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Newsletter

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From the Secretary's desk

Dear Members,

This Newsletter contains important information regarding amendments to the Constitution and the Byelaws of our Society. So I urge all members to carefully go through the amendments and give your feedback (secretary@neurosocietyindia.org). There are several notices regarding elections of Office Bearers of the Society, bids for hosting the 2014 Annual Conference, nominations for Life Time Achievement Award of NSI and for Fellowships to attend conferences.

I am happy to announce that the law suit against our Society has been finally settled in the favour of our Society by the Honorable Courts in Jaipur.

One of the major new initiatives of the Society will be to start educational courses for postgraduates and young neurologists and neurosurgeons. Dr. Deopujari has been nominated to head the Educational Committee that has been formed at the recent Executive Committee meeting in Bangalore in May 2011 and he will co-opt young members of our Society to assist him in formulating the educational programs. We hope that this initiative will lead to greater involvement of the Society in training of Neurosurgeons and Neurologists of this country.

Dr. Vedantam Rajshekhar
Hon. Secretary

Correspondence :

Dr. Vedantam Rajshekhar, Professor of Neurosurgery, Department of Neurological Sciences,
Christian Medical College, Vellore 632 004, India e-mail : secretary@neurosocietyindia.org

**JOINT MEETING OF THE NSI AND ITALIAN SOCIETY OF NEUROSURGEONS
60th ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE NEUROLOGICAL SOCIETY OF INDIA**

will be held at Bangalore from 15 to 18 December 2011

Please mark your calendars and be there to make the Conference a success. This is your Society's annual meeting!

For more details please visit www.neurocon2011.com

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FOR BANGALORE ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2011

Please note that the Abstract Centre for the Bangalore meeting is open at the NSI website (www.neurosocietyindia.org). The deadline for submission of abstracts is 12 midnights 31st July 2011. Only members who are on the rolls of the Society by 30 April 2010 can submit abstracts.

Those who applied for membership after 30 April 2011 are not eligible to present papers at this year's conference.

BID FOR SYMPOSIA IN THE 2012 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AT NEW DELHI

Bids are invited to organize one Neurology and one Neurosurgery Symposium at the Annual Conference of the Society to be held in Delhi in December 2012. Please send the bids to the Secretary (secretary@neurosocietyindia.org) in the following format by 30th November 2011

Subject of Symposium

Proposed coordinator

Proposed speakers

The symposia are usually of 1.5 to 2 hours duration and are held on Day 2 of the Annual Meeting

Deadline: **30 November 2011**

CONGRATULATIONS

· Dr. P.S. Ramani has been honored with Life Time Achievement Award 2011 by the Government of Hungary for his contribution to the advancement of Spinal Surgery in that country. A special postal stamp was issued by Hungary to commemorate this award.

· Dr. A.V. Srinivasan, has been honored with the Degree of Doctor of Science D.Sc (Hon) from Tamil Nadu Govt Medical University and Emeritus Professor of The Tamilnadu Dr. MGR Medical University.



Cover Picture

Amirthi forest is rich in its variety of flora and fauna. It is situated under the Javadu Hills of Tellai across Amirthi river in Vellore district. Amirthi Zoological Park is a popular picnic spot.



BIDS FOR HOSTING THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NEUROLOGICAL SOCIETY OF INDIA 2014

Bids are invited for hosting the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Society. The bid forms are available on the NSI website. Please note that the last date for sending in the bids is **30 November 2011**.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION AND BYELAWS

Please go through the proposed changes to the NSI Constitution and Byelaws posted on the Homepage of the NSI Website (www.neurosocietyindia.org). If you have any suggestions or objections please write to the Secretary (secretary@neurosocietyindia.org) before 30th November 2011. These changes will be discussed in the Annual General Body meeting during the Bangalore Conference in December 2011.

OFFICERS OF REGIONAL NEUROCLUBS/SOCIETIES

The Executive Committee of NSI requests all regional neuro clubs/societies to register with the NSI as being representative of neuroscientists of that region.

This registration will become mandatory to be recognized as bona fide representative club/society of that region when bidding for the Annual Conference of NSI.

If more than one regional club/society claims representative status then a list of members who are also NSI members with their NSI membership number and signatures will have to be appended with the registration form.

Registration form is available on the NSI website (www.neurosocietyindia.org) in the Download forms section.

TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIPS - NSI

Travelling fellowships are available for members of the Society to attend conferences and also to visit different centres in the country.

For eligibility please visit the website (www.neurosocietyindia.org) or write to the Treasurer, NSI.

TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIPS - WFNS (I) TRUST

Travelling fellowships are available from the WFNS (I) trust to attend conferences both within India and outside. Please write to Dr. A. K. Banerji, A - 3, Sector - 26, NOIDA - 201301

akb1935@yahoo.com.

Forms are available on the NSI website (Download Forms section)

TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIPS - WFN (I) TRUST

Application form for financial support to attend International/National Conferences/Workshop for the year 2011 is available with Dr. S. Prabhakar, Secretary-Treasurer, XIVth World Congress of Neurology India Trust, House No.110, Sector 16-A, Chandigarh-160015. Email: sudeshprabhakar@gmail.com



AASAN - STRYKER AMBASSADOR FELLOWSHIPS

Fellowships for young neurosurgeons are available from American Association of South Asian Neurosurgeons. Please visit the URL: www.aasan.us/archive.htm

FELLOWSHIPS FROM BAIDYANATH NEUROSURGERY CHARITABLE TRUST

Dr. Basant K. Misra is offering a partial support to young neurosurgeons (below 40 years) and senior neurosurgeons in public sector to attend the WFNS Interim meeting in Recife scheduled from September 14 - 17, 2011 and AASNS Education Course in Taipei scheduled from December 01 - 04, 2011. The support will be available for 5 persons for WFNS Education Course and 10 persons for AASNS Education Course.

Interested neurosurgeons can apply to: Dr. B. K. Misra, 701, Carlton Court, Plot No. 139, Turner Road, Bandra (W) Mumbai, 400 050

NOMINATIONS FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD OF NSI

Nominations are invited from Life Members > 75 years of age to award the Lifetime Achievement Award of NSI.

Nomination forms are available on the NSI website (www.neurosocietyindia.org).

Please submit the forms to the Secretary (secretary@neurosocietyindia.org), Dr. V. Rajshekhar, Department of Neurological Sciences, Christian Medical College, Vellore 632004.

Deadline: **31 August 2011**

NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS OF NSI

Nominations are invited for elections to the following posts of the Neurological Society of India.

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| President Elect | 1 |
| Hon. Secretary | 1 |
| Hon. Treasurer | 1 |
| EC Members | |
| Neurosurgery | 3 |
| Neurology | 2 |
| Allied Specialities | 1 |

Please send in your Nomination to the Returning Officer, Dr. K.E. Turel, 628 Turel Terrace, 8th Road, Parsee Colony, Dadar, Bombay 400014 by **30 September 2011**, kekiturel@rediffmail.com

The schedule for the elections is as follows:

30 September 2011 last date for filing nominations

1 October 2011 Candidates to be informed and withdrawals if any invited

22 October 2011 Last date for withdrawal of candidature

The nomination forms are available on the NSI website.

PINCODE REQUIRED

This is an appeal to all members to update their full contact address with pin code as it is required for sending the Society journal Neurology India by post.

To access your address on the web based database, please obtain Username and Password by writing to the Webmaster. Details are available on the NSI website: www.neurosocietyindia.org



Minutes of NSI Mid Term Executive Committee Meeting, Bangalore May 7th - 8th 2011

The meeting was attended by Dr. V K Jain, Dr. K. E. Turel, Dr. V. Rajshekhar, Dr. C. E. Deopujari, Dr. J. M. K. Murthy, Dr. Deepu Banerji, Dr. R.C. Mishra and Dr. A. Pauranik.

Apologies received from Dr. S. Prabhakar and Dr. Khandewal.

