



BAMBOO SOCIETY OF INDIA

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION AND RULES AND REGULATIONS (BYE-LAWS)

Registered No: 790/88-89

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S.No.790/88-89
Bangalore District

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

Certified that under the Karnataka Societies Registration Act 1960 (According to Sec.17 of Karnataka Societies Registration Act-1960)

BAMBOO SOCIETY OF INDIA
#23-24, Mezzanine Floor,
Shopping Complex, Jayanagar,
Bangalore-560011

I hereby certify that the above said Society has been registered today.

Registration fees: Fifty Rupees

This has been registered on the day of 28th February 1989 at Bangalore has been signed by me

With Seal

S/d
(M. Krishnappa)
Registrar for registration of societies
Karnataka Govt.
Bangalore District

BAMBOO SOCIETY OF INDIA

Memorandum of Association

Amendments to the Memorandum of Association, Rules and Regulations (Bye-Laws)

In view of the gradual increase and expansion of the activities of the Bamboo Society of India, both within Karnataka and outside the State, certain changes in the Memorandum of Association, Rules and Regulations of the Bye-laws are found necessary.

In the Memorandum of Association, Rules and Regulations the below-mentioned amendments are proposed.

EXISTING SECTIONS	AMENDMENTS PROPOSED	REMARKS
<p>1. NAME: The name of the Society is “BAMBOO SOCIETY OF INDIA” (hereinafter called the Society).</p>		No change
<p>2. REGISTERED OFFICE: The Registered office of the Society shall be situated in Bangalore City and the present address of the situation is No.23-24, Mezzanine Floor, Jayanagar Shopping Complex, Bangalore-560 011. INDIA.</p>	<p>The Registered head office of Bamboo Society of India shall be situated in the ‘Vana Vikas’ Building, North Wing, Ground Floor, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru –560003, Karnataka State, INDIA. Telephone:080 – 23469153, Email:bamboosocietyofindia@gmail.com Web: www.bamboosocietyofindia.in</p>	Office address changed
<p>3. REGISTRATION: The activities of the Society shall extend to the whole of India wherever the development of Bamboo is to be carried out.</p>		No change
<p>4. OBJECTS:</p>		
<p>(i) To undertake a scientific study of all types of bamboo on all kinds of lands and promote, encourage and assist the development of bamboo in all aspects including growing, research, education, marketing and trade of bamboo products.</p>		No change

(ii) To seek and give assistance and cooperation on the research and development of bamboo with all educational and scientific Institutions.	(ii) To seek and give assistance and co-operation on research and development of bamboo with all educational and scientific Institutions, Govt. & NGOs etc., in India and abroad.	A small addition is made at the end
(iii) To encourage and sponsor research related to bamboo, its management, harvest, utilization and take up pilot projects based on the results of such research.		No change
(iv) To organize conferences, sponsor seminars, workshops, meetings, and group discussions on all subjects pertaining to the development of bamboo.	(iv) To organize webinars, National and international conferences, sponsor seminars, workshops, meetings, and group discussions on all subjects about the development of the Bamboo sector including organizing bamboo product exhibitions.	Section partially amended
(v) To acquire books, manuscripts, brochures, pamphlets, charts, journals newsletters, scientific papers, films, computers and such modern media for purposes of collection of data and dissemination of the same on all aspects of bamboo.		No change
(vi) To organize training and extension, programmes in planning, execution, harvesting, and utilization of bamboo and their products.		No change
(vii) To serve as consultants to various national and international organizations on bamboo development.		No change
(viii) To undertake the implementation of bamboo development projects on behalf of any Government, Company or Corporation, whether private or public.		No change
(ix) To encourage and assist individuals, associations, groups, agencies and Institutions, and affiliate with them in the promotion of the above objects.		No change

