

4. Eligibility of voter.-

- a) A voter shall be a current member of the Association.
- b) He should be registered in the Annual General Meeting in which election is to be conducted.
- c) He cannot vote by proxy.
- d) A member enrolled after the date of election notification shall not be eligible to vote in the election.

5. Election schedule.- Notification for election will be published in the periodical of the Association. A period of 20 days will be given to file nomination from the date of notification. The valid contestants will be displayed in Association office within 5 days from the last date of filing of nomination. Withdrawals of nominations can be made within the next 5 days after the date of publication of valid contestants. The final list of contestants will be displayed in the Association Office the day next to the last date for withdrawals.

6. Election Procedure.- An Election Committee consisting of the Chairman and three members known as Scrutineers shall be constituted by the Committee prior to the due date of election notification. The Election Committee members shall be selected only from the members. Election notification shall be issued by the Election Committee along with terms and conditions found necessary for smooth conduct of the election. After issue of notification all the nominations received shall be scrutinized only by the Election Committee. The Election Committee shall maintain the same as a secret document. The decision of the Election Committee in acceptance or rejection of a nomination of a candidate shall be final. The Election Committee shall publish the voters list in the Association Office notice Board within 7 days of the election notification.

No member of the Election Committee shall be a candidate for the election. After the declaration of the final contestants by the Election Committee, the General Secretary, and other officers of the Association, shall assist the Election Committee in making election arrangement.

7. Polling.- The polling will be conducted during Annual General Meeting at appropriate time as decided by the Chairman of the meeting, by secret ballots.

(a) Only members who have registered within the registration time prescribed in the notice for the meeting will be given ballot and allowed to vote.

(b) The candidate may, if he wishes, have an agent. While polling is in progress the candidate himself will not be allowed to perform the functions of an agent. But he can visit briefly if permitted by the Chairman.

(c) Casting a vote is done by the voter by making a cross mark (x) against the name of the candidate of his or her choice in the relevant column. Any other sign or seal authorised by the Chairman is acceptable. However, it shall be uniform and different marks are not permitted.

8. Invalidation of vote.- (a) If the cross mark or any other authorised mark is found against more names than the required number of posts in the same category, the vote will be declared to be invalid in so far as those relate to the particular post. For other posts, where voting has been properly done in the same ballot, shall however, be counted.