2011/May/EC/01 The meeting was called to order by the President.

2011/May/EC/02 **Secretary's report** and action taken on minutes of last executive committee meeting.

Dr. Rajshekhar presented the following:

Final verdict in the Jaipur Court Case: We received the final verdict from the Munsif Court in Jaipur in our favour and the case against NSI has been dismissed. This was conveyed to the EC and the general membership.

Since there was no need for any action to be taken on the previous minutes, there was no action taken.

2011/May/EC/03 **Treasurer's report**

- a. **New Members** (December 19, 2010 to May 7, 2011)
Total New Members = 96
Life Members 55 (NS, 49 (Neurosurgeons); NP = 05 (Neurologists); Other (Pathologist))
Associate Members = 41

b. **Jaipur conference contribution**

| | Total | Amt. Recd. | NSI Amount |
|--|-------|------------|------------|
| Full | 419 | 2783500 | 695875 |
| Residents | 90 | 270000 | 67500 |
| Nurses | 70 | 210000 | 52500 |
| Complimentary | 40 | 0 | |
| Total | 619 | 3413000 | 815875 |
| Total No. of Stalls | 40 | 400000 | |
| NSI Associate Fees Received (27@USD 200) (7@USD100) | 34 | 274500 | |
| Total no. of Registrations 681 Less (Neuro - Nurses) - 70 | 611 | 213850 | |
| CME Book @350/- | | | |
| Total | | 1704225 | |



NSI received Rs. 10,00,000. at Jaipur conference vide cheque no ; 404452 dated 18/12/2011. Balance Amount i.e. Rs. 7,04,4225/- paid by transfer on 17/03/2011

c. Contribution from CME book publisher, Byword Books on sale of CME books Rs. 42486.

d. Contribution to Neurology India Rs. 4,00,000.

e. Contribution to Neurocon 2011, Bangalore Rs. 3,00,000.

f. Money paid to Orators in Jaipur

Dr. P David Adelson Rs. 30850

Dr. Laligam Sekar Rs. 30850

g. Travelling Fellowship paid to residents and young neurosurgeons

| No. | NAME | AMOUNT | DEPARTMENT |
|-----|----------------------|--------|--|
| 1 | Dr N. Saravanan | 4000 | Department of Neurosurgery, Madras Institute of Neurology, Madras Medical College, Chennai - 3 |
| 2 | Dr K. Prabhuraman | 4000 | Department of Neurosurgery, Madras Institute of Neurology, Madras Medical College, Chennai - 3 |
| 3 | Dr M. Manoranjitha | 4000 | Department of Neurosurgery, Madras Institute of Neurology, Madras Medical College, Chennai-3 |
| 4 | Dr B Rohit | 4000 | Department of Neurosurgery, Madras Institute of Neurology, Madras Medical College, Chennai - 3 |
| 5 | Dr S. Jothikumar | 4000 | Department of Neurosurgery, Madras Institute of Neurology, Madras Medical College, Chennai - 3 |
| 6 | Dr Anshul A Bagida | 4000 | Department of neurosurgery, PD Hinduja Natinal Hospital, Mahim, Mumbai -16 |
| 7 | Dr Goutham Cugati | 3858 | Dept. of Neurosurgery, ALNC, Taramani, Chennai |
| 8 | Dr Gowtham Devareddy | 3858 | Dept. of Neurosurgery, ALNC, Taramani, Chennai |



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| 9 | Dr Hari Nivas | 3858 | Dept. of Neurosurgery, ALNC, Taramani, Chennai |
| 10 | Dr Pradeep Kumar Jain N | 3858 | Dept. of Neurosurgery, ALNC, Taramani, Chennai |
| 11 | Dr I. Mohamed Abith Ali | 4935 | Dept. of Neurosurgery, Govt. Stanley Medical College, Chennai |
| 12 | Dr Rajkumar Gandhi | 4935 | Dept. of Neurosurgery, Govt. Stanley Medical College, Chennai |
| 13 | Dr K Sivakumar | 5012 | Dept. of Neurosurgery, Madurai Medical College, Madurai |
| 14 | Dr Prem Prakash | 4062 | Dept. of Neurosurgery, Madurai Medical College, Madurai |
| 15 | Dr S Balamurugan | 4062 | Dept. of Neurosurgery, Madurai Medical College, Madurai |
| | Total | 62438 | |

h. Awards payments

| | | |
|---|---------------------------|--------------|
| 1 | Dr Savitr Sastri | 5000 |
| 2 | Dr Theresa Maria Ferreria | 5000 |
| 3 | Dr Mazda Keki Turel | 5000 |
| 4 | Dr Arva Zhagav A | 5000 |
| 5 | Dr Theresa Maria Ferreria | 5000 |
| 6 | Dr Ipe V George | 5000 |
| 7 | Dr Shayna Dattani | 5000 |
| | Total | 35000 |

i. Contribution to Neuro Nurses Conference, Jaipur Rs. 10,000

j. Travelling Fellowship to Nurses to attend Jaipur Conference

| | | | | |
|---|------------------------|---------------------|--------------|--|
| 1 | Neuro-nurse | Mrs Pragati Desai | 1500 | Bombay Hospital, Mumbai |
| 2 | Neuro-nurse | Mrs Mansi Chodnekar | 1500 | Bombay Hospital, Mumbai |
| 3 | President Neuro-nurses | Dr Angela Gandurai | 7240 | Principal, CSI Nursing College, Kerala |
| | | Total | 10240 | |



k. World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies (WFNS) - Membership fees for 968 NSI members
(968 X USD 8 = USD 7744 + USD 35 bank charges) = INR 350824 + INR 2171 = INR 352995

l. Book keeping and other related matters

- HDFC account opened mainly for payment gateway
- FD in HDFC account Rs 10,00,000 (Rs Ten Lakhs) - expires on 18/04/2013 (DOC :- 2/4/2011)
- RBI Bonds and remaining amount and FDs (C/o Mr O P Mishra, Delhi)
- Rs,10,00,000 (Rs Ten Lakhs), expires on 05/01/2012
- Rs,10,00,000 (Rs Ten Lakhs), expires on 17/12/2013
- Rs. 5,00,000 (RS. Five Lakhs), expires on 04/09/2014
- Compulsory FDs in Indian Overseas Bank (IOB, Mumbai) from RBI Bonds.
- Rs 50,00,000 (Rs Fifty Lakhs) expires on 10/11/2012 (DOC :- 28/2/2011)
- Rs 10,00,000 (Rs Ten Lakhs) expires on 10/11/2012 (DOC:- 28/02/2011)
- Rs 5,00,000 (Rs Five Lakhs) expires on 03/10/2011 (DOC :- 03/10/2009)

m. 80 - G Exemption has been granted for life.

2011/May/EC/04 Editor's Report

Journal Performance

Year 2010

We have received 944 articles in the year 2010 and peer-reviewers found only 229 (24%) articles worth publishing. All the accepted articles in the year 2010 have been published: editorials - 14 (6%), reviews - 11 (5%), Indian Perspective - 2 (1%), original articles - 70 (30%), brief reports - 26 (11%), case reports - 46 (20%), letters to editor - 96 (42%), and neuroimage section - 12 (5%). The ratio between original articles including brief reports and case report was 1:1.

Five topics have been covered in the "Topic of the Issue" section of the journal. This section was mainly conceived to improve the visibility of the journal and thus possibly the impact factor. This will be a regular feature in all the six issues in any year.

Year 2011

As on 6-5-2011, we have received 422 articles and peer-reviewers found 311 articles not worth publishing.



Of the remaining 111 articles, 71 (64%) articles have been accepted for publication. The remaining articles are either with the authors for revision (11, 10%) or with the peer-reviewers (29, 26%) for their expert comments. Of the 71 accepted articles, 15 (21%) articles have already been published. The waiting period from the date of acceptance to publication has been brought down considerably and is less than two months. Two topics have been covered in the "Topic of the Issue" section this year.

