

ELECTION RULES FOR ELECTION OF 01 LIFE MEMBERS TO TCA

1. Life Members shall elect not more than 01 (One) Life Members from amongst themselves for inclusion as "members" of the Executive Committee through the process of 'election'. The entire process and modalities of free, fair and transparent elections shall be conducted under the supervision and direction of the "Election Officer" to be appointed by the Association. However, the basic guiding principles to be followed are laid down below. The expression "Returning Officer" shall mean the Officer appointed/designated by the Election Officer as 'Returning Officer' to be chosen from retired State Civil Service Officers having experience of conducting elections to State Assembly or local bodies.

2. PROGRAM FOR ELECTION AND NOMINATION OF LIFE MEMBERS:-

a) As per resolution of the Governing Body, the Hon'y. General Secretary TCA shall fix the date for election of members from Life members.

b) The program for nomination of candidates, scrutiny of nomination papers, withdrawal of nomination paper and date for holding of election, if necessary, shall be communicated by the Returning Officer through local newspapers.

c) Nomination as per prescribed form shall be in writing addressed to the Returning Officer and shall be delivered to the Returning officer in the Registered Office of the Association.

d) Every Nomination paper shall be signed by two Life members of the TCA as proposer and seconder and member so nominated shall state his willingness to serve in the Governing Body.

3. **LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION :-** The Returning officer shall be provided with copy of a list of the Life members of the Associations so as to enable him to give ballot paper to each Life member mentioning serial number in the list.

4. **VOTING OF BALLOT :-** The voting shall be done by ballot papers in prescribed format. Every ballot paper shall contain the names of all the candidates duly nominated for election, printed in alphabetical order in the form attached to this rule.

5. **VOTING IN PERSON :-** Each member shall cast his vote in person and no vote by proxy shall be permitted.

6. **ISSUE OF BALLOT PAPER :-** When a member presence himself for casting vote, the Returning Officer shall handover the ballot paper to the members. He shall at the same time make a mark against the member's name in the aforesaid list of life members. This mark will indicate that the member has received a ballot.

7. **RECORDING AND DELIVERY OF VOTE :-** After receiving the ballot paper, the member shall take it to the place where a voting compartment shall be kept for the purpose and shall mark his preference against the names for whom he desires to vote. The member shall then fold the ballot paper and drop it in the box placed in front of the Returning officer.

8. **ISSUE OF DUPLICATE BALLOT PAPER :-** If a member in-advertently spoils a ballot paper, he may return the same to the Returning Officer, who shall, if satisfied of such inadvertence, give another ballot paper making a record of it and reject the spoil ballot paper and keep the same in separate folder.





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9. GROUND FOR REJECTION OF BALLOT PAPER:- An used ballot paper shall be invalid and rejected if

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- a) The member voting signs his name or writes any other words or makes any other mark by which it becomes recognizable.
- b) It is not in the form provided by the Returning Officer.
- c) Which is not marked by rubber stamp.
- d) Which is unmarked or blank .
- e) In case of casting votes more than the prescribed number.
10. COUNTING OF VOTES:- As soon as may be after the time fixed for casting of votes, the Returning Officer shall examine the ballot paper and after rejecting any invalid ballot paper shall count the votes recorded against each candidate and announce the result on the same date of election. The candidates or representatives of the Candidates shall remain present, if they so desire at the time of opening of the sealed box as well as counting of votes.
11. DECLARATION OF THE NAMES OF DULY ELECTED CANDIDATES :-The Returning Officer shall declare the names of members who have been duly elected.

