NEUROLOGICAL SOCIETY OF INDIA
CONSTITUTION AND BYELAWS

(Passed by General Body on 1st December 2017)

CONSTITUTION OF
NEUROLOGICAL SOCIETY OF INDIA

1. The name of the Society shall be **"Neurological Society of India"** hereafter referred to as NSI or Society.

2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aims and objectives for which the Society is set up are:

2.1. To maintain close association and co-operation among those devoting full time to any branch of Neurological Sciences within and outside India.

2.2. To maintain the highest standard in the ethics and practice in all the fields of neurological sciences.

2.3. To maintain this high standard, every endeavour shall be made to give adequate training to those who are properly qualified.

2.4. To promote and encourage research in all the fields of neurological sciences.

2.5. To receive and accept donations, gifts, grants or contributions in kind and cash from any person or persons, associations, societies, companies, authority or Government for the furtherance of the aims and objectives of the Society.

2.6. To increase public awareness about neurological disorders.

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

3. MEMBERS

3.1 In pursuit of these objectives, there shall be Honorary Members, Life Members, Associate Members and International members and the Society shall undertake appropriate activities.

4. LIFE MEMBERSHIP

4.1. Admission shall be restricted to those in full time practice of any branch of Neurological Sciences and/or possessing a postgraduate degree or diploma in any sub-specialty of Neurological Sciences. They would be admitted under separate category of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Allied branches of Neurosciences.

4.2. Application for Life Membership shall be proposed and seconded by Life members of good standing and the Executive Committee shall be the authority to admit them.

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

5. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

5.1. Associate Membership shall be open to those who have evinced interest in any branch of neurosciences through their professional and/or scientific activities.

5.2. Associate Members shall be proposed and seconded by Life members of good standing. The Executive Committee shall be the authority to admit Associate Members.

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

6. HONORARY MEMBER

6.1. Honorary Membership shall be restricted to senior distinguished neuroscientists, who have an international reputation and who have contributed to the development of Indian neurosciences.

6.2. An Honorary Member shall be proposed and seconded by Life Members. The Executive Committee will be the admitting authority to this category of membership. The total number of Honorary Members at any given time will be limited to not more than 2% of the total Life membership of the Society.

6.3. Honorary Members shall have all the privileges of membership, except those of voting and serving as office bearers. They shall be exempted from payment of any subscription.

7. INTERNATIONAL MEMBER

7.1 The eligibility for International membership will be the same as that for Life Members. This is open to neuroscientists of all countries having diplomatic relations with India and who are members of their national neurosciences professional societies. Their applications must have a certificate of membership of their national neurosciences professional society.

7.2 There will be a category of International Associate Member which will have all the same eligibility criteria as for an Associate Member. These members need not be members of their national neurosciences professional societies.

7.3 International members and Associate members shall be proposed and seconded by two NSI Life Members with at least one from India.

7.4 International members will have all the privileges of a Life Member of NSI except right to vote and right to seek positions in the executive body.

8. MEMBERSHIP DUES

8.1. The Executive Committee shall propose all dues for different categories of members. These decisions will be implemented with the concurrence of the General Body. Membership shall be counted from 1st January to 31st December or 1st June to 31 May (depending on when the member was admitted) for purposes of annual subscriptions.

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

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

9. MANAGEMENT

9.1. The affairs of the Society shall be managed by the Executive Committee (EC)

9.2. The Executive Committee shall consist of:

1. President 1
2. President Elect 1
3. Secretary 1
4. Treasurer 1
5. Members

The EC will have ten members who will be elected for a term of three years each. Of these there will be at least three neurosurgeons, two neurologists and one neuro-allied member. The rest of the members could be from any specialty. They may be assigned specific responsibilities as determined by the EC

6. Immediate Past Presidents 2
7. Editor Neurology India 1
8. Deputy Editor Neurology India 1
9. Past Secretary 1
10. Past Treasurer 1
11. Organizing Secretaries of the forthcoming and concluded Annual Conferences 2

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

9.3. The President, President elect, Secretary, Treasurer & Editor shall be "Officers" of the Society.

9.4. The term of office for various executive committee members shall be as under (A year for the purpose of this proviso shall be counted from one annual General Body meeting to the other)

i. President and President elect - One Year
ii. Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Committee Members – Three Years
iii. Immediate Past presidents - Two Years
iv. Editor- Six Years (including one year as Deputy Editor)
v. Past Secretary – One year
vii. Past Treasurer – One year
viii. Organizing Secretaries of Annual Conferences – Two years (starting from one year prior to the conference to one year after the conference).

