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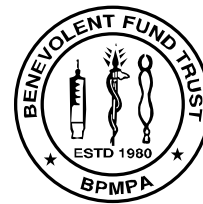
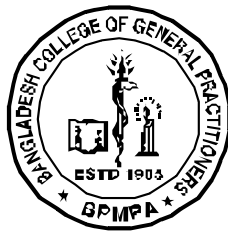
MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

1. Nomenclature :

- a) The name of the Association shall be Bangladesh Private Medical Practitioners Association (BPMPA).
- b) The name of the educational wing of the Association shall be Bangladesh College of General Practitioners (BCGP).
- c) The name of the Welfare Trust of the Association shall be - Benevolent Fund Trust (BFT).

2.

- a) **Office:** The registered offices of the association and its educational wing (BCGP) and Welfare Trust (BFT) shall be at Dhaka.
- b) **Language:** The official language of BPMPA, BCGP and BFT shall be Bengali and or English.
- c) **Monograms :** The monogram of BPMPA, BCGP & BFT as follows:-



- d) **Flag:** The association shall have a flag containing its monogram on white back ground (cloth).

3. **Aims and Objects:**

- a) To uphold the ethics of the Medical Profession.
- b) To maintain dignity and honour of the Medical Profession.
- c) To promote unity amongst the members of the Profession.
- d) To provide common forum for the members of the Association and to protect the interest and the privileges of the members of the Profession.
- e) To bring the medical practitioners and the members of the public closer, and develop better understanding and relations between them.
- f) To guide and help the members of the Association especially the new entrants.
- g) To establish Benevolent fund Trust (BFT) to provide assistance to the families of the deceased and disabled members of the Association.
To undertake any Commercial, Industrial and Similar other investments including real estate investment activities after obtaining proper authorities as per bye-laws laid down here-in-after or properly framed in future with the sole aim of increasing the assets of the Trust which will eventually lead to enable the Trust to render wider and enhanced benefit.
- h) To print, publish and circulate magazines, periodicals and pamphlets that the Association may think desirable for the promotion of its objectives.
- i) To establish the Bangladesh College of General Practitioners (BCGP) & other Institutions/ Projects like BPMPA Medical College & Hospital. To arrange post-graduate training/Under-graduate Medical College and Hospital at home and abroad. To arrange from time to time lecture, discussion and demonstration on subjects of Medical Interest.

To form a Trustee Board to run the BPMPA Medical College & Hospital or any other projects.

To form the Bangladesh Institute of Ultrasonography & Research (BIUR).

To undertake research activities pertaining to community health and family medicine. To hold examinations, grant certificates, degrees, other diplomas, citation of distinction in recognition of proficiency in general practice. and also with affiliation of University/ Universities if deemed necessary.

- j) To conduct educational campaign among the common people in matters of public health hygiene and family welfare.
- k) To organise volunteer crops for medical relief in times of emergency within or outside Bangladesh.
- l) To establish Private Hospitals to provide treatment for the common people.
- m) To form a Medical protection wing to provide legal & financial Protection from any undue harassment (physically, mentally or financially) by patient or patient's relatives or friends or miscreants to the particular members of BPMPA who subscribe regularly to create a fund of Medical Protection wing of its own.

4. Interpretation:

- a) "Association" shall mean "Bangladesh Private Medical Practitioners Association".
- b) "Executive Committee" shall mean Executive Committee of the Association.
- c) "Branch" shall mean a branch constituted as hereinafter provided.
- d) "College" means "Bangladesh College of General Practitioners".
- e) "Governing Body" means the Governing Body of the College.
- f) "Fellow" means the Fellows of the College.
- g) "BPMPA Benevolent Fund Trust" means Bangladesh Private Medical Practitioners Association Benevolent Fund Trust.
- h) "Board of Trustee" means the Board of Trustee of BPMPA Benevolent Fund Trust.

5. Classification of Members and Fellows

A) BPMPA:

There shall be General Members and Life Members.

- a) **General Members:** All qualified BMDC registered Medical/Dental Graduates except those in Govt. Health

Services shall be eligible to become member of the Association. The persons eligible for membership may apply to the Secretary.

General of C.E.C. of the Association recommended by General Secretary of the respective branch in a prescribed form accompanied by one year membership fee of Tk. 200.00 (Two hundred) only.

- b) **Life Members:** A person who is a general member or eligible for a general membership may be enrolled as life member on payment of subscription of Tk. 2000.00 (Two thousand) only.

