

OBSERVATION OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE ON THE ELECTORAL REFORMS COMMITTEE

1. The role of Scrutiny Committee is recommended to be broadened by entrusting additional responsibility of finalising eligible Voters' list before election date. The voters' list should be ready at least a few weeks before the elections. The cut-off date for the voters' eligibility should be 1 August of the year in which the election is held, i.e., Fees must be fully paid and dues, if any, settled on or before 31st July of the year in which the Election is scheduled. Only those members valid on the Register are entitled to vote and could be a candidate provided other criteria are fulfilled.

Managing Committee's observations:

The first sentence should be replaced by the following: -

The Office should ensure that the voter's list should be ready
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Further, replace the words "on or before 31st July"

With "as at the time of the election"

2. Term of Office Bearers and Managing Committee members shall be for 3 years' duration in which One third of MC members will retire every year by rotation.

Managing Committee's observations:

The term of Office Bearers and Managing Committee members should be 3 years of 2 consecutive terms.

3. A new member will become eligible to vote in the society elections after completion of 2 continuous years without default as a Resident Life or Ordinary Member of ASM as on 31st July.

Managing Committee's observations:

The Managing Committee decided to replace the words "as on 31st July." with "as at the time of the election."

4. Eligibility of a member to contest in an Election is as follows: -
 - 4a) Should have been a member for five continuous years, as on 1 August or of the month in which election is held without any default (default shall include all types of fines/penalties/dues/non-return of books etc. and shall be not limited to annual membership dues only).

Managing Committee's observations:

The Managing Committee decided to replace the word "five" with "two" [N.B.: Mr. Kumar Ketkar and Mr. Mandar Barde (Managing Committee Members) recommended membership of seven continuous years, which was not accepted by the other members]

- 4b) Should have served for 2 years minimum in any one or two Sub-Committees after being admitted as a member of ASM.

Managing Committee's observations:

The Managing Committee suggested as under:

Replace the words: "2 years minimum in any one or two sub-Committees"

With: "least one year in any one Sub-Committee"

- 4c) Should not be less than 25 years of age or more than 75 years as on 31st July or last day of the previous month in which election is held.

Managing Committee's observations:

The Managing Committee suggested to delete the words as under:

Delete: "or more than 75 years"

- 4d) Should not have been a Managing Committee Member or an Office bearer in the preceding 6 Six years i.e. Two consecutive terms. However, a member can contest after a gap of 2 years of these two consecutive terms. In other words, there will be a cooling period of 2 years after two consecutive terms being in the Governing Body of the ASM in any capacity either as a Managing Committee member or as an Office bearer.

Managing Committee's observations:

The cooling period was not accepted.

5. In the case of a vacancy among the Office Bearers the same could be filled in only from Managing Committee members on an ad-hoc basis till next elections. An exception could be in the case of a Finance Secretary.

Managing Committee's observations:

Suggest no change.

6. There will be no Co-option for any vacancy occurring in Managing Committee till next elections.

Managing Committee's observations:

Suggest no change.

7. A member shall not contest for 2 posts in the same election.

Managing Committee's observations:

Suggest no change.

8. Any sitting member of the Managing Committee or Office bearer who wishes to contest in an election as a candidate for another post before his/her term ends shall resign from the position held before submission of the Nomination Form.

Managing Committee's observations:

Suggest no change.

9. Rule 14 (b) should be dropped for withdrawal within 24 hours of time fixed for Annual General Body meeting.

Managing Committee's observations:
Suggest no change.

10. Rule 14 (c) for the appointment of Hon. Finance Secretary and two Joint Finance Secretaries to assist him or her the same criteria of continuation for Governing Body members are suggested, i.e., maximum continuation up to 6 years and reappointment can be after a cooling period of 2 years.

Managing Committee's observations:
The Managing Committee suggested to delete the following words as under:

Delete: ***“and reappointment can be after a cooling period of 2 years.”***

11. Rule 14 c (iv) must be dropped.

Managing Committee's observations:
Suggest no change.

12. Rule 15, second paragraph of co-option from the members of Society will have to be dropped

Managing Committee's observations:
Suggest no change.

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