CONSTITUTION
OF INDIAN ORTHOPAEDIC
ASSOCIATION
OBJECTS:

The objects of the Association shall be the advancement of the Science and Art of Orthopaedic Surgery and with that view, inter alia, to do the following:

2(a) To hold scientific meetings, separately or along with other Associations or Societies.

(b) To encourage the formation of state and regional branches of Orthopaedic Surgeons. (Explanation: Where the Orthopaedic Surgeons in Central Government Service may not be able to become members of state or regional chapters, such other chapters of services like Railways/Armed Forces may also be affiliated to the Association).

(c) To encourage scientific research and experimental work in Orthopaedic Surgery.

(d) To hold scientific discussions and read papers on Orthopaedic and allied subjects.

(e) To provide for the delivery and holding of lectures, meetings and classes for medical practitioners/others for the purpose of directly or indirectly advancing the cause of Orthopaedic Surgery.
(f) To establish and maintain reference library/libraries relating to Orthopaedic Surgery.

(g) To provide instructions and education for the advancement of Orthopaedic Surgery among medical practitioners.

(h) To watch and advise on legislation affecting Orthopaedic Surgery and allied subjects and to advise Government agencies regarding legislations affecting the art and practice of Orthopaedic Surgery in India.

(i) To advise other association voluntary bodies/Government agencies on matters affecting the interest and development of orthopaedic surgery including standardization of instruments, implants and orthotic and prosthetic appliances, problems of rehabilitation of physically handicapped, to advice on matters concerning teaching and training of medical students (under graduates and postgraduates) and research on Orthopaedic Surgery and to suggest ways and means for improving the training of the paramedical personnel.

(j) To associate together in one corporate body all Qualified Orthopaedic surgeons actively practising or interested in the science and art of Orthopaedic Surgery and allied subjects.

(k) To establish contact/affiliations with other Societies or Associations, Indian or Overseas, and exchange scientific information and collaborate with them in progress of common interest.

(l) To publish singly or in association with other Association and Societies, Indian or Foreign, Journals, proceedings, brochures,
periodicals, newsletters and abstracts pertaining to orthopaedic surgery and allied subjects.

(m) To promote social and professional contacts among the surgeons in India and abroad.

(n) To receive donations and subscriptions and to hold the funds in trust for any particular purpose or purposes for the advancement of orthopaedic surgery and allied branches.

(o) To encourage exhibitions of instruments, implants, tools, appliances, etc. connected with or pertaining to Orthopaedic Surgery and to attempt to improve such instruments and appliances for the special needs of this country.

(p) To construct, alter and maintain any building necessary for the running of the Association.

(q) To make rules, regulations and bye-laws and to delete, change or add to the same as and when necessary, conducive to the attainment of all or any of the objects of the Association.

(r) To initiate any other programme which may be decided on from time to time by the Association for the advancement of Orthopaedic Surgery.

(s) To promote orthopaedic education amongst public.

3. The Association shall function in accordance with the rules and regulations; a copy therefore is filed herewith duly certified in the prescribed manner.

4. The names, addresses and the occupations of the Executive Committee to whom, by the rules of the Association, the management of the affairs are entrusted for the duration of their
offices consist of the President, President-elect, the Vice-Presidents, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

The Executive Committee shall be the Governing Body of the Society to whom the rules and regulations of the Society. and the management of its affairs is entrusted.

CONSTITUTION OF THE INDIAN ORTHOPAEDIC ASSOCIATION

(Incorporating Amendments of the Rules and Regulations of the Indian Orthopaedic Association done on 16 November 2002 at Patna & on 6 December, 2008 at Bangaluru)

Further Amended in AGM on 21-11-14 in Chennai and ratified on 13-12-15 in Jaipur).

Rules and Regulations:

1. NAME: The name of the Society shall be “The Indian Orthopaedic Association”, hereinafter called the Association in these rules and regulations.

2. THE OBJECTS: The objects of the Association are given in the Memorandum of Association.

3. OFFICE AND SCOPE:
   
   (a) The Principal Office of the Association shall be located in the I.O.A. House, Plot No. 69, Tughlaqabad Institutional Area, M.B. Road, Near Batra Hospital, New Delhi.
   