(x) To do or causes to be done any activities that are conducive to the attainment of the main objectives of the Society		No change
(xi) To make appropriate recommendations to the Government and other authorities on the management of bamboo wherever found.		No change
	(xii) To support and promote all categories of stakeholders in the bamboo sector in all possible and legitimate ways.	New sub-section added
	(xiii) To tap Corporate Social Responsibility projects to promote bamboo across the Country.	New sub-section added
	(xiii) To contribute to climate change mitigation, poverty alleviation and Socio-economic development of the nation through the bamboo sector.	New sub-section added
5. AUTHORITY TO CORRESPOND:		No Change
The Executive Director of the Society is authorized to correspond with the Registrar of Societies in Karnataka, Bangalore Mr. N. S. Adkoli shall be the Executive Director.	The Chairman is authorized to correspond with the Registrar of Societies in Karnataka, Bengaluru. Any other communication may be addressed to the Chairman, Executive Director / CEO or to the Secretary of the Society.	Section partially amended
	6. UTILIZATION OF FUNDS:	Section heading added
6. All the incomes, movable and immovable properties of the Society shall be solely utilized towards the promotion of its aims and objectives as set forth in the Memorandum of association and no profit thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, donations, profits or in any manner whatsoever to the present or future members of the Society or to any person claiming through any one or more of the present or future members. No members of the Society shall have any personal claim on any immovable properties of this Society or make any profit whatsoever by virtue of the membership. All communications with regard to the affairs of the Society shall be addressed to the Executive Director, Bamboo Society of India, 23-24, Mezzanine Floor, Jayanagar Shopping Complex, Bangalore-560011.	All the incomes, movable and immovable properties of the Society shall be solely utilized towards the promotion of its aims and objectives as outlined in the Memorandum of association and no profit thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, donations, profits or in any manner whatsoever to the present or future members of the Society or any person claiming through any one or more of the present or future members. No members of the Society shall have any personal claim on any immovable properties of this Society or make any profit whatsoever by the membership.	The last part of the section is deleted.

	7. GOVERNING BODY:	Section heading added
<p>7. The Governing Body shall be constituted in accordance with the rules of the Society. The names, addresses, and occupations of the present members of the governing body to whom the management and affairs of the Society are entrusted as required under the Registration of Societies Act 1960 and Rules 1961</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. K. A. Bhoja Shetty 2. A. Krishna Swamy 3. S. K. Varadaraj 4. H. Rajgopal Shetty 5. B. K. C. Rajan 6. N. S. Adkoli 7. S. G. Neginal 	<p>The Governing Body shall be constituted in accordance with the rules of the Society. The names, addresses, and occupations of the present members of the governing body to whom the management and affairs of the Society are entrusted as required under the Registration of Societies Act 1960 and Rules 1961</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. K. A. Bhoja Shetty 2. Krishna Swamy 3. S. K. Varadaraj 4. H. Rajgopala Shetty 5. B. K. C. Rajan 6. N. S. Adkoli 7. S. G. Neginal 	<p>No change</p>

BAMBOO SOCIETY OF INDIA

Rules and Regulations

EXISTING RULE	PROPOSED RULE	REMARKS
1. The Society shall be known as the ‘ Bamboo Society of India ’		No change
2. The aims and objects of the Society are set out in the Memorandum of Association.		No change
3. DEFINITIONS: In these Rules		No change
a) “Society” means Bamboo Society of India		No change
b) “Act or Rules” means the Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960 and Rules thereunder.		No change
c) “Governing Body” means the body constituted under Rule 10 and to which the management and affairs of the Society are entrusted.		No change
d) “State Chapter” means the Branch of the Society constituted for each State of India.	“State Chapters” means the branches of the Bamboo Society of India located outside the State of Karnataka and include Zonal chapters if any.	Amended
e) “State” means Karnataka and Indian States and includes Union Territories		No change
4. These rules and regulations shall be known as “Bylaws of the Bamboo Society of India” and shall be applicable to State Chapters also.		No change
	5. MEMBERS:	Rule heading added
5. The General Body of the Society shall consist of Founder Members, Corporate Members, Institutional Members, and Life and Individual Members.	The General Body of the Society shall consist of all permanent members of the Society.	Amended
	5. A. PERMANENT MEMBERS:	A new category of members added
	The following categories of persons or organizations, if they subscribe to the objectives of BSI and are willing to contribute to the growth of the bamboo sector, may be admitted as permanent members of BSI by the Executive Committee on such terms and conditions as may be decided by them from time to time.	New rule

