1. INTRODUCTION

The name of the Society Company shall be “IAPEN INDIA Association for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition” herein after referred to as the “IAPEN INDIA” an independent Scientific body as Not-for- Profit basis and not aligning with any particular Political Party or Religion.

Office of the Society- Mailing Address as per record available in Registrar of Companies Office: IAPEN INDIA ASSOCIATION FOR PARENTERAL AND ENTERAL NUTRITION SURVEY NUMBER 8/1, OMKAR COLONY, LANE NUMBER 1, PIMPLE GURAV, PUNE, MAHARASHTRA, INDIA, 411061. The Registered office of the Company will be situated in the State of Maharashtra.

MISSION STATEMENT

I. To improve the nutritional care of people at risk of malnutrition, whether in hospitals or in the community and across all age groups and genders.

II. To improve the basic and advanced clinical research in healthcare and to organize the
consensus statements about clinical care and quality control.

III. To identify and make certain that those suffering from malnutrition or other nutritional problems are appropriately recognized and managed

IV. To help and ensure that proper nutrition care process is advised when asked for children in orphanages, Anganwadis and schools, students in hostels and PG accommodations, patients in hospitals, senior citizens in old age homes and even customers in restaurants.

**AIM**

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**OBJECTIVES**

1. To support individual patients and groups needing nutritional intervention
   a. IAPEN INDIA will try to work for patient centered policies relating to nutritional care.
   b. IAPEN INDIA will help promote equity of access to nutritional care for all patients.

2. To establish a sound basis to enable realization of the above objectives.
   a. IAPEN INDIA will initiate and try approach various relevant government departments, specialist societies and other key stakeholders at national or international level.
   b. IAPEN INDIA will develop a robust financial structure and the company shall invest the investments from the Income and funds of the company as per Sec. 13(1)(d) r.w.s. 11(5) of the Income Tax Act 1961.

3. To raise awareness about IAPEN INDIA and its role in the healthcare agenda
   a. IAPEN INDIA will actively seek to increase its membership by inviting new Individual Affiliates and new Associate Clinical Interest Groups.
   b. IAPEN INDIA will develop a commercially viable regular publication to share and disseminate good and evidence-based practices in multidisciplinary healthcare.
c. IAPEN INDIA will develop effective links with other similar organizations while maintaining its singular position of expertise both nationally and internationally.

d. IAPEN INDIA will establish regular meetings at regional/national/international level to encourage networking/information sharing.

4. To develop a robust and cohesive approach to information gathering about nutrition provision at national and international level and to identify/redress any gaps.
   a. IAPEN INDIA will support specific relevant initiatives targeted at identified areas of practice so that information can be collected and disseminated.
   b. IAPEN INDIA will produce regular reports and promote national standards of practice and members to actively participate for same.

5. To identify which people are at risk of malnutrition
   a. IAPEN INDIA activities, related to under/over nutrition, will be fully integrated in both hospital and community settings.
   b. IAPEN INDIA will ensure that its expertise and experience of its members in the metabolic and practical management of patients with disease-related malnutrition is recognized and disseminated.
   c. IAPEN INDIA will help its members identify and disseminate best practice in the nutritional repletion of malnourished patients of all ages - by promoting or organizing trainings – virtual/inperson/workshops/courses/framing guidelines/seminars/national and international conferences/publications.

6. To provide support for multi-professional / disciplinary groups wishing to develop a Special Interest or Core Groups for different health conditions
   a. IAPEN INDIA will promote and develop the Education and Training Courses addressing different health conditions and its nutritional management and other such initiatives
   b. IAPEN INDIA will develop standards through which the IAPEN INDIA support team and IAPEN INDIA core groups can identify good practice and benchmark their own activity.
   c. IAPEN INDIA will help lead other clinical governance initiatives related to nutritional intervention.
7. To contribute to enhanced multi-professional education and research in clinical nutrition
   a. IAPEN INDIA will have clearly described and appropriately funded programs for scientific research/development.
   b. IAPEN INDIA will have an explicit development programs to enhance education and clinical practice and run relevant courses to promote nutrition care for various diseases and these courses will have set fees.
   c. IAPEN INDIA will host an Annual Conference reflecting current trends in research and clinical practice with the help of local organizing teams of its various Chapters pan India and/or IAPEN INDIA Core Groups
   d. IAPEN INDIA will aid and work when requested towards forming guidelines for monitoring the nutrition intake in Hostels in educational institutes, Restaurants, Mid-day meals scheme and Anganwadis, Government and private organizations (Food Safety and Standards Authority of India), Patients in hospitals, Media and television, Food industries, Parents, Orphanages and old age homes, Police stations and prisons, NGOs in food sector, Film Industries, Street vendors, Nutrition institutes, Retailers, Farmers, Cold storage units, Food transportation, Railway stations and other places.

2. MEMBERSHIP

2.1 Procedure
   a) IAPEN INDIA being an inclusive multidisciplinary health care association company invites Members from all Health Care Professionals of Medical and Allied Medical professions. These include, but not limited to, Doctors, Dieticians, Nurses, Physiotherapists, Dental Surgeons, Sports Medicine professionals, Qualified Fitness professionals, Behavior science (psychiatry/eating disorder specialists).
   b) For any health care profession beyond the above stated professions, a decision to award a membership to be taken by 2 designated National Executive Committee (NEC) members of the Membership committee.
c) For any discrepancies or agreements requiring special provisions, the designated committee member should seek approval from IAPEN INDIA Secretary via email communication who will revert with the NEC decision.

2.2 Memberships Category
   a) Student Members
   b) Life Member
   c) Corporate Member
   d) Overseas Member

2.3 Membership Eligibility
   a) **Student Member** - A person shall be qualified as student member if perusing under graduation in nutrition, dietetics, any branch of medicine or paramedical courses with ID card/recommendation letter from the institute where the student is studying which shall to be verified and approved by the central committee. The membership shall be valued for a year, which has to be renewed every year. After course completion the member can avail life membership.

   b) **Life Member** - A person shall be qualified to be admitted as a Life Member of the Society if they hold graduation or post-graduation in the field of nutrition, dietetics, medical and allied healthcare areas and has obtained a professional Degree in any branch of Medicine, paramedical, PhD, MPhil,Doctorate as recognized by appropriate councils, universities and licensing bodies. The certificate of qualification shall be verified and approved by the central committee. The membership shall be availed on one-time payment.

   c) **Overseas Member** - Shall consist of individuals from countries outside India who meet the same qualifications of Student (Member or) Life Member (as detailed above). Process of availing membership shall be (the) same as domestic membership. These Members shall not be entitled for the Governing Body and they shall be exempted from attendance requirement rules and regulations enforced on domestic members.
2.4 Membership Fee (inclusive of taxes)

a) Domestic
   i. Student Membership Rs 500/-

b) Life Membership:
   i. Para Medical – Rs 3000/-
   ii. Medical- Rs 5000/-

c) Life Membership :Overseas (PEN SISTER)
   i. Para Medical – Rs 10,000/-
   ii. Medical- Rs 16,000/-

2.5 Process of Expulsion of membership:

Only IAPEN INDIA Directors and/or NEC has the power to remove/cancel/ withdraw or suspend membership of any individual with 2/3\textsuperscript{rd} of NEC majority and without any explanation.