   (b) The Association shall operate throughout the Republic of India and in foreign countries wherever deemed necessary.
(c) It will operate directly or through branches established and affiliated in furtherance's of the objects of the Association.

4. **MEMBERSHIP:** Membership of the Association shall comprise of the following categories:

   (a) Honorary Fellows  
   (b) Life Members  
   (c) Associate members

5. **(a) HONORARY FELLOWS:** Honorary Fellows may be elected from men or women of distinction, including laymen residing in India or abroad, who have made outstanding contribution to the progress of Orthopaedic Surgery. There shall be one Honorary Fellow for every 300 members.

   **(b) Life Members:** Orthopaedic Surgeon with proper training in the specialty recognized by Medical Council of India/State Medical Councils, or an Internationally certified Medical Council with D.Ortho., MS(Ortho), Mch (Ortho), DNB (Ortho), FRCS(Ortho.) who contribute a minimum of Rs. 5000/- (Five thousand only) to the funds of the association may be elected to life membership of the association. Membership has to be ratified by the General Body before being elected to the life membership of the association.

Applications for life membership of Indian Orthopaedic Association from year 2016 shall by through the State Chapters. It shall be mandatory for applicants to simultaneously become members of state chapters at time of application. Membership forms shall be collected by State Chapters along with two multicity cheques, one towards life membership of State Chapter and other for Rs. 5000 (Five thousand only) payable to Indian Orthopaedic Association New Delhi. The State Chapters shall forward the application form and cheque after due verification to IOA House New Delhi.
(c) **Associate Membership:**

I. Associate members may be elected from those (1) who are training in orthopaedic surgery and from (2) physicians and surgeons in this or other countries who are interested in orthopaedic surgery or allied branches of medicine or (3) who are engaged in practice of allied subjects closely related to Orthopaedic Surgery. The application for associate membership for both categories will be made to the Hon. Secretary who will place it before the Executive Committee for scrutiny and acceptance.

II. Associate Members of the Association shall have the right of attending scientific meetings and social events and engaging in all scientific discussions but they shall not attend business meetings and take part in elections. Fees for Category 1 (Trainees): Rs. 2000/- . On completion of training and obtaining a recognized degree and on payment of Rs 3000/- they shall become life members of the Association. Category 2 & 3 of the medical personnel seeking Associate membership have to pay a one time fees as laid down by Executive Committee and revised from time to time.

III. Applications for all categories of membership must be made on an official form and supported by two members of the Association and forwarded to the Hon. Secretary, of the State Chapter and through him/her to the Hon. Secretary of I.O.A., of the Association who will place it before the Executive Committee for consideration.
Election for all categories of membership shall be by a majority vote at a business meeting. The membership of all applicants shall come into effect from the next day after ratification in the Annual General Body meeting of the Association.

6. **SUBSCRIPTIONS:**

(a) Honorary Fellows and life members may be invited to make periodical or annual contribution to any of the existing funds and trusts and other special activities of the Association.

(b) All persons attending scientific meeting may be required to pay a registration fee should it be considered necessary, if and when it is considered necessary, or for enhancement of contribution for Life Membership.

7. **CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP:**

(a) Any life member or associate wishing to withdraw his or her membership from the Association shall give notice in writing to the Secretary not less than three months before the end of the financial year.

(b) Any life member or associate whose resignation is requested under Rule 16(d) shall have the right to appeal to the Executive Committee provided he or she makes a written application to the Secretary within 14 days of receiving the request. This shall be taken up in the next meeting of Executive Committee.
8. **CHAPTERS:**

There may be Regional or State Chapters of the Association in each Region or State as is thought feasible by the Executive Committee. Within the Region or State any District or City may have a local branch which shall be guided by the Regional or the State Chapter. All chapters shall be constituted and shall function in accordance with the Rules of the Association and directives given from time to time by the office of the Association. A Centre State Relationship Committee consisting of a chairman nominated by the executive committee, the President, Hon. Secretary, Immediate Past President and President-elect of the I.O.A. along with elected Presidents and Hon. Secretaries of all affiliated chapters will monitor the functioning of state chapters.

