



The South Indian Sugarcane & Sugar Technologists' Association
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MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

**BY-LAW AMENDMENT APPROVED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING
HELD ON 01.10.2021 AT EAGLETON – THE GOLF RESORT, BIDADI, BANGALORE**

Sl. No.	As per By-Law and Amendments of By-law	Proposal for AGM	AGM Decision
Eligibility of Candidate for the Post of Council Member:			
1	As per 2012 amendment: As per bye-law No. 16 there shall be a total number of 9 [nine] Council Member positions. The Council Members shall be elected on the basis of 3 [three] members from each of three regions (Zone). Council members from each region should represent from Cane, Engineering and Process. The states (southern) shall be divided into three zones as follows: Zone A -Andhra Pradesh and Orissa Zone B - Tamil Nadu and Puducherry Zone C-Karnataka and Kerala	Retain the total no. of council members as 9 (i.e) 3 members from each zone, council members from each region should represent from Cane, Engineering and Process wherein regarding zone A, 1 council member from Andhra Pradesh and another one from Telangana. About the 3rd council member it must be under rotation (i.e) in alternative terms the 3rd members is from Andhra Pradesh & Telangana.	It was resolved to enhance the council members of each zone from 3 to 4. In that one council member each from Sugarcane, Engineering, Process & Distillery/ Management. Regarding Andhra Pradesh Zone as there are two states Andhra Pradesh & Telangana, two council members from each state have to be elected.
QUALIFICATION FOR COUNCIL MEMBER			
2	-	Age limit for the candidate should be limited to 65 years of completed age.	Candidates age limit restricted to 65 was not accepted.
3	-	The candidate for the post of council member should be a life member of SISSTA for atleast a minimum continuous period of 4 years immediately preceding the year of election.	The candidate for the post of council member should be a life member of SISSTA for atleast a minimum continuous period of 4 years immediately preceding the year of election.

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4	-	The said period of 4 years shall include working membership for atleast 2 years in the state for which he / she submit his / her nomination / candidature for the post of council member and the said 2 years shall be immediately preceding the year of election. Working means working in Sugar Industry complex / Allied Industry / Sugar Consultancy/ doing individual business related with sugar industry having worked in technical capacity in sugar industry / working in recognized sugar & sugarcane research institute as technical faculty.	The said period of 4 years shall include working membership for atleast 2 years in the state for which he / she submit his / her nomination / candidature for the post of council member and the said 2 years shall be immediately preceding the year of election. Working means working in Sugar Industry complex / Allied Industry / Sugar Consultancy/ doing individual business related with sugar industry having worked in technical capacity in sugar industry / working in recognized sugar & sugarcane research institute as technical faculty.
5	-	All working / non-working life members of all age belonging to the same zone are eligible to propose and second the nomination of a candidate.	All working / non-working life members of all age belonging to the same zone are eligible to propose and second the nomination of a candidate.
6	-	Only President cannot have opportunity to get elected for another term in future. A Life Member shall be entitled to become a Council Member of SISSTA and can get elected for another term, continuously or after a break.	It was resolved President & Vice President cannot have the opportunity to get elected for another term in future. Only the council member can get elected for other terms continuously or after a break.
7	-	The person submitting the nomination and the persons proposing and seconding such nomination should submit all the supporting documents to the Returning Officer as stipulated and in the requisite format within the period prescribed for such submission. The decision of the Returning Officer shall be final in this regard.	The person submitting the nomination and the persons proposing and seconding such nomination should submit all the supporting documents to the Returning Officer as stipulated and in the requisite format within the period prescribed for such submission. The decision of the Returning Officer shall be final in this regard.