A membership can be withdrawn/cancelled/suspended by ordinary resolution at Annual General meeting or Special General body meeting by 2/3\textsuperscript{rd} or simple majority.

a) The person submitting the motion to a general meeting should give the reason for the removal.

b) The member whose membership is to be removed / withdrawn/ cancelled or suspended should be given a reasonable hearing in the IAPEN INDIA NEC meeting.

Example situations where Membership can be removed / withdrawn/ cancelled or suspended these are few of many

i. Any member who is not compliant with the Aims, Objectives, constitution, amendments, rules- regulations, resolutions of IAPEN INDIA designated, recognized chapters, coregroups, NEC and any other committees appointed or recognized by IAPEN INDIA.

ii. Any member who indulges in Anti IAPEN INDIA activities.

iii. Any member who is involved in tarnishing or degrading the image of IAPEN INDIA.

iv. Any member involved in any illegal activities in the name of IAPEN INDIA.

v. Any member involved in disrupting IAPEN INDIA’s approved activities.

vi. Any member not adhering to financial compliances, or involving in financial malpractice/misappropriation in the name/funds of IAPEN INDIA.

2.6 Privileges of Membership:
a) All ordinary and Life Members shall be entitled to participate in all activities of the Society. Only Life Members of IAPEN INDIA will be eligible to be an officer of the society. Associate/Student, Institution, Company, Honorary and Overseas Members, Corporate organization members will have all the privileges of an Ordinary Member but will not have the right to vote or nominate or to serve on the Executive committee or stand for any election.

b) Only Life Members, who take the position Chapter Secretaries, will have the right to vote in the governing body meeting by taking suggestions from the other life members/ordinary members -

c) No member who is in arrear of their dues will have the right to vote until their dues are paid before the time of voting.

2.7 Soft copy of Members:
A soft copy of the members shall be kept by the National Treasurer in which membership in the various categories will be recorded setting down the names and addresses of the respective members. Any change in address and e-mail must be intimated to the Secretary and confirmation must be received from the Secretary that the necessary change in the register has been affected.

3. OFFICE BEARERS OF IAPEN INDIA ASSOCIATION FOR PARENTERAL AND ENTERAL NUTRITION

IAPEN INDIA organization’s structure consists of Founder Directors, National Director Board – maximum of 10 members, National Executive Committee, Chapter Office Bearers and Core Group Office Bearers. These groups/committees will not have any separate legal entity and they are to be formed for the purposes of administration, convenience, efficient functioning and growth of the organization. All the designations & roles in NEC, State Governing Body, Chapter Office Bearers, Core Group Office Bearers will be honorary, non-remunerative roles. All Office Bearers will be Life Members of IAPEN INDIA Association for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition.

3.1 Nomenclature and Tenure of the Office bearers of IAPEN INDIA Association for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition:

a) Founder Directors
   i. Comprises of 2 Founder Directors
b) National Director Board:
   i. Comprises of Directors, maximum of 10 Life Members of IAPENINDIA association for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition, including one member who is serving the tenure as Past President for National Executive Committee.

c) National Executive Committee:
   i. NEC will be selected on the basis of voting through election process.
      Mandatory to be life Member of the IAPEN INDIA Association for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition
   ii. The various designations are as follows:
      I. Hon President
      II. Hon Vice President - Nutrition
      III. Hon Vice President - Medical
      IV. Hon Secretary
      V. Hon. Joint secretary
      VI. Hon Treasurer
      VII. Hon. Joint Treasurer
      VIII. Hon National Executive Committee (NEC) Members
   iii. NEC have power to act upon day-to-day matters for the day-to-day management and working of the association EXCEPT change the Constitution By Laws. All major decisions to be taken with consultation with the Founder Directors and Board of Directors (BOD) and with their two third majority, those decisions will be final.
   iv. The members of the National Directors board can be a part of the NEC.
   v. The new NEC members cannot be a Board of Director
   vi. Tenure of each NEC will be of 3 years.
   vii. The mandates of Executive Committee members can be jointly prolonged for a maximum of two years under exceptional circumstances caused by force majeure events, such as pandemics, war, climate catastrophes, resulting in substantial prolonged limitations of the activities of the whole Executive Committee for at least one year.

d) Chapter Office Bearers:
   i. IAPEN INDIA will have different Chapters all across India & outside India.
   ii. Chapters of IAPEN INDIA will not have any separate legal identity.
   iii. These chapters are organized only for the purpose of administrative convenience and efficient functioning.
iv. It will comprise maximum of 10 members which will comprise of Chapter President, Vice President, Secretary, Joint secretary, Treasurer, Joint Treasurer & Executive Committee Members.

v. Central IAPEN INDIA will enter into Memorandum of understanding with each chapter to ensure smooth working.

vi. Tenure for all chapter office bearer is 3 years.

3.2 Functions of the Office bearer

Honorary President:

i. Shall preside over and conduct meetings of the Association/ Chapters and its National Executive committee and shall have a casting vote.

ii. Shall supervise the general activities of the Association

iii. Shall endeavor himself/herself to improve the finances of the Association.

iv. May appoint sub-committees if and when necessary, with terms of references decided by the Director or the national executive committee and BOD.

v. He/She shall have the right to call national executive committee and general body meeting in times of emergency.

vi. The President shall prepare an address to the Annual General Meeting of the Society

vii. President shall announce/declare the forthcoming year’s ICNC host Chapter in the AGM of the present year

b) Honorary Vice President

i. Shall be the chairman of the scientific committee for annual congress of the association and be responsible for organizing the scientific program/agenda during the annual conferences.

ii. In the absence of the President, the Vice president/s shall perform the duties of the President. He/She will also be the returning officers.

iii. Will take steps to improve the funds of the Association.

c) Honorary Secretary

i. Shall call meetings of the National Executive Committee (hence forth referred as NEC) whenever necessary (minimum twice a year), or on a written requisition of not less than 4 members of the NEC or not less than 1/3 of the required members to hold an extraordinary meeting of the General Body.
ii. Shall prepare agenda for and keep a record of the minutes of the meetings of the Committee and the Annual General Body.

iii. Shall see that decisions made by the NEC are carried out by the persons concerned.

iv. Shall carry out all correspondence on behalf of the Association.

v. Shall prepare and issue to all members a written report of the preceding year’s transactions to be read at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), held during Annual Conference of the Association.

vi. May call for from any office bearer, any paper pertaining to the work of the Association, for inspection and necessary action.

vii. Shall issue notices for the meetings (e mail information will be enough).

viii. Will mail all members the newsletter of IAPEN INDIA which will be electronically sent to all members.

d) Hon. Treasurer

i. Shall, in the absence of the Secretary, have the powers and rights and duties as those of the Secretary. Shall assist the Hon Secretary in day-to-day operations.

ii. Will arrange collection of funds necessary for maintenance of the Association and its activities and keep them in deposit with a bank approved by the Association.

iii. Shall issue receipts for all values received for the Association.

iv. Shall keep bills or vouchers and also payee’s receipts whenever possible for payments made by him/her and maintain a regular record of Associations accounts.

v. Shall operate accounts of the association jointly with the Secretary or the President and the National Board of Directors.