Subscription:

All General members shall pay a subscription of Tk. 200.00 (Two hundred) only annually.

The Annual Subscription shall be due and payable within 31st January each year.

A member enrolled any time during a year shall have to pay the full subscription for that year, irrespective of the date of enrollment.

B) BCGP:

The college shall consist of the following persons who shall be called Fellows of the College.

- a) **Foundation Fellows:** Persons elected as Fellows during formation of the College under this Article shall be treated as "Foundation Fellows of the College".
- b) **Honorary Fellows:** The Governing Body of the College may award Honorary Fellowship to the Foreign nationals and Bangladeshi nationals.
- i) Honorary Fellowship may be awarded to Foreign nationals but shall not have the voting rights.
- ii) Honorary Fellowship may be awarded annually maximum to 3 (Three) Bangladeshi nationals for their outstanding contributions in the field of medical and allied sciences, research, publications, social works, outstanding contributions towards the academic discipline and or affairs of the College, etc. This group of Fellows should have the voting rights.

- c) **Course Fellows:** Persons who have passed the Fellowship examination and are admitted as Fellows by the Governing Body of the College shall be treated as Course Fellows of the College.

Criteria's for entering fellowship examination (FCGP) of becoming Course Fellows:

- i) MBBS or equivalent registered Medical Graduation for Minimum 3 years.
- ii) Private practice: Minimum 2 years.
- iii) Life member of BPMPA.

C) B.F.T. :

Life member of BPMPA is a pre-requisite for members of the Benevolent Fund Trust.

D) Cessation of Membership & Fellowship:

a) BPMPA

- i) If a member serves notice in writing to the Central Executive Committee (CEC) or his/her intention to resign, his/her membership will cease as per decision of the C.E.C.
- ii) Any member who fails to pay his/her annual subscription within three months after the due date his/her membership will cease for that year.
- iii) Any member who shall cease to be a member of the Association due to non-payment of subscription shall not be relieved thereby of his liability in respect of his/her dues which shall have become payable by him/her before the date of his/her ceasing membership unless C.E.C. shall otherwise determine.
- iv) If a member is declared of unsound mind or found guilty of moral turpitude by a competent authority his/her membership will cease.
- v) In case member's conduct be deemed to be prejudicial to the interest and reputation of the Association his or her name may be removed by a resolution of the Association provided that such proposal had been put in a circulating agenda of the C.E.C. and passed by 2/3 majority of votes of the members present provided that the member concerned had been given ample opportunity to explain his/her conduct.

vi) Upon forfeiture of medical registration through misconduct by virtue of which he had become eligible for membership.

b) BCGP

i) Any "Fellow" shall cease to be a fellow of the College if his/her continued Fellowship brings disrepute to the College.

vii) ii) Any "Fellow" who is expelled from the College by regulation passed by a majority consisting of three fourths of the total fellows of the governing body of the College shall, if so fact, cease to be fellow of the College.

C) BFT

i) The membership of BPMPA Benevolent Fund Trust is and shall be contingent upon the incumbent's being a member of BPMPA. If a member loses or discontinues his membership of BPMPA he/she also loses his membership of the Trust but he will be entitled to a refund of his/her contribution as per decision of Board of Trustee.

E) Re-admission:

Persons who have ceased to be members of BPMPA under rule 5-D)a)ii) may be re-admitted by the C.E.C. on payment of all arrear dues subject to the decision of C.E.C.

6. Rights and Privileges of Members & Fellows:

A) BPMPA

a) Each year subscription shall entitle members to attend meetings of the General Assembly of the Association/Branch and they shall be eligible for election to the Executive Committee of the Association.

b) Members shall be entitled to receive all literature, Journals as published by the Association free of cost or on payment of such fees as may be determined.

c) Members shall elect the Executive Committee and office bearers of the C.E.C. and appoint auditors of the Central or Branch Association in a manner as hereinafter provided.

- d) Members shall have the right to attend and take part in medical conferences, conventions, seminars, discussions in all clinical and general meeting, lectures and demonstrations organised by the Association on such terms as time to time notified by the C.E.C.
- e) The members shall enjoy all other privileges that may hereafter be confirmed by the Association.

B) BCGP:

- a) A Fellow of the college shall have all the rights, privileges and facilities of the College.
- b) Fellows shall elect the Governing Body of the College.

C) B.F.T.