**Affiliation:** For a state chapter to be affiliated to the Association, the state chapter will apply to the Hon. Secretary through the State Hon. Secretary agreeing to adopt the constitution of the Association with modifications accepted by the executive committee of the Association. They will also send regular report of activities to the Hon. Secretary. The affiliated state chapter shall agree to follow the directive given from time to time by the Executive Committee of the Association.
At least 75% of the members of the chapter should be members of the Association (enrolled till year 2015) and all members of State Chapter enrolled from 2016 onward) and an undertaking with respect to this is to be given. The chapter should also be registered under the Registration of Societies Act of 1860 and should be having their Permanent Account Number of Income Tax.

Affiliation of State Chapters shall be renewed once in every 10 years. Application for renewal of affiliation should be sent to Secretary at least 6 months before expiry of affiliation.

9. **ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES:**

(a) The Association’ financial year shall extend from 1 April of one year to 31 March of the following year, both days inclusive.

(b) The accounts of the Association shall be maintained in the name of the Association at a bank authorized by the executive committee.

(c) The Treasurer shall have the charge of all the money, assets, movable and immovable properties of the association.

(d) All property and money shall be vested in the name of the association.

(e) The payment of subscription and/or donations shall be made to the Treasurer of the Association.

(f) No member of any committee or sub-committee shall incur any expenses on behalf of the Association except with the written permission of the Secretary and the Treasurer.
(g) The accounts of the Association shall be audited annually.

(h) The accounts of the Association shall be operated jointly by the Treasurer and any of the following members of the executive committee.
   (i) President
   (ii) Secretary
   (iii) Joint Secretary

10. SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS:

(a) The scientific meetings shall be held every year. The venue and the dates of the meeting called the Annual Conference of the Indian Orthopaedic Association shall be decided by a majority vote. Details of calling of Annual Conference procedure, guidelines for protocols to be observed, finances and savings shall be governed by published guidelines/protocols of I.O.A. drawn up and updated from time to time by decisions taken in executive committee and ratified in annual general body meeting.

(b) The arrangements, dates and venue of the Annual Conference may be changed under extraordinary circumstances by the Executive Committee.
   The circumstances are:
   Withdrawal by local organizing committee.
   Act of omission/commission of a serious nature by senior member of organizing committee grievous enough to effect the conference or name of the Association.
   Illness/Death of the Organising Secretary.
Lack of follow-up of directives from I.O.A. executives regarding programme / guidelines protocol for I.O.A.
Annual meeting, by the local organizing committee.
Falsification of information of facilities at venue at time of bid.
Any other condition which the Executive Committee feels is of serious nature and will adversely affect the staging of the conference or the name of the Association.

(c) Applications for hosting the annual meeting shall be called from interested State Chapters on a Standard proforma fulfilling criteria laid down from time to time by Executive Committee. The intending host State Chapter shall be a registered body. All financial responsibilities for conducting the conference shall rest with the State Chapter.

(d) Formal bids for venue of Annual meetings will be invited two years in advance. They should be submitted at least one month before the annual meeting on a standard proforma. The local organizers and state chapter officers will have to give an undertaking to abide by the directives of the Executive Committee and Central Committee.

(e) The Local Co-ordinator for the Scientific Meeting shall be nominated by the State Chapter and ratified at the business meeting of the association. He shall also be responsible for all the finances pertaining to the conference.

Central Committee will decide the full programme of the conference at least 3 months in advance. This includes arrangements for scientific deliberations, guest speakers, orators,
seminars, symposia, workshops and selection of free papers for presentation at the Annual Conference.

- The Central Committee for the Conference shall consist of —
  1. President of IOA
  2. President-elect of IOA
  3. Vice Presidents
  4. Hon. Secretary of IOA
  5. Hon. Treasurer of IOA
  6. Two immediate Past Presidents of IOA
  7. Editor of IJO
  8. Organizing Secretary
  9. President of Host Chapter
  10. Treasurer for the Organizing Committee
  11. Chairman Scientific Committee of the Conference.

