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BAMBOO SOCIETY OF INDIA

Memorandum of Association - 2024

1. NAME

The name of the Society is "BAMBOO SOCIETY OF INDIA" (hereinafter called the Society).

2. REGISTERED OFFICE

The Registered head office of THE SOCIETY shall be situated in North Wing, Ground Floor, 'Vana Vikas', 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru –560003, Karnataka State, INDIA.

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3. JURISDICTION

The activities of the Society shall extend to the whole of India.

4. OBJECTS

- 4.1. To promote comprehensive and holistic development of the bamboo sector in India.
- 4.2. To undertake a scientific study of all types of bamboo on all kinds of lands and promote, encourage and assist the development of bamboo in all aspects including growing, research, education, marketing and trade of bamboo products. To seek and give assistance and co-operation on

research and development of bamboo with all educational and scientific Institutions, Govt, NGOs etc., in India and to collaborate with similar organizations overseas.

- 4.3. To encourage and sponsor research related to bamboo, its management, harvest, utilization and take up pilot projects based on the results of such research.
- 4.4. To organize webinars, National and international conferences, sponsor seminars, workshops, meetings, and group discussions on all subjects about the development of the Bamboo sector including organizing bamboo product exhibitions.
- 4.5. To acquire books, manuscripts, brochures, pamphlets, charts, journals newsletters, scientific papers, films, computers and such modern media for purposes of collection of data and dissemination of the same on all aspects of bamboo.
- 4.6. To organize training and extension, programmes in planning, execution, harvesting, and utilization of bamboo and their products.
- 4.7. To serve as consultants to various national and international organizations on bamboo development.
- 4.8. To undertake the implementation of bamboo development projects on behalf of any Government, Company or Corporation, whether private or public.

- 4.9. To encourage and assist individuals, associations, groups, agencies and Institutions, and affiliate with them in the promotion of the above objects.
- 4.10. To do or causes to be done any activities that are conducive to the attainment of the main objectives of the Society
- 4.11. To make appropriate recommendations to the Government and other authorities on the management of bamboo wherever found.
- 4.12. To support and promote bamboo stakeholders, Producer Organizations etc., to accomplish better results in the cultivation and utilization of bamboo and its trade and economics.
- 4.13. To utilize Govt programs, Corporate Social Responsibility projects and funds from other national and international organisations to promote bamboo in India.
- 4.14. To contribute to climate change mitigation, poverty alleviation and Socio-economic development of the people.

5. AUTHORITY TO CORRESPOND

The Chairman, Executive Director and the Secretary are authorized to correspond on behalf of the Society.

6. UTILIZATION OF FUNDS

All the incomes, movable and immovable properties of the Society shall be solely utilized towards the promotion of its aims and objectives as outlined in the Memorandum of association and no profit thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, donations, profits or in any manner whatsoever to the present or future members of the Society or any person claiming through any one or more of the present or future members. No members of the Society shall have any personal claim on any immovable properties of this Society or make any profit whatsoever by virtue of the membership.

7. THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

The Governing Council shall be constituted in accordance with the rules of the Society.

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BAMBOO SOCIETY OF INDIA

Rules and Regulations - 2024

1. NAME OF THE SOCIETY

The Society shall be known as the "Bamboo Society of India".

2. AIMS AND OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY

The aims and objects of the Society are set out in the Memorandum of Association.

3. DEFINITIONS

In these Rules:

- 3.1. "Society" means Bamboo Society of India
- **3.2.** "Act or Rules" means the Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960 and Rules thereunder.
- **3.3.** "Governing Council" means the body constituted under Rule 10 and to which the management and affairs of the Society are entrusted.
- **3.4.** "State Chapter" means a branch of the Society located in any State of India.
- **3.5.** "State" means Karnataka and Indian States and includes Union Territories.
- **3.6.** Zonal Chapter" means the branch of the SOCIETY comprising one or more smaller and adjoining state(s) and/or Union Territories in any part of India.

4. NAME OF THE BYELAWS

These rules and regulations shall be known as "Bylaws of the Bamboo Society of India" and shall apply to State Chapters also.

5. MEMBERSHIP

5.1. Members of the General Body of the Society: The General Body of the Society shall consist of Founder Members, Corporate Members, Institutional Members, Life Members and Individual Members. The right of admission for any category of membership is reserved to the Executive Committee of the Society.

5.1.1. Founder Members: The Founder Members are those who initially subscribed to the objects of the Society and signed the Memorandum of the Association.

5.1.2. Corporate Members: Any company whether private or public or any corporation, financial institution, or bank interested in the objects of the Society can be admitted on such conditions including subscription, donation, grant and endowment as specified by the Governing Council.

5.1.3. Institutional Members: The Governing Council may admit any Department of any Government in the Indian Union or any other Country, University, Institute, Society or Organization interested in the objects of the Society on such payment as it may decide.

5.1.4. Life Members: Any individual who has a demonstrable long-term commitment and interest in the development of the bamboo sector may be admitted as a Life Member on payment of such fee as may be determined by the Governing Council from time to time.

5.1.5. Individual Members: Any individual including farmers and traditional bamboo artisans who subscribe to the objects of the Society and would like to avail of the services of the Society may be admitted on payment of such annual subscription as may be prescribed by the Governing Council. Individual membership shall expire unless it is renewed annually at the time of the Annual General Meeting by paying the subscription of a like amount. A person whose membership expired may be readmitted as a new member at any time.

5.2. Associate Members: Associate members are not members of the General Body. They are members for specific reasons and purposes. They shall be entitled to the rights and privileges mentioned under the respective categories. They shall not be entitled to attend the General Body or vote in any meeting.

5.2.1. Honorary Members: Any eminent person known for his distinguished lifetime accomplishments, whose admission will enhance the stature of the Society, may be invited by the Governing Council and admitted as an Honorary member in a personal capacity. The honorary membership shall be valid for 5 years. They are exempted from paying membership fees. The number of Honorary

Members shall not exceed 5% of the total membership of the General Body of the Society. Honorary Members will be entitled by invitation to participate in any meeting of the Society including the General Meeting.

5.2.2. Patron Members: Any organization or individual who sponsors and financially supports a development project of the Society will automatically become a patron member during the project period. He/she/they shall be entitled to participate in the Governing Council or Management Committee meeting as the case may be and express their views on the project and the implementation process. They shall be entitled to seek any information about the project as per the terms and conditions of the project agreement.

5.2.3. Student Members: Any student pursuing studies at an academic or a research institution who is inquisitive to acquire knowledge about the potential of bamboo and its current and future uses may enrol as a student member on payment of a subscription as may be prescribed. Student members shall be entitled to participate in the educational lectures organized by the Society exclusively for them.

5.3. Procedure for Admission and Membership Fee

5.3.1. Membership Fees: The Governing Council will determine the membership fee for different categories of members of the General Body of the Society from time to time. The details shall be posted on the Society website.

5.3.2. Procedure for Admission: Interested organisations and individuals should apply in person or online. The applications shall be scrutinized by the Executive Director and placed before the Executive Committee. If approved the applicant will pay the membership fee.

5.3.3. Issue of Membership Card: Every member admitted shall be given an ID card bearing his membership number.

5.4. Obligations and Privileges of Members

5.4.1. Obligations: Every member of the Society shall be obliged to contribute to the development of the bamboo sector and report his/her/their accomplishments to the Society two weeks before the Annual General Meeting.

5.4.2. Rights of Members: All categories of members are entitled to participate in the Society programs, activities, seminars, workshops, conferences, exhibitions etc., and seek information, advice and guidance free of cost.

5.4.3. Privileges of Members: Only members belonging to the 5 (1) category shall be entitled to participate in the Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings and vote on the agenda items. They can avail of paid or free services of the Society including field visits of the experts.