9.5. Limitation:

1. The President & President elect shall not contest for any position in the Executive Committee subsequently.
2. Members of the Executive Committee including office bearers of the Society would hold office for only one term in their respective offices.

10. ELECTIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC)

10.1. Eligibility

1. Only Life members can contest for any post.
2. For the post of Secretary, Treasurer & Editor a contestant should have been a Life Member of the Society for a continuous period of 5 years.
3. For the post of President elect a contestant should have been a Life member for a continuous period of 20 years.
4. A member to be eligible for election as an EC member should have attended at least 2 of the last 5 annual conferences of the Society.

(This clause will be effective from the elections to be held in 2014).

10.2. No member of E.C. can take charge of office of any post of the Society without completing the term of existing post.
10.3. No member is eligible to contest for more than one post in the same election.
10.4. The President elect shall automatically become President in the following year. There shall be no election for the post of President.
10.5. In the event of resignation, demise or insanity of an officer of the Society, the E.C. is empowered to nominate one of its existing members to the post vacated till the following election.
10.6. Elections shall be held by postal ballot and/or electronic ballot prior to the annual conference.
10.7. The Executive Committee shall have the right to change the logistics of the election process in the face of exigencies or introduce byelaws for other modes of voting like electronic voting as and when required.

11. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

11.1. There shall be a disciplinary committee consisting of President, President elect and two immediate Past Presidents. This will be an empowered committee.
11.2. This committee shall go into complaints of misconduct against any member or associate member and take remedial actions including recommending removal of an errant member from membership of the Society to the General Body.

12. ARBITRATION COMMITTEE

This committee will interpret rules and regulations of the Society and arbitrate in case of any grievances of members regarding Society matters.

12.1. The Arbitration Committee will consist of Two senior past Presidents and One legal person.
   a. Two past Presidents: should have completed their term at least 5 years before the formation of the Committee. The senior of the two Presidents will serve as the Chairman of the Committee. The Presidents should be regular in attending the NSI annual conferences (3 of the last 5 conferences), be in good health, have good administrative experience and stay in India; and
   b. One legal person. A retired Judge (District/Sessions/High Court) or an Advocate appointed by the Society.
12.2. The term of the Committee shall be 5 years.
12.3. The Committee will be appointed by the Executive Committee.
12.4. This committee on receiving any representation from any member of the society will meet personally or electronically and shall give its verdict at the earliest unanimously or by majority and the interpretation of the rules by the committee shall be final. Before reaching a decision the committee shall seek clarifications from the member if any and then from the Secretary/President NSI before giving its verdict.

13. MEETINGS

13.1. Executive Committee

i. The E.C. would have overall charge of all functions of the Society including financial and administrative matters. It can employ persons for efficient running of the Society.
ii. There shall be two Executive Committee meetings chaired by the President NSI at the venue of the conference one before and one after the Annual General Body

Meeting. There shall also be at least one Executive Committee meeting in the middle of the year to transact business of the Society.

iii. One third (1/3) members shall form the quorum for the Executive Committee meeting.

iv. There can be consultations and decision by circulation within the Executive Committee members for urgent matters if the President and Secretary consider it necessary and proper.

v. It is obligatory for the Executive Committee members to attend meetings. Any Executive Committee member who does not attend two consecutive meetings without sufficient valid reasons or does not attend a single meeting during the entire year without valid reason and prior permission of EC shall be removed from the Executive Committee. The EC shall nominate a Life Member to occupy the vacated post of the EC member for the remainder of the term of the vacated post.

vi. At the request of at least 1/3rd members of EC, the President would call an emergency meeting of EC to discuss a specific agenda.

vii. In the absence of President, the President elect would preside over the EC.