vi. Shall prepare and make available to the NEC, Director the annual statements of income and expenditure for the annual report. Also, to be responsible for getting the audit of the accounts by authorized Auditor.

vii. Will be authorized to make expenses available to members for scientific, academic and administrative activities of the association after approval from the NEC and BOD.

viii. Changes of office bearers shall be notified to the bank as per banking laws.

ix. The local Organizing Secretary of any Conference/Workshop organized under the Auspices of the Association shall submit the audited account within six
months of the Conference/Workshop and 50% of the savings should be deposited with IAPEN INDIA Central Account.

e) National Executive Committee Members

i. The executive committee member will be working under the guidance of the President and Vice President for the development of IAPEN INDIA in different core areas identified in the governing body or Associate Members of the Executive Council.

ii. National Executive Committee will be responsible for smooth functioning of the organization & will also give and receive suggestions from National Directors Board to achieve objects of the organization.

iii. They will work hand in hand with National Directors’ Board for vision & mission of the organization & also responsible for co-ordination with all states & Chapters across India along with National Directors Board.

iv. Founder Director & National Director Board will also be integral part of National Executive committee.

v. Any major decision to be taken by National Executive Committee should have minimum of 75% NEC members voting in favour of any decision.

vi. Day to day functioning, decision, voting will be done by all members of National Executive Committee only. However, National Director Board may choose to intervene if they find anything against specified Bye Laws or Guidelines or goals of IAPEN INDIA’s systems & operating procedures by whatever name called as specified from time to time. The decision of the National Director Board will then be final and non-contested.

vii. To accept donations, subscriptions, endowments for any specific purposes consistent with the objectives of the society and or accept donations, endowments, gifts earmarked for buildings, with a view to perpetuate the memory of any person or persons whose memory the donor may like to perpetuate with objectives not inconsistent with the objective of society.

viii. To adhere to and or make changes if required after approval of National Director Board and by majority votes in the Annual General Meeting of the By-Laws and rules consistent with these rules.
f) National Director Board
The board of directors in good faith will allow the NEC to manage the day to day working of the association and in case of dispute/ status quo/ request/ emergency will have the vote casting rights and with two third majority of the board of directors implement the resolutions of the board of directors.

i. Members of national director board will be appointed as director retire, by rotation for the maximum tenure of 3 years.

ii. The National Director board can be re-appointed subject to approval of minimum 75% of the National Directors as on date of considering request for re-appointment vote in favour of the same and founder directors.

iii. The National Director Board will be integral part of National Executive Committee & they will not be counted for the upper limit of maximum number of members if any.

iv. All members of National Director Board will be assigned responsibility of coordinating with elected NEC supervising & leading of one or more State/ Chapters and one or more roles as Nominee Directors on behalf of IAPEN INDIA.

v. To take all steps necessary for the smooth and ethical administration of the institutions, programs, office bearers under the control of the association and to appoint, employ, dismiss, suspend staff as also to appoint, employ or remove agents, lawyers, attorneys, architects, values for any of the purposes forwarding of the society.

3.3 Elections:

g) The Elections to the National Executive Committee shall be held after every three years.

h) The person who holds the post of Immediate Past President at the time of the election process shall nominate the New Executive who shall be the designated honorary National Election Officer and she/he shall be responsible for the conduct of the Elections.

i) The National Election Officer shall not be eligible to contest for any post in the elections conducted by her. No member is eligible to contest for more than one post in the same election.

j) Elections shall be held by voting done during the Annual General Meeting of every Third Year.

k) The Election Officer upon advice and consensus from the National Director Board shall have the right to change the logistics of the election process in the face of exigencies or
introduce rules in alignment with NEC for other modes of voting like electronic voting as and when required, and necessary for smooth election process.

3.4 Election Process:

l) Only IAPEN INDIA Chapter Office bearers can apply for the post of NEC

m) The form must bear the signatures of nominee signifying his/her approval and of proposer and seconder. The nominated candidates, the proposer and the seconder should be life members of IAPEN INDIA Association for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition.

n) Last date for submitting the nominations will be one month before the date of the general body meeting. Any nominations received after the fixed dead line will be invalid.

o) Participant withdrawal will be allowed till the time of election.

p) Voting will be done only by the LIFE Members of IAPEN INDIA Association for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition.

q) Due to some unavoidable circumstances, if the member cannot attend the Annual General Meeting, the member can nominate a person for attending the meeting and the nominated person will also have the right to vote. The nominated person should have a letter duly signed and approved by the regional officer/chapter secretary before voting.

r) In the event of a tie, the National President and National Director Board with founder directors shall have a casting vote in addition to the vote she/he has already exercised.

s) In some circumstances as approved by 3/4th majority of Directors and/or BOD and NEC (e.g., election of the Chairman, General Secretary, Treasurer) a vote can be organized either by correspondence or using a virtual voting system. Anonymity and security of the voting system will be ensured. At least two months will be allowed between notifications and voting. Votes are collected by the Chairman or the General Secretary or by an appointed Secretariat proposed by the Executive Committee. At least two officers of the Executive Committee must be involved in the counting procedure.

3.5 Meetings of the Office Bearers

t) The Annual General Meeting will be held once in each calendar year at the time and place of the National/International Conference of IAPEN INDIA Association for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition and as proposed by National Executive Committee.

u) Notice of the time and place of such meeting shall be communicated by the Honorary
National Secretary to every member of the Society at least one month in advance.

v) If the Annual General Meeting cannot be held due to any reason, e-voting can also be done as then decided by NEC.

w) Quorum: 10 percent of total number of members shall form the quorum for a General Body Meeting.

x) Adjournment: If within half an hour from the time scheduled for the General Body meeting quorum isn’t achieved, the AGM shall dissolve for 10 minutes and reconvene to continue with proceedings including voting. No quorum is necessary for such an adjourned meeting. Every motion submitted to the meeting shall be decided by voting.

y) Chairman: In the absence of the President, the Vice President, the members of the NEC shall elect from among the members of the Society a Chairman preterm.

3.6 Agenda of the Annual General Meeting:

z) The agenda for the AGM shall be circulated to all the members at least 2 weeks before the meeting.

aa) The Hon. National Secretary shall summon the meeting.

bb) The Hon. National Treasurer shall operate the national bank account, keep the books of account and present the audited accounts.

cc) To receive and adopt the Annual Report of the Society as given by the National Secretary and National Treasurer on the activities of the association for the preceding year.

dd) To receive and adopt the Balance Sheet and Auditor’s Report for the preceding year by the National Treasurer.

ee) To receive update by the Chapter Secretary and Core Group Program Officer about the activities and progress of same for the preceding year.

ff) To receive details from the IAPEN INDIA Journal Committee about Journal of Nutrition Research for the preceding year.

gg) To receive details from the PEN Coordinator about details of the Associated PEN Society collaborations and events for the preceding year and to forward the goals of IAPEN INDIA.

hh) To approve the appointment of Auditor as recommended by the National Executive Committee.

ii) To receive and adopt for suggestions of the budget for the coming year.

jj) Declaration of the results of the election held. In case elections are incomplete, the same may be completed as per rules and regulations.

kk) To transact such other business as may be brought forward by the National Directors.
Board and/or National Executive Committee or any other business that may be permitted by the Chairman of which 7 days’ notice has been given in writing.