Performance Indices

There is significant reduction in the time schedules: 1) days until paper is under review: 13.33 days; 2) days from first decision until revision arrives: 12.59 days (range 0 - 63 days); days from the date of first submission to acceptance: 35.41 days (range 0 - 102 days); and days from acceptance to publication: 28.27 days (range 15 - 56 days). All this could be achieved because of the co-operation of the Editorial Board members and peer-reviewers. I place on record my sincere thanks to all of them.

Finances

Still the journal is heavily depending on the Society for the finances. We are trying our best to raise funds from the advertisements. The total amount of revenue generated from various sources including from the NSI in 2010 was Rs. 862,493.00 and the expenditure was Rs. 800,777.00. Present balance in the Editor's bank account is Rs. 61,716.00. We have to pay to the publishers for the first two issues in 2011.

Regarding achieving of all the issues of Neurology from the first volume, I have informed the resolution of the Executive Committee to Prof P Satishchandra. He informs me that he will place the item in the appropriate body of the Institute and will inform me the decision.

JMK Murthy
Editor, Neurology India
2011/May/EC/05 CME convener's report

Myself and Dr Apurva Pauranik would like to thank the EC and NSI members for their appreciation of the "Progress in Clinical Neurosciences " Vol 25th and suggestions. As in last year we would like to continue with colored pictures. We will be able to cover the increased finances through support of NSI and Industry. As per convention of theme based topics we would be having topics covering recent advances in the common session. In Neurology the main subjects covered will be aphasia and epilepsy. In Neurosurgery the main emphasis will be on Neuro-oncology viz Low grade glioma and aggressive meningiomas. There will be interesting debate on topics like "asymptomatic tethered cord" and "Lumbar Disc Arthroplasty". We have decided to continue with our publishers 'Byword Books' for their excellent work for the last few years.

Dr Deepu Banerji
Convener, CME



2011/May/EC/06 Webmaster's report

Dr. Rajshekhar mentioned that the present website managers who had defaulted in their work earlier were now cooperating and the work on the bulk email and e-voting was progressing well. So at present there was no move to replace the company as our website managers.

2011/May/EC/07 Presentation by Dr. Sampath, Org Secretary, 2011 Conference

Dr. Sampath presented the progress of the arrangements for the Annual Conference. The progress was satisfactory. One mailing has been sent to all the members and the website was up and running. The obligations of the Organising Secretary to the Society (both financial and other) were discussed during this interaction. It was pointed out that the audited statement of accounts of the Conference should be submitted to the Treasurer by 31st March 2012.

2011/May/EC/08 Changes in Constitution and Byelaws - Dr. Jain

The changes in the Constitution and Byelaws which were last updated nearly 10 years ago in 2002 were discussed extensively point by point and a consensus was arrived at in the EC. The amended Constitution and Byelaws are published elsewhere in the Newsletter. **(available on the website www.neurosocietyindia.org)**

2011/May/EC/09 Coordination of Subspeciality meetings - Dr. Rajshekhar

There have been a number of requests from members of NSI to try and make a schedule for subspeciality meetings. It is proposed that the Secretary, NSI writes to the Secretaries of the subspeciality groups with a proposed schedule for meetings. It is suggested that these subspeciality meetings be held every alternate year.

The proposed schedule is as follows:

Even years:

August: Neurotrauma

September: Cerebrovascular

October: Pediatric Neurooncology

Odd years:

Stereotactic

Skull Base



- 2011/May/EC/10 Letter from Dr. Deopujari - Education Committee to be formed
- Dr. Deopujari suggested the formation of an Education Committee of the NSI to co-ordinate educational activities of the Society. This was approved by the EC and included in the Byelaws. He and Dr. Pauranik were asked to Chair this committee and initiate steps to fulfill its objectives - namely to enhance educational activities of the Society directed towards the trainees and younger members.
- 2011/May/EC/11 Drs. Ramamurthi and Baldev Singh Orators
- Dr. Ramamurthi Orator for 2011 - Dr. Giovanni Broggi of Italy
Dr. Baldev Singh Orator for 2011 - To be decided
- 2011/May/EC/12 Letter from Dr. A K Banerji
- Dr. Banerji's suggestions on several matters relating the conduct of the Annual Conference were discussed. Some of them were accepted and it was decided to inform the Organizing Secretaries about the same.
- 2011/May/EC/13 Enhancement of fees for Member's address database.
- There are several requests from commercial organizations for the database of NSI members. At present this is being given to them for Rs. 5000. It was felt that it was reasonable to charge Rs. 10000 for the same. This was approved by the EC.
- 2011/May/EC/14 SANS from CNS for Indian neurosurgical residents - Letter from Dr. Sharan, President, AASAN
- Dr. Sharan has contacted Dr. Rajshekhar offering SANS (Self Assessment in Neurological Surgery) an online assessment module for Indian neurosurgical residents at no cost to them. It costs around USD 450 for American residents. The cost will be covered by corporate grants generated by AASAN in the US. Dr. Rajshekhar felt that this was an excellent opportunity for our residents and has agreed to the offer. The modalities of how this will be delivered will be discussed by Dr. Rajshekhar with Dr. Sharan so that the Associate Members who will benefit maximally from this should have ready access to it.
- 2011/May/EC/15 Election of WFNS President/other Office Bearers in September 2011
- The WFNS Nominating Committee has proposed Dr. Tu from Taiwan. There is a possibility that there may be other candidates from the floor. The EC approved the support for the following:



President: Dr. Tu from Taiwan;
Senior Vice President: Dr. Azevedo from Brazil;
Secretary: Dr. Basant Misra from India
Second Vice President (at large) - Dr. Akira Teramoto, Chairman, JNS, Japan
Asst Secretary - Dr. Kaoru Kurisu, Hiroshima, Japan

2011/May/EC/16 Letter from Dr. Saratchandra

Dr. Saratchandra, Organizing Secretary of the Annual Conference, New Delhi, 2012 requested permission to initiate moves to find a partner society for the conference. EC approved his request and asked him to go ahead with such moves and inform the EC of the outcome.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair and to Dr. Sampath and his colleagues for the arrangements made in Bangalore.

CONFERENCES

National:

- 1) 20th Annual Conference of the Neurotrauma Society of India
Dates: August 19-21, 2011
Organizer/Venue: Hotel Chankaya BNR, Ranchi, Jharkhand
Contact: Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Organising Secretary
Neurotrauma2011@gmail.com, www.neurotrauma2011.com
- 2) 12th Conference of the Indian Society for Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery (ISSFN 2011)
Dates: September 16-18, 2011
Organizer/Venue: The Raintree Hotel, Chennai
Contact: Dr.M.Balamurugan, Conference Secretariat
issfn2011@gmail.com, info@issfn2011.co.in
- 3) 11th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Cerebrovascular Surgery, International CME
Dates: October 8-9, 2011
Organizer/Venue: All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi
Contact: Dr. Ashish Suri, Organizing Secretary
surineuro@gmail.com, neurovascon2011@gmail.com



- 4) SKULL BASE Conference 2011
Dates: October 20-22, 2011
Organizer/Venue: Christian Medical College, Vellore
Contact: Dr. Ari G Chacko, Prof. & Head, Dept. of Neurosciences, CMC, Vellore 632004
skullbase2011@gmail.com, www.skullbase2011.com
- 5) NEUROPEDICON 2012
Dates: November 2-4, 2012
Organizer/Venue: All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi
Contact: Dr. Deepak Gupta, drdeepakgupta@gmail.com

International:

- 1) Interim Meeting of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Society
Dates: September 14 - 17, 2011
Organizer/Venue: Brazil
Contact: Professor Hildo Azeveo-Filho, Chairman, Organizing Committee.
azevedoh@uol.com.br
- 2) 5th World Congress on Controversies in Neurology (CONy)
Dates: October 13-16, 2011
Organizer/Venue: Beijing, China
Contact: Dr. Ilana Rabinoff, Conference Secretariat.
ilana@comtecmed.com; www.comtecmed.com
- 3) International Society of Pediatric Neurosurgery
Dates: October 15-20, 2011
Organizer/Venue: Goa
Contact: Dr. Chandrashekhar Deopujari, 126-B First Floor, MRC Bombay Hospital, New Marine Lines, Mumbai 400020.
cdeopujari@hotmail.com
- 4) 2012 Japan India Neurosurgical Conference
Dates: October 19-20, 2012
Organizer/Venue: Osaka, Japan
Contact: Prof. Kenji Ohata
kohata@med.osaka-cu.ac.jp



The last newsletter was returned by the postal department without being delivered to the following members. I request any member who knows the correct address of the following members to please contact me at secretary@neurosocietyindia.org

ANS-9
Dr. Syed Basit Ali

DNP-21
Dr. C.P. Das

HNS-10
Dr. Tandel Dinesh Hirabhai

JNS-39
Dr. Amit Jaiswal

MNAN-1
Dr. T V S P Murthy

MNR-4
Dr. Harsh Mahajan

PNS-22
Dr. Haroon M Pillay

SNP-43
Dr. A P Singh

GNS-3
Dr. A K Garg

PNP-36
Dr. Yogesh K Purohit

RNS-65
Dr. Bhuvanewara Raju

VNP-17
Dr. E Ratnavalli

PNS-33
Dr. Avinash Prasad

BA-96
Dr. Arun Bhandari

MNS-6
Dr. P P S Mathur

MNS-29
Dr. A V Medlery

BNS-62
Dr. J V Bhushan

GNS-43
Dr. D Ganesan

GNS-20
Dr. R. Rajendran

KA-137
Dr. P Sunil Kumar

MNS-19
Dr. M Mohamed

NSI EDUCATIONAL COURSE FOR NEUROSURGICAL TRAINEES

The first NSI Educational Course for Neurosurgical Trainees and Young Neurosurgeons is planned from 3rd to 5th February 2012 in Mumbai. Dr. C. E. Deopujari will co-ordinate this program. Neurosurgical trainees should avail of this opportunity. Please await further details.

CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYELAWS

BECAUSE OF ADDITION/DELETION OF SOME CLAUSES, THERE MAY BE A DIFFERENCE IN THE NUMBER OF THE ORIGINAL AND PROPOSED CLAUSES. ALL CHANGES ARE HIGHLIGHTED BOTH IN THE EXISTING AND PROPOSED CLAUSES.

CONSTITUTION

2. AIMS / OBJECTIVES

2.6 and 2.7. Existing: None

2.6. To increase public awareness about Neurological Disorders.

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

Explanation: These are legitimate aims of the Society which is the leading representative of Neurologists and Neurosurgeons and Neuroscientists in the country.

4. LIFE MEMBERSHIP

4.3. Existing: The privileges of Life Member would be to receive the journal of the Society, voting and contesting for posts as per rules.

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

Explanation: The existing clause did not specify when the privileges come into effect and the proposed clause only clarifies that.

4.4. Existing: Those Full Members who have Life Membership fees shall be accepted as Life Members.

Proposed: Deleted.

Explanation: As there is no category of Full Members, this clause is not applicable now.

5. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

5.2. Existing: Associate Members shall be proposed and seconded by Full members of good standing. **The Secretary**, Neurological Society of India shall be the authority to admit Associate Members.

*Proposed: Associate Members shall be proposed and seconded by Full members of good standing. The **Executive Committee** shall be the authority to admit Associate Members.*

Explanation: The Executive Committee and not the Secretary should be the authority to admit all members.

5.3. Existing: Associate members can take part in all the activities of the Society by presentation of papers at scientific meetings, participation in discussions, or publication of papers in the journal of the Society etc. and shall have all the privileges of membership, except that they shall not have the right to vote or be office bearers of the Society.

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

Explanation: The existing clause did not specify when the privileges come into effect and the proposed clause only clarifies that.

6. HONORARY MEMBER

6.2. Existing: An Honorary Member shall be proposed and seconded by **full members** of good standing only.

*Proposed: An Honorary Member shall be proposed and seconded by **Life Members** of good standing only.*

Explanation: As there are no full members only Life Members, this change had to be made.

7. MEMBERSHIP DUES

7.1. Existing: The executive committee shall propose all dues for different categories of members. These decisions will be implemented with the concurrence of the general body. Membership shall be counted from 1st January to 31st December for purposes of annual subscriptions.

*Proposed: The Executive Committee shall propose all dues for different categories of members. These decisions will be implemented with the concurrence of the general body. Membership shall be counted from 1st January/**1st June** to 31st December/**31st May** for purposes of annual subscriptions.*

Explanation: As members are admitted twice a year (1 June and 1 January after the EC meetings), the membership term also should reflect that to allow for complete years of membership and not half years.

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

Proposed: Members who have not paid their subscription by 31st December/31st May shall be sent a registered acknowledgement due notice by the Treasurer of the Society giving them till 31st March/31st August to clear all outstanding dues. Non-payment of subscription by 31st March/31st August would result in removal of their names from the membership rolls.

Explanation: The subscription should be valid from the date of membership and this is ensured with this clause as members are being admitted twice a year on 1 June and 1 January.

7.3. Existing: Only Members, who have paid their dues by 31st March, would be eligible to vote in that calendar year. **Those who have not cleared dues by 31st March will cease to be a member of the society.**

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

Explanation: Only those Life Members who have paid all their dues (some Life Members opt for installment payment scheme) would be eligible to vote. Since there is no category of Full Members with annual subscription, the second part of the clause is not necessary.

8. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

8.2. Existing: The Executive Committee shall consist of:

1. President 1
2. President Elect 1
3. Secretary 1
4. Treasurer 1
5. Members (Neurology)
6. Members (Neurosurgery)
7. Members (Allied Branches of Neurosciences)
{One EC Member would be elected for every block of 500 members *or* part thereof, out of the specialities of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Allied disciplines of Neurosciences. }
8. Immediate Past Presidents 2
9. Editor Neurology India 1

Proposed: The Executive Committee shall consist of:

- 1. President 1*
- 2. President Elect 1*
- 3. Secretary 1*
- 4. Treasurer 1*

5. *Members (Neurology)*

6. *Members (Neurosurgery)*

7. *Members (Allied Branches of Neurosciences)*

{One EC Member would be elected for every block of 500 members or part thereof, out of the specialities of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Allied disciplines of Neurosciences.}

8. *Immediate Past Presidents 2*

9. *Editor Neurology India 1*

11. Deputy Editor Neurology India 1

12. Past Secretary 1

13. Past Treasurer 1

14. Organizing Secretaries of the forthcoming and concluded Annual Conferences 2

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

Explanation: Since the Editor is going to be elected at the end of year 5 of the incumbent, there will be an overlap of 1 year when there will be an Editor and the newly elected Editor (who will be designated as Deputy Editor for 1 year). Since the Deputy Editor is to take over all the functions of the Editor after 1 year, during this period, the Deputy Editor should be part of the EC to learn how it functions.

The Past Secretary and Treasurer will contribute to the smooth transition of the functioning of the EC as it is possible that the entire EC may have new members except the President and the Past Presidents. Since the Secretary and Treasurer will have intimate knowledge of the Society's affairs for 3 years, their presence in the EC for 1 more year will ensure continuity in the functioning of the EC. Since they are not elected members, they will not have voting privileges during the EC meetings.

The Organising Secretaries are important for smooth running of the Annual Conference which is the most important event in the calendar of the Society. Their presence in the EC for 1 year both before the Conference and after the Conference will ensure that they understand their duties and also participate in any discussions pertaining to the Conference matters. Their inclusion in the EC will also improve their mutual trust. The Conference accounts are settled only in March of the year following the Conference and hence the presence of the Organising Secretary will ensure that any issues regarding the conference account can be quickly resolved.