6. TERMINATION, CESSATION AND READMISSION OF MEMBERS

6.1. Maintaining a Register of Members: The Society will maintain a register for each category of members and their contact details, and keep it updated at the time of the Annual General Meeting.

6.2. Cessation, Termination and Readmission of Membership

6.2.1. Cessation: If a member dies, his/her/their membership of the Society will cease.

6.2.2. Resignation: A member may resign from the Society membership by submitting a letter to the Secretary directly or through the State Chapter giving reasons at any time. His/her name will be removed from the list of members.

6.2.3. Termination: The Governing Council may, after issuing a notice and hearing the member, terminate the membership of any member who fails to pay the subscription prescribed or fails to comply with any condition laid down or for any cause like insolvency, moral turpitude, non-compliance with any directions issued, abusing the name of the Society for his/her/their private dealings, found engaged in activities that cause loss to the public or bring a bad name to the Society, involved in making any unsubstantiated allegations against any office bearer of the Society or the State Chapters, or is perpetual critic or litigant, or convicted in a criminal case or for any other sufficient reason.

6.2.4. No Refund of Membership Fee: The membership fee once paid is not refundable under any circumstances.

6.2.5. Readmission: Anyone who ceases to be a member may be readmitted on fulfilment of such conditions as the Governing Council may stipulate.

7. GOVERNING COUNCIL

The affairs of the Society shall be managed by the Governing Council as per the Objects of the Society.

7.1. Number and Composition of Governing Council

7.1.1. Number: The total membership of the Governing Council shall not be less than 7 and not more than 21.

7.1.2. The composition

(a) Elected Members: There shall be 7 elected members from Karnataka State as required under the Karnataka Societies Registration Act 1960. One of them should be a bamboo farmer, one should be a traditional bamboo artisan and one should be a bamboo business entrepreneur. If there are no such candidates, any other alternative may be accepted.

(b) Ex-officio Members: Directors of the State Chapters shall be ex-officio members of the Governing Council. There shall be five of them, each one representing one state. If there are more State Chapters, the membership shall be rotated alphabetically within each region in India (East, West, North, South and Central Regions).

(c) Nominated Members: The Governing Council shall nominate 3 eminent persons who have made exceptional contributions to the bamboo sector in India. Nomination will be made by the Governing Council on the advice of a Search Committee. The Nominees can be from any part of India. They should become members of the Society at the time of joining the Governing Council.

7.2. Manner of Election/Selection

7.2.1. Elections shall be held under the supervision of an Independent Election Officer nominated by the Governing Council. He will notify the final results.

7.2.2. Seven Governing Council Members Shall be elected by the General Body Members from Karnataka State. The members from other states where the State Chapters are not yet constituted shall also be permitted to participate in this election.

7.2.3. Members of the General Body from other State Chapters will elect their State Managing Committee Members in their Annual General Meeting. The elected members in turn will elect a director. He/she shall be the Ex-officio member of the Governing Council by rotation.

7.2.4. The Nominated Members shall be appointed by the Chairman on the advice of the Governing Council within three months after the new Governing Council takes office and after inviting applications.

7.3. Tenure of the Governing Council: Members of the Governing Council hold office for four years from the date

of election or nomination and will continue in office till the next election is held on the expiry of the term or a fresh nomination is made. Any member can get elected for a maximum of three terms. Nominated members can have a maximum of two terms.

7.4. Filling up of Vacancies: Vacancies left unfilled in the election or caused by resignation, removal or death of an elected Governing Council Member shall be filled by the candidate who polled the next highest number of votes in the last elections. If s/he is not interested, the next below candidate shall be selected and so on. If there are no such candidates, the Governing Council may nominate a suitable person for the remaining period of the tenure. A fresh nomination shall be made if a nominated membership falls vacant.

7.5. Powers and Functions of the Governing Council

7.5.1. Overall Management of the Society: The Governing Council shall have all the powers for the effective management of the Society, its members, employees, and assets including the goodwill. The Governing Council may delegate any or all powers to any of its office bearers, members or employees from time to time.

7.5.2. Power to Elect or Nominate Office Bearers: The Governing Council shall have the power to elect the office bearers of the Society and shall have the power to nominate Managing Committee Members to the State

Chapter if no one files nomination papers at the time of election.

7.5.3. Framing Rules and Regulations: The Governing Council shall have powers to make new policies, rules, regulations, guidelines etc., amend or repeal the previous ones and issue any directions.

7.5.4. Financial Powers: The Governing Council shall have all financial powers of the Society, control over its assets and may by itself or delegation of such powers to any of its office bearers or members, collect, invest or spend all the monies of the Society, acquire by purchase, gift or otherwise, maintain, transfer, lease, rent, dispose of or write off any mobile or immovable assets of the Society. Add: Accounts of the Society shall be placed before every Governing Council Meeting and the income and expenditure since the last meeting should be passed without fail.

7.5.5. Constituting Committees: The Governing Council may constitute Committees, Sub-committees, and advisory bodies for such purposes and such periods as are necessary from time to time for any objects, purposes or functions of the Society and delegate such powers as are deemed necessary to any member of such committees or bodies so constituted. Add: The designation of the head of such Committee shall be 'Convener'. Others shall be called as members.

7.5.6. Entering into Contracts: All contract agreements/MoUs etc., of the Society even if it is of State

or Zonal Chapter shall be first approved by the Governing Council and then signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Society. If necessary, the draft agreement should be vetted by a legal counsel. A copy of the signed agreement will be communicated to the State Chapter for their information and implementation. Progress of the work shall be monitored by the Executive Committee and reported to the Governing Council from time to time.

7.6. Cessation of Governing Council Membership: If any member of the Governing Council dies or resigns his membership will end. Further, if he absents himself for three consecutive Governing Council Meetings without obtaining prior permission for leave of absence from the Chairman, he shall stand automatically disqualified for the remaining period of the tenure.

8. OFFICE BEARERS OF THE SOCIETY

Members of the Governing Council shall elect among themselves the following office bearers for 4 years by consensus or a majority vote:

8.1. Chairman

8.1.1. Election: The elected members of the Governing Council shall elect one of the members as a Chairman for the Society.

8.1.2. In Case of Resignation: If the Chairman either resigns or is incapacitated for any reason within the prescribed term of office, the Governing Council shall elect a new Chairman in his place for the balance period of the

term. Until then, the Vice-Chairman shall officiate as the Chairman.

8.1.3. Presiding Over Meetings: The Chairman when present, will preside over the meetings of the Governing Council. He shall see that the affairs of the Society are run efficiently to meet the objects of the Society and as per the Memorandum of Association, Rules, Regulations and Bylaws of the Society.

8.1.4. Deciding on Urgent Matters: The Chairman, on the advice of the Executive Committee, may take important decisions of an urgent nature between two meetings of the Governing Council and place such decisions before the next meeting of the Governing Council for consideration.

8.1.5. Taking Count of Votes: The Chairman shall have the absolute authority to count and judge the validity of votes in any meeting of the Governing Council.

8.1.6. Right to a Deciding Vote: The Chairman shall have a deciding vote during the meeting of the Governing Council in addition to his regular vote.

8.1.7. Delegation of Powers: The Chairman may in writing, delegate his power to the Executive Director or any other office bearers of the Governing Council at any time or withdraw the same.

8.1.8. Inviting Outsiders to the Governing Council Meetings: The Chairman may invite any person other than

a member of the Governing Council to attend the meeting. Such invitees or invitees shall not be entitled to vote.

8.2. Vice-Chairman

8.2.1. The Vice-Chairman shall be a technically qualified person. He shall assist the Chairman on technical matters. If no such person is available, any other suitable person may be elected/selected.

8.2.2. He shall take the place of the Chairman and preside over the meetings whenever the Chairman is absent or unable to discharge his/her duties.