- a) The members of BFT shall elect the Board of Trustee.
- b) Assistance to the families of the deceased and disable members of BFT shall be proposed as per scheme or as per decision of Board of Trustee.

3. BRANCHES :

- a) Branches of the Association may be set up by persons eligible for membership provided at least 25 persons apply in a specified form wishing to join the Association through the proposed branch and forwarding them with the subscription.
- b) The branches shall have specific jurisdiction and shall be governed by such rules and bye-laws as may be framed by the C.E.C. from time to time and must be approved by C.E.C.
- c) The branches shall enroll their own members and shall pay into the funds of the C.E.C. a fee of 50% of the total earning of the branch by way of subscription to the Association.
- c) Branch shall hold their Annual General Meeting (AGM) at least 45 days ahead of the sitting of the Annual General Assembly and send the proceedings of such meeting along with the names of the members willing to attend the General assembly at least 30 days before the holding of Annual General Meeting of the General Assembly for its record. Branch shall also submit all the minutes of the committee meetings and the names and address of new members enrolled to C.E.C.

- e) In addition to the geographical districts any where any where any private institution having more than 200 bed hospital can form a district branch with prerequisite members described in 7 (a).

8. Composition of Central Executive Committee, Governing Body and Board of Trustee:

- A) **Central Executive Committee (C.E.C.) of BPMPA:-** Central Executive Committee shall consist of 31 (Thirty One) elected members and ex-officio members.

i) The structure of the C.E.C. will be as follows:

President -One (Dhaka Metropolitan Area)

Vice-President -Seven

One from each

Dhaka Metropolitan City

Dhaka Division.

Chittagong Division.

Rajshahi Division.

Khulna Division.

Barisal Division.

Sylhet Division

Secretary General - **One** (Resident of Dhaka Metropolitan area)

Deputy Secretary General - **One**

Treasurer - **One** (Resident of Dhaka Metropolitan area)

Organising Secretary - **One**

Office Secretary - **One**

Publication Secretary - **One**

Social Welfare Secretary - **One**

Entertainment Secretary - **One**

Scientific Secretary - **One**

International affairs Secretary - **One**

Members -**Thirteen**

Ex-officio : Immediate Past President & Secretary General of C.E.C. President & Secretary of Bangladesh College of General Practitioners (BCGP), President & Secretary of BPMPA Benevolent Fund Trust and President & General Secretary of all branches.

ii) **Structure of Branches:**

Total office bearers of the branch must be odd in numbers. President, General Secretary and Treasurer of branches shall be Life members of BPMPA.

President	-	One
Vice-President	-	One or two
General Secretary	-	One
Joint Secretary	-	One
Treasurer	-	One
Members	-	Two to twenty

B) **Governing Body of BCGP:-**Governing Body of the College shall consist of 17 (Seventeen) elected Members ex- officio members.

The structure of the Governing Body will be as follows:

President	- One
Vice-President	- One
Secretary	- One
Deputy Secretary	- One
Treasurer	- One
Office Secretary	- One
Members	- Eleven

Ex-officio: President and Secretary General of BPPMA, immediate past President and Secretary of BCGP and two nominated members by the Government who shall be graduates.

C) **Board of Trustee of B.F.T. :-** Board of Trustee of B.F.T. shall consist of 13 (Thirteen) elected Members.

The structure of the Board of Trustee will be as follows :

President	-One	(Open to all members)
Vice-President	-Two	(One from Dhaka Metropolitan, one from outside Dhaka Division).
Secretary	-One	(From Dhaka).
Deputy Secretary	- One	
Treasurer	-One	(From Dhaka).

Members - Seven**One from each**

- Metropolitan City -
- Dhaka Division -
- Chittagong Division -
- Rajshahi Division -
- Khulna Division -
- Barisal Division -
- Sylhet Division -

Ex-officio : President and Secretary General of BPMPA, immediate past President and Secretary of B.F.T. and two nominated members by the C.E.C of BPMPA.