9. ELECTIONS TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

9.2 Existing: 1. No member of E.C. can take charge of office of any post of the Society without **contemplating** the term of existing post.

*Proposed: 1. No member of E.C. can take charge of office of any post of the Society without **completing** the term of existing post.*

Explanation: The word contemplating is substituted by the word completing which is what is intended.

9.5. Existing: Elections shall be held by postal ballot, prior to the annual conference.

*Proposed: Elections shall be held by postal or **electronic ballot**, prior to the annual conference.*

Explanation: As we are moving towards e-voting, it is essential to include electronic ballot as a legitimate method of voting.

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12. MEETINGS

12.1. Executive Committee

12.1.i.Existing: The E.C. would have overall charge of all functions of the Society including financial, administration etc.

They can employ persons for efficient running of the Society.

It can authorize any member to open bank accounts to be operated jointly by at least one more full member with permission of EC / President NSI.

All accounts must be admitted to the Treasurer NSI for auditing.

Proposed: i. The E.C. would have overall charge of all functions of the Society including financial and administrative matters. It can employ persons for efficient running of the Society.

Explanation: The third statement “It can authorize...” is not necessary as bank accounts in the name of NSI are all covered by specific clauses. The fourth statement regarding accounts is covered separately and “admitted” should be “submitted”.

12.2. Existing: General Body Meeting (GBM)

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

Proposed: General Body Meeting (GBM)

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

Explanation: “Every year” which is implied in the existing clause is specified in the proposed clause.

13.2.viii. Existing: Prizes for Award winners shall be presented at AGM.

*Proposed: Award winners for the different prizes shall be **announced** during the GBM.*

Explanation: At present award winners are only announced during the GBM and the prizes presented during the Valedictory function.

iv. Existing: The business and administrative meetings of the Society shall consist of Annual General Body Meeting at which all the members are expected to be present.

Forty percent (40%) members shall form the quorum for the Annual General Body Meeting.

If desired number of the members do not assemble the meeting would be adjourned & reconvened after 30 minutes for which no quorum is necessary.

Proposed: The business and administrative meetings of the Society shall consist of Annual General Body Meeting at which all the members are expected to be present.

*Forty percent (40%) members **registered for the Annual Conference** shall form the quorum for the Annual General Body Meeting.*

Explanation: 40% of members registered for the Annual Conference is what is implied in the existing clause and is specified in the proposed clause.

14. SECRETARY

14.1. Existing: Secretary should ensure maintenance of Income Tax exemption and sending all required documents to the Commissioner of Income Tax, Bombay as per rules.

Proposed: Deleted.

Explanation: The Treasurer performs all the functions pertaining to Income Tax and hence this change.

15. TREASURER

15.v. Existing: Get all accounts audited **except those related to Neurology India;**

Proposed: Get all Society accounts audited including that of Neurology India;

Explanation: As per law, all Society accounts have to be audited and submitted to the Income Tax authorities by the Treasurer including those of Neurology India.

15.vii. and viii. Existing: None.

*Proposed: vii. submitting the Income Tax returns of the Society;
viii. maintenance of Income Tax exemption and sending all required documents to Commissioner of Charities Bombay as per rules.*

Explanation: These functions are being performed by the Treasurer and should be performed by the Treasurer and not the Secretary.

16. JOURNAL

16.1. Existing: The Journal of the Society will be named "Neurology India" and this shall be the official organ of the Neurological Society of India. There shall ordinarily be four issues of the journal per year.

*Proposed: The Journal of the Society will be named "Neurology India" and this shall be the official organ of the Neurological Society of India. There shall ordinarily be four issues of the journal per year. **The number of issues per year will be decided by the Editor in consultation with EC.***

Explanation: The Editor in consultation with the EC should be the final authority on the number of issues of the journal.

16.3. Existing: The funds of Neurology India shall be, operated by the Editor and one more member of NSI co-opted by the Editor with permission of EC / President for withdrawals from bank. The audited accounts of the journal will be presented to the EC in December every year.

*Proposed: The funds of Neurology India shall be, operated by the Editor and one more member of NSI co-opted by the Editor with permission of EC / President for withdrawals from bank. The audited accounts of the journal will be presented to the EC in December every year. **The audited accounts shall be sent to the Treasurer by March 31st of every year.***

Explanation: As explained above the audited accounts of Neurology India should be submitted to the Treasurer for submission to the Income Tax authorities.

BYE LAWS

4. SELECTING PAPERS FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

4.4. Existing: None

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

Explanation: This will encourage neurologists and neurosurgeons from SAARC countries to attend our conference and enhance the image of Indian neurosciences in these countries and also foster exchange of ideas between neuroscientists of these countries.

5. Existing: The Secretary would send the list of delegates to the Chairman, Scientific Committee or his/her nominee for selection of judges.

*Proposed: **The Organising Secretary would send the list of registered delegates to the Chairman, Scientific Committee or his/her nominee for selection of judges and chairpersons. Only those persons who are members of the Society and are registered before the last date of submission of abstract will be entitled to present papers, chair a session and be a judge.***

Explanation: Only the Organising Secretary has the list of delegates and not the Secretary. Chairpersons should only be appointed from amongst registered delegates to ensure that there are no absentees.

6. MEMBERSHIP FEES

6.2. Existing: Membership Fees:

Associate Members:

Admission Fees Rs. 600

3 years subscription Rs.1800 (Renewable in 3 year blocks)

Full Members:

Admission Fees Rs. 800/-

Annual Subscription Rs.1000/-

Conversion of existing full members to life members: Rebate of 2.5% for the life membership subscription would be given for every completed year of continuous full membership.

Conversion of Associate member to full member:

Admission Fees Rs.200/-

Annual subscription as per rules.

In future full members would be admitted only as life members.

Life Members:

Admission Fees Rs.9000 in one installment

or

Rs.3250 yearly in 3 installments

Postal surcharge for sending newsletter and journal for members/associate members residing abroad Rs.1000 per year.

DD/cheque to be drawn in favour of "Neurological Society of India", payable at the city of residence of Treasurer NSI. Out station bank charges Rs.25/- to be included in the cheque.

Proposed:

Associate Members

Admission fees Rs.1000

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

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

Life Members

Admission fees Rs.15000 in one installment or Rs. 5500 in three installments

Conversion of Associate member to Life Member

Admission fees Rs. 12000 in one installment or Rs. 4500 in three installments.

Members residing overseas shall only receive the electronic version of the Newsletter and electronic alerts about the journal. Those desirous of obtaining a paper copy of the journal should specially apply for the same to the Editor and pay a surcharge of Rs.1000 per year. Paper copies of the Newsletter shall not be sent to overseas members.

DD or cheque should be drawn in favour of "Neurological Society of India", payable at the city of residence of Treasurer NSI. Out station bank charges Rs.100 should be included in the cheque.

Explanation: The last revision of membership fees occurred way back in 1997. Keeping in mind the inflation and the increase costs of running the Society, it was felt that this increase was reasonable.

A provision has been made for 6 year course residents so that they need not renew their Associate Membership after 3 years.

There was no concession for conversion of Associate Membership to Life Membership. That has been corrected.

Overseas members will not receive the paper copy of the Newsletter similar to the domestic members.

9. JOURNAL

9.1. Existing: As and when a paper is received by the Editor he shall scrutinize it and submit it to at least one other member of the Editorial Board, for critical and confidential comments.

If the paper pertains to the subject outside the Editor's field of interest he shall call upon other referees either from the Editorial Board or from the members of the Society.

Notice of vacancy of post would be printed by Secretary NSI in the newsletter. If one of the reviewers recommends publication and the other does not, the Editor shall refer the paper to a 3rd referee for an independent opinion.