13.2 GENERAL BODY MEETING (GBM)

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

ii. It shall consist of a) Scientific Meeting; and b) Business and Administrative Meeting.

iii. The Scientific Sessions would be open to all categories of members of the Society, and others, including practitioners and students of medical and allied sciences on payment of appropriate delegate fees. Besides the presentation of papers, the Society shall try to organize special lectures/seminars/workshops and receive and implement suggestions in this regard from the General Body.

iv. The business and administrative meetings of the Society shall consist of the General Body Meetings at which all the members are expected to be present. Forty percent (40%) of the Life Members registered for the annual meeting shall form the quorum for the General Body Meetings. If desired number of the members do not assemble, the meeting would be adjourned and reconvened after 30 minutes for which no quorum is necessary.

v. If 1/4th of members present eligible to vote want a voting on any issue during GBM it would be done.

vi. No new issue except those already in circulated agenda can be discussed in GBM without giving prior notice of at least 3 weeks. The person proposing the discussion should be personally present in the GBM for the discussion.

vii. All amendments to the Constitution and Bye-laws shall be submitted to the Secretary at least 4 months before the General Body meeting, and the Secretary shall forward a copy of the same through the Newsletter to every member at least 2 months before the meeting. Such proposals shall be accepted if 2/3rd of the members present vote in favour of the proposals.

The Secretary shall then present the opinion on proposals communicated to him in writing by members in absentia. A final count shall be made of the votes and proposals shall be accepted only if 2/3rd of those who have voted (either in person or in absentia) are in favour of such amendment.

Those who have not been present in person and who have also not communicated their opinion on the proposals to Secretary before the meeting shall be taken to abide by the majority decision as arrived at above.

In the event of a substantial modification being proposed to amendments discussed at the GBM this will be considered an amendment per se from the member and treated accordingly.

viii. Award winners for the different prizes shall be approved in EC-2 for announcement during the valedictory function.

14. OTHER MEETINGS

The Society will encourage periodic meetings of local resident members / associate members of NSI in various cities of India to promote the objectives of the Society.

15. SECRETARY

15.1. The Secretary would be overall in charge of administration. He will be responsible for the publication of newsletters, organize EC meetings and GBM. He will maintain close liaison with the officers of the Society in discharging his duties.

He will publish minutes of E.C. in the newsletter only after obtaining approval of all members present.

He shall send all alterations in constitution Byelaws & rules of NSI certified by at least 3 members of EC to Commissioner of Charities, Bombay.

15.2. The Secretary shall be responsible for acting legally, for and on behalf of the Society.

16. TREASURER

The Treasurer shall operate funds of the Society. He will be responsible for:

i. Investments and disbursements as per decisions of EC;
ii. Send reminder of dues;
iii. Send list of defaulting members to Secretary NSI;
iv. Maintain account books;
v. Get all accounts audited including those related to Neurology India;
vi. Submitting the Income Tax returns of the Society;
vii. Maintenance of Income Tax exemption and sending all required documents to Commissioner of Charities Bombay as per rules.
viii. Ensure that all bank accounts of NSI are operated jointly with at least 2 members of NSI for withdrawals from the bank account of the Society.

17. JOURNAL

17.1 The Journal of the Society will be named "Neurology India" and this shall be the official organ of the Neurological Society of India. The number of issues per year will be decided by the Editor.

17.2 The Editor is authorized to collect funds through advertisements to the journal & would be responsible for general administration, employment of personnel, purchase of equipment and financial administration for purposes of the journal.

17.3. The funds of Neurology India shall be operated by the Editor and one more member of NSI co-opted by the Editor with permission of EC / President for withdrawals from bank. The audited accounts of the journal will be presented to

the EC in December every year and submitted to the Treasurer by 31st March of every year.

18. AFFILIATIONS OF THE SOCIETY

The Neurological Society of India shall be affiliated to the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies, and other such international bodies as decided from time to time by the Executive Committee of the Society.

The Treasurer, Neurological Society of India, shall pay the affiliation fees to international bodies from the Society's funds.

The General Body will also have the right to review such affiliation from time to time.

19. DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY

At least 60 % of the members can propose dissolution of the Society. Disposal and settlement of claims and liabilities would be affected by the executive committee as per laid down rules and laws for such purposes.

BYE LAWS OF NEUROLOGICAL SOCIETY OF INDIA

1. The Secretary shall open a separate bank account to be operated jointly by the Secretary and another Life Member of the Neurological Society of India to be approved by the EC / President NSI.

2. Financial advances may be given for conduct of business of the Society to any officer / member of NSI with the approval of the Executive Committee. The accounts will be submitted to the Treasurer NSI for final auditing.

3. A Central Office will be established as and when possible. For this purpose a building fund would be established.

4. SELECTING PAPERS FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

4.1. The President elect will be the Chairman, Scientific Committee. Powers may however be delegated by the Chairman, Scientific Committee to the Secretary, NSI.

