ARTICLE 6: ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

6.1 The elections shall be held by e-voting for President Elect, Vice-President and two members of the Executive Body every year and for Secretary, Joint Secretary and Treasurer every 3 years. There shall be no election for President since President Elect would assume office of President automatically after the Annual General Body Meeting, whereas the President shall become Immediate Past President.

6.2 ELIGIBILITY

6.2.1 For the post of President – Elect and Vice-President a candidate should have been a life member of the Society for at least 10 years and should have held an elected position in the Executive Body of the Society for at least two terms.

6.2.2 For all other positions viz. Secretary, Joint Secretary, Treasurer and Elected Member of the Executive Body a candidate should have been a life member of the society for at least 3 years.

6.2.3 No member shall be eligible to seek election consecutively or otherwise for more than one tenure as President-Elect, more than 2 tenure is Vice-President, Secretary; Joint Secretary, Treasurer or elected member of the Executive Body.

6.2.4 The President and President-Elect shall not seek election for any position in the Executive Body in future.

6.2.5 A member shall not contest simultaneously for more than one office bearer post i.e. President Elect. Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

6.3 ELECTION PROCEDURE

6.3.1 During the general body meeting held along with the ESICON, the member list shall be approved and updated. Any new member of the ESI after this GB meeting shall not be eligible to participate in the election process of the ensuing calendar year. The immediate past president of the ESI who ceased to be the EC member shall be appointed as the returning officer for the smooth conduct of the elections in the corresponding year. In case of his/her unwillingness or non-availability, the request shall be extended to his/her predecessor serially, year wise. The office of the Secretary, ESI shall extend all the assistance to the returning officer for the smooth conduct of the elections.

By the last week of May each year the Returning officer shall send to each member list of vacancies in the Executive Body and a list of new members of the Society under certificate of posting, with a request to send the nominations for different offices. The nomination paper shall bear the candidates name and address as well as details of the office for which the candidate is being nominated. It shall be proposed by a life member and seconded by another life member and shall be duly signed by the candidate signifying his/her willingness to contest the election and to serve the Executive Body if elected. There shall be separate nomination paper for each candidate and for each post. These nominations must reach the Returning officer not later than 30th June. The nomination paper should be accompanied by short bio – data of the candidate (not more than 100 words).
6.3.2 The Returning officer shall inform the contesting candidates of all the nominations received for the post, they are contesting and if any one wishes to withdraw his/her nomination, he/she should inform the Returning officer in writing on or before 30th July.

6.3.3 By 10th August, the Returning officer shall send these nominations for e-voting ballot page if the number of nominations for each category exceeds the seats in the Executive body. The Returning officer shall prepare the ballot page for e-voting in consultation with the appointed firms for the purpose of the elections.

6.3.4 The e-voting will be open to all active members from the 15th August till the 15th September of the year of election. The voting site shall be deactivated after the stipulated time for the election. The members are requested to cast the e-vote and contact the Returning officer for any difficulty in the process.

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6.3.7 The result will be compiled and submitted by the voting firm to the Returning officer, who shall present the same to the Executive committee meeting held a day prior to the GBM. The same shall be presented to the General Body Meeting by the Secretary / Outgoing President of the ESI.

6.3.8 If for any reason, the elections could not be held on the dates herein laid down, the President shall determine the respective dates to ensure that the process of election is completed before the end of the Annual General Body Meeting of that year.

6.3.9 If the nominations received by the Returning officer are less than the vacancy of seats in the Executive Body, such vacancy shall be filled by election/nomination (by a simple majority) to be held at the time of Executive Body Meeting held just prior to the GBM.

6.3.10 The Co-opted members of the Executive Body for the coming year shall normally be chosen at the Meeting of Executive Body to be held at the time of Annual Conference. At this meeting, the current members and the members elect for the coming year may be present and would have right to vote.

6.3.11 If a vacancy occurs in any office of the Executive Body otherwise than efflux of time, the Executive Body shall elect a member to fill this vacancy until the end of the year by a simple majority.

6.3.12 Any Executive Body member may resign his/her position by giving notice in writing to the Secretary or the President. The resignation shall be placed in the Executive Body and shall take effect from the date of its acceptance by the Executive Body.

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