8.3. Executive Director

8.3.1. Appointment: The Governing Council members shall appoint an Executive Director from among themselves.

8.3.2. Qualifications: The Executive Director should be a person with the necessary administrative experience to manage the day-to-day activities of the Society and oversee the functioning of the State Chapters, employees, contractors and associates if any of the Society.

8.3.3. Duties and Responsibilities

(a) The Executive Director shall be responsible for the preparation of operational and action plans and programmes of the Society and shall work for coordination and implementation of such plans and programmes. He shall supervise and run the day-to-day management of the Society.

- (b) He should coordinate the activities of all committees, sub-committees and State Chapters of the Society.
- (c) He should attend to the correspondence with the Society members.
- (d) He shall also perform such other duties as assigned/entrusted to him/her by the Chairman or the Governing Council and keep the Executive Committee/Governing Council updated.
- (e) The Executive Director shall assign duties to all functionaries of the Society and shall exercise supervisory and disciplinary control over them.
- (f) The Executive Director shall exercise his powers under the direction and control of the Chairman.
- (g) The Executive Director shall report to the Chairman on day to day working of the Society and to the Governing Council on matters of policy of the Society.

8.4. Secretary

8.4.1. Appointment: The Governing Council members shall appoint a Secretary from among themselves.

8.4.2. Duties and Responsibilities

(a) The Secretary shall record and keep the minutes of all meetings of the Governing Council and the General Body, a copy of the byelaws, membership register, all other registers, books, files, documents and other papers of the Society. He shall be the custodian of all such records and shall keep them updated and maintain them as per the Act and Rules.

- (b) He shall be responsible for initiating follow-up action on all the decisions taken by the General Body, the Governing Council and State Chapters.
- (c) Together with the Treasurer, he shall manage the bank accounts of the Society. He shall be the joint signatory/operator of all bank accounts.
- (d) They shall together publish the monthly income and expenditure of the Society and place a copy before the Governing Council.
- (e) He shall be responsible for handling all official correspondence as laid down in the Memorandum, Rules and Regulations of the Society. This includes sending out notices of meetings, preparing agenda notes, circulating them to the permanent members, issuing any other communications to the members of the Society and responding to their inquiries.
- (f) He shall send the notices of all meetings, draft the proceedings of such meetings, attend to the follow-up action, compile annual reports, get the annual accounts audited and after they are approved by the General Body, file the statutory returns with the Registrar of Societies and other public authorities if any through the Chairman.
- (g) Create and maintain the Society website and keep it up to date.

- (h) In consultation with the Executive Director, conduct webinars and podcasts, publish a quarterly communication to all members on the website consisting progress report for the quarter, follow-up actions taken on the proceedings of the Governing Council and the General Body, announcements, notifications, articles contributed by members on bamboo, new developments in the bamboo sector, and any other useful subject to the members of the Society and the general public.
- (i) Carry out any other work entrusted to him and ensure the smooth and efficient working of the Society.

8.5. Treasurer

8.5.1. Appointment: The Governing Council shall appoint a Treasurer from among themselves.

8.5.2. Duties and Responsibilities

- (a) The Treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the Society such as revenue & expenditure, keeping the chequebook, maintaining the books of accounts, rendering monthly accounts to the Executive Director, annual auditing of accounts of the Society as a whole and reporting the financials in the General Body Meeting.
- (b) He shall operate the bank accounts of the Society jointly with the Secretary.

- (c) He shall also guide the State Chapters in maintaining their accounts correctly and properly, scrutinize their monthly accounts and place his opinion before the Governing Council at its regular meetings.
- (d) The Chairman or the Executive Director may delegate such financial powers as deemed fit from time to time for the passing of the bills, payments to be made on behalf of the Society etc.
- **8.6. Removal of Office Bearers:** Any of the above office bearers of the Society may be issued a notice based on a resolution, heard in person and removed by a vote of 2/3 of all the Governing Council Members for any misdemeanour or conduct unbecoming of an office bearer of the Society. The vacancy shall be filled by choosing another candidate from among the Governing Council Members by consensus or majority vote for the remaining period of the tenure.

9. COMMITTEES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

9.1. Executive Committee: There shall be an Executive Committee of the Governing Council comprising the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Executive Director, Secretary and Treasurer of the Society. The Executive Committee shall meet as often as necessary to conduct the urgent affairs of the Society smoothly and report the action taken at the next immediate Governing Council meeting and get it ratified.

9.2. Officers and Employees of the Society

9.2.1. Technical Officer(s): If and when the Governing Council thinks fit and necessary, full-time Technical Officer(s) /Field Officer (s) may be appointed on such terms and conditions as they deem fit. All appointments shall be based on contracts. There shall be no permanent appointments.

9.2.2. Other Officers and Employees: The Society may appoint officers and employees as may be required for its efficient functioning of the Society on such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Governing Council from time to time and approved in the next Annual General Meeting. All appointments shall be based on contracts. There shall be no permanent appointments.

10. FINANCIAL POWERS

10.1. Raising Funds: The Governing Council may raise funds by donations in cash kind, subscriptions, grants of money, securities, or property of any kind and undertake and accept the management of any endowment, trust fund or donation not inconsistent with the objects of the Society. In addition, the Society may seek CSR funds, Govt grants or subventions, project funds from any donor, retain any profits earned from any business activity, levy service charges on the services rendered or qoods supplied, retain savings from organizing workshops, exhibitions, publishing seminars, advertisements of members, product catalogues etc., on the website or in the souvenirs, journals, magazines, news bulletins etc., accept voluntary contributions by members and by any other means not inconsistent with the objectives of the Society.

- **10.2. Investing Surplus Funds:** The Governing Council may invest funds of the Society not immediately required in deposit, in advance or in securities authorized under various laws in force from time to time for furtherance of the objects of the Society.
- 10.3. Funding Society Activities: The Governing Council may provide grants, subsidies and finances, directly or indirectly to individuals, institutions and agencies needing such assistance for such programmes as are related to the objects of the Society.
- 10.4. Raising Loans: The Governing Council may, from time to time, at their discretion for the furtherance of the objects of the Society, raise loans or borrow money and for the purpose may authorize the Chairman/Executive Director to borrow money at such rate of interest and in such form and manner and upon such security as shall be specified in resolution and thereupon the Chairman/Executive Director shall at their discretion, make all such dispositions of the properties, movable and immovable, belonging to the Society and enter into such agreements, assurance, deeds and things in relation thereto, as the Chairman/Executive Director may deem proper for giving security for such loans and interests.
- **10.5. Vesting of Financial Powers:** Unless delegated by the General Body, all financial powers shall vest in the Governing Council and not in any office bearer.

11. MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

The Governing Council shall meet as often as necessary but at least once a quarter to transact the official business. It shall be convened by the Secretary on the advice of the Chairman. A seven-day' notice shall be required for convening the meeting. Members who can't attend the meeting in person shall be permitted to attend online. In case of any urgency, the notice period may be waived. The agenda shall invariably include the following common items in addition to specific agenda items:

- 1. Review and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting.
- 2. Review the action taken on the minutes of the previous meetings.
- 3. Review of income and expenditure since the last meeting.
- 4. Review the performance of state chapters.
- 5. Review the progress of any projects.
- 6. Any other items the members want to place before the meeting.

12. QUORUM

50% of the members of the Governing Council members including the Chairman and other office bearers shall constitute the quorum for the Governing Council meetings.

13. VOTING

13.1. Equal Rights to Vote: All members present shall have equal power to vote on any subject for any decision and the Chairman shall have a casting vote in case of a tie.

13.2. Recording Online Voting: Necessary recording arrangements shall be made to document the attendance of the members attending online. The record shall be maintained till the minutes are confirmed in the next Governing Council meeting.

14. BUSINESS BY CIRCULATION

Any emergent business of the Society can be transacted through a circular resolution approved by a simple majority of members of the Governing Council. Such circular resolutions shall be placed before the ensuing meeting of the Governing Council for ratification.

