

Constitution of Nepal Paediatric Society (NEPAS)

This constitution of the Nepal Paediatric Society was written and endorsed by the executive committee and all its members in the general body meeting on the 16th of June 1981.

PREAMBLE

Those qualified paediatricians in Nepal, who belong to the profession of the scientific and modern system of medicine and have taken the welfare of children as regard to improvement of quality of life to be their mission have formed a society in order to give their corporate endeavor a direction and energy to their desire of contributing their share to the progress and development of the country by improving the health of the children. This society shall be a purely professional and scientific body and shall have no political affiliations and shall not indulge in any political or any other unrelated activity.

INTERPRETATION

In these articles of the constitution of the Nepal Paediatric Society (NEPAS) the following words and expressions have the meaning hereinafter given them respectively:-

“**The Society**” means the Nepal Paediatric Society.

“**Article**” means an article of the constitution of the Nepal Paediatric Society.

“**Regulations**” means the regulations containing in articles of the society with such modifications there-of or additions there-to as may from time to time be in force.

“**Bye laws of the Society**” means the rules adopted according to the regulations as Bye-laws by NEPAS with such modifications there of or additions there to as may, from time to time be in force.

“**Rules of the Society**” means the rules contained in the by laws of the Society.

“**The General Assembly**” means the assembly of the members of the Society, being the legislative and supreme decision-making body.

“**The Executive Committee**” means the body administering the society’s activities and constituted as hereinafter provided.

Where the masculine gender is used in the pronouns the articles equally hold good for the feminine gender.

Article 1: Name and Constitution

The name of the Society shall be “NEPAL PAEDIATRIC SOCIETY” in short NEPAS. The Headquarters of the society shall be in Kathmandu Valley. In Nepali the name of the society shall be *अगकन अफन इरलस; स ; दफन*

Article 2: Affiliations

1. The society shall have the right to affiliate to a Paediatric Society or Scientific Organization abroad in terms and conditions mutually decided upon and approved by the NEPAS executive body. In the Bye-laws of the society there shall be a list of affiliated societies and terms of affiliations.
2. Members of any foreign society mutually affiliated to NEPAS shall reciprocally be entitled to such privileges agreed upon as given by the Bye-laws of the society.
3. The society may terminate any such affiliation (after due notice on either side) by a decision of the General Body Meeting after consideration of report by NEPAS executive body.

Article 3: Objectives

The objectives of the society shall be

1. To exchange knowledge and experiences among the members in all aspects of child health including research, service, education and training.
2. To attempt to solve problems of child health in country.
3. To promote co-operation between workers in the field of child health in the South East Asian and other regions for the benefit of children.
4. To help in the country to decrease the childhood morbidity and mortality rates by all possible means.
5. To foster its services and co-operation to all concerned bodies-government in the solution of any problem related to child health.
6. To spread among people the knowledge and consciousness of the laws of health, hygiene and cleanliness towards better child health and care by such means as publication of Journal,

production of Health Education material, holding of symposia, seminars, lectures or in any other manner determined from time to time by the society.

Article 4: Membership

1. Eligibility of Membership: Membership shall be open to appropriately qualified (Degree or Diploma) and registered persons in the field of Paediatrics subject to securitization and confirmation by the executive committee. Foreign nationals or doctors from SAARC countries can apply for life membership of the society but not for ordinary membership
2. Classification of Membership
 - a. Members who are Nepalese nationals and others working in Nepal and holding Postgraduate diploma/degree in child health are called life members.
 - b. Ordinary' members who have paid a lump sum according to the Bye-laws of the Society in lieu of an annual subscription are called life members.
3. Register of Members

The society shall consist of members whose names are on the Register of the Society. There shall be a Register in which the name of all the current members of the Society shall be entered and kept up to date with their present qualification and addresses.
4. Honorary Membership: An Honorary member is all individual whose contribution to the Society are noteworthy or who has rendered conspicuous services to child health in Nepal or is a person of high scientific or literary attainments and elected per regulations.
5. Privileges of Members
 - a. All members will be entitled to copy of the Journal and the membership badge free of cost.
 - b. All members have the right to attend and take part in all lectures, demonstration and discussions organized by the Society and also to the entertainment and social functions arranged by the Society for members. All members are entitled to use the libraries and reading rooms of the Society.
 - c. Both Ordinary and Life members have equal voting rights but only national members can stand for and be elected to the Executive Committee and Board of trustees. A member may hold the same e-executive post for only two consecutive terms. The voting facilities will however only be provided to those members who

are within the country at the time that the elections are held.

- d. Only members shall enjoy other privileges that may here after be conferred on them under the Bye-laws of the Society.

Article 5 : Board of Trustee

The Board of Trustees will consist of 5 members of the Society. Out of total 5 members will be elected amongst the previous presidents of the society and 2 members of society for at least 10 years. The chairman of this board will be by election amongst the members of Board of Trustees. Members of Board of Trustees may hold the post for only two consecutive terms.

The Board of Trustees shall hold its meeting at least once every year to review the functioning of the Society. It shall however only be answerable to the General Body.

The Board shall also have the emergency power of suspending certain decisions of the Executive Committee pending the final decision of the special meeting of the General Body.

It shall also have power to undertake regular monitoring and audit the performance of the Executive Committee in order to insure that the Executive Committee is not deviating from the fundamental aims and objectives of NEPAS.