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Eligibility criteria for the post of Vice-President			
8	The council consist, 3 Vice Presidents one from each zone. (Zone A, B, C)	Out of 3 posts of Vice President, one from each zone should be selected. For Zone A, this post will be alternatively elected from A.P. and Telangana	Out of 3 posts of Vice President, one from each zone should be selected. For Zone A, this post will be alternatively elected from A.P. and Telangana
QUALIFICATION FOR THE POST OF VICE-PRESIDENT			
9	-	The age limit for the candidate should be limited to 65 years of completed age.	Candidates age limit restricted to 65 was not accepted. Term for the Vice President is restricted to only one time. There is no second term for Vice President but he can contest for President post.
10	-	The candidate for the post of Vice-President should be a Life Member of SISSTA for atleast a minimum continuous period of 6 years immediately preceding the year of election.	The candidate for the post of Vice-President should be a Life Member of SISSTA for atleast a minimum continuous period of 6 years immediately preceding the year of election.
11	-	The said period of 6 years prescribed in clause (1) above shall include working membership for atleast 3 years in the state for which he / she submits her nomination / candidature for the post of Vice-President and the said three years shall be immediately preceding the year of election. Working means working in Sugar Industry complex / Allied Industry / Sugar Consultancy/ doing individual business related with sugar industry having worked in technical capacity in sugar industry / working in recognized sugar & sugarcane research institute as technical faculty.	The said period of 6 years prescribed in the clause above shall include working membership for atleast 3 years in the state for which he / she submits her nomination / candidature for the post of Vice-President and the said three years shall be immediately preceding the year of election. Working means working in Sugar Industry complex / Allied Industry / Sugar Consultancy/ doing individual business related with sugar industry having worked in technical capacity in sugar industry / working in recognized sugar & sugarcane research institute as technical faculty.
12	-	The members who propose and second the nomination of a candidate should also satisfy the minimum years' membership criteria and all working / non-working life members of all age belonging to the same zone are eligible to propose and second the nomination of a candidate.	The members who propose and second the nomination of a candidate should also satisfy the minimum years' membership criteria and all working / non-working life members of all age belonging to the same zone are eligible to propose and second the nomination of a candidate.

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13	-	A Life Member shall be entitled to become a Vice-President of SISSTA and he / she can get elected for another term, continuously or after a break.	It was resolved that President & Vice President cannot have the opportunity to get elected for another term in future. Only the council member can get elected for other terms continuously or after a break.
14	-	The persons submitting the nomination and the persons proposing and seconding such nomination should submit all the supporting documents to the Returning Officer as stipulated and in the requisite format within the period prescribed for such submission. The decision of the Returning Officer shall be final in this regard.	The persons submitting the nomination and the persons proposing and seconding such nomination should submit all the supporting documents to the Returning Officer as stipulated and in the requisite format within the period prescribed for such submission. The decision of the Returning Officer shall be final in this regard.
Eligibility criteria for the post of President			
15	-	As per the Bye-laws of the Association, there are three zones, which are as follows: namely, Zone-A comprising of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa, Zone-B comprising of Tamilnadu and Puducherry and Zone-C comprising of Karnataka and Kerala. The bye-laws further provide that the term of office of President shall be for a period of two years and the President shall be elected in rotation from the three zones every two years and the elected President shall not be eligible to contest for a second term and that however the past Presidents would continue as permanent Council members.	As per the Bye-laws of the Association, there are three zones, which are as follows: namely, Zone-A comprising of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Orissa, Zone-B comprising of Tamilnadu and Puducherry and Zone-C comprising of Karnataka and Kerala. The bye-laws further provide that the term of office of President shall be for a period of two years and the President shall be elected in rotation from the three zones every two years and the elected President shall not be eligible to contest for a second term and that however the past Presidents would continue as permanent Council members.
QUALIFICATIONS / ELIGIBILITY FOR THE POST OF PRESIDENT			
16	-	The age limit for the candidate should be limited to 65 years of completed age.	Candidates age limit restricted to 65 was not accepted.
17	-	The candidate for the post of President should be a Life Member of SISSTA for at least a minimum continuous period of 8 years immediately preceding the year of election.	The candidate for the post of President should be a Life Member of SISSTA for at least a minimum continuous period of 8 years immediately preceding the year of election.

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18	-	The said period of 8 years prescribed in clause (1) above shall include working membership for at least 4 years in the State for which he / she submits her nomination / candidature for the post of President and the said 4 years shall be immediately preceding the year of election. The word working means working in Sugar Industry complex / Allied Industry / Sugar Consultancy/ doing individual business related with sugar industry having worked in technical capacity in sugar industry / working in recognized sugar & sugarcane research institute as technical faculty.	The said period of 8 years prescribed in the clause above shall include working membership for at least 4 years in the State for which he / she submits her nomination / candidature for the post of President and the said 4 years shall be immediately preceding the year of election. The word working means working in Sugar Industry complex / Allied Industry / Sugar Consultancy/ doing individual business related with sugar industry having worked in technical capacity in sugar industry / working in recognized sugar & sugarcane research institute as technical faculty.
19	-	The persons who had at any point of time earlier been Council Members or holding the post of Vice-President alone are entitled to contest for the post of President.	It was resolved that a person who is going to contest for the President post must either be present or earlier Council Member or Vice President
20	-	All working / non-working life members of all age belonging to the same zone are eligible to propose and second the nomination of a candidate	All working / non-working life members of all age belonging to the same zone are eligible to propose and second the nomination of a candidate
21	-	A Life Member shall be entitled to become a President of SISSTA only once and he / she shall not be entitled to a second term even if he / she otherwise satisfies all the eligible criteria stipulated for the post.	A Life Member shall be entitled to become a President of SISSTA only once and he / she shall not be entitled to a second term even if he / she otherwise satisfies all the eligible criteria stipulated for the post.
22	-	The person submitting the nomination and the persons proposing and seconding such nomination should submit all the supporting documents to the Returning Officer as stipulated and in the requisite format within the period prescribed for such submission. The decision of the Returning Officer shall be final in this regard.	The person submitting the nomination and the persons proposing and seconding such nomination should submit all the supporting documents to the Returning Officer as stipulated and in the requisite format within the period prescribed for such submission. The decision of the Returning Officer shall be final in this regard.