9.2. In the event of modifications of alteration being suggested by one or both reviewers, the Editor shall communicate the appropriate unsigned comments on the paper to the author for action. If both the referees find the paper unsuitable for publication even with modification, the Editor shall inform the author accordingly.

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

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

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

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

Explanation: There is no need to micromanage the peer review process and it should be left to the Editor.

Regarding posting of the journal, the publisher and the Editor are monitoring the process.

The amount paid to the Editor is approved by the EC and is presented to the General Body in the Accounts by the Treasurer.

11. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS / EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

11.1. Existing: Election by postal ballot: Canvassing or soliciting votes or casting on other candidates would debar from election. President NSI will be the returning officer for the election.

*Proposed: Election shall be by postal ballot **or electronic ballot** as decided by the EC. Canvassing or soliciting votes or casting on other candidates would debar from election. President Elect NSI will be the returning officer for the election.*

Explanation: The words electronic ballot has been added to provide for the transition to e-voting in the near future.

11.2. Existing: Schedule of events for election: 30 April - Treasurer notifies Secretary NSI of list of eligible members who can vote.

*Proposed: Schedule of events for election: **1 June** - Treasurer notifies Secretary NSI of list of eligible members who can vote.*

Explanation: Since members are being admitted on 1 June every year, the list of eligible members should be as of 1 June and not 30 April.

12. CONFERENCES

12.2. Existing: The EC would decide location of the conference by inviting bids on prescribed form 3 years in advance.

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

Explanation: Since we only accept the bids of neuroclubs/societies/groups and not from individual members, this sentence was inserted. Since last year, NSI has requested all such neuroclubs/societies/groups to register with NSI. Forms for this registration are available on the NSI website since last year. The last date for submission of bids is not mentioned in the existing clause and this has caused problems in the past. Again there is no provision for the lack of valid bids by 30 November. This scenario has been addressed in the proposed clause.

12.5. Existing: An initial loan of Rs. 100,000 as seed capital for starting the conference work, shall be given to the Organizing Secretary, by the treasurer NSI if requested. This loan is to be repaid within one month of the end of the conference.

*Proposed: **An amount up to Rs. 3 lakhs may be transferred to the Conference account at the beginning of the year.***

Explanation: Since the conference account is the NSI account, there is no loan involved. Only transfer of funds can occur from one Society account to another.

Existing: 12.7. The organizing secretary will insure the annual conference appropriately. The audited accounts of the annual conference should be submitted to Secretary NSI at least 6 weeks before the next annual conference by the Organising Secretary for discussion at EC meeting of NSI.

12.8. The Organizing Secretary of the Conference shall ensure that every trade exhibitor takes an advertisement in Neurology India.

12.8.a. 50 % of the registration fees collected, will be given to the NSI. The EC is authorised to change this amount if necessary

*Proposed: **Delete all clauses.***

Explanation: Since the financial management of the conference has been changed so that the conference account is opened with NSI PAN and is a Society account like other accounts (Secretary's, Editor's etc.) these clauses have no relevance or are impossible to implement (eg. advertisement in Neurology India). 12.8. Existing: The Organising Secretary shall ensure that the final announcement with all forms is positively mailed not later than June 20th. Abstracts of all papers to be presented at the annual conference should reach the Secretary, Neurological Society of India before 31st July.

*Proposed: The Organising Secretary shall ensure that the final announcement with all forms is positively mailed not later than June 20th. Abstracts of all papers to be presented at the annual conference should reach the **Chairman Scientific Committee (President Elect or as decided by the Executive Committee)**, Neurological Society of India before 31st July. **All abstracts should be submitted through the Abstract Centre in the NSI website.***

Explanation: The abstracts for the conference presentation are being submitted electronically for the past 2 years and are not submitted to the Secretary. They should reach the Chairman, Scientific Committee and not the Secretary.

12.11. Existing: There shall not be a separate session for Allied Neurosciences papers. **Platform papers shall have a maximum of three parallel sessions.** Posters would as far as possible be on display during the entire scientific session. **There would be a group of papers, which would be considered as "TAKEN AS READ BY TITLE".**

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

Explanation: The Chairman Scientific Committee should have the freedom to decide on the number of parallel sessions depending the number of abstract submissions and the local facilities. Category of “Taken as read” papers should not be there as they can be presented as posters if found suitable or rejected.

12.12. Existing: Depending on local facilities there may be a “Touch Screen” presentation.

Proposed: Delete

Explanation: It is already covered in 12.11.

12.13. Existing: Each delegate to the annual conference shall be allowed to present only one platform paper and one poster. This shall not apply to papers presented at the History of Neurosciences session.

*Proposed: Each delegate to the Annual Conference shall be allowed to present only one platform paper and one poster. This shall not apply to papers presented at the History of Neurosciences session/**Symposia / CME. Therefore, a member may present only a maximum of two papers (one platform and one poster or two platforms one of which is in the History of Neurosciences session) at the Annual Conference of the Society.***

Explanation: The proposed clause only clarifies the existing rule regarding number of presentations that a member is allowed to present.

12.14. Existing: The History of Neurosciences session shall be held as a **common session on the forenoon of the last day.**

Proposed: There shall be a History of Neurosciences session.

Explanation: Although, it was felt that a separate session for History was necessary, it might not be possible to have the History session as a common session due to the increased number of abstract submissions.

12.15. Existing: Abstracts of the Conference will be published as a supplement of Neurology India and the expenses will be borne by the Organizing Secretary of the Conference.

Proposed: Delete

Explanation: The present Editor and the past Editors of Neurology India have clearly expressed their reservations about publishing the Conference Abstracts as a supplement to Neurology India for various reasons such as difficulty in formatting the abstracts, inability to publish the supplement in time for the conference due to late submissions of abstracts, the negative impact on the Impact factor of the journal etc. Hence it was felt that at the present time it is better to delete this clause as it was not being followed in any case.

12.16. Existing: DIAS SEATING ARRANGMENT during the INAUGURAL FUNCTION of the annual conference will be as follows:

- a. Guest of Honour, NSI President, NSI President elect, NSI Secretary, Chairman - Organizing Committee, Secretary of the Organizing Committee, Joint Secretary of the Organizing Committee, and Treasurer of the Organizing Committee.
- b. The N S I President shall represent all the other associate Organizations.**

Proposed: 12.14. DAIS SEATING ARRANGEMENT during the INAUGURAL FUNCTION of the annual conference will be as follows:

NSI President, Guest of Honour, NSI President elect, NSI Secretary, Chairman - Organizing Committee, Secretary of the Organizing Committee, Joint Secretary of the Organizing Committee, and Treasurer of the Organizing Committee.

Explanation: The existing clause 12.16.b. was not clear as to which associate organizations will be represented by the President. It was felt that this clause was unnecessary.

13. CONDUCT OF CME

13. Existing: None

Proposed: CONDUCT OF CME

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

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

13.3. Inauguration procedure

Members on the dais:

President NSI, Secretary NSI, Org. Secretary of the Conference, Convener CME, Co-convener CME.

The President shall release the CME book.

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

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

Explanation: These conventions are being followed presently and this clause only formalizes existing norms.

14. ACCOUNTS

14.1. Existing: The financial year of the Society and the Journal (Neurology India) accounts shall be from 1st April to 31st March of the following year. The membership will be counted from 1st January to 31st December for the purpose of annual subscription.

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

Explanation: Since members are admitted twice a year (1st June and 1st January) the membership should also be counted from the appropriate dates. Otherwise, the membership dues will be for 2.5 or 3.5 years in the case of those admitted on 1st June.

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

*Proposed: The audited accounts of the Society shall be submitted by the Treasurer of the Society to the Executive Committee and to the General Body during the annual conference. The Editor, Neurology India, shall submit the audited accounts of the journal to the Executive Committee and **the Treasurer.***

Explanation: As the Treasurer has to submit all the audited accounts of the Society to the Income Tax department, including that of the Editor, the Editor should submit the accounts to the Treasurer in addition to the Executive Committee. The Treasurer will present all accounts including those of Neurology India to the General Body.