5.1. FOUNDER MEMBERS:	5.A.1. FOUNDER MEMBERS:	Re-numbered
The Founder Members are those who have agreed to subscribe to the objects of the Society as mentioned in the Memorandum of Association. The Governing Body may admit others as Founder Members		No change
5.2. CORPORATE MEMBERS:	5.A.2. CORPORATE MEMBERS:	Re-numbered
Any company, Private or Public or any Corporation, Financial Institution, or Banks interested in the objects of the Society can be admitted on such conditions including subscription, donation, grant and endowment as specified by the Governing Body.	Any Company, Corporation, Firm, Enterprise or Registered Legal Entity and any Entrepreneur engaged in financing, cultivation, processing, marketing or any other profit-oriented business or service in the bamboo sector.	Amended
5.3. INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS:	5.A.3. INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS:	Re-numbered
The Governing Body may admit any Department of any Government in the Indian Union or any other Country, University, Institute, Society or Organization interested in the objects of the Society on such payment as I may decide.	Any Government Department, Academic or Research Institute, individual officers, faculty or scientists thereof and members of any Society or not-for-profit organization working for bamboo sector development.	Amended
5.4. LIFE MEMBER:	5.A.4. INDIVIDUAL LIFE MEMBERS:	Renumbered and amended
Individuals may be admitted to the General Body as Life Members by the Governing Body on payment of Rs. 500/- as a one-time payment.	Any person having a long-term interest in the bamboo sector development and willing to pay the prescribed subscription amount for the life membership.	Amended
	5.A.5. PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS:	New category
	Any Engineer, Architect, Interior Designer, Civil contractor, Fashion Designers and Landscape Designers.	New rule
	5.A.6. TRADITIONAL ARTISANS:	New category
	Any person from Medar, Burud or any other tribal communities whose livelihood traditionally depended upon handicrafts manufactured from bamboo and cane.	New rule
	5.A.7. FARMER MEMBERS:	New category
	Any farmer who is already cultivating bamboo or interested in cultivating Bamboo in the future.	New rule
	5.A.8. DONOR MEMBERS:	New category
	Any person or organization who donates Rs.25,000 or provides financial support of not less than RS.5,00,000 for any bamboo-related project.	New rule

	5.B. TEMPORARY MEMBERS:	A new class of members
	The following categories of members, if they subscribe to the objectives of BIS, may be admitted by the Executive Committee as Temporary Members of BSI on payment of annual subscription as may be decided by them from time to time. The tenure of a temporary member shall be a minimum of one year and a maximum of three years. Anyone wanting to continue for more than 3 years shall enrol as a permanent member.	New rule
5.5. INDIVIDUAL MEMBER:	5.B.1. ANNUAL MEMBERS:	New category
The Governing Body may admit individuals having an interest in the objects of the Society on payment of an annual subscription of Rs. 50/- and such membership shall expire unless renewed within eighteen months of the last payment by a like amount.	Any organization or person interested in becoming a member for a specific purpose which may be accomplished in less than three years period and willing to pay the annual subscription as prescribed.	Amended
	5.B.2. HONORARY MEMBERS:	New category
	Any eminent person in the Society, holding a public office, any reputed bamboo specialist, reputed journalist, media person, any reputed artist, any reputed social service organization or individuals and any other person considered as a VIP by the Governing Body may be invited and admitted as an Honorary member of the Society if they can be of any use to promote the objectives of the Society or contribute to the growth of bamboo sector in any way. They are exempted from paying the annual membership fee.	New rule
	5.B.3. ACADEMIC MEMBERS:	New category
	Any college faculty members or students interested in any aspect of the bamboo sector.	New rule
	5. C. PRIVILEGES OF PERMANENT MEMBERS:	New rule
	Permanent members shall be the custodians of the BSI. They shall be entitled to participate in the seminars, workshops, conferences, exhibitions, Annual General Meeting and so on, seek information, get financial assistance if available, get free advice and guidance and elect members to the Governing Body.	New rule
	5.D. PRIVILEGES OF TEMPORARY MEMBERS:	New rule
	Temporary members are entitled to take the benefits from the Society in terms of guidance on their areas of interest, seek supply of materials, get support for the marketing of products and avail	New rule

	any other benefits as may be decided by the Executive Committee from time to time. However, they will not be entitled to participate in the Annual General Meeting and elect the Governing Body Members.	
6. TERMINATION, CESSATION AND READMISSION OF MEMBERSHIP:	6. TERMINATION, CESSATION AND READMISSION OF MEMBERS:	Last word edited
The Governing Body may terminate the Membership of any Member who fails to pay the subscription prescribed or fails to comply with any condition laid down or any cause like insolvency, moral turpitude, or conviction for any criminal offence. Resignation in writing or for the unsound mind. Any Member so terminated may be readmitted on fulfilment of such conditions that the Governing Body may stipulate.	The Governing Body may terminate the Membership of any Member if he/she fails to pay the subscription prescribed or fails to comply with any conditions laid down, is of unsound mind, insolvent, involved in moral turpitude, or convicted in a criminal case and so on. A member may resign from the membership by submitting a letter to this effect to the Secretary. Any Member so terminated or resigned may be readmitted on fulfilment of such conditions as the Governing Body may stipulate.	Slight changes made to this clause
7. OFFICE BEARERS OF SOCIETY:		No change
The following shall be the office bearers of the Society:		No change
	7. 1. CHAIRMAN:	Heading separated
7. 1. Chairman: The first Chairman shall hold office for three years and shall continue in office till a new chairman is elected by the Governing Body. The first Chairman shall be Sri. K. A. Bhoja Shetty. The subsequent Chairman shall be elected by the Governing body and shall hold office for two years.	The first Chairman shall hold office for three years and shall continue in office till a new chairman is elected by the Governing Body. The first Chairman shall be Sri. K. A. Bhoja Shetty. The subsequent Chairman shall be elected by the Governing body and shall hold office for four years.	Tenure modified
1. If the Chairman either resigns or is incapacitated for any reason within the prescribed term of office, the Governing Body shall elect a new Chairman in his place for the balance period of the term.		No change
2. The Chairman when present, will preside over the meetings of the Governing Body. He shall see that the affairs of the Society are run efficiently to meet the objects of the Society and in accordance with the Memorandum of Association, Rules, Regulations and By-laws of the Society.	2. The Chairman when present, will preside over the meetings of the Governing Body. He shall see that the affairs of the Society are run efficiently to meet the objects of the Society and in accordance with the Memorandum of Association, Rules, Regulations and By-laws of the Society. In his temporary absence, the Vice-Chairman will preside over the meetings.	The last line added
3. The Chairman may make important decisions of an urgent nature between two meetings of the Governing Body and place such decisions before the next meeting of the Governing Body for consideration.	3. The Chairman, on the advice of the Executive Committee, may take important decisions of an urgent nature between two meetings of the Governing Body and place such decisions before the next meeting of the Governing Body for consideration.	Edited