4.2. The papers submitted will be sent by Chairman, Scientific Committee or his/her nominee to the concerned members of the Executive Committee of that speciality for their assessment. If there is a difference in assessment the Chairman, Scientific Committee NSI or his/her nominee may use the casting vote.

4.3. The conference programme will be finalised by the Chairman, Scientific Committee, NSI or his/her nominee in consultation with the Organizing Secretary of the annual conference. The Chairman, Scientific Committee or his/her nominee would appoint the chairpersons for the various sessions.

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

5. The Organizing Secretary would send the list of registered delegates to the Chairman, Scientific Committee or his/her nominee for selection of judges and chairpersons. Only those persons who are members of the Society and registered before the 31st August will be entitled to present papers, chair a session and be a judge.

6. MEMBERSHIP

6.1. All proposals for Honorary Membership must be sent to the Secretary before 15th April to enable the Executive Committee to consider them at the midterm meeting.

The Secretary shall inform the person concerned and get his consent for election as an honorary member. Ordinarily not more than two Honorary Members should be elected in a given year.

6.2. Membership Fees:

Associate Members

Admission fees Rs. 1000

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

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

Life Members

Admission fee Rs 1000

Membership fees Rs. 15000 in one instalment or Rs. 5500 in three instalments

Conversion of Associate member to Life Member
Conversion fees Rs. 12000 in one instalment or Rs. 4500 in three instalments.

International Membership

The annual registration fee for full members is USD 100 (one hundred) and for associate member is USD 50 (fifty).

Members residing overseas shall only receive the electronic version of the Newsletter and electronic alerts about the journal. Those desirous of obtaining a paper copy of the journal should specially apply for the same to the Editor and pay a surcharge of Rs. 1000 per year. Paper copies of the Newsletter shall not be sent to overseas members. DD or cheque should be drawn in favour of "Neurological Society of India", payable at the city of residence of Treasurer NSI. Out station bank charges Rs. 100 should be included in the cheque.

7. C M E

7.1. CME Convener will be appointed by EC from among EC members who are elected from the Subspecialties. A co-convener preferably from another discipline from among Life Members will also be appointed by the EC.

7.2. A separate bank account may be operated as per rules of the NSI. The convener can raise funds for this purpose to carry out CME activities.

7.3. A mid term CME programme followed by a mini conference for 2-3 days at a venue away from the annual conference site will be held if feasible.

8. WEBSITE

The website www.neurosocietyindia.org is the official website of Neurological Society of India. It will be managed by the Secretary NSI under the guidance of EC.

9. JOURNAL

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

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

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

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

10. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All past presidents may attend the EC Meeting as observers. They are not eligible for TA & DA. They shall have no voting rights.

11. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS / EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

11.1. Election shall be by postal ballot or electronic ballot as decided by the EC. Canvassing or soliciting votes or casting aspersions on other candidates would

debar a candidate from election. President elect, NSI will be the returning officer for the election.

11.2. Schedule of events for election:

1 June: Treasurer notifies Secretary NSI of list of eligible members who can vote.

1 July: Secretary NSI notifies vacancies in Newsletter & invites nominations duly proposed & seconded by full members of good standing along with consent of candidate with brief biodata in prescribed format.

1 October: Candidates to be informed & withdrawals if any invited

22 October: Last date for withdrawal of candidature.

10 November: Online voting notification with starting and ending dates along with detailed voting method shall be mailed to all eligible voters of the day. The closing date shall be the midnight of the day preceding annual EC-1 meeting.

The returning officer (President Elect or a nominee from EC as returning officer of the year) shall be given a password from central office for election admin. The returning officer will also involve two members of the EC in the election process with password protected access to election module. The result shall be communicated to the EC by the returning officer during EC-1 meeting

11.3. Election of Editor

A new Editor shall be elected in the 5th year of the tenure of the incumbent Editor. The Editor-elect shall function as a Deputy Editor for a period of one year and then take over as the Editor without a fresh election. (The first such election to the post of Editor-elect will take place in 2013 and the new Editor shall takeover in December 2014)

12. CONFERENCES

12.1. The annual conference of NSI would normally be held from 16 to 19 December with a flexibility of a few days with the permission of the EC.