9 Meeting of BPMPA, BCGP and B.F.T.

- a) The C.E.C., Governing Body and Board of Trustee shall sit at least once in every two months at such time and place and to transact such business as may be notified by the Secretary General/Secretary.
- b) General Assembly of the Association, BCGP and BFT shall meet at least once in a year.
- c) One of such meeting shall be the annual General Meeting. The General Meeting shall be convened by the Secretary General/Secretary in consultation with the President at such time and place and to transact such business as may be determined by the C.E.C./Governing Body/Board of Trustee. AGM shall be convened preferably same venue, same date at intervals.
- d) **Requisition meeting :** Extra-ordinary meetings of the Association or of the branch or of the BCGP or of the B.F.T. may be called by Secretary General/Secretary on a written request, with definite agendum or agenda signed by not less than 1/3 of its total members/Fellows as the case may be. In the event of failure to convene such meeting by the Secretary General/ Secretary within 21 days of the receipt of the requisition, the requisitions shall call such meeting on a notice of clear 21 days stating the subject or subjects to be discussed. One third of the total number of members/Fellows present in person shall form quorum in such meeting.
- e) The minutes of all meetings confirmed at the next meeting shall be deemed a valid document.

10. Notice:

- a) All notice of the meeting shall specify the date, place and business to be transacted.
- b) A clear seven days notice for C.E.C., Governing Body and Board of Trustee and branch executive committee and other 15 days notice for the general assembly meeting shall be required.
- d) Emergency meetings of the C.E.C., Governing Body and Board of Trustee and branch executive committee to transact an emergent business may be called with 24 hours notice under order of the President and in such meeting no other subject other than those specified shall be considered.

11. Proceedings of Meetings:

- a) The Annual General Meeting of the Association/BCGP/BFT shall consider the incomes and expenditures accounts and balance sheet, general report of the auditors and shall appoint and fix the remuneration of auditors and elect such members and office bearers as provided herein, shall consider and approve the reports including audited statements of accounts and also consider and approve the annual budget including any other matter that may be deemed necessary.
- b) **Quorum of Meeting:** At least 100 members of BPMPA/30 Fellows of BCGP/30 members of BFT present in person shall form quorum in annual general meeting. In case of meetings of C.E.C. or Governing Body or Board of Trustee or branch executive committee one third of the elected members present in person shall form quorum.
- c) **Report of Secretary General:** Secretary General will submit a detailed report of the Association/BCGP/BFT respectively in the Annual General Meeting for appraisal of members/Fellows.
- d) No business shall be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum present where the meeting proceeds to business.
- e) If within 30 minutes from the time fixed for meeting a quorum is not present the meeting shall be deemed (i) dissolved in case of meeting called upon the requisition of members/Fellows or in case of emergency meeting called on 24 hours notice (ii) stand adjourned to the next day at the same time and place or to a later date shall be notified a fresh mentioning the time and place but

without any changes of subjects to be discussed. If at the later meeting a quorum is again not present within 30 minutes from the time fixed for the meeting, the members/Fellows present shall be deemed to be a quorum.

12. ELECTIONS OF BPMPA, BCGP & B.F.T.

- a) The general assembly shall elect C.E.C., Governing Body and Board of Trustee every two years at the annual general meeting (AGM) in a same date and same place.
- b) The annual general meeting of branches shall elect members to their respective executive committee.
- c) The C.E.C. in consultation with Governing Body and Board of Trustee shall form an election commission comprising a Chairman and 2 members at least 3 months before the date of election and those shall not be a candidate in the said election. The election commission may frame rules and procedures for the election.
- d) On a Pool every Members / Fellows present in person shall have one vote and no proxy shall be admissible.
- e) If the election of C.E.C. Governing Body and Board of Trustee is not held due to unavoidable circumstances at the end of two years term, the present C.E.C., Governing Body and Board of Trustee must call A.G.M. within six months from the date of expiry of the term to have concurrence of the members/ Fellows/ members of BPMPA, BCGP & B.F.T. respectively as regards continuing to hold the office.

If the C.E.C., Governing Body and Board of Trustee fails to do so 100 members/30 fellows/30 members of BPMPA, BCGP and B.F.T. respectively can call a special requisition meeting duly signed by the declared members/Fellows of the list with a notice of clear one month time to decide the fate of C.E.C., Governing Body and Board of Trustee.

13. General Assembly:

A) BPMPA:

- a) General Assembly is constituted with all the Members of the Association.
- b) The general assembly shall be the supreme authority in all matters of the Association and its branches.

B) BCGP:

- a) General Assembly is constituted with all the Fellows of the College.
- b) The general assembly shall be the supreme authority in all matters of the College.

e) B.F.T.

- a) General Assembly is constituted with all the Members of the B.F.T.
 - b) The general assembly shall be the supreme authority in all matters of the B.F.T.