15. GENERAL BODY MEETING

The General Body of the Society shall consist of all its members listed under rule 5 (A). Only one member can participate from among the corporate and institutional members. Members who have any dues to the Society shall not be permitted to attend the General Body Meetings. Every member attending the General Body will have the right to vote. The General Body Meetings of the Society shall be held in Bengaluru before the end of September every year. Members from outside Bengaluru and those from other states may attend online. Attendance of such members shall be recorded suitably and retained until one month after the proceedings are circulated and after resolving any objections or comments.

15.1. Frequency: The General Body shall meet once a year in Bengaluru physically and also online (hybrid mode) to transact the following business:

- 1. The passing of annual accounts.
- 2. Consideration of audit report.
- 3. Approve the annual action plan of the Society including those of the State Chapters.
- 4. Holding elections to the Governing Council or any vacancy therein whenever due.
- **15.2.** Advance Notice Period: A notice of 21 days shall be necessary for the holding of a General Body Meeting and a minimum of 7 days for an adjourned meeting.
 - **15.3. Quorum:** At least one-fifth of the total members subject to a minimum of 30 members shall be the quorum for the General or Special meetings but no such quorum is prescribed for an adjourned meeting.
 - **15.4.** Guiding the Governing Council: The General Body shall review the working of the Society in general to accomplish the aims and objectives of the Society and suggest measures to be taken. The Governing Council shall take further action accordingly.
 - **15.5. Prior Circulation of Agenda Notes:** The annual reports, annual accounts and audit reports shall be circulated to all the members at least one week in advance for their reading and understanding.
 - **15.6. Taking up Any Other Subjects for Discussion:** If any member intends to discuss any issue in the Annual General Body, he/she shall give notice to that effect not less than 7 (seven) days in advance with details to the

Secretary of the Society or its State Chapters as the case may be. Chairman/State Chapter Director may include or exclude the subject by giving sufficient reasons for the action, which shall be final.

15.7. Special General Meetings: Special General Meetings of all eligible members of the Society may be convened by the Governing Council with one week's advance notice on a specific and urgent matter at any time and further action may be taken as per the resolutions arrived at. No other business other than the business stated in the meeting notice shall be transacted at such meetings.

16. ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT

- **16.1. Maintaining Proper Books of Accounts:** The Society shall maintain proper accounts and other relevant records and prepare an annual statement of accounts in such forms as may be prescribed by the Governing Council.
- **16.2. Annual Audit:** The Accounts of the Society shall be audited annually by a firm of Chartered Accountants to be appointed by the Governing Council. Any expenditure incurred in connection with the audit of accounts of the Society shall be payable by the Society.
- **16.3.** Approval of the General Body: The audited statement of accounts together with the audited report will be placed before the Governing Council for consideration

and approval and thereafter the same shall be put before the General Body.

17. ANNUAL RETURNS TO BE FILED

A list of permanent members of the Society as per rule 5 (A) and a copy of the proceedings of the Annual General Meeting shall be submitted to the Registrar of Societies as required under Section 13 of the Act.

18. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

- 18.1. The Society may Sue or be Sued: The Society may sue or be sued in the name of the Chairman/Executive Director and not in the name of another person, member or office bearer. Acts done in good faith by any office bearer, member or official shall absolve him from any legal liability in his personal capacity.
- **18.2. Jurisdiction:** Legal litigations if any against the Society shall be subject to the jurisdiction of courts in the city of Bengaluru.

19. AMENDMENTS TO BYELAWS

Any amendment to any objects or byelaws shall be made by the Governing Council from time to time and shall be placed for consideration before the Special General Meeting for ratification.

20. SAVING OF THE ACTION TAKEN

No act or proceedings of the Society or its Governing Council shall become or be deemed to be invalid by any vacancy or any

defect in the constitution of the Society, its Governing Council or any Committee or Sub-Committee of the Society.

21. AFFILIATION

The Society may get affiliated with any other national or international organization having similar objectives. International affiliation shall be subject to the relevant national laws. Similarly, it may grant affiliation to other societies and organisations having similar objectives on such terms and conditions as the Governing Council may decide.

22. STATE CHAPTERS OF THE SOCIETY

22.1. Constitution

22.1.1. Constitution: The Governing Council may create or permit the formation of State Chapters, one for each State or Union Territory in India. Zonal Chapters may be permitted for a group of smaller and adjoining states (like in North-East India) and/or union territories. Members of the Society from that State or Zone shall be governed by the State or Zonal Chapter. Activities and affairs of the State Chapter shall be governed by the rules and regulations herein and any further guidelines that may be framed by the Governing Council. The State Chapter Guidelines shall apply mutatis mutandis to the Zonal Chapter also.

22.1.2. Minimal Requirements: A State Chapter may be formed if:

- (a) There are 7 or more members from a State who are already registered with the Society headquarters.
- (b) There are no pre-registered members of the Society but at least 7 members are ready to join the Society and act as the promoters of the Society State Chapter.
- (c) A defunct or dissolved State Chapter may be reconstituted and revived at any time.

22.1.3. Application to be Submitted: Either the Society on its own initiative or upon an application by the members from a State, the State Chapter constitution may be initiated. A formal application along with the biodata of the members proposed to be included in the Managing Committee of the Society State Chapter shall be submitted to the Chairman of the Society online.

22.1.4. Approval from the Governing Council: The Chairman of the Society will do necessary due diligence, place the request in the Governing Council meeting and if approved may, through a notification, accord approval for the constitutions of the Society State Chapter and appoint the members of the Managing Committee. A new Managing Committee shall be elected at the next Annual General Meeting of the State Chapter.

22.1.5. Membership: All the Society members residing permanently in that State shall automatically become members of the respective State Chapters. The State Chapters should induct more and more new members into the Society. Admission of new members should be

recommended by the State Chapter to the Executive Committee and if approved the membership fee shall be remitted to the Society's main account.

22.1.6. Activities: The State Chapters shall have the same aims, objects and functions as the Society. The byelaws of the Society shall apply mutatis mutandis to the State Chapters.

22.1.7. Record maintenance: The State Chapters shall maintain their records and accounts as if independent organizations.

22.2. State Chapters shall be extensions of the Society

The affairs of the State Chapters shall be conducted as prescribed by the Governing Council and such state Chapters shall function as extended organs of the Society. They shall report to the Governing Council from time to time as prescribed on matters of their functioning, finances, projects, publications and all administrative matters. All such State Chapters shall have the same aims and objects as contained in the Memorandum of Association.

22.3. Office Bearers of the State Chapters

22.3.1. No of Members and Their Nomenclature: The affairs of the State Chapters shall be conducted by a Managing Committee consisting of 7 nominated or elected members of the State Chapter. They will, from among themselves, elect a Director, Associate Director,

Secretary and Treasurer. The remaining three shall be called Members of the State Managing Committee.

22.3.2. Method of Appointment: The Managing Committee Members will be nominated by the Governing Council at the time of constituting a new chapter or reviving a defunct State Chapter. Thereafter they will be elected by the members of that State at the time of their Annual General Meeting. An Election Officer appointed by the Chairman of the Society will conduct the elections to the State Chapter and publish the results.

22.3.3. Tenure: The tenure of the Managing Committee shall be two years. A member can be re-elected once. However, if there are no contenders, the Governing Council may permit the existing members to continue for one more term.

22.3.4. Extension: The Managing Committee Members will continue in office till the next election is held and new officer bearers take charge.

22.3.5. Director: The Director shall be the Head and the Chief Executive Officer of the State Chapter. He/ She will also be an ex-officio member of the Governing Council as per these rules. He/she will report to the Chairman. He/she is responsible for enrolling new members to the Society State Chapter and managing the affairs of the Chapter as per the rules and regulations.