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

12.3. A member can be the Organizing Secretary of the Annual Conference only once.

12.4. In case an Annual Conference has to be postponed due to unforeseen circumstances the Executive Committee is empowered to select a suitable date and venue for the same conference before the 31st of March of the following year.

12.5. The EC would normally hold the mid term meeting at the next year's conference venue and inspect the conference site. However the EC may authorize the President, or any other officer / office bearer to inspect the conference venue and inform the EC at the mid term meeting which may be held elsewhere.

12.6. Upto Rs. 10 lakhs may be transferred to the Conference account as seed money by the Treasurer.

12.7. Financial arrangements for organizing NSI Annual Conferences.

1. The proposed Organizing Secretary should submit a budget in the bid document.

2. The EC will authorize the opening of a NSICON (year, place) account in a bank at the venue of the conference. PAN of the NSI will be used to open this account.
3. The account will be operated by any two of the following:
   a. Organizing Secretary;
   b. Treasurer, and
   c. Any other EC member.
4. 50% of the profits from the Conference will be transferred to the host registered Neuro Club/Society with a PAN after the statement of accounts of the Conference are audited by the Society's auditors or to any other registered society promoting Neuroscience on the suggestion of host society in concurrence with EC at the annual EC-II meeting.

12.8. The Organizing Secretary shall ensure that the final announcement with all forms is positively mailed not later than June 20th. Abstracts of all papers to be presented at the annual conference should reach the Chairman, Scientific Committee, (President Elect or as decided by the EC), Neurological Society of India before 31st July. Abstracts should be submitted electronically through the NSI website only.

12.9. The EC members would be provided complimentary accommodation by the Organizing Committee.

12.10. Complimentary registration would be given by the Organizing Committee to any delegate who is a member of NSI aged 70 years or above if requested.

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

12.12. Each delegate to the annual conference shall be allowed to present only one platform paper and one poster. This shall not apply to papers presented at the History of Neurosciences session. Therefore, a member may present only a maximum of two papers (one platform and one poster or two platform presentations one of which is in the History of Neurosciences session) at the annual conference of the Society. He may present additional invited papers at the CME / Symposia.

12.13. There shall be a History of Neurosciences session.

12.14. Dais Seating Arrangement during the Inaugural Function of the annual conference will be as follows:
NSI President, Guest of Honour, NSI President elect, NSI Secretary, Chairman - Organizing Committee, Secretary of the Organizing Committee, Joint Secretary of the Organizing Committee, and Treasurer of the Organizing Committee.

12.15. Dais Seating Arrangement during the closing ceremony of the annual conference shall be as follows:
The President, President elect, the Secretary of the NSI and the Organizing Secretary. The prizes for award winners shall be presented at this time.

12.16. Chairpersons for Orations and Award paper session:
Award Papers: President Elect and Senior member

Presidential Oration:	President Elect and Past President
Orations:	Senior members

13. CONDUCT OF CME

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

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

13.3. Inauguration procedure
Members on the dais:
President NSI, Secretary NSI, Org. Secretary of the Conference, Convener CME, Co-convener CME.
The President shall release the CME book.

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

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

14. ACCOUNTS

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

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

14.3. The audited statement of accounts is to be circulated to the members before the annual General Body meeting through the newsletter / website.

15. LIST OF MEMBERS' ADDRESSES

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

16. GENERAL BODY MEETING GUIDELINES

All members of the Society shall be eligible to attend all GBMs of the Society and shall maintain decorum. However, only Life Members are eligible to vote on any matter pertaining to the Society. Life Members shall be seated separately. All voting in GBM shall be conducted by show of hand or by secret ballot as desired by the Chair.

17. NEWSLETTER

The Secretary shall be responsible for publishing a "Newsletter" at least thrice a year.
All important events of the Society and official matters regarding the members of the Society shall be published and would be considered as official communication of NSI.

The Newsletter shall be electronically circulated to all the members and posted on the NSI website.

Only one issue of newsletter (November edition) of the year shall be published as hard copy for distribution through postal / courier delivery having information on the scientific programme. Information submitted by the Secretary WFNS (I) Trust is to be published in the NSI newsletter. The WFNS (I) Trust would meet the expenses for this.

18. NEURO - NURSES FELLOWSHIPS

50 fellowships of Rs. 2500 each will be awarded to the Neuronurses on first-cum-first served basis for attending the Annual Conference.