It shall provide guidance and direction to the Executive Committee. It shall see that the fixed assets of the society is not disposed off or mortgaged.

The Chairman of the Board of Trustees can call a meeting of the Board as well as the General Assembly as and when necessary.

Article 6: Executive Committee

The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, the Immediate Past President, a Senior Vice President (President Elect), and a Vice President, an Honorary Secretary, a Treasurer, a Joint Secretary, a Joint Treasurer, Chief Editor NEPAS Journal and Four other members. All posts except that of the Immediate Past President shall be by election and terms of the office bearers will be for a period of two years unless re-elected.

Election or the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees

The executive committee shall form an Election Committee and appoint a chief election Commissioner for conducting the election of President, Senior Vice President (President Elect), Vice President, Honorary Secretary, Treasurer, Joint Secretary, Joint Treasurer, Chief Editor, Four members and five members of Board

of Trustees at least 2 month prior to every Congress. A person can contest for one post only. (Executive Committee or Board of Trustees) The president elect will automatically be the president in the next executive committee.

The Chief Election Commissioner will prepare the election Schedule to conduct the election. A substantial election budget shall be sanctioned to meet the necessary expenses on remuneration, stationary and other essential items.

If any Executive Committee member does not attend three consecutive meeting without adequate reason then he/she will automatically forfeit the position in the executive. The post will be filled for the remainder of the term by nomination. This nomination will be done by the president on the advice of the executive, from amongst the members of the Society.

If any member of Executive Committee stays out of the country for more than 1 yr she/he will no longer remain as executive committee member.

Article 7: NEPAS Conference

1. Prior to each Congress an Organizing Committee shall be formed from Executive Committee members and interested persons.
2. The President shall be chairman of the organizing committee. The Honorary Secretary will be the organizing secretary. The organizing committee will appoint chairman of the various other sub-committees.
3. A separate Conference account shall be maintained and operated jointly by Chairman of the Organizing Committee and the Chairman of the Finance Sub-committee.
4. All delegates taking part in the congress will have to register by paying registration fee fixed by the organizing committee.
5. Official delegates and guests invited by organizing committee can attend the congress provided they pay the registration fee. This may be waived by the organizing committee in certain circumstances.
6. The foreign delegates shall be of three categories.
 - a. Official delegates
 - b. Official invited delegates
 - c. Other delegates
7. Visitors to the congress mean wives, husbands or other relatives of the delegates. Attendance at functions including lunches, dinners shall be by invitation only or by coupons
8. The Reception Sub-committee shall be responsible for:

- a. The inaugural Session,
- b. Printing and distribution of the invitation cards for the inaugural session, lunches and dinners. The above functions of the reception sub-committee shall be carried out jointly with the transport Sub-committee,

9. Publication of Souvenir: NEPAS JOURNAL shall bring out a special issue at the time of the Congress. Funds obtained from the publication of advertisements in the Souvenir will go into the account of the Congress.
10. Scientific Sessions a: The titles of the scientific papers to be read at the scientific sessions should reach the chairman of the scientific sub-committee at least two months ahead of the congress dates.
11. Business Meeting: Only national ordinary and life members of NEPAS shall be entitled to take part in NEPAS Business (General Assembly Meeting) held at the time of the Congress.

List of Affiliated Organizations

- a. Association or Paediatric Societies of the South-East Asian Region (APSSEAR)
- b. International Pediatric Association (I.P.A.)

BYE-LAWS

Relating to Article 4:

Membership Fees

1. The admission fee shall be Rs. 100/- for ordinary and life member.
2. The subscription rate for the ordinary member Rs. 20/- per month.
3. A life member shall pay a lump sum in lieu of the yearly subscription. Life membership fees :-

a. For Nepalese Citizen	Rs. 2000/-
b. For SAARC countries	Rs. 3000/-
c. For other countries	U. S. \$100/ or equivalent
4. Annual subscription fee must be paid by the month of Magh of the year up to the Ashad of each financial year.
5. New members will be made from 1st Shrawan every year. No ordinary membership will however be confirmed during Falgun and Chaitra every conference year.
6. An ordinary member may have his/her membership cancelled if he/she.
 - a. Stays abroad without informing the society.

- b. Does not clear the dues at the end of the fiscal year for a period of two years. Can be admitted again after payment of pending dues and re-admission fee. This is the same as admission fee for new members.
- c. Has name deleted from the Nepal Medical Council.

Relating to Article 6 :

1. The executive committee shall control the monetary fund of the Society destined for its need and for its program of activities. This will consist of annual dues of its members, subsidies gifts, legacy and any support made to the Society whether by its own members or institutions outside the Society national or international acceptance of which should be approved by the ' Executive Committee'.

2. All of the Society's account shall be operated on jointly by the President and the Treasurer. In absence of the President, the Vice President will sign and in absence of the Treasurer, the Joint Treasurer will sign.
3. In the case of the accounts of subcommittee, payment shall only be made after recommendation by the concerned chairman.
4. The Treasurer shall keep with him Rs 2500/- as impressed fund to meet emergency expenses.
5. Registered auditors will audit the accounts at the end of the fiscal-year. Audited accounts will be published in NEPAS JOURNAL
6. The Chief Editor will appoint an Editorial Board consisting of at least 3 members of NEPAS. Other members can also be taken on as advisors
7. NEPAS JOURNAL shall be brought out at least twice a year.