

MEMBERS

ARTICLE-IV

4.0 Register of Members

There shall be a register in which the names of all members of the society shall be entered with their qualifications & addresses. The register shall also show the state or local branch of the society, where applicable, to which member is attached. The Secretary General shall enter the name of the newly elected member in the register & inform the fact of such entry to the member concerned & to the state & local branches, if applicable. The member shall deem to have been elected from the date of his election by the council. The council shall determine the category of membership at the time of election of the member. The names of all existing members of the society, who have paid their subscription up to the last calendar year, shall be published by 30th June each year for information of state & local branches & for all members of the society shall be a priced publication.

ARTICLE-V

5.0 Classification of Members

5.1 There shall be seven categories of members: namely **Founder Members, Fellow Members** (Also called Fellows), Full Members (Also called members) Associate Members, Honorary Members, and Student Members & Corporate Members. The Membership status (Category) of a Member shall be determined only by the council of the Society for Bipolar Disorders-India whose decision shall be final & binding.

5.2 FOUNDER MEMBERS:

All Members, who constitute the national advisory Board of the SBDI except the co-opted members of this Board, at the time of registration of the society, shall be called its founder Members.

The Co-opted members of the national advisory Board shall be members of the board for a term that may be defined from time to time whereas, the Fellow Members would continue to be members of the board as defined in article XVI of the rules & regulation.

5.3 Fellow Members (Fellows):

All psychiatrists in full time private practice of psychiatry with more than 3 years experience after post- graduation in psychiatry are eligible to become fellow members (also called Fellows) of the society.

5.4 Full Members (Members):

- (a) All psychiatrists in full- time private practice psychiatry with less than 3 years experience after post-graduation in psychiatry are eligible to become Full Member also (called Members) of the society.
- (b) All psychiatrists in part time private practice of psychiatry & in Govt. or private service are also eligible to become Full Members of the society.

5.5 Associate Members

- (a) All psychiatrists in Govt. or private service who are not in part time or full time private practice of psychiatry are eligible to become Associate Members of the society.
- (b) A Registered Medical Professional holding an MBBS degree & doing private practice of psychiatry is eligible to become Associate Member of the society.
- (c) A Registered Medical Practitioner holding an MBBS degree & having a post graduate degree or diploma in a subject other than psychiatry but interested in psychiatry & mental health, whether in private practice or in a private or Government job is eligible to become an associate Member of the Society.
- (d) Other mental health professionals who can become associates member are:
 - (i) Qualified Clinical Psychologists
 - (ii) Qualified psychiatric social workers
 - (iii) Qualified psychiatric Occupational Therapists
 - (iv) Trained Psychotherapist
 - (v) Trained Psychiatric Nurses
 - (vi) Any other mental health Professionals with more than five years clinical experience who have made significant contribution to psychiatry.

5.6 Honorary Members:

In recognition of significant service or contribution to psychiatry and mental health, a person who is not otherwise eligible to become a Member of the Society in any of the preceding categories and whose name is proposed by a minimum of three National Members can be enrolled as an Honorary Member.

5.7 Student Members:

A post-graduate student of psychiatry of a recognized medical college can become a Student Member of the society on production of a certificate of his being a bona fide post-graduate student of psychiatry from the head of the Department of Psychiatry or the principle of his college. He can remain a student member up to the period of his studentship/post-graduate residency period.

5.8 Corporate Members:

All Bodies incorporated or registered under the relevant acts and laws of the Govt. of India or Statutes of any other country, having object similar to those of the Society for Bipolar Disorders-

India or objects that promote and advance the working of the society can become Corporate Members of the society. These include national or international, private or public, Governmental or non- Governmental, academic, research & service institutes & agencies: professional societies & organizations; non- Government voluntary organizations; organizations of mental health professionals, mental health service providers, mental health service providers, mental health service consumers and caregivers of those with mental disorders; or other corporate or business houses etc.

ARTICLE VI

6.0 Election of Members

Any person or body desirous of becoming a member shall make an application to the Honorary Treasurer along with application fees as prescribed, if any, in the prescribed form & sign a declaration in the form *“I hare declare that I shall promote the aims & objects of the Society for Bipolar Disorders-India to the best of my ability & agree to abide by its constitution & bye laws for the time being in force.”* After his name has been proposed & seconded by two fellows of the society, his application will be put up for consideration & election before the council in its ensuing meeting & shall be granted if approved by a majority of present & voting members. The membership will be effective from the date of receipt of application.

ARTICLE -VIII

Termination of Membership

- 7.1 A person shall cease to be a member of the society if his name is removed from the membership register. The council shall remove the name of a member from the membership register under the following circumstances.
- a. On his death
 - b. On his registration of any member from the society. **The resigneting** shall be in writing & be addressed to the secretary general & shall be accepted by the council provided he has paid up all his dues to the society, or
 - c. If his subscription are in arrears for two years & he has not paid in spite of a final notice regarding his dues from the secretary general or Honorary Treasurer
- 7.2 On the recommendation of the council the national advisory board may totally terminate, or suspend for a specified period of time the membership of any member, if the member acts against the interest of the society, or behaves in a manner prejudicial to the dignity & the image of the Profession, or for the reasons, which the council may deem sufficient.

This recommendation of the council for suspension or termination of membership would then be put up to the national advisory board for consideration at the earliest & the board decision passed by a (simple) majority of members present & voting would apply. The member concerned shall have a right to explain his conduct & the secretary general shall acquaint all the members of the council & the National Advisory Board with his explanation.

- 7.3 If a member whose name had been terminated previously under section 7.1(c) seeks election without disclosing the fact that his arrears are due, & is elected erroneously as a new member his election will be considered null & void unless he pays arrears due from him under the rules.

ARTICLE- VIII

8.0 Reinstatement of Members

- 8.1 In all case of termination of membership except if under section 7.2, the member may get himself re-instated by the council:
- i. In case under section 7.1 (b) after paying the admission fee again
 - ii. In case under section 7.1 (c) after paying the admission fee along with two years subscriptions in lieu of arrears.

ARTICLE-IX

9.0 Rights, obligation & privileges of Member

- 9.1 Only founder members & fellow members shall have the right to vote at any meeting of the society, each founder Member or fellow member will have only one vote.
- 9.2 Each member irrespective of the category shall have the right:
- a) To attend the general Body Meeting of the society & all other meetings of the society unless otherwise specified.
 - b) To attend & take part in scientific meetings, lectures, proceedings & demonstration of the society.
 - c) To receive a copy of the statement of accounts, report & the journal of the society.
 - d) To the use of the society's library room & other facilities if any, set apart for the purpose.
 - e) To participate in any other activity or receive any other information that the council may decide.

- f) To bring to the notice of the management any discrepancy, lapses, & make suggestions contributing to the development of the society.
 - g) To enjoy such other privileges & obligations of membership as may from time to time be conferred on members by rules & bylaws of the society
- 9.3 The right of interest of any member shall not terminate except in the event of termination or suspension of membership as specified in article 7 on “Termination of Membership” of the Rules & Regulations of the society, or the closure of Society by liquidation or dissolution.

ARTICLE – X
10.0 Responsibility of the Member

- 10.1 A member whose name has been entered in register is obliged to accept the rules & By-laws of the society & follow them. No one shall be absolved of any responsibility on the plea that he has not received a copy of the rules & by-laws of the society.