sponsorship etc. in compliance with the Society Registration Act and as per guidelines given by the Executive Board of the Society from time to time.
- 23.2** All the Corpus Fund money received as "contribution from members towards corpus fund" shall be deposited in a scheduled / nationalized bank in a fixed deposit. Interest of such corpus can be used for administrative expenses of the society. Corpus money can only be utilized with the approval of the General Body as per Society Registration Act as applicable in NCT / State of Delhi.
- 23.3** The authority to deal with all the assets, movable or immovable, belonging to the Society shall be vested in the Executive Board of the society. However, any sale /purchase of the society property and mortgage of any immovable property can only be done as per Society Registration Act as applicable in NCT / State of Delhi and with the permission of the General Body only.
- 23.4** All money received by or on behalf of the Society shall be deposited forth with in a Nationalized Bank selected by the Executive Board and shall not be withdrawn from bank or banks except under the authority of and in the manner prescribed by the Executive Board.
- 23.5** Any money not immediately required for the purpose of Society may be invested by the Executive Board in such a manner as it may deem fit and according to the regulations of Society Registration Act as applicable in NCT / State of Delhi.
- 23.6** Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing powers, the Executive Board shall have power to acquire, by purchase, lease, gift or otherwise, with or without conditions, any property movable or immovable for the furtherance of the objectives of the Society.
- 23.7** To borrow or raise money in such manner or on such terms as the Society may think fit and according to the regulations of Society Registration Act as applicable in NCT / State of Delhi.
- 23.8** To invest money of the Society not immediately required for any of its objectives in such manner as may from time to time be determined by the Executive Board and according to the regulations of society Registration Act applicable in NCT/ State of Delhi.

24. Dissolution:

The society National Neonatology Forum may be dissolved if necessary or General Body of the society desired so, as per the provisions laid down under section 13 and 14 of the society's registration act of 1860. In such an event the society should first clear all statutory and other liabilities and remaining Assets, whether fixed Assets, Investments, Fixed Deposits, Cash & Bank balances and other receivable etc. should be either transferred to some society having similar object or State Government or Central Government or any such Government Corporation or body as notified by the State or Central Government from time to time, with the prior approval of Registrar Societies. In no circumstances any of the trust's fund or assets can be utilized for any personal use by the Trustee's or Office Bearers or Committee Members for their own benefit or benefit to their associates, which is strictly prohibited.

25. Applicability Clause:

All the provisions of the Societies Registration Act of 1860 as Extended to the NCT / State of Delhi shall be applicable to this society.

26. Annual Conference of the Society - NEOCON:

- 26.1** The National Annual conference of the society NNF-NEOCON is to held in December every year.
- 26.2** Notification for the BID of the NEOCON shall be two years in advance.
- 26.3** Notification for the BID of NEOCON shall be published in Journal of the NNF / Website / Mass mail to all members and Branches.
- 26.4** Branches interested in organizing NEOCON should send their request by stipulated date as mentioned in notification to the office of the Society.
- 26.5** Application should be accompanied by a Demand Draft/ Cheque in favor of National Neonatology Forum for Rs. Two and Half Lakhs (As decided by the Executive Board from time to time), Payable at Delhi.
- 26.6** The Branch applying for the NEOCON shall be registered with Registrar Societies or equivalent agency as applicable in that state.
- 26.7** The Branch applying for the NEOCON shall have their own PAN number and bank account in any of the scheduled bank.
- 26.8** BID shall be studied and discussed in Executive Board meeting and voting shall be done if needed to finalize the host branch and city.
- 26.9** The hosting city of the NEOCON must be well connected to rest of India and must be having enough infrastructures to organize the NEOCON.
- 26.10** The host branch shall give Rs. 1000/- of each registration to the National Body or 30% of the profit, whichever is higher. Amount of Rs. 1000/- per registration so collected, will be deposited every two monthly to central NNF.
- 26.11** Scientific program will be finalized by the scientific committee under chairmanship of President, Central NNF, as per guidelines and template already approved by the Executive Board. The communication to faculties, speakers, chairs etc. will be sent by Central NNF Secretariat.

27. Journal of the Society:

- 27.1** Journal of the society shall be known as "Journal of Neonatology".
- 27.2** Administrative and registered office of the Journal shall be in Delhi- NCR.
- 27.3** Journal shall be under the charge of Editor - in -Chief of the Journal and the Journal committee.
- 27.4** Tenure of the Editor-in -Chief of the Journal shall be three years. He / She cannot re-contest for the Editor-in -Chief or any other post of the journal committee after demitting the office of the Editor-in -Chief.
- 27.5** The Editor-in-Chief shall be assisted by their respective Journal Committee, the composition of which shall be as follows:
 - The Editor-in-Chief
 - The Executive Editor
 - The Managing Editor
 - The Associate Editors (4)
 - Executive Members (8) & one representative each from International branches.Eligibility criteria and selection criteria for members of Journal Committee & Editors -in -Chief shall be decided by Executive Board of the society.

- 27.6 The members of the Journal Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Board ordinarily for a period of three years on the recommendations of the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal.
- 27.7 President of the society will be overall in-charge of the Journal Committee maintaining the editorial independence of the Editorial Board. The Editorial Advisory Board for the Journal consisting of 10 members and Secretary General of the Society as Ex-officio shall be appointed by the Executive Board for 1 year from amongst Life and / or Fellow members of the Society on the recommendations of the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal and approval of the Executive Board.
- 27.8 Nominations for the post of Editor-in-Chief shall be invited from amongst Life members of Society from anywhere in India. This can be advertised in any of the publications of the Society or by mass mail at scheduled time. The nominations will then be scrutinized by a committee appointed by the Executive Board. The Editor-in-Chief shall be appointed/elected by the Executive Board.

28. The Rule Book:

Society will prepare and have a Rule Book & Finance Manual for routine functioning.