4. The Chairman shall have a casting vote during the meeting of the Governing Body in addition to his own vote.		No change
5. The Chairman shall have the absolute authority to count and judge the validity of votes in any meeting of the Governing Body.		No change
6. The Chairman may in writing, delegate his power to the Executive Director.		No change
7. The Chairman may invite any person other than a member of the Governing Body to attend the meeting. Such invitees or invitees shall not be entitled to vote.		No change
	7.2. VICE-CHAIRMAN:	New position to be created
	The Vice-Chairman shall be a technically qualified person. He shall assist the Chairman generally. He shall take the place of the Chairman and preside over the meetings whenever the Chairman is absent or unable to discharge his duties. The Vice-Chairman should coordinate with all the committees and sub-committees of the Society. He shall also perform such other duties as assigned/entrusted to him/her by the Chairman or the Governing Body.	New rule
7.2. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:	7.3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:	Rule is renumbered
The Governing Body shall appoint an Executive Director from among themselves or otherwise for such terms and on such conditions as it may determine.		No change
1. The Executive Director shall be responsible for the preparation of operational and action plans and programmes of the Society and shall work for coordination and implementation of such plans and programmes. He shall supervise and run the day-to-day management of the Society.	The Executive Director shall be responsible for pursuing the objectives of the Society and accomplishing the milestones set by the General Body or the Governing Body	Amended
2. The Executive Director shall assign duties to all functionaries of the Society and shall exercise supervisory and disciplinary control over them.		No change
3. The Executive Director shall exercise his powers under the direction and control of the Chairman.		No change
4. The Executive Director shall convene the meetings of the Governing Body, Annual and Special General Meetings of the		Deleted

Society, prepare minutes and circulate them among members or other authorities.		
5. The Executive Director shall sign all deeds and documents on behalf of the Society.		Deleted
6. He shall prepare and present reports to the Governing Body or other meetings of the Society.		Deleted
7. The Executive Director shall attend to all statutory requirements of the Society and shall have the authority to institute or defend legal suits or actions of the Society.		Deleted
8. The Executive Director shall report to the Chairman on day to day working of the Society and to the Governing Body on matters of policy of the Society.		Deleted
9. The Executive Director may delegate part or any of his powers and functions to any other member of the Governing Body or any official of the Society with the approval of the Chairman.		Deleted
10. The Executive Director may decide on remuneration, honoraria, perquisites, facilities and any benefits to be given to any member, officials or employees of the Society or such auditors, lawyers or those engaged for the services of the Society from to time.		Deleted
8. TREASURER:	Deleted here	Shifted to 8. B.
The Governing Body shall appoint as Treasurer one Member of the Body for such periods as it may prescribe, who shall be responsible for the finances and accounts of the Society.	Deleted here	Amended and shifted to Rule 8.B.1
	7.4. SECRETARY:	New position created
	7.4.1. The Secretary shall record and keep the minutes of all meetings of the Governing Body and the General Body, a copy of the bylaws, membership register, all other registers, books, files, documents and other papers of the Society. He shall be the custodian of all such records and shall keep them updated and maintain them as per the Act and Rules.	New rule
	7.4.2. He shall be responsible for initiating follow-up action on all the decisions taken by the General Body and the Governing Body.	New rule