14. Powers and Functions of the C.E.C., Governing Body and Board of Trustee:**A) C.E.C. :**

- a) The C.E.C. shall be responsible for realization of the aims and objects of the Association and for proper administration and conduct of the Association and its branches.
- b) The C.E.C. shall frame rules and regulations of the Association as deemed expedient.
- c) Shall approve of the Secretary General's report and audited balance sheet and profit and loss and account of the Association prior to being submitted to the Annual General Meeting.
- d) Shall affiliate branches and set up new branches as may be deemed necessary.
- e) Shall open bank accounts and will be operated by President or Secretary General and Treasurer of the Association to be kept therein in the name of the Association.
- f) Shall create register and put into operation trust, advisory council, committees, sub-committees, Adhoc committees and standing committees for such purpose of the Association with such terms and powers and functions as may be deemed expedient.
- e) Represent any matters in which it considers the interest of the Association or of the medical profession are affected before the Government or other public bodies or any properly

constituted authority and maintain International relations within the scope of the Association.

- h) Shall consider and decide applications for membership, resignation of members, suspension of members of branches and the question of such disciplinary action as it may deem fit against any member or branch for misconduct, willful neglect or default.
- i) Suspend or dissolve such executive committee of a branch as may be found in the opinion of the C.E.C. either defunct, inefficiently run or engaged in the activities detrimental to the activities in the interest and reputation and nominate such person or persons to conduct the affairs of the branch concerned till such time as an executive committee may be properly elected in its place.
- j) In the event of the suspension and dissolution of an Executive Committee to a branch, the C.E.C. shall notify a fresh election of the Executive Committee to be held within 90 days of such action and supervise the election and install the executive committee in such manner as it may deem fit but not in contravention of these presents.
- k) Confirm and consider the membership of those enrolled by the branches as referred to it.
- l) Write off the whole or part of the unrealisable arrears of subscriptions of members or branches or other outstanding dues of the Association or its journal if considered desirable.
- m) Appoint or remove salaried officers and employees of the Association.
 - n) Fix up the rates of allowances, to be paid to the members of the Central Executive Committee, adhoc committees or sub-committees and office bearers of the Association.
- o) Nothing in this articles shall prevent the C.E.C. to take over such powers and perform such duties and responsibilities from branches as it may think proper.
- p) C.E.C. shall try to become the member of the Association of world federation.

- q) The C.E.C. will have overall supervision overall the activities, decisions and funds (Income & Expenditures) of BCGP and BFT or any other wing of BPMPA. Such as-
- i) The BCGP, BFT and other wing of BPMPA shall send report of their activities and funds when asked by C.E.C.
- ii) Any correspondence with home and abroad for fund, training, seminar shall be with the knowledge of BPMPA.
- iii) To form any wing and closure of existing wing or wings such decision is to be taken in the A.G.M. of parent body, BPMPA.

B) Governing Body:

- a) At the first meeting of the newly elected Governing Body following AGM of the Fellows, different committees as may be required for day to day carrying out of the functions of the college, shall be formed. Board of Censor, consisting of Censor-in-Chief and 5 members to be constituted at the first meeting. Censor Board shall be responsible for preparing the course of the syllabus, conducting examinations for the Fellowship, updating the monthly CME programme and other functions as assigned to it by the Governing Body of the College.

To form an Academic Council in the first Governing body meeting. Who will sit time to time & give suggestions to the governing body of the college to improve the academic activity of the college.

- b) The Governing Body shall maintain in the prescribed manner, the accounts which shall be audited annually by such auditors as may be appointed by it in this behalf.
- c) The Governing Body shall, before the close of every financial year, prepare annual report of the working of the Body and a statement of the estimate of the receipts and expenditure of the College for the next succeeding financial year and present it at the Annual Meeting of the College. The report and the statement shall be discussed and passed at the meeting.
- d) The Governing Body may from time to time call general meeting of the Fellows for purposes of providing information for discussion of matters concerning the welfare of the College, Fellows and such other matters within the scope of the objects of the College as the Governing Body may think fit to present at such general meeting.

- e) The Governing Body may make rules for carrying out the purposes of the College.
- f) All receipts of the College, from any source whatever, shall constitute the College Fund which shall be applied, subject to any rule made in this behalf, by the Governing Body to meet all expenditure for the administration and management of the affairs of the College.
- f) The Governing Body shall make disbursement of the College fund by cheques signed by the Treasurer and the Secretary or the President.

