

NMA MEMBERSHIP-REGULATIONS RECAPITULATED

The Association shall consist of members whose names are on the Register of the Association. There shall be a Register in which the names of all the members of the association shall be entered with their qualifications and addresses.

Any person possessing a medical qualification registerable by the Nepal Medical Council will be eligible for membership. Until the Nepal Medical Council is formed, the Executive Committee of NMA will decide the eligibility for membership.

Members who are Nepalese nationals are called Ordinary members. Members who are not Nepalese nationals are called Associate members. Associate members shall not hold office otherwise they enjoy all the privileges of ordinary members, namely, the right to vote on all resolutions put forward at all meetings of the Association, the right to attend and take part in scientific lectures, demonstrations, and discussions organised by the association, and use of the reading room of the Association. All members receive the Journal of the Nepal Medical Association free.

Admission fee is 15 Rupees. Application form for membership should be accompanied by the admission fee and the first quarterly subscription which will be refunded if the application is not accepted. A member enrolled at any time during the year shall pay the subscription from the day of his application for the membership.

An Honorary member is the individual whose contributions are noteworthy to the association or who has rendered conspicuous service to the science or practice of medicine or is a person of high scientific or literary attainments. The name of Honorary member shall be proposed by at least 10 members of the Association or three members of the Central Council and the election shall take place at a meeting of the Central Council, voting being done by secret ballot. The person shall be considered elected if two thirds of the members present vote for the proposal.

Subscription:

The association year shall be from the first day of Kartik to the last day of Ashwin in next year. All subscription shall be paid in advance, either in one installment by the end of Kartik or in 4 quarterly installments by the end of Kartik, Magh, Baishak and Sawun.

Every ordinary member shall pay 60 rupees per annum. Those ordinary members who have not completed three years of their qualifying medical examination will pay 30 rupees per annum. The full subscription will be payable from the next Association year after the three years are completed. An Associate member shall pay 50 rupees per annum.

Non-payment of Subscription dues:

If the subscription either annual or quarterly is not paid in time the member shall be notified as soon as possible. He will then be notified every three months for three times and if one month after the third notice the dues are not cleared without satisfactory explanation a final notice shall be sent by the Hony. Gen. Secy. stating clearly that within three months if the dues are not paid all the privileges of membership shall be suspended. After the passing of three months the case shall put up before the Executive Committee for any actions it may decide to take including the termination of the membership from the Association. The decision shall be communicated to the member.

Resignation of membership:

A member may at any time resign his membership but he or she shall give a notice of thirty days in writing and shall pay all dues against his or her name.

Re-eligibility for membership:

Anyone who has ceased to be a member of the Association through non-payment of subscription dues or through resignation may be re-admitted to the membership on fresh application being made and on payment of any outstanding dues. In case of re-admission all previous dues outstanding against the member at the time of removal or re-admission along with the admission fees shall be paid.

The Branch:

For better attainment of the objects of the Association the members shall form themselves into separate local bodies styled as Branches. A minimum of three members who reside, practice or are employed in a place or its neighbourhood will form themselves into a Branch of the Association. There cannot be more than one Branch in a district. Before a Branch is opened a written application signed by three members of the Association should be sent to the Hony. Gen. Secy. for permission to open the Branch. The Branch will start functioning after receiving a written permission from the Hony. Gen. Secy.

The Branches will be free to make rules and regulations according to their convenience, provided these are approved by the executive committee of the NMA but these rules and regulations must not contravene the regulations of NMA.

Enrolment of members by the Branch—The application forms with the admission fee and first quarterly subscription should be sent to the Secretary of the Branch. The applications should be put up in the next Branch Committee for approval and the decision should be communicated to the member and the Centre as well. Branch members pay their Subscriptions to the secretary of their Branch. Each Branch will pay to the Central Fund 15 rupees per year for each member whether Ordinary or Associate. If the member of a Branch leaves his area and goes to reside, practice or

is employed, in an area of another Branch, he must clear all the dues of the previous Branch, pay the full subscription for the current year and obtain a certificate of payment. This certificate will entitle him to membership of the other Branch without further payment for the remaining year. The Central Fund contribution for that year shall be paid by his previous Branch. The transfer shall be notified by the Branches to each other and to the Central Office.

The NMA will not be liable for any of the debts and liabilities of its Branches.

Direct Members.

Where there is no Branch, the members shall have direct contact with the Central Office and are "Direct Members". Applications from eligible persons from such areas should be sent to the Hony. Gen. Secy. with the admission fee and the first quarterly subscription. The application shall be put in the next meeting of the Executive Committee of NMA. Direct members pay their subscriptions to the Hony. Gen. Secy. of NMA.