22.3.6. Associate Director: The Associate Director shall be a technically qualified person and shall assist the Director on technical matters.

22.3.7. Secretary: The Secretary shall manage the day-to-day affairs and maintain records.

22.3.8. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial matters.

22.3.9. Removal of Office Bearers: All or any one of the members of the Managing Committee may be removed by the Governing Council and suitably substituted for the remaining tenure if he/she/they:

(a) Is/are ineffective.

(b) Found to be corrupt.

(c) Have a conflict of interest.

(d) Indulge in nepotism, create groups or commit any misconduct that affects the image of BIS.

(e) Unduly critical of the Society, its members or the office bearers.

(f) Fail to maintain financial discipline.

(g) Disregard the directions issued by the Chairman.

(h) Conducting in a manner unbecoming of a member of the Society.

(i) For any other valid reason.

Before taking any such action, the member(s)/team shall be issued a notice and duly heard by the Governing Council. If the entire Committee is removed, the Nodal Officer and two advisers appointed by the Chairman from outside the state will manage the affairs till a new Managing Committee is installed.

22.3.10. Filling up Vacancies: If any vacancies arise in the Managing Committee, the same shall be filled by the Governing Council on the advice of the Managing Committee of the State Chapter. It shall be valid till the next Annual General Meeting of the State Chapter when the nominated member's name may be ratified or a new member may be elected. If the entire Managing Committee has been removed, fresh elections shall be conducted within three months and a new Managing Committee shall be installed.

22.3.11. Meetings of the Managing Committee: The Managing Committee shall ordinarily meet once a month. There shall be at least one meeting in every quarter. Business shall be conducted as per the byelaws of the Society and the proceedings shall be communicated to the Chairman of the Society within 7 days. Any comments by him shall be duly taken note of.

22.3.12. Chairman may Issue Directions: Any directions issued by the Chairman on the proceedings shall be binding on the State Chapter. The Director of the State Chapter will be responsible for complying with them.

22.4. Pursuits of the State Chapters

22.4.1. Society Objects to be Common: The State/Zonal Chapters are authorized to undertake activities in alignment with the Society's objectives. They should expand the membership of the Society within the State to the extent possible, maintain a register of their membership and keep it updated.

22.4.2. Annual Action Plan: The State chapters shall prepare an annual action plan, get it approved by the Governing Council, implement it and report the progress periodically to the Chairman.

22.4.3. Changes to the Approved Action Plan: Any deviations from the approved action plan or any new activities not included in the action plan require prior approval from the Governing Council.

22.4.4. Delegation of Powers: The Governing Council will delegate necessary powers to the State Chapter to manage their affairs.

22.5. Governing Council to Regulate the State Chapters

22.5.1. Power to Issue Directions to State Chapters: The Governing Council shall regulate the State Chapters through the Chairman. Any directions issued to the State Chapters by the Chairman are deemed to have been issued with the approval of the Governing Council. Such directions shall be binding and shall be duly complied with.

22.5.2. Appointment of Nodal Officers: For guiding and supervising the State Chapters, the Chairman may

appoint a member of the Governing Council as the Nodal Officer for one or more State Chapters. The Nodal Officer shall participate in all the meetings of the State Chapter and keep the Chairman informed of the outcome from time to time.

22.5.3. Access to the State Chapter Documents and Information: The Chairman and the nodal officer concerned shall have free access to all the information and documents of the State Chapters including the bank accounts.

22.5.4. The Entire Society to Work as a Single Entity: The entire Society including the State Chapter shall conduct their affairs with any external agency or third party as one organization. To ensure this, any project, technical collaboration, contract, bank account or any other document shall be executed by the Chairman on behalf of all the State Chapters. However, the execution work shall be entrusted to the State Chapter once the document is signed and the funds are received.

22.6. Finances of the State Chapters

22.6.1. Source of Funds: Each Chapter shall generate its funds in the manner listed in rule 10 above and not depend upon the headquarters for funds.

22.6.2. Bar on Direct Acceptance of Money or Assets: The State Chapters shall not be entitled to accept any funds or assets directly into their account. All revenue and assets must be first taken to the credit of the

Society's main account and then passed on to the State Chapters.

22.6.3. Share in Membership Fee: State Chapters are entitled to get 60% of membership fees from the members enrolled by them.

22.6.4. Share of Project Funds: In case of any projects being implemented in the state, the State Chapters shall be entitled to get 100% of the actual implementation cost and 60% of institutional service charges.

22.6.5. Cost Norms for Works: Subject to the cost norms fixed by the Governing Council, the State Management Committee shall have the authority to sanction the budget estimates and incur the expenditure. Individual office bearers shall not have any financial powers.

22.6.6. Ban on Borrowing: No loans or advances shall be raised by the State Chapters.

22.7. Accounts and Audit of the State Chapters

22.7.1. Opening of Bank Account: Each State Chapter will be provided with a dedicated sub-account in the same bank as the Society's main bank account in Bengaluru. A multicity chequebook facility will be provided to the State Chapter. All expenses must be incurred from this account only from the funds released by the Head Office.

22.7.2. Release of Funds: All revenues, income and project funds should be first credited to the Society's main account. Membership share will be released to the State Chapters monthly. Funds for other activities for the forthcoming month will be released based on online indents within 7 days of receiving the indent.

22.7.3. Incurring Expenditure: All financial transactions must be done online. Petty office expenses may be incurred by drawing the amount prescribed by the Executive Director at a time rendering accounts to the Managing Committee and drawing the amount once again.

22.7.4. Maintaining Cash Book: Each State Chapter should maintain a detailed cash book for the revenue and expenditure accounts in the manner prescribed.

22.7.5. Approval of Expenditure in the Managing Committee: A monthly statement of income and expenditure must be placed before the Managing Committee for approval along with supporting documents like cost estimates, bills etc.

22.7.6. Submission of Monthly Accounts: A copy of the approved statement of monthly accounts and the supporting documents must be sent to the Executive Director before the 10th of the succeeding month. Without this, further fund releases shall not be done.

22.7.7. Scrutiny of Monthly Accounts by Treasurer at the Head Quarters: The State Chapter accounts will be

scrutinised by the Treasurer in the Society headquarters and placed before the Governing Council with his observations. Any objections raised or observations pointed out by the Governing Council shall be complied with by the State Chapter Managing Committee.

22.7.8. Audit of State Chapter Accounts: The Chapter's annual accounts will be subject to review by a Chartered Accountant appointed by the Governing Council. State Chapter Account along with all the supporting cost estimates, bills, vouchers etc., should be submitted to the Treasurer at the Society's headquarters before the end of July every year. The Director of the State Chapter shall be responsible for complying with all the audit queries and objections within 30 days of the communication being sent to him.

22.7.9. Placing the Accounts of the State Chapter in the Annual General Meeting: A copy of the audited statement of accounts will be provided by the Secretary at the Society headquarters to the Director of the State Chapter for placing in their Annual General Meeting and adopting the same.

22.7.10. Action Against Financial Irregularities: Any financial irregularities or misuse by the State Managing Committee may be reported to the Chairman by any members from that state at any time. The Chairman shall get it inquired into, place it in the Governing Council and initiate such action as may be decided upon.

22.8. Other Matters of the State Chapters

22.8.1. Logo: State Chapters should use the same Society logo on their letterheads and other documents. They should mention the name of the State Chapter inside the logo at the bottom. Unauthorised logos, symbols or designations shall not be used by the State Chapters.

22.8.2. Email IDs: The State Chapters shall use the official email IDs for official correspondence and not their private email IDs.

22.8.3. Website: Each State Chapter will be given a separate space on the Society's website for posting information related to their activities and information in the state language. The user ID and password will be provided to the Director. He shall keep the chapter information updated.