II) To consider any other business brought forward by or with the consent of the Chairman.

mm) Installation of the New Office Bearers if necessary and approved by National Director Board and/or National Executive Committee.

3.7 Extraordinary General Body Meeting:

nn) Extraordinary General Body Meeting may be called by the President or in his absence by the President Elect or the Vice-President upon the request of the National Director Board and/or National Executive Committee or the request of 2/3 of the members of the Society.

oo) Request for such a meeting must state its objectives and must be signed by the requisitions and be deposited with the Hon. Secretary of the Society.

pp) Notice for Extraordinary General Body Meeting should be sent within two weeks of receipt of request.

3.8 Meeting of the National Executive Committee:

qq) The President or in his/her absence the President Elect, shall preside at the NEC meeting and shall have a casting vote if necessary.

rr) The quorum for the National Executive Committee will be one third of the total number of members.

4. IAPEN INDIA CHAPTERS

IAPEN INDIA facilitates the organization of its members into different Chapters for the smooth functioning of the organization. Such Chapters which are permitted to be formed and exist, however, shall not have a separate legal status. These chapters are organized only for the purposes of administrative, convenience and efficient functioning. The Chapters have its organization similar to the central committee of IAPEN INDIA. All chapters will follow the constitution of the central committee- IAPEN INDIA. There will be no separate constitutions permitted for Chapters. Each Chapter will be headed by the Chapter President and Chapter Secretaries.

4.1 Chapter Formation:

Formation of Chapters is a two-tier process.
a) Defining a Chapter
   i. Chapters can be formed if there are 50 Members residing within a geographical areas defined as a district.
   ii. A new Chapter within the state can be permitted if they can generate 50 members including any member from the Parent Chapter; provided the Parent Chapter retains 50 members after releasing the members for the new Chapter formation within the geographical area.

b) Prospective Chapters
   i. Location with fewer health care workers / health care sectors /Educational Institute / who are interested to start a Chapter can apply for recognition and can start the Chapter after getting the approval from IAPEN INDIA NEC.
   ii. Each application should include a detailed list of the members of that location.
   iii. The decision of recognition of a Chapter is the prerogative of the IAPEN INDIA NEConly and its decision shall be final.
   iv. New Chapter can approach the established Chapter nearest to their geographical area for further support.

4.2 Memorandum of understanding with the IAPEN INDIA Central
Each Chapter should have a MOU with the IAPEN INDIA Central with regard to
   c) The usage of Logo of IAPEN INDIA for Chapter activities.
   d) Compliance of Chapter office bearers with IAPEN INDIA’s Finance, accounting and fund sharing protocols and SOPs.
   e) Compliance with IAPEN INDIA’s constitution, amendments and rules and regulations and resolutions passed and adopted by IAPEN INDIA-NEC from time to time.
   f) There should appropriate communication between Chapters and center with respect to any change in chapter Office bearers/Activities etc.
   g) Obtaining the MoU with the center is the prerogative of the Chapter and not doing so may lead to de-recognition of the Chapter.
   h) All authorized signatories of the Chapter should sign the MoU with the Center and are responsible for all the statutory financial compliance of the said Chapter and will be held responsible for any kind of non-compliance which may incur logical disciplinary action with provision of defense.
   i) In case of change in signatories, the same should be informed to the center immediately (within 7 working days) and the MoU should be signed again.
j) Non compliance in any aspect can lead to de-recognition of the members and the Chapter by the center and NEC without explanation.

4.3 Composition of Chapter Office Bearers:
Each chapter of IAPEN INDIA comprises of the following
1. Chapter President
2. Chapter Vice-Presidents
3. Chapter Secretary
4. Chapter Treasurer
5. Joint Secretary / Joint treasurer (optional)
6. Chapter Executive Committee Members - 4nos

Maximum Office Bearers per Chapter- 10 nos.

4.4 Appointment of Chapter Executive Members

k) The Chapter President, Chapter Secretary and Chapter Treasurer will be appointed by the National Executive Committee (no election) on honorary and non-remunerative basis on mutual consent.

l) The Chapter President and Chapter Secretary can appoint the rest of the Office Bearers from the respective chapter Life Members after due approval from the NEC Members.

m) All office bearers’ tenure will be for 3 years from the date of appointment.

n) Re appointment of office bearers for the same post can be considered only if no other new members are willing to take responsibilities after approval from NEC.

4.5 Out Reach Program:
o) Can work with public health sector / NGO for improving Community Nutrition.

p) If Chapters are in tie up with any organization, there should be a MoU between the Chapter and organization. Approval by the IAPEN INDIA NEC is essential for the same.

4.6 Chapter Activities:

q) All activities need prior information and permission from the events NEC. Further Details are mentioned in the events sop.

r) Chapters can conduct an event as a Clinical Nutrition Update/ CNE/ Symposium but not as Conferences.
s) Chapters and core groups can collaborate for activities and develop amiable relations with each other.

4.7 Other Recommendations:

  t) If the Chapter President/Secretary/Treasurer is unable to attend any general and/or special meetings of the Association/AGM he/she may depute to the NEC before the said meeting, in writing.

  u) The name of the officer/member who will substitute him/her as an official representative at the said meeting should also be mentioned and the nominated member of the Chapter can present the Chapter reports.

4.8 Responsibilities of Chapter Office Bearers:

  v) It is mandatory for all Chapter Office Bearers to be Life Members of IAPEN INDIA

  w) Chapter President

    i. Guide and render advice on the activities of the Chapter.

    ii. Regulate the proceedings of chapter meetings and activities.

    iii. Should endeavor himself/herself to improve the finances and academic activities of the chapter.

    iv. May appoint chapter office bearers if and when necessary, with terms of references decided by the NEC.

    v. She/he has the right to call chapter committee meetings during the times of emergency.

  x) Chapter Vice President

    i. In case of the absence of the President, Vice-President(s) shall act as President.

    ii. Guide the meetings of the respective chapter.

    iii. Help the chapters in organizational activities.

  y) Chapter Secretary

    i. In-charge of the chapter’s official works.

    ii. Should handle all correspondence. He/She shall correspond or represent on the official matters of the chapter to the central committee.

    iii. Should escalate matters communicated from the NEC to the other office bearers of the Chapter.

    iv. Should ensure that the decisions made by the NEC regarding any chapter concerns are carried out accordingly.

    v. Over-see general supervision of accounts; pass all bills for payments and sign
cheques jointly with the Chapter Treasurer.

vi. Ensures the Chapter Treasurer submit an annual statement of accounts, duly audited by the auditor, for presentation before the central committee.

vii. Prepares budget and get it passed in the NEC.

viii. Should organize, arrange and convene meetings, seminar, lectures, demonstrations etc. at the chapter level.

ix. Keeping records of the presentations of respective chapter.

x. Shall call chapter meetings whenever necessary (quarterly / year)

xi. Meetings with NEC (yearly twice) and inform the chapter activities.

xii. Should submit a report of number of meetings, activities held in the preceding year at the time of AGM in the prescribed format.

xiii. Should prepare agenda for and keep a record of the minutes of the chapter meetings.

xiv. Should take steps to improve the funds of the Society.

xv. Shall share chapter details for newsletter to the editorial committee.

xvi. Should keep record of the names, last known addresses, mobile number and email ID of fellow Life members of their chapter.