15. Existing: LIST OF MEMBERS / ADDRESS

Rs. 5000 shall be charged to provide the address list of members of the society where it is used for commercial purposes and Rs. 500 where it is used for conferences or personal use. Members of EC and Organising Secretary of NSI Conferences would be provided complementary address lists. The sum is to be sent to the Treasurer NSI. The Executive Committee is authorized to revise the amount when required.

Proposed: 15. Rs. 10000 shall be charged to provide the address list of members of the society where it is used for commercial purposes and Rs. 500 where it is used for conferences or personal use. Members of EC and Organising Secretary of NSI Conferences would be provided complementary address lists. The sum is to be sent to the Treasurer NSI. The Executive Committee is authorized to revise the amount when required.

Explanation: Several commercial firms request the address database. It was felt that Rs. 5000 was too low an amount for a database containing nearly 2500 names and addresses of professionals.

17. NEWSLETTER

Proposed addition: The Newsletter shall be electronically circulated to all the members and posted on the NSI website. Only those members who request a paper copy will be posted the Newsletter.

Explanation: In an effort to be environmentally friendly and save costs for the Society, we have already implemented the electronic circulation of the Newsletter.

18. Existing: DIRECTORY

A directory containing the history of the society, the constitution and byelaws and addresses of the members shall be brought out at least once in 3 years by the Secretary, NSI. This shall also be made available on the Society website

Proposed: Delete the clause.

Explanation: It is expensive to produce a directory and most members will not use it. The Constitution and Byelaws of the Society are available on the website. Any member can obtain the Members' addresses on a CD by paying Rs.500 only. We also are environmentally friendly by not printing the Directory.

18. Existing: NEURO-NURSES FELLOWSHIPS

50 fellowships of Rs. 750 each will be awarded to the Neuro-nurses on first-cum-first served basis for attending the Annual Conference.

The applications should reach the Treasurer through proper channel before 31st October.

Proposed: 18. NEURO-NURSES FELLOWSHIPS. 50 fellowships of Rs.2500 each will be awarded to the Neuro-nurses on first-cum-first served basis for attending the Annual Conference.

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

Explanation: The existing fellowship amounts were too low. NSI has been routinely supporting the NNA conference every year with financial help and this clause formalizes that contribution.

19. SYMPOSIA

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

Proposed: 20.6. Two or more parallel symposia, of appeal to different groups, might be permitted to be held. However, symposia covering Allied Neurosciences topics should be held in a Common Session.

Explanation: Allied Neurosciences symposia should be held in a common session and not as a parallel session to encourage all clinician attendees to participate in the session.

20. AWARDS

20.2.7. Existing: Full paper should be submitted in format of "Neurology India", **for publication before the annual conference 4 weeks.**

Proposed: 7. Full paper should be submitted in format of "Neurology India", at the time of submission of the abstract.

Explanation: The existing clause is confusing. The proposed clause clarifies that the full paper should be in the format required by Neurology India.

23. Existing: None.

*Proposed: **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AND SENIOR HONORED MEMBERSHIP AWARDS***

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

Explanation: The Society has been honoring senior members at the annual conference with this award for the past 2 years. The addition of this clause only formalizes that process.

24. Existing: None

Proposed: EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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

Explanation: The EC felt that such a committee will enhance and focus the educational activities of the Society.

CONSTITUTION AND BYELAWS OF THE NEUROLOGICAL SOCIETY OF INDIA

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

2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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

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

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

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

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

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

2.6. To increase public awareness about neurological disorders.

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

3. MEMBERS

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

4. LIFE MEMBERSHIP

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

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

4.3. The privileges of a Life Member would be to receive the journal of the Society, voting and contesting for posts as per rules and to present papers at conferences of the

Society. The Privileges of Membership shall come into effect after the Executive Committee has approved the membership application either at the mid term meeting or at the EC meeting at the annual conference.

5. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

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

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

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

6. HONORARY MEMBER

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

6.2. An Honorary Member shall be proposed and seconded by Life Members. The Executive Committee will be the admitting authority to this category of membership.

The total number of Honorary Members at any given time will be limited to not more than 2% of the total Life membership of the Society.

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

7. MEMBERSHIP DUES

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

7.2. Members who have not paid their subscription by 31st December or 31st May shall be sent a registered acknowledgement due notice by the Treasurer of the Society giving them till 31st March or 31st August to clear all outstanding dues. Non-payment

of subscription by 31st March or 31st August would result in removal of the member's name from the rolls.

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

8. MANAGEMENT

8.1. The affairs of the Society shall be managed by the Executive Committee (E.C.).

8.2. The Executive Committee shall consist of:

1. President 1
2. President Elect 1
3. Secretary 1
4. Treasurer 1
5. Members (Neurology)
6. Members (Neurosurgery) 7. Members (Allied Branches of Neurosciences)
{One EC Member would be elected for every block of 500 members or part thereof, out of the specialities of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Allied disciplines of Neurosciences.}
8. Immediate Past Presidents 2
9. Editor Neurology India 1
11. Deputy Editor Neurology India 1
12. Past Secretary 1
13. Past Treasurer 1
14. Organizing Secretaries of the forthcoming and concluded Annual Conferences 2

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

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

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

- i. President and President elect - One Year
- ii. Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Committee Members - Three Years
- iii. Immediate Past presidents - Two Years
- iv. Editor- Six Years (including one year as Deputy Editor)
- v. Past Secretary – One year
- vii. Past Treasurer – One year

viii. Organising Secretaries of Annual Conferences – Two years (starting from one year prior to the conference to one year after the conference).

8.5. Limitation:

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

9. ELECTIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC)

9.1. Eligibility

1. Only Life members can contest for any post.
2. For the post of Secretary, Treasurer & Editor a contestant should have been a Life Member of the Society for a continuous period of 5 years.
3. For the post of President elect a contestant should have been a Life member for a continuous period of 20 years.
4. A member to be eligible for election as an EC member should have attended at least 2 of the last 5 annual conferences of the Society. (This clause will be effective from the elections to be held in 2014).

9.2.1. No member of E.C. can take charge of office of any post of the Society without completing the term of existing post.

2. No member is eligible to contest for more than one post in the same election.

9.3. The President elect shall automatically become President in the following year. There shall be no election for the post of President.

9.4. In the event of resignation, demise or insanity of an officer of the Society, the E.C. is empowered to nominate one of its existing members to the post vacated till the following election.

9.5. Elections shall be held by postal ballot and/or electronic prior to the annual conference.

9.6. The Executive Committee shall have the right to change the logistics of the election process in the face of exigencies or introduce byelaws for other modes of voting like electronic voting as and when required.

10. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

10.1. There shall be a disciplinary committee consisting of President, President elect and two immediate Past Presidents. This will be an empowered committee.

10.2. This committee shall go into complaints of misconduct against any member or associate member and take remedial actions including reconsidering, removal of an errant member from membership of the Society, to the General Body.

11. ARBITRATION COMMITTEE

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

11.1. The Arbitration Committee will consist of Two senior past Presidents and One legal person.

- a. Two past Presidents: should have completed their term at least 5 years before the formation of the Committee. The senior of the two Presidents will serve as the Chairman of the Committee. The Presidents should be regular in attending the NSI annual conferences (3 of the last 5 conferences), be in good health, have good administrative experience and stay in India; and
- b. One legal person. A retired Judge (District/Sessions/High Court) or an Advocate appointed by the Society.

11.2. The term of the Committee shall be 5 years.

11.3. The Committee will be appointed by the Executive Committee.

11.4. This committee on receiving any representation from any member of the society will meet personally or electronically and shall give its verdict at the earliest unanimously or by majority and the interpretation of the rules by the committee shall be final. Before reaching a decision the committee shall seek clarifications from the member if any and then from the Secretary/President NSI before giving its verdict.