(b) The Central Committee shall have academic and financial control over scientific Meetings.

(i) Any member or an associate of the Association or any other person wishing to present a communication shall furnish three copies of the abstract to the Secretary at least 12 weeks before the date of the meeting.

(ii) No communication presented to the Association is routinely published unless specially requested by the central committee.

(iii) Every communication presented to the association becomes the property of the Association which has the right to publish it in the official publication of the Association or elsewhere to be determined in agreement with the author.
(iv) Every person presenting a communication shall supply to the Editor of the Indian Journal of Orthopaedics an abstract four weeks before the meeting and if requested — he shall also supply a full typescript with illustrations within a reasonable time in form suitable for publications.

11. BUSINESS MEETING:

(a) A business meeting shall be held at least once during the course of each scientific meeting of the Association (to be called the Annual General Body Meeting), and on such other occasions as may be decided by the Executive Committee. The quorum for such meeting shall be 100. If the quorum is not complete, the meeting is to be adjourned and may be again convened after 15 minutes without adequate quorum.

(b) Only Life Members of the Association shall be entitled to attend and vote at business meetings.

(c) The President shall call a business meeting within twenty eight days of receiving a request signed by not less than 500 members specifying the nature of the business.

(d) Ratification of Decisions of Business meetings: All decisions taken in a business meeting of the Association shall come into effect only after being ratified in subsequent Annual General Body meeting. (business meeting) of the Association.

12. PUBLICATIONS:
(a) The main official publication of the Association shall be the Indian Journal of Orthopaedics.

(b) The office bearers of the editorial board shall be:

- Editor (one)
- Associate Editors (two)
- Assistant editor (three)
- Subject specific members of editorial board (Spine, trauma, arthroplasty, arthroscopy, hand, basic sciences, statistics, pediatric, infection) etc.

- All these posts will have a term of 3 years: Members holding these posts may be re-elected for another term of three years.

13. **OFFICERS:**

(a) The officers of the Association shall be President, President-elect, two vice-Presidents, Secretary, Joint Secretary and Treasurer.

(b) All officers except the Secretary, Joint Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected annually.

(c) All the officers shall be honorary.

14. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, two immediate Past Presidents, President-Elect, two Vice-Presidents Hon.Secretary, two Joint Secretaries (one from Delhi and one from the same city as Hon.Secretary) and Treasurer. All Presidents and Hon.Secretaries of State Chapters shall be executive members and their term shall be commensurate with their term of office in their State Chapter. An additional executive member will be elected from each State Chapter, having 250 or more members of IOA as on 31st December of the previous year. State Chapters having 500 members or more shall have two additional executive members apart from President and Hon.Secretary. These members shall be elected by IOA members from that State Chapter and shall have a term of three years. They are entitled for re-election for another term.
15. **Election of the officers and members of the Executive (on any one post).**

(a) The Vice President shall be elected annually from amongst life members of the Association. The term of the Vice President shall be of one year who shall automatically become President-Elect next year and President the year after 

(Explanation). 1. This rule shall come into effect from year 2016 elections. There shall be election of President Elect and one Vice President in that year. From 2017 the election shall be for one Vice President only. The Vice-President shall be the election officer during his term of office as Vice President.

2. Members who have been elected to post of Vice President before 2016 can contest for Vice President post in future.

3. A member who shall be elected as Vice President from 2016 onwards shall not contest for the post of Vice President in future.

Editor of the Indian Journal of Orthopaedics, Associate editors, members of the editorial board shall be appointed by the executive committee on the recommendation of the search committee consisting of the President, bA, President-Elect of bA, Hon. Secretary, bA, Editor IJO and immediate past Editor. For the appointment of Editor, two Past Presidents will also be included in the committee. The nominated posts will be advertised in the IOA newsletter and desirous candidate should apply with their curriculum vitae. The C.V’s will be short listed by the Hon. Secretary. He would place it before the search committee for recommending the names. The appointment shall be done by the
Executive Committee. One Assistant Editor and 3 members of Editorial board shall be filled every year.