	7.4.3. Together with the Treasurer, he shall manage the bank accounts of the Society. He shall be the joint signatory/operator of all bank accounts.	New rule
	7.4.4. They shall together publish the monthly income and expenditure of the Society and place necessary details before the Governing Body and the General Body.	New rule
	7.4.5 He shall be responsible for handling all official correspondence on behalf of the Society. This includes sending out notices of meetings, preparing agenda notes, circulating them to the permanent members, issuing any other communications to the members of the Society and responding to their inquiries.	New rule
	7.4.6. He shall conduct the day-to-day correspondence of the Society, compile annual reports, get the annual accounts audited and after they are approved by the General Body, file the statutory returns with the Registrar of Societies and other public authorities if any.	New rule
	7.4.7. Create and maintain the BSI website and keep it up to date.	New rule
	7.4.8. Publish a quarterly communication to all Members on the website consisting progress report for the quarter, follow-up actions taken on the proceedings of the Governing Body and the General Body, announcements, notifications, articles contributed by members on bamboo, new developments in the bamboo sector, and any other useful subject to the members of the BSI and the general public.	New rule
	7.4.9. Carry out any other work entrusted to him and ensure the smooth and efficient working of the Society.	
	7.5. TREASURER:	Shifted from 8 and para renumbered
	The Governing Body shall elect/select one Treasurer from among them. He shall be responsible for the finances of the Society such as revenue & expenditure, keeping the books of accounts, rendering monthly accounts to the Governing Body, overseeing the accounts of the state chapters, and annual auditing of accounts of the Society as a whole. He shall operate the bank accounts of the Society jointly with the Secretary	Shifted from 8 and amended
	8. OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE SOCIETY:	New Rule

	8.1. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:	New rule
	If and when the Governing Body thinks fit and necessary, a full-time Chief Executive Officer may be appointed on payment of salary to assist the Executive Director. He should be a professionally qualified person but need not be a member of the Society. The pay and terms of appointment shall be determined by the Governing Body. He/she shall work according to the decisions taken by the Governing Body or the directions issued by the Chairman and/or the Executive Director and accomplish the tasks given to him. He may be permitted by the Chairman to participate in the Governing Body meetings. But he shall not have the right to vote.	New rule
	8.2. OTHER OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:	
	The Society may appoint officers and employees as may be required for its management on such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Governing Body from time to time.	New Rule
9. GOVERNING BODY: its powers and functions:	9. GOVERNING BODY:	Section heading separated
The first Governing Body shall consist of signatories to the Memorandum of the Society and shall hold office for four Years from the date of registrations and shall continue in office till a new Body is elected by the General Body.		No change
1. The Governing Body may co-opt as many additional Members as are necessary from time to time.	Deleted	Not required
2. The subsequent Governing Body shall consist of 15 members including the Chairman, Executive Director and Treasurer to be selected from among them.	1. The Governing Body shall consist of 7 members. Five of them shall be from Karnataka State. They shall be elected by the members from the State of Karnataka. Two Directors of the state chapters shall be selected as members of the Governing Body by rotation. If there are no state chapters, or no one from the state chapters is willing to work as a member of the Governing Body, two more members shall be elected by the permanent members of the Society who are based outside Karnataka State during the Annual General Meeting. Directors of the state chapters who are not chosen as Directors shall be permanent invitees to the Governing Body meeting but without the right to vote.	Amended

3. The Governing Body will hold office for a period of 4 years and till elections are held on the expiry of the term.	2. The Governing Body hold office for four years or till the election is held on the expiry of the term.	Amended
4. At least 4 out of the Founder Members shall be elected by the General Body by way of maximum preferential votes.		No change
5. The Governing Body shall be competent to fill vacancies falling between two elections or appointments from among Members for the balance period before expiry.		No change
6. The Governing Body shall have all the powers of the Management of the Society over its officials, employees, and assets and shall exercise or delegate any or all powers of the Society to any of its office bearers or members from time to time.		No change
7. The Governing Body shall appoint the Chairman, Executive Director and Treasurer from among them for such term and on such conditions that it may decide from time to time.	The Governing Body shall elect from among its members a chairman, Vice-Chairman, Executive Director, Secretary and Treasurer.	Amended
8. The Governing Body shall have powers to make Rules and Regulations, amend or repeal them from time to time for purposes of proper and smooth Management of the Society or administration of its employees.		No change
9. The Governing Body shall have all financial powers of the Society, control over its assets and may by itself or delegation of such powers to any of its office bearers or members, collect, invest or spend all the monies of the Society, acquire by purchase, gift or otherwise, maintain, transfer, lease, rent, dispose of or write off any mobile or immovable assets of the Society.		No change
10. The Governing Body may constitute Committees, Sub-committees, and advisory bodies for such purposes and such periods as are necessary from time to time for any objects, purposes or functions of the Society and delegate such powers as are deemed necessary to any member of such committees or bodies so constituted.		No change
	9.10. If any member of the Governing Body is absent for three consecutive Governing Body Meetings without obtaining prior permission from the Chairman, he/she shall stand automatically disqualified for the remaining period of his tenure. The Governing	New rule

