

ASSOCIATION OF GERONTOLOGY (INDIA)

RULES

- I. The name of the Association shall be “ASSOCIATION OF GERONTOLOGY (INDIA) “ hereafter mentioned as AGI . Its Headquarters shall be in the Department of Zoology , Banaras Hindu University , Varanasi-221005 . It shall be non-profit organization registered under U.P. Government.
- II. **The objective of AGI shall be to**
 - a) Promote advancement of knowledge both by research and training, in the following three disciplines of Gerontology: Biological (both animal and plant), Clinical and Socio-psychological;
 - b) Organize scientific meetings either under its own auspices or jointly with other organizations;
 - c) Publish journals, reviews, abstracts, etc. On Gerontology
- III.
 - a) The office bearers of AGI shall be: One President, Two Vice-Presidents, one Secretary, one Assistant Secretary , one treasurer and one Editor;
 - b) The office bearers shall hold office in honorary capacity for a period of three years;
 - d) No person shall be eligible for an office unless he/she has been a member during the three preceding years.
- IV. The business of AGI shall be conducted by a Council consisting of office – bearers, immediate past President and three elected member.

The President and the two Vice-Presidents shall be so elected that the three disciplines of Gerontology are represented. At least one of them should be from the Headquarters.

The Secretary and Treasurer shall be from the Headquarters.

No person shall be eligible to be a member of the Council/office bearer unless he has been an active member for the three preceding years.

The six selected members of the Council shall represent the three disciplines of the Association (two from each)

There shall be regional representatives representing the Eastern, Western Northern and Southern region of the country. The regional representatives will be elected by the general body of AGI. and their duties will be co-terminus with the term of office bearers. The duties of regional representing will be to promote the AGI activities in their regions.

1. Membership:

- a) Honorary member – The Council may recommend to the General Body the election of scientists of eminence in India and abroad as honorary members of AGI. Not more than two such members shall be elected at any time and their total number shall not exceed 20. The honorary members after election shall exercise all the rights of ordinary members.
- b) Life and ordinary members - Qualified Research workers shall be eligible. Every nomination shall be duly proposed by a member of AGI on the application form to be supplied by the secretary. The nomination shall be placed before the Council which shall have the power to admit him/her as a member or not.
- c) Student member - Bonafide students enrolled for Ph.D. or post- graduate degree certified by supervisor/teacher shall be eligible for admission as student member.
- d) Foreign member – Qualified research workers in the field of Gerontology from abroad may become member (annual or life) of the Association.
- e) Institutional members – Institutes engaged in Gerontological research may be enrolled as members by paying annual or Life membership fee.
- f) Patrons – Organizations interested in the promotion of gerontological knowledge shall be eligible. Nominations for election shall be sent by a member of AGI in plain papers and shall have to be approved by the council.

- g) Sessional members – Non –members wishing to present papers at the meeting of AGI may do so by paying a Sessional membership fee of Rs.1000/-. This fee should be paid at the time of submitting the abstract. The fee shall be returned if the abstract is rejected. Membership of AGI.

2. Subscription:

- a) Honorary member shall not pay any subscription
- b) Life membership fee shall be Rs.2000/-
- c) Ordinary members shall pay Rs.1000/- per year
- d) Student member shall pay rs.1000/- per year
- e) Foreign member fee shall be \$20.00 (annual) and \$200.00 (Life).
- f) Institutional member's fee shall be Rs.1000/- (annual) Rs. 2500.00 (Life).

The membership year shall be the financial year. All yearly subscriptions should be paid up to March 31 of that year. Any subscription received after April 1st may be credited to the member's account for the succeeding year at the discretion of Secretary.

3. Privileges of Members:

- a) All members are eligible to vote at the General Body meeting. Patron members shall have one vote each.
- b) Honorary, student and patron member shall not be eligible for any office of AGI.
- c) All members shall be eligible to receive free copies of the proceedings of meeting of AGI.
- d) The shall be eligible to receive a copy of the Journal of AGI at concessional rate.
- e) No member shall be permitted to submit more than two abstracts either as author or co-author in scientific meetings of AGI.

4. Forfeiture:

- a) Any member who is in default of subscription for two consecutive years shall forfeit his membership.
- b) If at any time the Council be of the opinion that in the interest of AGI a proposal to be placed before the General Body at which, if two –thirds of the members present vote for the removal of the member, he/she shall forthwith cease to be a member of AGI.

5. The Council:

The affairs of the Association shall be managed by the Council:

- a) Nominations of members for election to the Council shall be made by the outgoing council after considering the proposals received from members.
- b) The term of office of all office-bearers and members of the Council shall ordinarily be for a period of two years. It shall commence from the date of election and shall extend till the assumption of office by their successors who shall be elected at the next General Body meeting to be held every third year.
- c) A member of the Council may resign his office by sending a resignation letter to the council. He shall cease to be a member only after his resignation is accepted.
- d) If a vacancy arises in the Council between two elections, the President in consultation with the members of the Council shall appoint a member of AGI who shall continue until the next election is held.
- e) The Council shall have powers to transact business in case of emergency not provided for in these bye – laws in a manner which would be in the interest of the Association. Any such action shall be placed before the next general Body for Consideration.
- f) The meetings of Council shall be held periodically at its discretion. Four members shall a quorum.