z) Chapter Treasurer

i. In the absence of the Chapter Secretary, have the powers, rights and duties as those of the Chapter Secretary.

ii. Support the Secretary in chapter activities.

iii. Prepar... funds up to date.

iv. Should maintain chapter accounts and funds up to date.

v. Will arrange collection of funds necessary for maintenance of the Chapter and its activities and keep them in deposit with a bank approved by the Society.

vi. Issuing receipts for all values received for the Society.

vii. Disposing of the bills for payments as sanctioned.

viii. Will be responsible for keeping up-to date accounts and account books of the chapter.

ix. Send monthly Bank Statement copy and the requested data in the standard Format shared by National Treasurer.

x. Should operate the accounts of the chapter jointly with the Secretary or the President.

xi. Changes of office bearers should be notified to the bank as per banking laws.

xii. Should closely coordinate and abide with NEC for all financial compliances of the chapter along with Secretary and other authorized signatories.
aa) Chapter Executive Committee Member:
   i. Executive Committee Members will act as an advisory board for the chapter.
   ii. Help in organizing meetings /seminar/lectures, etc.
   iii. Provide inputs to improve the funds of the chapter.
   iv. Steps to ensure increase in chapter membership
   v. Responsible to create, update and maintain all social media
   vi. To make fliers/videos for the events and activities.

4.9 Removal of chapter office bearers:

bb) Any office bearer remaining absent for three consecutive monthly meetings without prior information/leave/is liable to be removed from the post and committee with a simple resolution by the support of just three committee members.

cc) The member can appeal to the committee to withdraw its resolution of his/her removal of office bearers and from the committee by mailing the Chapter President citing the reason for abstinence from meeting within two weeks of his/her removal.

dd) The committee may consider withdrawal of his/her removal with the majority’s approval or if the NEC permits.

ee) A member’s repeat of such above abstinence will not have any provision to appeal against the committee’s decision. However, the member can approach the IAPEN INDIA–NEC for a final decision and in case of status quo, same can be resolved by two third majority of the National Board of directors.

ff) Any office bearer can be removed by the NEC from his/her post, committee membership if they are not contributing to Chapter’s growth.

5. EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

5.1 Webinar /Continuous Nutrition Education (CNE)

a) Definition and scope
   i. Short and easy-to-organize presentation by 1 to 2 speakers on a specific topic with a duration of approximately one hour (40 min presentation + 20 min Discussion).

b) Application
   i. Any member willing to organize a webinar /event should submit the request to chapter secretary, and the chapter secretary should send email to events NEC for approval events - iapenevents@gmail.com for approval
   ii. The application should include information on: Topic, Speaker, Date, and a short
justificationas to why the specific topic is considered of value to IAPEN INDIA.

iii. Application deadlines- 2weeks before webinar

c) Logos to be featured in all presentation slides if it is an IAPEN INDIA speaker
d) Promotional material such as flyers and email templates, display of logos to be featured in website.

5.2 Chapter CNEs

a) Local Chapter Committee should inform the NEC 15 days in advance via events email about the CNE.

b) The total number of members to be recorded & shared with National events Committee.

c) Minimum of 6 activities per year per chapter required.

d) Different health days in a calendar year to be celebrated.

e) Community Outreach Activities can be undertaken with necessary approval from Local Authorities

f) Can have collaborative programs either with other professional dietetic association’s/ alliedhealth associations like Nursing, Speech Language Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, Medical Associations etc. / Food Industry/ Nutrition supplements industry (all within the legal framework).

g) Within one month of the program, account should be settled & shared with National Treasurer.

h) Pictures with a small write up of CNEs should be shared with NEC to be published in Newsletter

i) The Chapter Secretary has all freedom to conduct the CNE with the Topic and Speakers of their choice in consensus with their local office bearers; with due approval from the NEC Events committee.

j) The Chapters Secretary should inform and get permission and approval only through the Official mail id for any event

5.3 Guidelines for the IAPEN INDIA Clinical Nutrition Congress

a) ICNC, the national conference of IAPEN INDIA need to be organized annually in the month of February.

b) Venue/ location: Should be held in different zones of the country - South, North, East, West and Central.

c) Duration of the conference: 2 days

d) Should have provision for awards sessions and Annual General Body Meeting
of the association.

e) Program of the conference:
   i. The primary focus should be on the academic aspects of the various sub areas of interest to various sections, profiles of the members.
   ii. The conference should consist of workshops, lectures, poster & paper presentation (in the form of competition) thus being a robust academic fest.
   iii. Exhibition by the sponsoring companies

f) Bidding, Hosting, allocation criteria
   i. The chapters can nominate themselves for hosting forthcoming year’s ICNC, when the NEC members announce for the same.
   ii. Chapters capable of holding the conference can bid to host based on logistics such as: Connectivity, Accommodation facilities, Infrastructure and Member strength.
   iii. The chapter needs to submit the details about the number of member in the chapter, year of the chapter initiation, previous year activities and financial commitment to the National Secretary.
   iv. The conference is bid by the chapter, it should have nominated its chairman of the conference and organizing secretary of the conference & working team.

g) Registration fee:
   i. On the basis of membership criteria- Member, Non-Member, Student Member.
   ii. All to be decided by the Organizing Chapter e.g.- early bird, late registration, spot registration.

h) Formation of Sub-Committees
   i. Organizing Chapter should form sub-committees for effortless execution of Conference’s logistics.
   ii. Sub-committees may include (but not limited to)
      - Reception, Hospitality committee
      - Scientific committee
      - Exhibition committee
      - Finance committee
      - Accommodation committee
• Travel committee
• Registration committee
• Souvenir, Brochure committee
• Communication & Media (Website /social media)
• Audio visual committee
• Food & Catering committee
• Stage Management committee
• Any other committee based on the requirement of the hosting chapter

i) Budget
i. Funds raised by the Organizing chapter

ii. Different awards with valuations to be fixed after discussion with NEC.

j) Other recommendation
i. Local and National organizing committees should be established

ii. Annual congress will be hosted by the Centre. There shall be some liberty given to
the regional chapter to select (50:50) speakers – all in constant sync and approval
with the NEC for all critical aspects.

iii. Scientific- Chairman / secretary both from centre+ scientific committee of the
regional chapter. Other than scientific- Local organizing committee for venue,
logistics.All mails should go from the ICNC official email to national and
international speakers.

6. CORE GROUP

Core Group is formed by a panel of experts who are life members of IAPEN INDIA in the
specialized field that convenes the practitioners and public health professionals in clinical,
sports and community health to share knowledge, evidence and best practices.

a) Aim:

i. To improve clinical, fitness and community health practices for underserved and
vulnerable populations, especially women, children, adolescents and aged through
evidence based collaborative action and learning

b) Objectives:

i. To advance the field of scientific nutrition in hospital and community health by
developing case studies, evidence based guidelines and analyzing research data
from the relevant field creating training curriculum and conducting workshops,
developing, monitoring and evaluation of trainings and tools, fostering in-country collaboration and advocating for Community Approaches to Health.