	Body may co-opt a suitable member for the remaining part of the tenure.	
	9. A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:	New rule
	There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Executive Director, Secretary and Treasurer of the Society. The Executive Committee shall meet as often as necessary to conduct affairs of the Society smoothly and report the action taken at the next immediate Governing Body meeting.	New rule
10. FINANCIAL POWERS:		No change
1. The Governing Body may raise funds by donations in cash kind, subscriptions grant of money, securities, or property of any kind and undertake and accept the management of any endowment, trust fund or donation not inconsistent with the objects of the Society.	1. The Governing Body and the Managing Committees of the State Chapters may raise funds by way of members' subscriptions, seeking donations, CSR funds, grants, subventions, project funds etc., from any legitimate sources, profits earned from any business activity, levying service charges on the goods supplied or services rendered, organizing workshops, seminars, exhibitions, publishing advertisements, product catalogues etc., on the website or in the souvenirs, journals, magazines, news bulletins etc., voluntary contributions by members and by any other means not inconsistent with the objectives of the Society.	Amended
2. The Governing Body may invest funds of the Society not immediately required in deposit, in advance or in securities authorized under various laws in force from time to time for furtherance of the objects of the Society.		No change
3. The Governing Body may provide grants, subsidies and finances, directly or indirectly to individuals, institutions and agencies needing such assistance for such programmes as are related to the objects of the Society.		No change
4. The Governing Body may, from time to time, at their discretion for the furtherance of the objects of the Society, borrow money and for the purpose may authorize the Chairman/ Executive Director to borrow money at such rate of interest and in such form and manner and upon such security as shall be specified in resolution and thereupon the Chairman/Executive Director shall at their discretion, make all such dispositions of the Properties, movable and		No change

immovable, belonging to the Society and enter into such agreements, assurance, deeds and things in relation thereto, as the Chairman/Executive Director may deem proper for giving security for such loans and interests.		
11. QUORUM:		No change
One-third of the members of the Governing Body including the Chairman and other office bearers shall constitute a quorum for the meeting.	50% of the members of the Governing Body including the Chairman and other office bearers shall constitute the quorum for the Governing Body meetings.	Amended
12. MEETINGS:		No Change
Meeting of the Governing Body shall be held as frequently as necessary, but at least once in six months on the issue of a notice at least 7 days before the date and time of such meeting. In the absence of the Chairman, a member present shall be selected for the conduct of the meeting from among members present.	Meeting of the Governing Body shall be held as frequently as necessary, but at least once in three months on the issue of a notice at least 7 days before the date and time of such meeting.	Amended
13. VOTING:		No change
All members present shall have equal power to vote on any subject for any decision and the Chairman shall have a casting vote in case of a tie.		No change
14. BUSINESS BY CIRCULATION:		No change
Any emergent business of the Society can be transacted by means of a circular resolution approved by a simple majority of members of the Governing Body. Such circular resolutions shall be placed before the ensuing meeting of the Governing Body for ratification		No change
15. STATE CHAPTERS:		No change
	15.1. CONSTITUTION:	
The Governing Body may create and approve State Chapters of the Society, one for each State on such terms, functions and periods as may be decided from time to time.	The Governing Body of the Society shall have the authority, either independently or in response to applications from members of any state/zone outside Karnataka to constitute a State/Zonal Chapter to cater to members from that state, subject to a resolution being passed for this purpose in the Governing Body. For the North Eastern States, if required, a common Zonal Chapter may be instituted instead of individual State Chapters. Upon the establishment of a State/Zonal Chapter, all members residing in that State/Zone will automatically become members of that chapter.	Amended

