

# LINGUISTIC SOCIETY OF INDIA

(Registered under Act XXI of 1860) (Bombay Public Trust Act 1950)

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

(Amended in August 2022, approved in EC on 03/09/22, and ratified by GBM held on 24/11/22)

### I. Name and Object:

1. This Society shall be known as “The Linguistic Society of India”
2. Its object shall be the advancement of the scientific study of language and providing a platform for activities pertaining to linguistics; Offer advice to Governmental and Non-Governmental organizations on issues related to Language(s) in application, teaching, and research.

### II. Registered Office and Head Offices:

The registered office of the Society shall be situated at Asutosh Building, Calcutta University, Kolkata, 700 073, and the Head Office of the Society shall be located at the Deccan College Postgraduates and Research Institute, Pune, 411 006

The place of the Registered and the Head Office may be changed from time to time by a resolution of the General Body meeting of the Society.

The Executive Committee (Hereafter EC) may, at their discretion, open Branch Offices in any other place, and each of such Branch Offices shall be under the supervision of an office-bearer. The place of the Registered Office may also be changed from time to time by a resolution of the General Meeting (Hereafter GM) of the Society.

### III. Membership:

The membership of the Society shall be open to all persons interested in the objects of the Society. There shall be

1. Patrons: Those who pay Rs 50,000 / \$ 5,000 and above. Eligible for 50% off all publications and free Indian Linguistics (Hereafter IL).
2. Donors: Those who pay Rs 25,000 / \$ 2,500. Eligible for 50% off an all publications and free IL.
3. Life members: Those who pay Rs 5,000 / \$ 500, for students [UG, PG, PHD] Rs 3000 / \$ 300. Eligible for 25% off on all publications and free IL. This shall be paid in 2/3/4/5 installments; however s/he shall be treated as yearly member until the full amount is paid.

4. Yearly members (Rs 1,000 / \$ 100) are eligible for 25% off on all publications and free IL for the year. (Those who pay continuously for five years yearly membership fee shall be converted to life member status if they request such conversion). Yearly members will not have any power of voting or nominating; however, they are entitled to take part in GM.

5. Institutional membership. Rs. 25,000/ \$ 2,500 and above.

#### **IV. Administration:**

1. The office-bearers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, a Secretary, two Joint Secretaries, two Trustees, and the Editor.

2. Three elected members assist the Editor as a committee on publication of the journal of the Society, IL.

3. The two Joint Secretaries must be from the place of both offices- Calcutta and Pune.

4. The Management of the affairs and concerns of the Society shall be vested in an EC consisting of the above office-bearers and eleven other working members of the Society.

5. Members have to have five years of uninterrupted membership of the Society to hold any position in the Society.

6. No one can be an Office bearer consecutively for more than one term in any capacity.

7. The Office bearers and working members of the EC are elected to their three-year office by an open election conducted by the society during November and December towards the end of the three-year term.

8. The other office-bearers shall fill vacancies among office-bearers as determined by the EC. In case three EC membership positions fall vacant before the completion of two years of the elected body, there shall be an interim election. Every vacancy shall be filled within two months of the date of the post falling vacant. But non-appointment of a member or an office-bearer shall not vitiate any proceeding of the Society subsequent thereto.

**8. Removal of an Office Bearer/EC member:** If a member is found misappropriating finance or power vested in her/him by the constitution, s/he shall be removed from the body by the president with the support of 2/3 of EC. If an allegation is on the President, the EC shall choose one of the members as a chairperson to discuss the issue.

#### **V. Meetings:**

1. There shall be at least two EC meetings in a year. The agenda shall be distributed 1-2 weeks before each meeting. 1/3 of the EC shall be the quorum; if both the President and the Vice-President cannot attend a particular EC meeting, the members present shall vote to choose a

Chairperson for that meeting. Each EC member will have a single vote; however, the President/Chairperson shall have a second or casting vote in case of equality of votes.

2. There shall be a special EC meeting for any urgent or important issues

3. A special EC meeting shall be called upon request of 1/3 of the members. Such a meeting shall be conducted within 15 days of the request received; the agenda shall be circulated one week before the meeting.

4. There shall be a yearly GM. The Agenda shall be distributed 1-2 weeks before the meeting. Twenty members shall form a quorum.

4.a. GM shall pass the annual report, audited accounts, and the annual budget and shall ratify EC decisions.

4.b. GM may return EC decisions to the EC for reconsideration. Such issues shall be placed in the EC and returned to the GM for approval.

#### **VI. Funds:**

1. All the realizations from all sources shall forthwith be deposited in a Scheduled Bank. The Treasurer shall keep the Bank Pass Book in her/his custody and make deposits.

2. The Society may invest parts of its proceeds in a nationalized bank to augment its income.

#### **VIIA. Duties of Office bearers:**

**President:** The President is responsible for all activities and assets of the Society. S/He shall conduct LSI activities, take decisions, assign work to the members, etc. S/he shall chair all the meetings of the Society.

**Vice-President:** The Vice-President has to support the President in all the responsibilities and activities. S/He shall hold all the president's responsibilities in her/his absence. Vice-President is Chair of the Publications Committee and advises and plans the publications other than the Journal, IL.