22.8.4. Singing of Contracts: All MoUs/contract agreements with any third party including Govt agencies shall be signed by the Chairman of the Society only. The State Chapter will implement it on his behalf.

22.8.5. Participate in the Activities of Head Quarters: The State Chapter shall actively participate in all the activities and programs initiated by the Head Office.

22.8.6. Compliance with the Guidelines and Directions Issued: State Chapters should strictly comply with the guidelines and directions issued by the Head Office from time to time. Non-compliance or violation will attract disciplinary action.

22.9. Discipline in the State Chapters

22.9.1. Disqualification: If any member of the Managing Committee is absent for three consecutive meetings without obtaining prior permission from the Director; attends less than 50% of the meetings and irregularly; or does not contribute to the work of the Managing Committee, the Director may, with prior approval from the Chairman, replace him/her with a suitable member recommended by the State Managing Committee for the remaining part of the tenure.

22.9.2. Complaints Against Managing Committee Members: Any complaints against specific members of the Managing Committee signed by at least three members from the state will be duly inquired into by the Governing Council and necessary follow-up action will be taken.

22.9.3. Action Against the Managing Committee: The Governing Council may, for reasons to be stated in writing, and after giving an opportunity of being heard, suspend or remove or dissolve the Managing Committee of a Chapter, in part or full. An Administrator may be appointed to manage the affairs of the State Chapter temporarily. After necessary inquiry and if it is deemed necessary, the Governing Council may revive or reinstate the suspended Management Committee members in part or in full. Vacancies if any may be filled by Governing Council by nominating suitable members from the State Chapter for the remaining part of the tenure. Every effort

shall be made to complete the inquiry as quickly as possible and restore the State Chapter.

23. DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY

- 23.1. Approval by the General Body: Subject to the consent of the members of the General Body any number not less than three-fifths of the Members of the Society may determine that the Society shall be dissolved forthwith or at a time agreed upon and all necessary steps shall be taken for the disposal and settlement of the property of the Society, its claims and liabilities, according to its Rules or as the Governing Council shall find expedient, provided that in the event of any dispute arising among the Members of the said Governing Council or the Members of the Society, adjustment of its affairs shall be referred to the Principal Court or original jurisdiction at Bangalore and the Court shall make such order in the matter as it shall deem requisite, provided the Society shall not be dissolved unless three-fifths of the members. shall have expressed a wish for such dissolution through their votes delivered in person. Or by proxy at a General Meeting convened for the purpose.
- 23.2. Disposal of the Leftover Property: If on winding up or dissolution of the Society there any property whatsoever remains after the meeting the debts and liabilities, the same shall not be distributed among the members of the Society but shall be handed over to any other Society or Societies having similar aims and objects as may be determined by the Members of the Society.

24. THE ACT TO APPLY

All the provisions of the Karnataka Societies Registration Act 1960 and the rules made there under (1961) from time to time will apply to the Society.

25. FINANCIAL YEAR

The Financial Year of the Society shall be the financial year of any Government Organization/Institution i.e., 1st April to 31st March of next year.

26. WORKING DAYS AND HOURS

The Society shall work on all the Government working days from morning 10 AM to evening 5.00 PM with a lunch break of 1 hour between 1.30 PM to 2.30 PM.

27. DISCLOSING CONFLICT OF INTEREST BY ELECTED MEMBERS

- **27.1.** Disclosing the Existing Bamboo-Related Business: If any member of the Governing Council or the Managing Committee of any state chapter is engaged in bamboo-related business before his joining such body, he should disclose it in writing in the election nomination form itself. If he is a nominated candidate, he should disclose the same to the Governing Council or the State Managing Committee as the case may be within a week after the nomination.
- 27.2. Permission to Start a New Bamboo-Related Business: If a member of the Governing Council or State Managing Committee intends to start any bamboo-related

business after joining the Council/Committee, he must disclose the details and obtain permission from the Governing Council.

- **27.3. Using the Goodwill of the Society:** Any member of the Society including the Governing Council and Managing Committee members may take the help of the Society and use its name with the previous approval of the Chairman. In all such cases, the prescribed annual goodwill amount shall be paid to the Society.
- **27.4.** Safeguarding the Reputation of the Society: Every member of the Society who is engaged in bamboorelated business should endeavour to keep up the reputation of the Society. They should never indulge in any activity that will put the Society in disrepute. Anyone found violating this principle will be removed from the membership of the Society forthwith after giving a notice.

28. MAINTAINING TRANSPARENCY

The Society shall maintain transparency in its working and financial dealings at all times. Members may seek any information on any activity and raise issues of common concern and they shall be duly replied.

29. TIME LIMIT FOR TRANSITION AFTER THE ELECTIONS

All outgoing members of the Governing Council, Managing Committees and any other committees shall duly hand over the records, tools, money etc., and the charge held within 30 days from the day of demitting the office.

30. INSTITUTION OF AWARDS AND REWARDS

The Society shall take necessary action to institute awards and rewards for any outstanding work done by its members and distribute them during the Annual General Body Meeting. Due publicity shall be given to such achievements.

31. INDEMNITY

All the members of the Governing Council, Managing Committees, other committees and sub-committees shall be indemnified against any personal liability for any bonafide action taken as per these rules believing them to be in the interest of the Society.

32. GENERAL REGULATIONS

- **32.1. Creation of Online Chat Groups:** The Society shall create online chat groups and blog posts, and make use of other online social media to promote free communications among the members. Whenever online chat groups are created for State Chapters, one member from the Governing Council shall be inducted into the group to update them on the developments at the headquarters and to brief the Governing Council about the ongoing discussions among the members. Updates shall be given to the Governing Council at its regular meetings.
- **32.2. Time Limit for Publishing the Meeting Proceedings:** Proceedings of all meetings shall be published within 10 working days. Proceedings of General Body meetings shall be published within 20 working days.

- **32.3.** Power to Remove Difficulties: If there is any conflict or differences between members within the Governing Council or the Managing Committee, between the Governing Council and the State Chapters or among the members of any other committee(s), a physical meeting shall be convened as soon as possible, and all issues should be discussed threadbare and resolved to the satisfaction of all the concerned.
- **32.4. Vesting of Residual Authority:** The Governing Council shall be competent to address and resolve or decide upon any subject or issue not mentioned in these rules subject to ratification in the next General Body Meeting.

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Memorandum of Association

(1989)

1. NAME:

The name of the Society is "BAMBOO SOCIETY OF INDIA" (hereinafter called the Society).

2. REGISTERED OFFICE:

The Registered office of the Society shall be situated in Bangalore City and the present address of the situation is No.23-24, Mezzanine Floor, Jayanagar Shopping Complex, Bangalore-560 011. INDIA.

3. REGISTRATION:

The activities of the Society shall extend to the whole of India wherever the development of Bamboo is to be carried out.

4. OBJECTS:

- (i) To undertake a scientific study of all types of bamboo on all kinds of lands and promote, encourage and assist the development of bamboo in all aspects including growing, research, education, marketing and trade of bamboo products.
- To seek and give assistance and cooperation on the research and development of bamboo with all educational and scientific Institutions.

- (iii) To encourage and sponsor research related to bamboo, its management, harvest, utilization and take up pilot projects based on the results of such research.
- (iv) To organize conferences, sponsor seminars, workshops, meetings, and group discussions on all subjects pertaining to the development of bamboo.
- (v) To acquire books, manuscripts, brochures, pamphlets, charts, journals newsletters, scientific papers, films, computers and such modern media for purposes of collection of data and dissemination of the same on all aspects of bamboo.
- (vi) To organize training and extension, programmes in planning, execution, harvesting, and utilization of bamboo and their products.
- (vii) To serve as consultants to various national and international organizations on bamboo development.
- (viii) To undertake the implementation of bamboo development projects on behalf of any Government, Company or Corporation, whether private or public.
- (ix) To encourage and assist individuals, associations, groups, agencies and Institutions, and affiliate with them in the promotion of the above objects.