	The State/Zonal chapter will act as the representative body for members in that State or Zone and will act as an extended arm of the Society for the benefit of members who are residing outside Karnataka State.	
	15.2: STATE CHAPTERS SHALL BE SUBSIDIARIES OF THE SOCIETY:	Amended
1. The affairs of the State Chapters shall be conducted as prescribed by the Governing Body and such state Chapters shall function as subordinates of the Society and shall report to the Governing body from time to time as prescribed on matters of their functioning, finances, projects, publications and all administrative matters. All such State Chapters shall have the same aims and objects as contained in the Memorandum of Association.	All State Chapters must uphold the same objectives and goals outlined in the Memorandum of Association of the Society. In addition, the Chapters shall adhere to the guidelines set by the Governing Body. They shall function as subsidiaries of the Society and report to the Governing Body every month on their activities, financial matters, projects, publications, administrative affairs and so on, in the formats prescribed.	Amended
	15.3: MANAGING COMMITTEE OF THE STATE CHAPTER:	New rule
	A Managing Committee, consisting of five members representing various stakeholder groups, shall be formed. These members will be elected by BSI members from the respective State or Zone during the Annual General Meeting. The tenure of the Managing Committee shall be three years or till the next Committee is elected. The election process will be supervised by a Governing Body Member nominated by the Chairman as the Election Officer. From among the elected members, a Director, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be chosen as the office bearers of the Chapter. The Committee members are eligible for re-election only once. The Director will function as the Chief Executive Officer. They will meet once every three months. The Managing Committee is collectively responsible to the Governing Body.	New rule
	15.4: PURSUITS OF STATE CHAPTERS:	New rule
	The State/Zonal Chapters are authorized to undertake activities in alignment with the Society's objectives. These chapters should develop an annual action plan, which requires approval from the Chairman every April, serving as a framework for their operations. New activities not included in the action plan require prior approval from the Governing Body.	New rule

	15.5. OVERSIGHT OF THE GOVERNING BODY ON THE STATE CHAPTERS:	New rule
	The Governing Body shall oversee the functioning of the Chapters through the Chairman. He shall be the signatory to all their essential documents such as project-related MoUs/agreements, bank account-opening forms and so on. He shall have access to all their documents at all times. Any directions issued by the Governing Body to these chapters through the Chairman shall be duly complied with. For effective coordination and support for their effective working, the Chairman may appoint a member of the Governing Body as the Nodal Officer for one or more State Chapters. He or she shall keep the Chairman informed of the developments/progress in the State Chapters regularly.	New rule
	15.6. FINANCES OF THE STATE CHAPTERS:	New rule
	Each State/Zonal chapter must establish a sub-account linked to the Society's primary bank account in Bengaluru. The sub-account will be jointly operated by the Secretary and Treasurer of the State/Zonal Chapter. It shall have a multi-city cheque facility for ease of business. The Society shall release a part of its income to the State Chapters. All income/revenue for the Chapters including members' subscriptions must be deposited into the Society's main bank (Head Office) account first. On indents, the funds required for their expenditure and/or works will be released into the sub-account of the State Chapter. The next tranche of funds will be released on the submission of progress reports and the statement of expenditure for the money previously released. In addition to the funds provided by the Society, the Chapters should independently mobilise financial resources through donations, consultation fees, marketing service charges, project grants, CSR funds, Govt subventions and so on. All such funds shall be first credited to the Society's main (Head Office) office account. Any MoU or contract agreement to be signed by the Society, even if it is on behalf of the State Chapters, shall be signed by the Chairman of the Society. However, the execution work shall be entrusted to the State Chapter once the document is signed and the funds are received.	New rule

	15.7. STATE CHAPTERS SHALL GET THEIR ANNUAL ACTION PLAN APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY:	New rule
	Every State Chapter should prepare and submit an annual action plan to the Governing Body in April every year and get it approved. Supplementary action plans shall be submitted and approval obtained if any new programs or activities are taken up after the annual action plan is approved. The State Chapters shall work strictly as per the approved action plans. No work or activity can be taken up without such prior approval. Expenditure on unapproved works shall be inadmissible and shall be recoverable from the person responsible. If such violations continue even after being advised, the person responsible shall be removed from the Managing Committee and further legal action may be taken as deemed fit by the Governing Body.	New rule
	15.8. WEBSITE, LOGO, AND PUBLICATIONS OF STATE CHAPTERS:	New rule
	The Society's website will feature a dedicated section for sharing information about State/Zonal Chapters. These chapters will have independent access to update their chapter-specific details. State/Zonal Chapters are required to adopt the Society's logo; creating separate websites or using distinct logos is prohibited. Any publications on the website or in other media require prior approval from the Chairman.	New rule
	15.9. ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT OF THE STATE CHAPTERS:	New rule
	All financial transactions of the Chapters should occur solely through the dedicated sub-account. Expenditures surpassing Rs. 5000 must be carried out through online banking or by using the cheques, or drafts. Cash transactions should be minimized. Monthly statement of income and expenditure must be submitted to the Chairman before the 5 th of the succeeding month. The Chapter's annual accounts will be subject to review by a Chartered Accountant appointed by the Governing Body. All expenditure details and an annual report must be submitted to the Chairman for this purpose. After the Chairman's approval, this report will be presented at the Chapter's Annual General Meeting. A copy of the AGM proceedings will be included in the Society's AGM records.	New rule