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

19. SYMPOSIA

19.1. The topic and speakers of the symposia in the conference would be decided by the President of the Society.

19.2. Convener should consult the Secretary regarding the organisation of the symposium at all stages.

19.3. No alteration in the subject/topic would be permissible.

19.4. The topics and speakers should be conveyed to the Secretary prior to the mid-term EC meeting for approval.

19.5. Local national talent should be tapped for the symposium, and not more than 50% of speakers should be from outside the country.
Only persons of international repute known to be actively engaged in work in that field should be invited.

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

19.7. Convener shall not enter into any agreement with a pharmaceutical / commercial concern regarding "sponsorship" of a symposium without the prior permission of the EC.

19.8. Sponsorship may be permitted on payment of a sum of Rs.1,00,000 only to the NSI for appropriate use as per decision of EC. The "Sponsor" would be permitted to distribute promotional material and cards hosting a lunch or dinner and display a banner during the event(s).

20. AWARDS

20.1. Awards will be decided during Annual Conference:

a. NSI Award for best paper in Neurology;
b. NSI Award for best paper in Neurosurgery;
c. K. K. Bisaria Award for best paper in Allied Neurosciences;
d. Hindustan Ciba Geigy Epilepsy Award;
e. Herbert Krause Neurooncology award;
f. NSI MCQ award;
g. Col. M L Suri best paper award on Cost Effective Management in Neurology;
h. NSI best Poster Award.
i. NSI-AASAN Award
j. Neurology India Best Paper Award

20.2. The following will be the rules governing these awards:

1. Contestant should be below the age of 45 years. Total experience excluding training in the specialty not to exceed 7 years;
2. Should have completed at least one year Associate membership of the Society;
3. Work presented should have been done in India;
4. The contestant should present the paper/poster in the conference personally;
5. The paper should not have been published or presented earlier in any other conference;
6. The Head of the Dept./Institution to which a candidate is attached should certify that the work presented is the candidate's personal contribution or that the candidate did the major part of the work.
7. Full paper should be submitted in format of "Neurology India", at the time of submission of the abstract.
8. The Chairman, Scientific Committee with the help of appropriate reviewers will ensure that a maximum of three papers per award are presented in the Award Paper session of the Conference.
9. Judges will be nominated by EC and the judges' decision shall be final.

20.3. NSI MCQ Award Multiple Choice Question examination will be held during the annual conference of the Society. The top scorer in the examination shall be given the NSI MCQ Award.

The conditions for the award are:

The awardee should be a member/associate member for at least 1 year;

The awardee should be below 45 years of age;

Total experience excluding training in the speciality should not exceed 7 years;

The head of the Dept / Institution to which the candidate is attached should certify that the candidate is a trainee in one of the branches of Neurosciences.

21. CONDITIONS FOR GRANT OF FELLOWSHIPS

21.1. Visiting Fellowships: The Society shall grant visiting fellowships to members for visiting various Neurosciences centres in India to broaden their out-look. The Visiting Fellowship shall be actual 2nd AC class return train fare to the proposed institution plus Rs. 500 per day for a maximum of 21 days.

21.2. Travelling Fellowship: The Society has made provisions for granting travelling fellowship to its members/associate members for attending the annual conference, seminars, symposia and the C.M.E. programs of the Neurological Society of India in any aspect of Neuroscience. The Travelling Fellowship shall be actual III A/C train fare to the venue of the conference/ seminar/symposia/ workshop or CME programme and back plus Rs. 1000 for incidental expenses.

21.3. The following shall be the eligibility for the above awards:

The awardee

1. Must be a Member/Associate member of the Society below 40 years of age.
2. Must be a whole time Junior specialist, Postgraduate student or Resident in any branch of Neurological Sciences.
3. Must have no dues payable to the society.
4. Must not have received any financial grant/assistance from any other institutions / Universities / Governments etc. to visit the same Centre (s).
5. A certificate is to be produced from the Head of the Department of the Centre (s) visited.

22. ORATIONS

22.1. Only TWO orations will be organized during the annual conference each year.

22.2. The committee to select the orators would comprise of the President and the immediate two past presidents. The committee would make their choice known at the Executive Committee meeting during the annual conference or the mid term EC meeting.

23. LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AND SENIOR HONORED MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

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

24. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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

25. Legal Disputes in the Society

In case of a legal dispute in the Society, the case will be filed in the city where the Secretary of the Society resides.

Certified by:

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