- g) At least 15 days notice of a meeting of the Council shall be given by the Secretary to each member giving the agenda for the meeting.
- h) To transact urgent business, the Secretary shall be empowered to call for an extra – ordinary meeting of the Council in which at least three members should be present including a Vice-Presidenting. The decisions taken should be placed before the next meeting of the Council for ratification.
- i) The Council shall acquire such property as may be necessary for the working of AGI.

6. Election and duties of the Committee:

Office-bearers

- a) Election – the nominations for election of office- bearers of the Society shall be called for at least one month before the date of the General Body Meeting. If no nomination is received for any office, the council shall be empowered to nominate. The nominations shall be duly proposed and seconded by a member of AGI. The approval of the nominee is to be obtained by the member nominating. An office-bearer shall be elected by a simple majority of the members present at the General Body Meeting. In case of contest, election may be by secret ballot.
- b) Duties –
 - i) The President shall be the executive and administrative Head of AGI and the other office-bearers shall work under his instruction and guidance. He shall preside over the General Body and Council meetings in which he shall have a vote and a casting vote. In his absence one of the Vice-Presidents, or failing him any other member elected by the member present to preside over the meeting, shall have the same powers for time being.
 - ii) The Secretary shall be responsible for the day-to-day activities of AGI. He shall keep minutes of all proceedings of the General Body's and Council meetings. He shall convene the meetings of properties of the Society and shall be responsible for their safe custody. This refers to all articles whether received for payment or in exchange, or as gift. He shall prepare and submit to the General Body meeting, a report describing the activities of the Society during the intervening period.
 - iii) The Treasurer shall receive subscriptions, fees, donation and other moneys of AGI and shall issue receipts in respect of each. He and the Secretary shall operate the funds of the Society on behalf of the Council. He shall maintain the accounts of AGI in the proper form and be responsible for the preparation and submission to the General Body a balance Sheet duly certified by the Auditor. He shall prepare a budget estimate of income and expenditure for each year and submit it for the approval at the General Body meeting of AGI. He shall prepare an annual statement of receipts and expenditures. This statement shall be signed by him and shall be approved by the Council.

Committee

- 1) Election : The election shall be governed by bye-law No. 6 (a)
- 2) Duties :
 - a) Vice-President : One of the Vice-Presidents shall perform the duties, and exercise the privileges of the President of the President during latter's absence or when specially requested by the President to do so.
 - c) Committee: the Council shall be responsible for the proper functioning of AGI.

7. The General Body:

- a) The General Body of AGI shall consist of all classes of members.
- b) The General Body meeting shall be held once in three years, preferably in November or December at which

- i) The report of the retiring Council and the accounts for the past three years shall be considered;
 - ii) New office-bearers shall be elected;
 - iii) Scientific sessions shall be arranged wherein members shall present papers;
 - iv) Such other business as the Chairman (who shall be President or Vice-President or a member who may be elected from amongst the member present) may allow, shall be transacted.
- c) The council shall call for a meeting of the General Body any time by giving the member 30 day's notice of the date and time and the object for which the meeting is convened, or on receipt of a demand in writing signed by not less than one-third of the active members setting out the purpose for which they desire such a meeting. The place, date and the time of such a meeting shall be decided by the Council.

The quorum for a meeting of the General Body shall be one-third the total number of active members. In case of tie for any proposal, the President shall have a casting vote.

8) Editorial Board:

The Committee shall have the power to appoint an Editorial Board to look after the publications of AGI and the Editorial Board shall consist of 3 members and the Secretary. The term of office of the Editorial Board shall be for three years.

9) Finance:

- a) The financial and membership year of AGI shall commence from 1st April and end on 31st March of the year. The accounts of AGI shall be audit by a chartered accountant nominated by the Council .The audit year shall be from 1st April to 31st March.
- b) The Council shall control the finance of AGI and sanction Expenditure within the limits of the budget approved by the General body. In cases of urgent necessity the Council shall have powers to authorize any reasonable expenditure beyond the budgeted amount and report it to the General Body at its next meeting.
- c) The AGI's bank account shall be operated by the Hon. Treasurer and the Secretary.

10. Procedure for making modifications in the rules:

- a) Rules – The following procedure shall be observed for making any additions to or alterations in the Rules of AGI.

Proposals for additions to and alterations in existing rules by any member of the Society shall be sent to the council so as to reach them eight weeks before the General body meeting. The proposal shall be placed before the General Body by the council.

The rules are subject to alteration at a general body meeting when approved by not less than two-thirds of the members present and a simple majority of all the members of the Society. The Secretary shall be authorized to obtain this approval by post, necessary.

- b) Bye-laws - Same as per Rules except that the requirement if approval by a simple majority of all members of AGI shall not be necessary.

11. Date of operation and transition:

These rules shall take effect on the date of registration when the Rules in operation before that date shall be immediately repealed. The office-bearers of the unregistered association known as AGI shall be deemed to be the Council hereunder until the Council of the Association be elected.