6.2 Structure of IAPEN INDIA Core Group

a) Core Group Heads
   i. Consists of minimum 2 program officers.
   ii. Acts as coordinators between the Core Groups and NEC.
   iii. All issues pertaining to core group functioning will be taken up for discussion through core group representatives.

b) Core Group Committee: Each committee Comprises of 6 members viz
   i. Program Officer
   ii. Joint program officer / Mentor
   iii. Research Coordinator
   iv. Media Coordinator
   v. International Advisor
   vi. National Advisor.

c) Members
   i. To become core group member one has to be a IAPEN INDIA Life member
   ii. Members representing core group committee cannot be a core committee member of another core group.
   iii. A core group committee member can be an expert or an advisor to the other core groups
   iv. All core groups have one honorary International Invitee, preferably of non Indian origin on the panel of advisors

6.3 Governing Council (GC) of Core Group- proposed structure

a) Comprises of program officers of each core group.
   a) Will be responsible for functioning, developing, keeping core group active, and ensuring ethical and legal fund management of each group.
   b) Form policies for development of each core group
   c) Appoint ethical committee for research studies or collaboration with educational institutes for research and ethical committee provisions.
   d) Appoint statistician if required
   e) May appoint study design committee
f) Appoint any other personnel required for core group progress or functioning

g) Approval of any new core group and getting it sanctioned through the central executive committee

h) Approval of core group Annual budgets, expenses and finance

i) Collaboration or association with credible institutes, societies and organizations

j) Responsible for resolving all core group related grievances within one month of receiving appeal from the aggrieved person.

6.4 Working Committee:

a) Program officer/ Mentor

RESPONSIBILITIES:

a) Responsible for overall functioning of core group

b) Updating and improving core group progress, framing policies, planning roadmap for core group

c) Head of core group event management

d) Head of grievances

e) Appointment of advisors

f) Contact person between central committee and core group committee.

b) Mentor

RESPONSIBILITIES:

i. Responsible for smooth and effective running of the Course

ii. Planning the Syllabus

iii. Recommending appointment of teachers

iv. Coordinating with teachers for all academic issues

v. Effectively handling student queries-doubts

vi. Conducting exams, correcting papers, announcing results, disbursing certificates

c) Joint Program Officer

RESPONSIBILITIES:

i. Responsible for all core group communication including organizing conferences, CNEs, webinar

Co coordinating with National Secretary

Execution of central committee guidelines

d) Core Group Media coordinator (Media includes WhatsApp, Telegram, Instagram, Twitter, Facebook and YouTube Channel and excludes Print and Television media)

i. Responsible to create, update and maintain all social media
ii. Should make fliers/videos for the events and courses
iii. Post on core group media platforms and National web page.
iv. Coordinating with Central Committee media Executive
v. Responsible for communicating with main stream media including electronic and print

e) Research Coordinator

i. Will represent core group and report to chief editor of IAPEN INDIA journals.

iii. Promoting research activities in the core group

iv. Will be responsible for making research proposal along with Principal Investigator (PI), CoPI, core group committee clearance, ethical clearance, conduct research and publish the same. Coordinating with journal publication committee and chief editor to publish core group research papers.

v. Coordinating with individuals and institutes to raise fund for research papers.

vi. Responsible for encouraging core group members to write paper and present in Conference. Also to encourage them to write articles for IAPEN INDIA newsletter.

vii. Ensures at least one article is sent from the respective core group for each newsletter.

f) Advisors and Experts:

i. Should be an expert in the field of interest

ii. He/She cannot be accommodated in the core committee

iii. Can be a member of any other core group committee

iv. Can be an Ex-chairperson of any core group

v. Can be a designated officer at any chapter committees, core groups or NEC

6.5 Decision Making Process

a) All decisions have to be taken through core group committee meetings.

b) Program Officer will have some subjective discretionary powers to take decisions in emergency. These powers will be decided by the NEC. If the decisions are controversial it has to be referred to core group committee even if they have discretionary powers.

c) During an emergency, when it’s not possible to call a physical or virtual meeting and a decision has to be taken immediately - any media like
WhatsApp, Telegram, con call can be used for member’s consent and the same should be ratified in the next core group meeting.

6.6 Calendar of events- proposed structure
   a) One half day CNE in a year, at different chapters every year.
   b) One webinar in a year
   c) One community service/event per year.
   d) At least one research paper per core group in a year to be published in IAPEN INDIA journal.
   e) One National-International Conference of one or one and half days in every 3 years.
   f) It is mandatory to send All National conferences proposal to NEC for approval and further to submit it to NEC for sanction.
   g) Multiple core groups related with common topic can come together and organize conferences. Eg: Dysphagia and Neuro nutrition, Renal and Hypertension-can organize jointly
   h) Any core group organizing a national-International conference in a year is exempted from organizing all other mandatory events. However if they wish they can still organize them.
   i) Work shop during ICNC as per ICNC scientific committee guidelines

6.7 Core Group accountability and grading:
   a) All core groups are accountable and answerable to the NEC.
   b) All core groups have to present their achievements, performance during AGM or at a suitable event as guided by NEC
   c) All core groups may be internally graded as eg A+++, A++, A+ to make it competitive.
   d) To encourage competitiveness all core groups achieving **A+++ grade** should be honored in the AGM.
   e) A standard accreditation type grading may be formed by national core group committee to keep it transparent

6.8 Finance and funding of Core Group activities:
   a) All financial transactions of all core groups including ESPEN LLL, Quality Awards will be operated through NEC account
   b) National treasurer should keep this account updated every month to be presented to national Financial Advisor when required.
7. IAPEN INDIA COURSES

7.1 Aim

a) To forward and create a platform for learning at par with any nutrition education of repute.

b) To make the courses at par for any niche nutrition learning and the kind that the fraternity acknowledges as at par with national and international standards focus should be on clinical dietetics and nutrition.

7.2 Eligibility Criteria

6 Month Certification Courses

a) Graduation in Nutrition or Nursing (B.Sc and above), Pharmacist (B-pharm or above), Bachelor of Physiotherapy and Bachelor of Occupational Therapy. The Medical professionals (MBBS, MD) recognized by Medical Council of India. Nutrition Graduates, Registered Dietitians recognized by the Indian Dietetic Association and Life member of IAPEN INDIA. [https://www.diabeteseducatorsindia.com/membership/eligibility.aspx]

b) Basic Qualification and Eligibility Any Health Science professional with Undergraduate or Postgraduate Degree and as recognized by the respective council, with minimum 2 years of practical experience in health care setting can apply.

i. General Eligibility- Should be an IAPEN INDIA life member

One And A Half Year Courses

a) MSc with Dietetics as background/ MBBS/ 5 years of Clinical Dietetic Experience

b) Home Science graduates with a semester in Nutrition education may be included only after taking a 6 month certificate course and an interview

c) More addition of Eligibility Criteria shall be included depending on the nutrition graduation degrees granted in different states and health care council.

7.3 Course Outcome of 6 month certification course

a) Provide an intensive, evidence based, self-paced learning program

b) Provides practitioners the latest information on implementing nutrition care in selected core areas per the course.
c) Course will be assisted by the members of the Certification Board and experienced doctors and dietitians from across the country

d) The certification program provides a balance of background information, current research and practical information in selected field of nutrition.

