Proposed Constitutional Amendment

For favour of information, notice and co-operation of NMA members

Following amendments of NMA Constitution were discussed and adopted by the council members in the Council Meeting of 4. 12. 2040 held under the chairmanship of Dr. B. B. Vaidya, the President of NMA.

In the context of escalation of membership, demand of time and practical problems experienced in different aspects, it has been imperative TO RE-AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NMA, (Amended 1977) for the welfare and prosperity of this association which is running on its 34th year.

Any member whose interest is likely to be adversely effected by the adopted amendment may please intimate Constitution Amendment Sub-committee indicating his full nature of interest and suggestions, if any.

1. Page 6, Article Two, III (B): 'Existing: Members who are not Nepalese Nationals are called Associate members.
   Proposed: "Members other than Nepalese Nationals are classified as associate members who can be life members only."

2. Page 7, IV (c) Existing: All members shall have the right to vote for the election of President, Senior Vice-President, Vice-President, NMA representatives to Nepal Medical Council.
   Proposed: "All members except associate members shall have the right to vote for the election of President, Hon. General Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, NMA representatives to Nepal Medical Council."

3. Page IV (A) Existing: Application for membership shall be made on the prescribed form giving full name, qualification, University or Institution, year when obtained, employed if any, sex, age and present address. The application shall be sponsored by a
member of the Association and accompanied by the admission fee and amount of the subscription as laid down in the Bye-laws of the Association.

Proposed: addition after the third word: Application for membership with a photocopy of his Degree/Certificate of medical qualification and citizenship certificate shall be made on the prescribed form giving full name, qualification, university or institution, year when obtained, employment if any, sex, age and present address. The application shall be sponsored by a member of the association and accompanied by the admission fee and amount of subscription as laid down in the bye-law of the association."

4. Page 8V (B) 3rd line Existing: To the Honorary Treasurer at the Headquarters.
   Proposed: "To the Hon. Gen. Secretary at the Headquarters."

5. Page 15 III (E) Existing: The Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint or remove salaried officers and servants or to buy, sell or otherwise dispose off properties, under the Headquarters of the association.
   Proposed: "The Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint or remove salaried officers and servants. NMA financial rules must be strictly followed to buy or to sell or to mortgage any property of NMA."

6. Page 15 IV D Existing: A minimum of seven Direct members employed, practising or residing in Zone described....................
   Proposed: "A minimum of ten Direct members.....

7. Page 18 I (A) 5th and 7th lines Existing: There being one representative for seven branch members. There shall be one representative on the Council for every Seven Direct members at the time of election.
   Proposed: "There being one representative for ten branch members. There shall be one representative on the council for every ten direct members at the time of election."

8. Page 10 (B) Existing: The permanent vacancy of the President shall be filled by the Senior Vice-President until the term of the Executive Committee is over when the new president will take office at the next Conference.
   Proposed: "In the circumstances of permanent vacancy of the President irrespective of any cause/s, the Senior Vice-President shall be acting as president of NMA."
9. Page 19 (C) Existing: In the absence of the Hony. General Secretary, the Joint Secretary will take over as Hony. General Secretary, and in the absence of Hony. Treasurer, the Joint Treasurer will take over as Hony. Treasurer.

Proposed: In the temporary absence of Hony. General Secretary and/or Hony. Treasurer, the Joint Secretary and/or Joint Treasurer will officiate as Hony. General Secretary /Hony. Treasurer and in case of permanent vacancy/ies, both will be automatically promoted to the respective posts.

10. Page 19 (D) Existing: The President may assign to another member temporarily the functions of an office holding members of the Executive during the latter's absence.

Proposed: "The President may assign to another member temporarily or permanently for the term the functions of an office holding member of the executive during the latter's absence and such appointment shall be approved by the executive committee in the next meeting."

11. Page 20 New regulations (G) and (H) Proposed:

(G) In case of permanent vacancy of the Senior Vice-President and or Vice-President, irrespective of any cause/s, the President will have the right to nominate Senior Vice-President and/or Vice-President from the members of the executive committee.

(H) In case of permanent vacancy of any executive member/s irrespective of any cause/s, the President will have the right to nominate such vacancy from the council except Hony. General Secretary and Hony. Treasurer."

12. Page 20 II Existing: President, Senior Vice-president and Vice-president.

Proposed: "President, Hony. General Secretary, Hony. Treasurer."

13. Page 21, 13 line – Existing: Accompanied by Rs. 100/- as security.

Proposed: Accompanied by Rs. 300/- as security.

14. Page 21, 24th line Existing: Representatives of the candidates and name of the successful candidates shall be published.

Proposed: "Representatives of the candidates, in the absence of the representatives even the counting of the votes will not be postponed except any natural calamity and names of the elected candidates shall be declared and published."

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15. Page 22. 2nd line Existing: And shall elect ten members of the new Executive Committee, Voting by Secret Ballot.