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23	-	If there is more than one candidate contesting for the post of President then election shall be held for the post of President and the said election shall be by secret ballot. Similarly, if there are more than 1 candidate from any of the Zones for the post of Vice-President and / or more than 3 candidates for the post of Council Members from any of the Zones, then elections shall be held by secret ballot in respect of such States where there are more than one or three candidates for the said posts of Vice-President and Council Members respectively. The following are the modes of election available: 1. Postal ballot 2. Personal voting 3. AGM voting 4. E-voting	In the election process, if it is only one eligible candidate, it is acceptable. If there are more than one candidate then election has to be conducted by postal ballot. Further it was resolved that if there is a contest for President post / Vice President / Council Members then all the members of SISSTA irrespective of zones have put their vote by way of postal ballot.
24	-	A Returning Officer shall first be appointed stipulating the post for which such elections are to be conducted. The appointment of the Returning Officer shall be done by the outgoing committee by a decision of the majority.	A Returning Officer shall first be appointed stipulating the post for which such elections are to be conducted. The appointment of the Returning Officer shall be done by the outgoing committee by a decision of the majority.
25	-	The entire election process shall be carried out under the sole chairmanship, guidance and discretion of the said Returning Officer. The Returning Officer may, at his discretion, be entitled to avail the services of the Life Members, as he may deem fit, to assist him in the process of conduct of the said elections.	The entire election process shall be carried out under the sole chairmanship, guidance and discretion of the said Returning Officer following the rules and regulations of SISSTA. The Returning Officer may, at his discretion, be entitled to avail the services of the Life Members, as he may deem fit, to assist him in the process of conduct of the said elections.
26	-	In the event of any differences of opinion and / or doubts and disputes if any and / or difference pertaining to interpretations or process of election and / or any other issues pertaining to the elections or its process, the decision of the Returning Officer shall be final and binding in all respects in all such cases.	In the event of any differences of opinion and / or doubts and disputes if any and / or difference pertaining to interpretations or process of election and / or any other issues pertaining to the elections or its process, the decision of the Returning Officer shall be final and binding in all respects in all such cases.

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27	-	Returning Officer will conduct the election and give the results as per the byelaws and as per the schedules stipulated by the council.	Returning Officer will conduct the election and give the results as per the byelaws and as per the schedules stipulated by the council.
28	-	The candidates or the other members shall not be entitled to question the decision of the Returning Officer with regard to the timing, schedule and the process of election and shall not be entitled to seek any change in the decision of the Returning Officer.	The candidates or the other members shall not be entitled to question the decision of the Returning Officer with regard to the timing, schedule and the process of election and shall not be entitled to seek any change in the decision of the Returning Officer.
29	As per 2012 amendment: <i>As per bye-law No. 9</i> (a) Patrons, Company Life Members and Individual Life Members shall have the right to vote in person at the General Meeting of the Association, and each member attending will be entitled for a vote. (b) If there is a need for election by ballot, all the Patrons, Company Life Members and Individual Life Members are eligible to get ballot papers to elect SISSTA council. STAI election procedure may be adopted with fine tuning wherever required by SISSTA.	All the Life Members, Patron Members and the Company Members who are otherwise eligible are entitled to vote. However, such membership shall be for a minimum period of two years in SISSTA immediately preceding the year of elections.	All the Life Members, Patron Members and the Company Members who are otherwise eligible are entitled to vote. However, such membership shall be for a minimum period of two years in SISSTA immediately proceeding the year of elections.
30	-	Regarding Voting restricted to particular zone, Voting by members of SISSTA belonging to the President turn zone.	If there is a contest for Presidentship / Vice President / Council Members then all the members of SISSTA irrespective of zones have put their vote by way of postal ballot.
31	-	All the election expenses to be borne by SISSTA.	All the election expenses are to be borne by SISSTA.

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