The Secretary, Joint Secretaries, Treasurer, Two Fellowship Secretaries, Editor of the Indian Journal of Orthopaedics, Associate Editors, Assistant Editors and members elected from approved state chapters shall hold office for a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-election for another term. Chairpersons for various sub-committee shall also hold office for 3 years and can be re-nominated for another term.

The Treasurer and the joint Secretary shall be nominated by the executive from such members of the IOA who are resident and working in the Union Territory of Delhi to facilitate smooth day-to-day running of the registered office at Delhi. One joint Secretary will be nominated by Hon. Secretary from the city where he is residing.

To contest for any post a member must have been a life member of the Association for at least five years and residing in India.

(b) At least 12 weeks before the Annual General Body Meeting, the President Elect shall send to each life member and full member eligible to vote, a notice of the election accompanied by a list of vacancies to be filled in for nomination. All nominations must be received by the President Elect within 28 days of the dispatch of the notice convening the election. If there is more than one nomination for any vacancy, election shall be on the basis of a majority vote. Any candidate may withdraw his name at least two
weeks before posting of ballot papers. The manner of election shall be secret ballot only. This may be by postal ballot or courier which is deemed most democratic by President-elect.

(c) The Executive Committee as constituted in accordance with these Rules shall continue in office notwithstanding their period of service which has expired until their successors have been duly elected. (Explanation: it is mandatory for elections to be held every year. The maximum permissible time between two elections is of fourteen months. If the President-elect is unable to carry out the elections due to some reason, the Executive Committee shall nominate an election officer from amongst the members of the Association).

16. **POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

(a) The management of the Association shall vest in the Executive Committee of the Association.

(b) The Executive Committee shall have the power to fill up casual vacancies amongst the officers (except the President) and other members of the committee subject to confirmation at the next business meeting.

(c) The Executive Committee shall control the affairs of the Association, its funds and assets. The income and the property of the Association, howsoever derived shall be spent solely towards the objects of the Association and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly for any other purpose except for
The purpose of providing scholarships and fellowships to be offered for competition amongst the life members, full members and Associates of the Association.

As gift to the Orthopaedic Charitable, Education and other trusts of the Association, and

For the purpose of building a permanent office in New Delhi and such other institutions as thought necessary in fulfillment of objects of the association.

For scientific and professional activities of the Association.

For purchase of equipment/furniture etc. for the office/building.

(a) The Executive Committee shall have power to request the resignation of member deemed to be working contrary to the interest of Association or to have ceased to take interest in the objects of the Association or to have been disobedient to the Rules or guilty of unprofessional act of public misdemeanor, provided that the person concerned shall be notified of the proposed action not less than eight weeks before the next business meeting.

(b) The Executive Committee shall have power to remit, reduce or suspend the subscription of any Life Member or Associate at its discretion.

(c) Without prejudice to the power of the general body of the Association the Executive Committee may Exercise powers, function and duties as under:
(i) To appoint committees, commissions and sub-committees and delegate such of the functions and powers to them as it may deem necessary.

(ii) To co-opt Life Member or Associate or any other person to any committee.

(iii) To appoint delegates to represent the Association at conferences in India and abroad.

(iv) To purchase, build or otherwise and hold land, buildings, machineries, plants, furniture, vehicles, books and other equipments that may be found necessary in furtherance of the function and duties of the association for and in the name of the Association.

(v) To receive donations and benefactions for and in the name of the Association.

(vi) To constitute trusts and foundations for specific activities of the Association, e.g. Education trusts.

(vii) To arrange scholarship and fellowships

(viii) To appoint and Auditor and fix his remuneration.

(ix) The Executive Committee may appoint a full time Executive Secretary / Administrative Officer who will not be members of I.O.A. for better management of day to day office work. Their remuneration and specific duties shall be fixed by the Executive Committee and approved by the General Body. They will work directly under orders from the President, Hon. Secretary, Jt. Secretary and Treasurer of the Association.