**Secretary:** The Secretary shall perform various duties from time to time as advised by the president, report to the president, and be responsible for the following: (a) To conduct all correspondence; (b) to conduct all the meetings and to keep the minutes; (c) to conduct elections; (d) to keep charge of the Office, books, registers and website; (e) to keep the register of the members up-to-date; (f) to maintain the asset; (g) to carry out all other activities as may from time to time be specified by the EC; h. All suits and legal proceedings by or against the Society shall be in the name of the Secretary.

**Joint Secretaries:** The Joint Secretaries shall assist the Secretary in performing her/his duties. They are responsible for their respective offices.

**Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall be the financial officer of the Society and shall keep charge of all accounts of the income and expenditure. S/He shall prepare the annual budget in collaboration with the Secretary and place the accounts and the budget before the EC as soon as possible after the closing of the financial year.

**Trustees:** All the immovable properties, the funds, and other properties of the Society as determined by the GM are vested in the Trustees.

**EC Members:** EC members have to discuss the agenda introduced and guide the office bearers in conducting the activities of the Society. All the members of the EC are equally responsible for all the activities. The EC may take decisions on the function of the Office bearers from time to time as felt necessary.

#### **VII B. Functions of the Sub-Committees:**

1. There shall be sub-committees for publications (including IL), finance, academic activities (including ICOLSI) and website.

All the committees shall consist of five members. The President or Vice-President or a President's nominee shall be the chairperson of the committees. The EC shall decide about including experts from outside the EC in case of necessity.

1.1 Publication Committee: The Vice-President, as its Chairperson, may form the committee to consider the publication of special bulletins and similar other works to suit the purpose.

1.2 Academic Committee: Planning and conducting various academic activities like workshops, special lectures, etc. The Vice President will be the Chairperson of the Committee.

1.3 Website Committee: It is necessary to review the website's functioning from time to time. The President will be the Chairperson of the committee.

1.4 Finance Committee: It shall include a secretary and treasurer (in addition to other members).

2. All minutes of the meetings ( Ec and GBM) must be placed on the LSI website.

#### **VIII. Audits:**

An accountant shall audit the accounts of the Society. The Society shall appoint such auditor/s annually.

#### **IX. Amendment of Rules:**

Amendments to the LSI constitution shall be made as follows. Any EC or GM member shall propose necessary amendments, which shall be discussed in EC and taken to GM if they receive the support of 2/3 of EC. The same shall be amended with the support of 2/3 of GM. The amended points shall be attached to the constitution, with the serial number and date of the amendment.

#### **X. Dissolution:**

A special GM may dissolve the Society convened on the recommendation of the EC and support of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the members.

In the event of the Society dissolving itself, the Society shall specify appropriate recipients of the physical property and assets and liabilities remaining at the time of termination. It is understood that the recipients shall be other similar organizations of non-profit character.

All suits and legal proceedings by or against the Society shall be in the name of the Secretary.

#### **XI. Bye-Laws:**

The Executive Committee shall have the power from time to time to make, repeal, and amend all such bylaws as they deem necessary for the efficient management of the Society. These include but are not limited to, Membership, Regulations concerning the holding of the Conferences of Linguists, and the conducting of Elections.

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5. Institutional Membership: Those who have paid Rs. 25,000/ \$ 2,500 may become Institutional members and receive a copy of IL.

## **B. Conferences of Linguists: Regulations and Guidelines.**

1. The Linguistic Society of India will hold, as far as possible, once a year, a conference to be called the All India Conference of Linguists or the International Conference of Linguistic Society of India (ICOSAL), appended by a serial number. It may be mentioned that the first such conference was held in Pune in 1970.

2. The LSI may hold the conference on its own or in collaboration with an another Institution.

3. The Society can delegate to the Co-sponsoring body such powers as may be necessary for the proper and successful organization of the Conference in harmony with the aims and objectives of the Society.

4. The conference may organize efforts to enroll members for the Conference, appoint an Organizing Committee, Reception Committee, or Academic Committee, and draw up a conference program well in advance.

5. Only the members of the Society can be conference delegates and pay the registration fee.

6. The Chairperson or President of the Conference need not be the President of LSI. Chairs of various committees can be jointly appointed to ensure the smooth conduct of the conference.

7. President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Society will necessarily be ex-officio members of the Committees of the Conference. If it is necessary, the society may nominate the Vice-President and one or more members of the EC on delegation to the conference.

8. The organizing committee may single out an outstanding member of the Society for Special Honour.

9. One or more sponsored Special Lectures in honour of an Eminent Linguist may be organized.

10. All other organizational details necessary may be worked out as and when necessary.

## **C. Election:**

As per section IV, clause 7, elections of the Society will be held.

Elections to the office bearers and working members of EC shall be completed by the 1st of January at the beginning of every three-year period.

All members who have completed at least one year of active membership are eligible to vote.

All members who have completed at least five years of Life membership are eligible to contest any position (Office bearer and Working member of the Executive Committee.)

Nominations coming from the members should be duly proposed and seconded by voting members.

Candidates may withdraw from the election contest as per the regulations laid out in the election schedule.

The Returning officers, on behalf of the Secretary, may finalize the panel of candidates seeking elections.

The mode of election, offline or online, is decided by the EC.

The announcement of the election and the schedule are released as determined by the EC.

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