C) Board of Trustee:

- a) To keep a regular watch on the deposit and investment of the Fund.
- b) To decide about the disbursement of the benefits to the participants and their family members/nominee.
- c) To make annual reports, statement of accounts and audit report which is to be placed in the General meeting of BPMPA Benevolent Fund Trust.
- d) To make arrangement for continued enhancement of profits, assets of the fund within the limits of the bye-laws.
- e) The Trustee shall have the power to employ any person or persons (including any one or more) to do any secretarial legal, accountancy or other work which they may consider necessary or expedient in connection with the management of the Fund or Funds thereof and pay thereof in addition to all other proper disbursement and all ordinary or reasonable charges out of the Fund or funds.
- g) The Fund shall be exclusively managed and administered by the Trustee in accordance with these rules, and the decision of the Trustee upon any question relating to the fund or any rights or benefits in connection therewith or generally upon the interpretation of any provision of these rules shall be absolutely final and binding on all members, subscribers, their nominees, executors administrators, representatives, widows or relations.
- g) The cost. charges and expenses of administering the Fund determination of any question arising under these rules or otherwise including expenses incurred by the Trustee in the discharge of their duties shall be charged to the Funds and may be properly paid there from time to time.

- h) Benefits from the Fund as Death benefit, Invalidity benefit, Scholarship, Stipends, Sickness benefit and other benefits to the members of Trustee shall be given upon a decision of the Board of Trustee.

15. Powers and Functions of Office Bearers :

- a) **President:** (i) Shall preside over all meetings and his interpretation of rules shall be final (ii) Shall have the power of a casting vote in case of a tie over a decision (iii) Shall have the power to summon all emergency meeting (iv) Shall guide, supervise and advise the Secretary General whenever necessary (v) President shall be ex-officio members of all the sub-committees.
- b) **Vice-President :** Shall have the same powers and duties as the President in his/her absence.
- c) **Secretary General /Secretary** He/She shall be executive head of the Association/BCGP/BFT as the case may be with the following powers and duties.
- i) Shall be executive head of the administration and exercise control over all the salaried staff. All matters relating to appointment suspension or dismissal of salaried staff shall be placed before the C.E.C./Governing Body/Board of Trustee by the Secretary General.
- ii) Shall have the authority to spend up to Tk. 2000.00 in his own discretion subject to the approval of the next C.E.C./ Governing Body / Board of Trustee meeting.
- iii) He/she in consultation with the President shall convene the meetings of the C.E.C./Governing Body/Board of Trustee and General Assembly. The minutes of all such meetings shall be prescribed by him. He/She shall be responsible for all correspondences and for all office records.
- iv) Shall be ex-officio member of all the committees.
- d) **Deputy Secretary General /Deputy Secretary/ Joint Secretary:** The Deputy Secretary General/Deputy Secretary shall assist the Secretary General / Secretary as required by the later and shall act as the Secretary General / Secretary in the later's absence of not less than 30 days from the headquarter.
- e) **Treasurer:** He/She shall control the funds of the Association/BCGP/BFT and shall be responsible to keep all

books of accounts and to present the audited accounts at the annual General Meetings. He/She shall operate all the banks account jointly with Secretary General or President. He shall prepare and present the Annual Budget to the General Assembly.

f) Office Secretary: He/She shall be conduct daily function of the CEC/Governing Body.

Explanation: The above shall also apply to the office bearers of branches.

16. Winding Up:

- a) In the event of the Association being wound up all assets after meeting liabilities shall be transferred to some other social welfare organization.
- b) In the event of a branch being closed down or wound up all the assets of such branch shall be the properties of the C.E.C.
- c) The branches shall not incur any liabilities except with the approval of the C.E.C. The liabilities approved by the C.E.C. shall be discharged by that body in the event the branch being wound up or closed down.

17. Casual Vacancies:

Any casual vacancy occurring in the C.E.C./Governing Body/Board of Trustee must be filled up by respective body by co- option from amongst the eligible members/Fellows for the remaining terms.

18. Amendment of the Constitution:

The constitution may be amended by the general assembly by at least 2/3 majority votes. Any proposal for amendment must reach the C.E.C. at least 30 days ahead of the date of general assembly meeting.

19. Miscellaneous:

Interpretation of rules : In the event of interpretation of any of the rules bye-laws, the decision of the C.E.C. shall be final and binding

20. Constitutional Crisis:

In case of any constitutional crisis, the C.E.C. may adopt temporary rules to solve the critical situation till the approval of such rules by the next A.G.M.