(x) To build up protocols of the Association for its smooth functioning. These may be modified from time to time.
17. **Powers and duties of the Office Bearers.**

(a) **President:**

(i) He shall preside over the meetings of the executive committee and all other scientific and business meetings, functions, seminars, symposia etc. convened by or on behalf of the Association. He shall deliver a Presidential address.

(ii) The President shall be ex-officio member of all committees and sub-committees.

(iii) The President may co-opt a Life Member in the Executive Committee from regions/states unrepresented in the Executive Committee. The number of co-opted members shall not exceed three and their tenure of service shall be determined by the President.

(iv) He shall have one seal of the Association.

(v) The President shall submit his resignation to the Executive Committee.

(b) **President-Elect:**

(i) The President-Elect shall deputize for the President on all occasions when the President is absent or ceases to hold office during his term. He shall succeed as President for the rest of the term.

(ii) He shall be the returning officer for the I.O.A. elections during his term of office and sub-committees.

(iii) He shall be ex-officio member of all committees.

(iv) He shall submit his resignation to the President.

(c) **Vice-President**
(i) In the absence of the President or President-Elect, one of the Vic-Presidents shall deputize for all functions of the President. They shall carry out functions as per protocols of the Association.

(ii) He shall submit his resignation to President. In the absence of the President, President-Elect & Vice- Presidents, the Executive Committee shall elect a Chairman for any particular meeting or for the remaining term of office.

(d) Hon. Secretary:

(i) Secretary shall be responsible for the organization and execution of all policies and programs of the Association and shall submit reports at the meeting of the Executive Committee regarding thereto. He shall also present the annual report at the annual meeting of the Executive Committee giving a general review of the work of the Association in the preceding year.

(ii) He shall prepare and keep the minutes of all the business meetings of the Association and meeting of the Executive Committee and see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provision of rules and bye-laws. He will circulate the accounts for the year along with minutes of the last Annual General Body Meeting.

(iii) He shall be the custodian of the seal of the Association and other associated items.

(iv) He shall be the custodian of all the documents and the papers of the association.

(v) He shall be responsible for the appointment of all employees of the Association.
(vi) He shall have the power to suspend, punish and otherwise control or regulate the employees of the Association whose monthly salary is less than rupees Two thousand to be ratified by the Executive Committee in its next meeting.

(vii) He will sign and execute all contracts or other instruments in name of Association and shall exercise general supervision over all the affairs of the Association.

(viii) He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and sub-committees of the Association.

(ix) He shall prepare a current voters list of all Life Members and Full Members of the Association within the first quarter of each year.

(x) He shall submit his resignation to the President.

(xi) He shall be an ex-officio member for a period of one year after serving as a secretary for a period of three years in case he has not sought a second term. He will be designated as past Secretary. (This will ensure continuity and guidance to the incoming Secretary).

(e) Joint Secretary:

He shall look after the day-to-day working of the local office being a resident and working in the Union Territory of Delhi, under the direction of the Secretary. The 2 Joint Secretary from same city as the Hon. Secretary shall assist the later in day-to-day affairs of the Association.

(f) Treasurer:

(i) He will keep accounts of the Association.
(ii) He shall present the Annual Audited Accounts of the previous year and an unaudited account of the current year at the Annual General Body Meeting.

(iii) He shall present a Budget for the next year at the Annual General Body Meeting.

(iv) During his absence due to illness or visit abroad, the President will delegate in writing his duties to any other member of the Executive Committee.

(v) All cheques and other negotiable instruments shall be signed jointly by the Treasurer and any one of the following: the Secretary or the President or Jt. Secretary (Explanation: All cheques of over Rs. 50,000!- have to be signed by the Treasurer and the President or Hon. Secretary).

(vi) He will hold charge of all assets (movable and immovable property) on behalf of the Association and shall hand over the same to his successor.

(vii) He will submit his resignation to the President. The Secretary and Treasurer may incur petty expenses for smooth running of the Association work not exceeding Twenty thousand Rupees for one single item and get it reimbursed on production of proper receipts and vouchers.