   Proposed: “And shall elect eleven members including chief editor of new ten executive committee, voting by secret Ballot”

16. Page 22 (IV) Proposed Addition: “Candidates for Nepal Medical Council election should deposit a sum of Rs. 200/- as security money which will be forfeited if a candidate fails to earn less than 1/8 th of the total vote polled.”

17. Page 24 D, 1 Notice Existing: Three week’s notice shall be given to all the members of the Executive Committee and one month’s to members of NMA Council stating the place, date and time of and also the agenda of the meeting.

   Proposed: One week’s notice shall be given to all the members of the Executive Committee and two week’s to the members of the NMA Council stating place, date, time and agenda of the meeting.”

18. Page 24 D, II (B) Existing: The President may call an Emergency meeting at one week’s notice.

   Proposed: The President may call on an emergency meeting at 24 hour’s notice......

19. Page 25 (C) Existing: The President may call at two week’s notice, an emergency meeting of the NMA Council giving place, date, time and agenda.

   Proposed: “The President may call on at 72 hour’s notice an emergency meeting of the NMA Council giving place, time, date and agenda”

20. Page 33: Proposed addition of Article Sixteen: “There will be provision for opening different Chapters to develop different specialities under the banner of NMA; each Chapter will be free in academic affairs but in policy matter they will be guided by NMA Constitution”

21. Page 33 Bye laws relating to Article 2 III, Existing: A life member shall pay a lump sum of Rupees six hundred in lieu of the yearly subscriptions.

   Proposed: “A life member shall pay a lump sum of Rs. 1000/- or equivalent of US$ 100/- in case of ordinary and associate members respectively in lieu of the yearly subscriptions.”

22. Page 33 Bye laws relating to Article 2V Existing: The admission fee shall be Rupees 10/-
The subscription rate of ordinary and associate members shall be Rs. 2/- per month.

Proposed: "The admission fee shall be Rs. 25/- and the subscription rate for ordinary members Rs. 5/- per month."

23. Page 34 Bye laws Relating to Article 5 IV: Existing 4th line: These elections shall ordinarily be held at the time of election for President and Vice-Presidents of NMA prior to the Nepal Medical Conference.

Proposed: "These elections shall be ordinarily held at the time of NMA conference."

24. Page 34 Bye laws Relating to Article 6 IV (ii) Existing: The treasurer shall keep with him Rs. 200/- as impressed fund..............

Proposed: "The treasurer shall keep with him Rs. 500/- as impressed fund."

25. Page 36 (iv) 2nd line Existing: This fee shall be Rs. 10/- for members and Rs. 40/- for non-members. The fee for other foreign delegates shall be Rs. 80/-.

Proposed: "This fee shall be Rs. 50/- for national and associate members and Rs. 100/- for non-members. The fee for other non-member foreign delegates shall be Rs. 200/- except Indian delegates which will be Rs. 100/- only.

26. Page 37 (x) Existing: Only members of NMA shall be entitled to take part in NMA Business meeting.

Proposed: "Only members of NMA excepting associate members shall be entitled..."

27. Page 9 IV, Association year: Existing: The association year shall be from the first day of Shravan to the last day of Ashad in the next year. Associate year shall also be the Association financial year.

Proposed: "The association year shall be from the first day of Baishakh to the last day of Chaitra. Association year shall also be the association financial year."

Sd. Dr. Sitaram B. S. Pradhan  
Member.  

Sd. Dr. T. B. Khatri  
Chairman.
Association News

ANNOUNCEMENT:

12th All Nepal Medical Conference will be held on the first week of Chaitra/third week of March, 2041/1985 at Kathmandu, Nepal. Detail Information will be provided in the next issue.

Please mark your calendar for the event.
Association News:

1. Her Majesty the Queen, Aishwarya Rajya Laxmi Devi Shaha, granted a gracious audience to the NMA President, Dr. B.B Vaidya and General Secretary, Dr. Ananda Shrestha.

Her Majesty the Queen gave necessary directives to the NMA to negotiate with the Hope International of U.S.A., which is willing to equip some of the health institution of this country and also provide necessary training to the health personnel.

2. NMA Council meeting was held under the chairmanship of the NMA President, Dr. B.B. Vaidya on 2040/12/04 to discuss following agenda:

1. Proposed financial rule of the NMA,
4. Miscellaneous.

Following resolutions were passed in the meeting.

1. Financial rules of the NMA presented by the executive committee was passed with minor alterations.

2. Proposed constitutional amendments put forward by the executive committee was approved by the NMA Council meeting. This (Constitutional Amendments) will be put forward to NMA General Body meeting during the 12th All Nepal Medical Conference for final approval.

Please send your valuable comments regarding the proposed Constitutional Amendments (refer to the detail text, to the General Secretary, NMA. Siddi Sadan, P.O. Box: 189, Kath.)