12. MEETINGS

12.1. Executive Committee

i. The E.C. would have overall charge of all functions of the Society including financial and administrative matters. It can employ persons for efficient running of the Society.

ii. There shall be two Executive Committee meetings chaired by the President NSI at the venue of the conference one before and one after the Annual General Body Meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

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

12.2 GENERAL BODY MEETING (GBM)

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

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

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

iv. The business and administrative meetings of the Society shall consist of Annual General Body Meeting at which all the members are expected to be present. Forty percent (40%) of the Life Members attending the conference shall form the quorum for the Annual General Body Meeting.

If desired number of the members do not assemble the meeting would be adjourned & reconvened after 30 minutes for which no quorum is necessary.

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

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

vii. All amendments to the Constitution and Bye-laws shall be submitted to the Secretary at least 4 months before the General Body meeting, and the Secretary shall forward a copy of the same through the Newsletter to every member at least 2 months before the meeting.

Such proposals shall be accepted if 2/3rd of the members present vote in favour of the proposals.

The Secretary shall then present the opinion on proposals communicated to him in writing by members in absentia.

A final count shall be made of the votes and proposals shall be accepted only if 2/3rd of those who have voted (either in person or in absentia) are in favour of such amendment.

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

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

viii. Award winners for the different prizes shall be announced during the GBM.

13. OTHER MEETINGS

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

14. SECRETARY

14.1. The Secretary would be overall in charge of administration.

He will be responsible for the publication of newsletters, organize EC meetings and GBM.

He will maintain close liaison with the officers of the Society in discharging his duties.

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

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

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

15. TREASURER

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

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

16. JOURNAL

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

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

16.3. The funds of Neurology India shall be, operated by the Editor and one more member of NSI co-opted by the Editor with permission of EC/President for withdrawals from bank. The audited accounts of the journal will be presented to the EC in December every year and submitted to the Treasurer by 31st March of every year.

17. AFFILIATIONS OF THE SOCIETY

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

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

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

18. DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY

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

BYE LAWS OF NEUROLOGICAL SOCIETY OF INDIA

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

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

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

4. SELECTING PAPERS FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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

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

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

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

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

6. MEMBERSHIP

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

The Secretary shall inform the person concerned and get his consent for election as an honorary member.

Ordinarily not more than two Honorary Members should be elected in a given year.

6.2. Membership Fees:

Associate Members

Admission fees Rs.1000

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

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

Life Members

Admission fees Rs.15000 in one installment or Rs. 5500 in three installments

Conversion of Associate member to Life Member

Admission fees Rs. 12000 in one installment or Rs. 4500 in three installments. Members residing overseas shall only receive the electronic version of the Newsletter and electronic alerts about the journal. Those desirous of obtaining a paper copy of the journal should specially apply for the same to the Editor and pay a surcharge of Rs.1000 per year. Paper copies of the Newsletter shall not be sent to overseas members.

DD or cheque should be drawn in favour of "Neurological Society of India", payable at the city of residence of Treasurer NSI. Out station bank charges Rs.100 should be included in the cheque.

7. C M E

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

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

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

8. WEBSITE

The NSI website shall be managed by a specifically designated Webmaster appointed by the EC.

The Webmaster shall be a Life Member of at least 6 years standing who shall be in charge of collecting information, uploading and deleting items as and when necessary.

The Webmaster would be authorized to raise funds, open bank accounts, employ persons & purchase equipment.

The EC would provide guidelines for functioning.

The appointment will be for a period of 6 years.

9. JOURNAL

9.1 The Editor shall appoint an Editorial Board consisting of Life Members of the Society as far as possible. However, he may co-opt members from non-members of the Society if he feels that they will enhance the functioning of the Journal. 9.2. The Editor shall decide on the process of review and decision on papers submitted to the Journal.

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

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

10. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

11. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS / EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

11.1. Election shall be by postal ballot or electronic ballot as decided by the EC. Canvassing or soliciting votes or casting on other candidates would debar from election. President elect, NSI will be the returning officer for the election.

11.2. Schedule of events for election:

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

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

1 October Candidates to be informed & withdrawals if any invited

22 October Last date for withdrawal of candidature.

10 November Dispatch of ballot papers by UPC by returning officer.

5 December Last date for receipt of ballot papers by

returning officer.
During the annual conference the returning officer and two other members of EC to be nominated by President NSI will count the votes.

The returning officer will declare results of election to the EC.

11.3. Election of Editor

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

12. CONFERENCES

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

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

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

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

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

12.6. Up to Rs. 3 lakhs may be transferred to the Conference account by the Treasurer.

12.7. Financial arrangements for organizing NSI Annual Conferences.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12.13. There shall be a History of Neurosciences session.

12.14. DAIS SEATING ARRANGEMENT during the INAUGURAL FUNCTION of the annual conference will be as follows:

NSI President, Guest of Honour, NSI President elect, NSI Secretary, Chairman - Organizing Committee, Secretary of the Organizing Committee, Joint Secretary of the Organizing Committee, and Treasurer of the Organizing Committee.

12.15. DAIS SEATING ARRANGMENT during the closing ceremony of the annual conference shall be as follows:

The President, President elect, the Secretary of the NSI and the Organizing Secretary. The prizes for award winners shall be presented at this time.

12.16. Chairpersons for Orations and Award paper session:

Award Papers: President and President Elect

Presidential Oration: President Elect and Past President

Orations: President and Past President

13. CONDUCT OF CME

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

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

13.3. Inauguration procedure

Members on the dais:

President NSI, Secretary NSI, Org. Secretary of the Conference, Convener CME, Co-convener CME.

The President shall release the CME book.

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

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

14. ACCOUNTS

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

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

submit to the Executive Committee and to the Treasurer the audited accounts of the journal.

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

15.. LIST OF MEMBERS' ADDRESSES

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

16. GENERAL BODY MEETING GUIDELINES

All members of the Society shall be eligible to attend all GBMs of the Society and shall maintain decorum. However, only Life Members are eligible to vote on any matter pertaining to the Society.

Life Members shall be seated separately.

All voting in GBM shall be conducted by show of hand or by secret ballot as desired by the Chair.

17. NEWSLETTER

The Secretary shall be responsible for publishing a "Newsletter" at least thrice a year.

All important events of the Society and official matters regarding the members of the Society shall be published and would be considered as official communication of NSI. The Newsletter shall be electronically circulated to all the members and posted on the NSI website. Only those members who request a paper copy will be posted the Newsletter.

Information submitted by the Secretary WFNS (I) Trust is to be published in the NSI newsletter.

The WFNS (I) Trust would meet the expenses for this.

18. NEURO-NURSES FELLOWSHIPS

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

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

19. SYMPOSIA

19.1. The symposium topic should be broad based. Offers should reach Secretary NSI. The EC would decide on the symposium subjects.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20. AWARDS

20.1. Awards will be decided during Annual Conference:

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

20.2. The following will be the rules governing these awards

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

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

The conditions for the award are:

The awardee should be a member/associate member or for at least 1 year;
The awardee should be below 45 years of age;
Total experience excluding training in the speciality should not exceed 7 years;
The head of the Dept / Institution to which the candidate is attached should certify that the candidate is a trainee in one of the branches of Neurosciences.

21. CONDITIONS FOR GRANT OF FELLOWSHIPS

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

21.2. Travelling Fellowship: The Society has made provisions for granting travelling fellowship to its members/associate members for attending the

annual conference, seminars, symposia and the C.M.E. programs of the Neurological Society of India in any aspect of Neuroscience. The Traveling Fellowship shall be actual III A/C train fare to the venue of the conference/ seminar/symposia/workshop or CME programme and back plus Rs.1000 for incidental expenses.

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

The awardee

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

22. ORATIONS

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

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

23. LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AND SENIOR HONORED MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

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

24. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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

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