18. SUB-COMMITIEES:

(a) In accordance with the Rule 16-F(i), the Executive Committee shall have power to appoint sub-committees for such other purposes as it may decide and appoint members of Sub-committees.
(b) The Sub-committee shall have the power to co-opt any member who may assist its work without reference to Executive Committee provided the name of these co-opted members are recorded in the written report of the sub-committee to be presented annually to the Executive Committee.

(c) A written report of the proceedings of each Sub-Committee shall be presented annually to the Executive Committee.

(d) The following permanent Sub-Committees shall also be appointed as under:

- + Fellowship Committees shall consist of The President of the Association, President-Elect, Two immediate Past Presidents, and Hon. Secretary, Two Joint Secretaries, Fellowship Committee-Foreign & Indian, and Editor of the Indian Journal of Orthopaedics.
- The Secretary of the Fellowship committee shall be elected by the Executive Committee for a term of three years which may be extended for another term. At least three shall form a quorum.
- The Central Committee for the Conference shall consist of:
  1. President of IOA
  2. President-elect of IOA
  3. Vice Presidents
  4. Hon. Secretary of IOA
  5. Hon. Treasurer of IOA
  6. Two immediate Past Presidents of IOA
  7. Editor of IJO
  8. Organizing Secretary
  9. President of Host Chapter
10. Treasurer for the Organizing Committee

11. Chairman Scientific Committee of the Conference

The Central Committee shall decide all arrangements for the annual conference including scientific meetings and select free papers, conference lectures, to be presented at the annual conference. The Central Committee shall have its office in IOA House, New Delhi.

19. BENEVOLENT FUND:
There shall be a Benevolent Fund for the benefit of members/member’s family in case of

1. Demise

2. Critical illness like Malignancy, Cardiac illness requiring Open Heart Surgery or any disease which renders the member unable to practice.

3. A member or family of disease member, who is holding life membership of IOA for at least two years, would be eligible to apply.

4. An application, detailing the problem, along with relevant documentary proof, would be sent to the Hon. Secretary, IOA who would place it before President and other office bearers for a decision.

5. Rs. 2,00,000/- will be the maximum permissible help under the scheme.
The incidental charges collected in the IOACON will go towards the corpus of the Benevolent Fund of IOA.

20. ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION AND RULES:

The rules and regulations shall be altered only by the vote of at least three-fourths of the Life Members present at a meeting specially convened for the purpose. The Secretary shall dispatch a notice of such meeting and of every proposed alteration by post to every member eligible to vote not less than 30 days before the date of the Meeting and no rules shall be altered unless such notice has been given.

300 members shall form a quorum for a meeting convened to alter the constitution.

21. INDEMNITY:

Neither the office bearers nor the members of the General and/or Executive Committee nor members of the Association shall be answerable for any act done in good faith by them for the sake of conformity only, for the monies of the Association other than such as shall come into their own hands or for any collections or receiver of monies appointed by the Central Executive/Council/Branch Executive Committee concerned for any misfortune, loss or damage happening to the Association by reason of any deed executed by them as an office bearer or a member of the Central Executive Committee/Branch Executive Committee or member of the Association or any reason of any error in judgments or more indiscretion on their part in the
performance of their duties or otherwise on account except for willful negligence or fraud. Every person being an office bearer or a member of the Central Executive Committee/Branch Executive Committee or a member of the Association, his heirs, Executors and administration shall at all times be indemnified out of the funds of the association/against all costs, losses, damage and/or expenses whatsoever incurred or sustained by him in the execution of his powers or duties and every person having been and/or being an office bearer or a member of the Central Executive Committee/Branch Executive Committee or a member of the Association, his heirs, executors and administrations shall be indemnified and saved harmless out of the funds of the Association against all action, suits, claims, and demands whatsoever brought/made against him or them either singly or jointly in respect of any engagement of the Association such as may be incurred by his own personal willful neglect or fraud.

22. DISSOLUTION:

No less than three-fifth of the Life Members and Full Members of the Association may determine that it shall be dissolved, and thereupon it shall be dissolved forthwith, or any time agreed upon, and all necessary steps shall be taken by the Executive Committee for the disposal and settlement of the property of the Association, the claims and liabilities, according to the Rules of the Association.