- To do or causes to be done any activities that are conducive to the attainment of the main objectives of the Society
- (xi) To make appropriate recommendations to the Government and other authorities on the management of bamboo wherever found.

5. AUTHORITY TO CORRESPOND:

The Executive Director of the Society is authorized to correspond with the Registrar of Societies in Karnataka, Bangalore Mr. N. S. Adkoli shall be the Executive Director.

- 6. UTILISATION OF FUNDS: All the incomes, movable and immovable properties of the Society shall be solely utilized towards the promotion of its aims and objectives as set forth in the Memorandum of association and no profit thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, donations, profits or in any manner whatsoever to the present or future members of the Society or to any person claiming through any one or more of the present or future members. No members of the Society shall have any personal claim on any immovable properties of this Society or make any profit whatsoever by virtue of the membership. All communications with regard to the affairs of the Society shall be addressed to the Executive Director, Bamboo Society of India, 23-24, Mezzanine Floor, Jayanagar Shopping Complex, Bangalore-560011.
- **7. GOVERNING BODY**: The Governing Body shall be constituted in accordance with the rules of the Society. The

names, addresses, and occupations of the present members of the governing body to whom the management and affairs of the Society are entrusted as required under the Registration of Societies Act are:

| SI. No. | Name & Address | Occupation | Designation |
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| 1. | K. A Bhoja Shetty 952 J. P. Nagar, II Stage, Bngalore-560078 Tel - 642200 | Consultant Retd. Forest Officer | Chairman |
| 2. | A. Krishnaswamy No.74, B.H.C.S. Layout, Bannergatta Road, Banglore-560076 Tel-641298 | Author Retd. Forest Officer | Member |
| 3. | S.K. Varadraj 345, 1 st 'B' Block Jayanagar, Bangalore – 560011 Tel: 603786 | Retd. Forest Officer | Treasurer |
| 4. | H. Rajgopal Shetty 530 A, III Cross, 3 rd Main RT Nagar, Bangalore – 560032 Tel: 333666 | Consultant Retd. Forest Officer | Member |
| 5. | B.K.C. Rajan No. 76, Nandidurg Extension Bangalore – 560046 Tel: 33162 | Author, Forest consultant Retd. Forest Officer | Member |

| 6. | N.S. Adkoli 609, 1 Phase, J. P. Nagar, 15 th Cross, Bangalore – 560078 | Service | Executive Director |
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| 7. | Tel: 641534 S.G. Neginhal 643, 'Kalpavrisha', 9 th Main, 2nd Cross, 3 rd Stage, 3 rd Block, Basaveswara Nagar Bangalore – 560079 Tel: 355935 | Retd. Forest Officer & Consultant | Member |

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Rules And Regulations

(1989)

- NAME: The Society shall be known as the 'Bamboo Society of India'.
- **2. AIMS AND OBJECTS**: The aims and objects of the Society are set out in the Memorandum of Association.
- 3. DEFINITIONS: In these Rules
 - (a) "Society" means Bamboo Society of India
 - (b) "Act or Rules" means the Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960 and Rules thereunder.
 - (c) "Governing Body" means the body constituted under Rule 10 and to which the management and affairs of the Society are entrusted.
 - (d) "State Chapter" means the Branch of the Society constituted for each State of India.
 - (e) "State" means Karnataka and Indian States and includes Union Territories.
- 4. These rules and regulations shall be known as "Bylaws of the Bamboo Society of India" and shall be applicable to State Chapters also.

5. MEMBERSHIP: The General Body of the Society shall consist of Founder Members, Corporate Members, Institutional Members, and Life and Individual Members.

5.1. FOUNDER MEMBERS:

The Founder Members are those who have agreed to subscribe to the objects of the Society as mentioned in the Memorandum of Association. The Governing Body may admit others as Founder Members

5.2. CORPORATE MEMBERS:

Any company, Privat'e or Public or any Corporation, Financial Institution, or Banks interested in the objects of the Society can be admitted on such conditions including subscription, donation, grant and endowment as specified by the Governing Body.

5.3. INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS:

The Governing Body may admit any Department of any Government in the Indian Union or any other Country, University, Institute, Society or Organization interested in the objects of the Society on such payment as it may decide.

5.4. LIFE MEMBERS:

Individuals may be admitted to the General Body as Life Members by the Governing Body on payment of Rs. 500/as a one-time payment.

5.5. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS:

The Governing Body may admit individuals having an interest in the objects of the Society on payment of an annual subscription of Rs. 50/- and such membership shall expire unless renewed within eighteen months of the last payment by a like amount.

6. TERMINATION, CESSATION AND READMISSION OF MEMBERSHIP:

The Governing Body may terminate the Membership of any Member who fails to pay the subscription prescribed or fails to comply with any condition laid down or any cause like insolvency, moral turpitude, or conviction for any criminal offence. Resignation in writing or for the unsound mind. Any Member so terminated may be readmitted on fulfilment of such conditions that the Governing Body may stipulate.

7. (Serial number and text missing in the original bylaws)

8. OFFICE BEARERS OF THE SOCIETY

The following shall be the Office bearers of the Society:

8.1. Chairman: The first Chairman shall hold office for three years and shall continue in office till a new chairman is elected by the Governing Body. The first Chairman shall be Sri. K. A. Bhoja Shetty. The subsequent Chairman shall be elected by the Governing body and shall hold office for two years.

8.1.1. If the Chairman either resigns or is incapacitated for any reason within the prescribed term of office, the

Governing Body shall elect a new Chairman in his place for the balance period of the term.

8.1.2. The Chairman when present, will preside over the meetings of the Governing Body. He shall see that the affairs of the Society are run efficiently to meet the objects of the Society and in accordance with the Memorandum of Association, Rules, Regulations and By-laws of the Society.

8.1.3. The Chairman may make important decisions of an urgent nature between two meetings of the Governing Body and place such decisions before the next meeting of the Governing Body for consideration.

8.1.4. The Chairman shall have a casting vote during the meeting of the Governing Body in addition to his own vote.

8.1.5. The Chairman shall have the absolute authority to count and judge the validity of votes in any meeting of the Governing Body.

8.1.6. The Chairman may in writing, delegate his power to the Executive Director.

8.1.7. The Chairman may invite any person other than a member of the Governing Body to attend the meeting. Such invitees or invitees shall not be entitled to vote.

8.2. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: The Governing Body shall appoint an Executive Director from among themselves or otherwise for such terms and on such conditions as it may determine

8.2.1. The Executive Director shall be responsible for the preparation of operational and action plans and programmes of the Society and shall work for coordination and implementation of such plans and programmes. He shall supervise and run the day-to-day management of the Society.

8.2.2. The Executive Director shall assign duties to all functionaries of the Society and shall exercise supervisory and disciplinary control over them.

8.2.3. The Executive Director shall exercise his powers under the direction and control of the Chairman.

8.2.4. The Executive Director shall convene the meetings of the Governing Body, Annual and Special General Meetings of the Society, prepare minutes and circulate them among members or other authorities.

8.2.5. The Executive Director shall sign all deeds and documents on behalf of the Society.

8.2.6. He shall prepare and present reports to the Governing Body or other meetings of the Society.

8.2.7. The Executive Director shall attend to all statutory requirements of the Society and shall have the authority to institute or defend legal suits or actions of the Society.

8.2.8. The Executive Director shall report to the Chairman on day to day working of the Society and to the Governing Body on matters of policy of the Society.

8.2.9. The Executive Director may delegate part or any of his powers and functions to any other member of the Governing Body or any official of the Society with the approval of the Chairman.

8.2.10. The Executive Director may decide on remuneration, honoraria, perquisites, facilities and any benefits to be given to any member, officials or employees of the Society or such auditors, lawyers or those engaged for the services of the Society from to time.