7.4 Formation of IAPEN INDIA certification board and list of mentors

a) Physical training centers

b) Final examination

   i. Conducted as a proctored Online Examination, as of now.

c) Application process

   i. Direct enrollment is not entertained.

   ii. Candidates have to mail their complete bio-data to gather more information about the course.

   iii. Designated member of Nutrition Support Certification Board of IAPEN INDIA would assess the bio-data and accept the enrollment of the candidate.

   iv. Time of revert would be a minimum of 3 working days.

7.5 ‘Insight’ Newsletter

a) IAPEN Insight will be the showcase magazine of IAPEN INDIA and will be operated from the centre.

b) Minimum 1 article to be submitted by each chapter for the newsletter

c) Chapter activities/ individual chapter member’s achievement to be shared for the newsletter.

d) IAPEN Insight will include a provision for advertisements from companies and healthcare setups at a previously agreed cost, though IAPEN INDIA does not endorse any product or healthcare setup advertised.

e) The newsletter committee will include- Chief Editor, Assistant Editor, and Content Manager who are Life members of the association and nominated by NEC.

f) The designing of the newsletter will be outsourced and quotation from different vendors will be submitted for yearly contract.

7.6 Awards and recognitions

a) The association may confer the awards and recognitions instituted by the NEC

b) The fellow of IAPEN INDIA is a prestigious award given by the associate members of the director and executive council for the life time contribution to the IAPEN INDIA
8. JOURNAL OF THE ASSOCIATION

a) The name of the official journal of the Association shall be IAPEN INDIA "Journal of Nutrition Research".

b) The National Executive Committee shall decide on the subscription and other guidelines for the publication of the Journal, which may be changed from time to time.

c) The Editor-in-Chief will be appointed by the National executive committee in the governing body meeting.

d) The printing, sales and publication responsibilities will be given to the private publication division as per Editor In Chiefs advise.

e) The publication division can also be changed by taking approval of the executive committee members in the governing body meeting.

f) In consultation with the Editor-in-Chief, the EC shall form an Editorial Board, which will be responsible for the publication of the journal.

g) The Board members shall be nominated from among the Life members of the Association.

h) The term of the Editorial Board shall synchronize with that of the National Executive Committee.

9. FINANCE

9.1 Auditor

The Executive Committee shall appoint and fix the fee of the Auditor who shall be a Chartered Accountant.

9.2 Article - Nomination of Delegates for International Conferences

Official delegates to the International Conferences will be recommended by the Society on the basis of the following criteria:

a) A LIFE member should have a minimum of three years standing in the Society

b) S/he should have attended three conferences and published at least three scientific papers in peer reviewed indexed journals during the preceding 5 years.

c) The paper for presentation should be accepted or the member has been invited by the Organizing Committee of the Conference.
d) The final selection amongst candidates fulfilling the above said conditions is left to the National Executive Committee.

9.3 Article - Amendments

This constitution may be amended by a two-third affirmative votes of chapter secretaries present at the annual assembly, provided a copy of the proposed change has been delivered to each voting and with two third majority of board of directors member 60 days in advance of the general body meeting. The suggested amended has to be approved by the members of the national executive council.

9.4 Special Meetings

e) Special meetings of the Association may be convened by the National Executive Committee or requisitioned by at least 50 Council members for transacting specific business.

f) The request for requisition shall be addressed to the General Secretary specifying the object for which the meeting is to be convened.

g) On receipt of such a requisition, the EC shall cause a meeting to be convened within two months of its receipt at such time and place as may be decided by the EC.

h) The General Secretary shall give at least three week notice to the members and no business, other than that notified, shall be transacted at this meeting.

9.5 Article - Authorized Signatories

i) The Association shall be represented in any Legal proceeding or before any Court / Tribunal / Authority of Law only by the President / Hon Secretary / Hon Treasurer.

j) In a situation where one of the above is unable to sign, the Executive Committee shall decide on an alternative signatory.

k) All bank accounts, deposits and other investments shall be opened, kept and made in the name of IAPEN INDIA Association for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition.

l) The bank accounts shall be operated as follows:

   i. All cheques shall be signed only by the Treasurer acting jointly with the Director or the Secretary.
ii. In a situation where one of the above is unable to sign, the Board of Directors shall decide on an alternative signatory.

m) Members attending the National Executive Committee (NEC) meetings are entitled to the expenses for travel from residence to the meeting destination at reasonable rate.

n) The travel expenses for the Directors, National President, Vice presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Editors in chief shall be borne by the central office for any in person BOD meetings and ICNC and promotional meetings or seminars of the association.

o) The travel expenses of all other chapters President, Secretary and treasurer shall be done by the respective chapter with prior intimation and approval from NEC provided they have sufficient funds and to 25% of the amount can be utilized here- or maybe only president, secretary and treasurer.

p) The accounts of the Association shall be consolidated with all the accounts of all the chapters duly audited of each respective chapter.

q) The accounts shall be circulated to all members of the National Executive committee (NEC) prior to the NEC meeting and such accounts shall be placed before the NEC for approval.

r) No members of the NEC shall be responsible for any errors/discrepancies arising in any audited accounts of any chapter and each Chapter president and the members of the local chapter shall be responsible for the same.

s) All Chapter treasurers shall furnish the accounts of the Chapter to the Center by 4th of each month and consolidated at the end of every year after approval by the executive committee to the Treasurer of the Association duly audited every year.

t) Title to the real property of the Association shall be vested in the two third majority of National Executive Committee who shall have power to sell, lease after approval from board of directors.

u) Mortgage or otherwise deal with the same only with the prior approval of the NEC and Board of Directors.

v) The Board of Directors shall take care of all funds of the Association using the capital and/or income from them for the purpose for which they are held.

w) All membership amounts may be invested as fixed securities and the interest utilized for Association purposes.
x) After a chapter gets 50 members, the amount received through membership will be 50% to chapter and 50% to central.
y) At the end of every convention the auditor of the local chapter shall audit the accounts of the convention and send it to President for placing the same before the executive committee 
z) These audited accounts shall be independent of the regular accounts of the chapter.

aa) Budgets shall be prepared in consultation with the secretary and Treasurer and placed before the NEC for approval.

bb) Audit report is available on demand by IAPEN INDIA Life members on discretion of NEC.

c) MoU or chapter agreement should be signed between chapter and centre

d) Account statements should be shared on a monthly basis (latest by 4th of each month) by the chapters with the centre with the invoices, receipts etc.

e) All invoices and receipts should be centralized to maintain uniformity

Contact treasurer@iapenindia.org for opening new bank accounts and any further details.

x) The chapters can avail the services of the accountant and CA at the centre on request. GST details (User ID and password) to be submitted to the central accountant and CentralCA for cyclic GST filing.

y) 15% of financial income of the chapter should be transferred to the centre on yearly basis.

z) All accounts should be closed for the financial year on 31st March and the 10% to be transferred on 20th March each year to the centre for Income tax returns. All membership fees will be collected at the central IAPEN INDIA account.

NON-COMPLIANCE BY CHAPTER WILL MAKE OFFICE BEARERS LAIBLE AND WILL BE SUBJECTED TO HEAVY PENALTY AS DECided BY NEC

9.6 Central Accounts

ff) There will be 3 signatories of the central account – National treasurer, national Secretary and one director.

gg) National treasurer is responsible for filing GST returns and ITR compliance at the centre.

hh) National treasurer will coordinate with National accountant and National CA for financial compliances.
ii) National treasurer will coordinate with chapter treasurer for chapter compliances.