9. TREASURER: The Governing Body shall appoint as Treasurer one Member of the Body for such periods as it may prescribe, who shall be responsible for the finances and accounts of the Society.

9.1. The Chairman or the Executive Director may delegate such financial powers as deemed fit from time to time for the purpose of passing of the bills, payments to be made on behalf of the Society etc.

10. GOVERNING BODY: Its powers and functions:

The first Governing Body shall consist of signatories to the Memorandum of the Society and shall hold office for four Years from the date of registrations and shall continue in office till a new Body is elected by the General Body.

10.1. The Governing Body may co-opt as many additional Members as are necessary from time to time.

- 10.2. The subsequent Governing Body shall consist of 15 members including the Chairman, Executive Director and Treasurer to be selected from among them.
- 10.3. The Governing Body will hold office for a period of 4 years and till elections are held on the expiry of the term.
- 10.4. At least 4 out of the Founder Members shall be elected by the General Body by way of maximum preferential votes.
- 10.5. The Governing Body shall be competent to fill vacancies falling between two elections or appointments from among Members for the balance period before expiry.
- 10.6. The Governing Body shall have all the powers of the Management of the Society over its officials, employees, and assets and shall exercise or delegate any or all powers of the Society to any of its office bearers or members from time to time.
- 10.7. The Governing Body shall appoint the Chairman, Executive Director and Treasurer from among them for such term and on such conditions that it may decide from time to time.
- 10.8. The Governing Body shall have powers to make Rules and Regulations, amend or repeal them from time to time for purposes of proper and smooth Management of the Society or administration of its employees.

- 10.9. The Governing Body shall have all financial powers of the Society, control over its assets and may by itself or delegation of such powers to any of its office bearers or members, collect, invest or spend all the monies of the Society, acquire by purchase, gift or otherwise, maintain, transfer, lease, rent, dispose of or write off any mobile or immovable assets of the Society.
- 10.10. The Governing Body may constitute Committees, Sub-committees, and advisory bodies for such purposes and such periods as are necessary from time to time for any objects, purposes or functions of the Society and delegate such powers as are deemed necessary to any member of such committees or bodies so constituted.

11. FINANCIAL POWERS:

- 11.1. The Governing Body may raise funds by donations in cash kind, subscriptions, grant of money, securities, or property of any kind and undertake and accept the management of any endowment, trust fund or donation not inconsistent with the objects of the Society.
- 11.2. The Governing Body may invest funds of the Society not immediately required in deposit, in advance or in securities authorized under various laws in force from time to time for furtherance of the objects of the Society.
- 11.3. The Governing Body may provide grants, subsidies and finances, directly or indirectly to individuals, institutions

and agencies needing such assistance for such programmes as are related to the objects of the Society.

11.4. The Governing Body may, from time to time, at their discretion for the furtherance of the objects of the Society, borrow money and for the purpose may authorize the Chairman/ Executive Director to borrow money at such rate of interest and in such form and manner and upon such security as shall be specified in resolution and thereupon the Chairman/Executive Director shall at their discretion, make all such dispositions of the Properties, movable and immovable, belonging to the Society and enter into such agreements, assurance, deeds and things in relation thereto, as the Chairman/Executive Director may deem proper for giving security for such loans and interests.

12. QUORUM

One-third of the members of the Governing Body including the Chairman and other office bearers shall constitute a quorum for the meeting.

13. MEETINGS

Meeting of the Governing Body shall be held as frequently as necessary, but at least once in six months on the issue of a notice at least 7 days before the date and time of such meeting. In the absence of the Chairman, a member present shall be selected for the conduct of the meeting from among members present.

14. VOTING:

All members present shall have equal power to vote on any subject for any decision and the Chairman shall have a casting vote in case of a tie.

15. BUSINESS BY CIRCULATION:

Any emergent business of the Society can be transacted by means of a circular resolution approved by a simple majority of members of the Governing Body. Such circular resolutions shall be placed before the ensuing meeting of the Governing Body for ratification

16. STATE CHAPTERS:

The Governing Body may create and approve State Chapters of the Society, one for each State on such terms, functions and periods as may be decided from time to time.

16.1. The affairs of the State Chapters shall be conducted as prescribed by the Governing Body and such state Chapters shall function as subordinates of the Society and shall report to the Governing body from time to time as prescribed on matters of their functioning, finances, projects, publications and all administrative matters. All such State Chapters shall have the same aims and objects as contained in the Memorandum of Association.

17. GENERAL BODY:

The General Body of the Society consists of one representative nominated by each Corporate or Institutional Member, all Life and Individual Members of the Society, who have paid their subscription and every such member present during any meeting shall have the right of one vote.

- 17.1. The General Body shall meet once a year for the transaction of the following business. The passing of annual accounts.
 - a. The passing of annual accounts.
 - b. Consideration of audit report
 - c. Holding elections to the Governing Body or any vacancy therein whenever due
- 17.2. A notice of 21 days shall be necessary for the holding of a General Body Meeting and a minimum of 7 days for an adjourned meeting.
- 17.3. At least one-fifth of the total members subject to a minimum of 15 members shall be the quorum for the General or Special meetings but no such quorum is prescribed for an adjourned meeting.
- 17.4. The General Body shall review the working of the Society, consider the annual accounts and audit reports of the Society and make suggestions to the Governing Body on matters concerning the meeting of the aims and objects of the Society.

18. ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT:

(i) The Society shall maintain proper accounts and other relevant records and prepare an annual statement of accounts in such forms as may be prescribed by the Governing Body.

- (ii) The Accounts of the Society shall be audited annually by a firm of Chartered Accountants to be appointed by the Governing Body. Any expenditure incurred in connection with the audit of accounts of the Society shall be payable by the Society.
- (iii) The audited statement of accounts together with the audited report will be placed before the Governing Body for consideration and approval and thereafter the same shall be put before the General Body.

19. SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL LIST:

The annual List of members of the Society shall be submitted to the Registrar of Societies as required under Section 13 of the Act.

20. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS:

The Society may sue or be sued in the name of the Chairman/Executive Director and not in the name of another person, member or office bearer. Acts done in good faith by any office bearer, member or official shall absolve him from any legal liability in his individual capacity.

21. AMENDMENTS:

Any amendment to any objects or by-laws shall be made by the Governing Body from time to time and shall be placed for consideration before the Special Meeting of the General Body.

22. GENERAL:

No act or proceedings of the Society or its Governing Body shall become or be deemed to be invalid by any vacancy or any

defect in the constitution of the Society, its Governing Body or any Committee or Sub-Committee of the Society.

23. DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY:

- (i) Subject to the consent of the members of the General Body any number not less than three-fifths of the Members of the Society may determine that the Society shall be dissolved forthwith or at a time agreed upon and all necessary steps shall be taken for the disposal and settlement of the property of the Society, its claims and liabilities, according to its Rules or as the Governing Body shall find expedient, provided that in the event of any dispute arising among the Members of the said Governing Body or the Members of the Society, adjustment of its affairs shall be referred to the Principal Court or original jurisdiction at Bangalore and the Court shall make such order in the matter as it shall deem requisite, provided the Society shall not be dissolved unless three-fifths of the members shall have expressed a wish for such dissolution by means of their votes delivered in person. Or by proxy at a General Meeting convened for the purpose.
- (ii) If on winding up or dissolution of the Society there remain after the satisfaction of all the debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be distributed among the members of the Society but to any other Society or Societies having similar aims and objects to be determined by the Members of the Society.

24. APPLICABILITY CLAUSE:

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25. FINANCIAL YEAR:

The Financial Year of the Society shall be the calendar year i.e., 1^{st} January to 31^{st} December.

26. WORKING HOURS:

From 8.00 A. M to 9.30 A. M. and

From 16.00 hours to 19.30 hours.

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