9.7 State/ Chapter Accounts
jj) State/ Chapter account signatories to be changed according to change in committee and Secretary & treasurer to manage the same and to be intimated to NEC within one week of passing the resolution in local chapter meetings.

kk) The intimation should have the extracts of the complete resolution eg: Agenda, proposer, seconder and resolution passed-unanimously or by majority.

ll) All State/ chapter accounts to have 3rd signatory out of which one shall be the President.

mm) State/ Chapter level accountant to report to central accountant who will coordinate with the Central Charted Accountant

nn) State/ Chapter guidelines for financial autonomy- Chapter to have at least 100 members or 2 lakhs of fund accumulation within 3 yrs of formation of chapter or at least 3 activities yearly and generation revenue of at least 2 lakh in 3 years.

9.8 Redressal of Grievances

oo) Any individual with grievance should approach the chapter president/secretary for satisfactory resolution.

pp) They can decide as per the merit of the case to resolve it on an individual and mutual understanding between the parties.

qq) The aggrieved person has the choice of method of resolving the issue at individual or at committee meeting level.

rr) The issue needs to be resolved competently within maximum one month from the day of reporting.

ss) In case the grievance is not resolved within one month, or the aggrieved person is not satisfied with the resolution or judgment at chapter level, can approach National Executive Committee within 7 days of chapter judgment.

9.9 Redressal of Grievances for Core group

tt) Any individual with a grievance should approach the Program Officer of respective core group for satisfactory resolution.

uu) Decisions can be made as per the merit of the case to resolve it on an individual and mutual understanding between the parties or can take it into the core group committee and resolve it through them and with support of NEC.

vv) The aggrieved person has the choice of method of resolving the issue at individual or at committee meeting level.
ww) The Program Officer should take the issue in the earliest possible core group committee and resolve it competently within maximum of one month from the day of reporting.

xx) In case the grievance is not resolved within one month or the aggrieved person is not satisfied with the resolution or judgment at core group level, can appeal to NEC. Within one month of receipt of appeal against core group judgment. NEC has to resolve within maximum one month.

yy) If the aggrieved person is still not satisfied with the NEC judgment, they can approach BOD within 7 days of GC judgment.

10. Guidelines for Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

a) IAPEN INDIA encourages MOUs between IAPEN INDIA and other entities interested in the vast area of nutrition.

b) Scope of MOU should be within the ambitions of the declared aims and objectives of establishing IAPEN INDIA.

c) IAPEN INDIA advises that all MOUs should be broad and enabling.

d) MOUs can be entered with other associations, societies, universities, educational bodies, institutions, departments, corporates, event managers, publishing houses and similar entities in India or abroad.

e) MOUs should be restricted with entities which have established interest in nutrition, education or research.

f) MOUs should not be entered with individuals.

g) MOUs can be entered by IAPEN INDIA national executive or state chapters or core groups.

h) Either the President or the Secretary IAPEN INDIA can be the signatory in which IAPEN INDIA itself is a party. Status of the MOU should be part of the annual report.

i) Local organizing committees of various IAPEN INDIA events can enter into MOUs for the purpose of the said event.

j) In case of MOUs in which state chapters or core groups are involved, MOU starts and end with the respective state chapter or core group and the IAPEN INDIA will not be a party to it. While entering into MOU, an intimation regarding the MOU should be sent to IAPEN INDIA.

k) While entering MOUs, all the applicable laws of the land have to be complied.
1) All MOUs in which the opposite party is outside India, MOUs should be entered only by the IAPEN INDIA central committee. Else, a specific permission of IAPEN INDIA National Executive Committee should be obtained prior. Even so, MOU starts and end with the respective state chapter or core group and the IPEN India will not be a party to it.

m) In any MOU in which financial transactions are anticipated, the account information has to be revealed in the MOU and the transactions have to follow the specific guidelines of financial transactions of IAPEN INDIA.

n) IAPEN INDIA will not have any responsibility in financial assets, income, transactions or liabilities arising out of MOU in which IAPEN INDIA itself is not a signatory. This applies to both-direct and indirect financial assets, income, transactions or liabilities.

o) IAPEN INDIA advises that the maximum duration of MOU should not exceed three years and if needed the period can be extended with another agreement between both parties.

p) The status of MOU has to be mentioned in the annual report of the state chapter or core group to IAPEN INDIA.

q) The detailed contents of the MOU can be finalized between both parties safeguarding the interestof IAPEN INDIA.

r) These guidelines should be intimated to all parties with whom IAPEN INDIA or its state chapters or its core groups are entering an MOU and both parties have to ensure that guidelines are adhered to.

s) IAPEN INDIA NEC, at its discretion, reserves its right for disownment of any MOU entered between its state chapters or core groups or local organizing committee with other firms on opposite side if it desires so.

t) When disownment is done, the intimation will be sent to both parties by NEC IAPEN INDIA. Both the parties should consider this disownment as an advisory.

10.1 Funds and assets

a) The funds of the Association shall consist of:
   i. Application/Registration Fees
   ii. Membership Fees
   iii. Proceeds of the events
   iv. Course fees
v. Academic workshop or conference fees
vi. Contributions, donations, and grants from any source
vii. Income from investments
viii. Gifts or legacies of immovable or movable property
ix. CSR
x. Corporate funding

10.22 Amendments

a) This constitution may be amended by two-third affirmative votes of the Chapter Secretary present at the annual assembly but with final approval from the two third majority of board of directors and founding directors.
b) The proposed change has been circulated to each regional coordinator 60 days in advance of the general body meeting.
c) On the recommendations of the Board of Directors, the NEC shall appoint the auditors.
d) Auditors appointed at one annual council meeting will audit all papers and books of accounts of the Association for one year and are eligible for re-appointment.

10.3 ARTICLE XV

Indemnity of Founder Directors, Board of Directors, Life Members of the Association, National Executive Committee and the Officers and their heirs, executors and/or administrators shall be indemnified and saved harmless out all actions, costs, losses, damages etc., resulting from execution of their duties to promote the betterment of the Association.

10.4 Chapters

a) The chapter shall translate the spirit of these bylaws at the Chapter level.
b) The chapter shall hold at-least 6 academic meeting in a Year to update its members in the field of Clinical nutrition and dietetics.
c) The chapter shall co-operate with the IAPEN INDIA National Executive council to ensure the smooth administration of the affairs of the Association and shall endeavor to enroll new members and shall endeavor to create an atmosphere of Study, Research and Discussion.
10.5 Dissolution

a) In the event of need to wind up the Association, a special general board of directors meeting shall be called expressly for this purpose, that is after due notice to all the members of the board.

a) Resolutions on the dissolution of the Association shall require at least three fourths majority of the votes of the Board of Directors and National Executive Committee and chapter Secretary with founder directors.

b) A minimum of 40 chapter secretaries should be present for dissolution of the society or 2/3rd mandate of the number of people present.

c) In the event of dissolution of the Association, the Directors along with Board of Directors shall decide the manner in which claims and liabilities are to be disposed off.

d) The remaining assets, if any, shall be distributed to organizations or institutions with similar objectives as decided by the Directors and Board of Directors.

e) The Directors, Board of Directors with President of the IAPEN INDIA Association shall be the liquidators.