	15.10. RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING TO THE CHAIRMAN:	New rule
	State/Zonal Chapters are responsible for maintaining registers of members, meeting minutes, activities, financial transactions, and relevant documents. Monthly progress reports and income-expenditure statements must be submitted to the Chairman by the 5th of the following month.	New rule
	15.11. DISQUALIFICATION:	New rule
	If any member of the Managing Committee is absent for three consecutive Meetings without obtaining prior permission from the Director; attends meetings irregularly; or does not contribute to the work of the Managing Committee, the Director may, with prior approval from the Chairman, replace him/her with a suitable member for the remaining part of the tenure.	New rule
	15.12. ACTION AGAINST THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:	New rule
	If a State Chapter becomes ineffective, dysfunctional, corrupt, or unresponsive, the Governing Body may suspend or remove the Managing Committee of the Chapter, in part or full, after hearing them. The Governing Body may investigate the matter and revive/reinstate the suspended Management Committee members in part or in full. Any additional guidelines issued by the Governing Body on such occasions shall be binding on the State Chapters. The Governing Body shall have the authority to nominate new members in place of the members removed for the remaining tenure of the Managing Committee.	New rule
16. GENERAL BODY:		No change
The General Body of the Society consists of one representative nominated by each Corporate or Institutional Member, all Life and Individual Members of the Society, who have paid their subscription and every such member present during any meeting shall have the right of one vote.	The General Body of the Society consists of only the permanent members of the Society. If any member has any dues, he/she/they may not be allowed to attend the General Body. Only one member from an organisations can attend the General Body Meeting. Every member present during the General Body Meeting shall have the right to cast one vote.	Amended
1. The General Body shall meet once a year for the transaction of the following business. a. The passing of annual accounts. b. Consideration of audit report		No change

c. Holding elections to the Governing Body or any vacancy therein whenever due.		
2. A notice of 21 days shall be necessary for the holding of a General Body Meeting and a minimum of 7 days for an adjourned meeting.		No change
3. At least one-fifth of the total members subject to a minimum of 15 members shall be the quorum for the General or Special meetings but no such quorum is prescribed for an adjourned meeting.		No change
4. The General Body shall review the working of the Society, consider the annual accounts and audit reports of the Society and make suggestions to the Governing Body on matters concerning the meeting of the aims and objects of the Society.		No change
	16.5. The annual reports, annual accounts and audit reports shall be circulated to all the members well in advance for their careful reading.	New rule
	16.6. If any member intends to discuss any issue in the Annual General Body, he/she shall give notice to that effect not less than 7 (seven) days in advance with details to the Secretary of the Society or its State Chapters as the case may be.	New rule
17. ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT:	17. ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT OF THE SOCIETY:	Text added
i. The Society shall maintain proper accounts and other relevant records and prepare an annual statement of accounts in such forms as may be prescribed by the Governing Body.		No change
ii. The Accounts of the Society shall be audited annually by a firm of Chartered Accountants to be appointed by the Governing Body. Any expenditure incurred in connection with the audit of accounts of the Society shall be payable by the Society.		No change
iii. The audited statement of accounts together with the audited report will be placed before the Governing Body for consideration and approval and thereafter the same shall be put before the General Body.		No change
18. SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL LIST:	18. ANNUAL RETURNS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE REGISTRAR OF SOCIETIES:	Amended

The annual List of members of the Society shall be submitted to the Registrar of Societies as required under Section 13 of the Act.	A list of permanent members of the Society and a copy of the proceedings of the Annual General Meeting shall be submitted to the Registrar of Societies as required under Section 13 of the Act.	Amended
19. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS:		No change
The Society may sue or be sued in the name of the Chairman/Executive Director and not in the name of another person, member or office bearer. Acts done in good faith by any office bearer, member or official shall absolve him from any legal liability in his individual capacity.		No change
20. AMENDMENTS:		No change
Any amendment to any objects or by-laws shall be made by the Governing Body from time to time and shall be placed for consideration before the Special Meeting of the General Body.		No change
21. GENERAL:		
No act or proceedings of the Society or its Governing Body shall become or be deemed to be invalid by any vacancy or any defect in the constitution of the Society, its Governing Body or any Committee or Sub-Committee of the Society.		No change
22. DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY:		No change
(i.) Subject to the consent of the members of the General Body any number not less than three-fifths of the Members of the Society may determine that the Society shall be dissolved forthwith or at a time agreed upon and all necessary steps shall be taken for the disposal and settlement of the property of the Society, its claims and liabilities, according to its Rules or as the Governing Body shall find expedient, provided that in the event of any dispute arising among the Members of the said Governing Body or the Members of the Society, adjustment of its affairs shall be referred to the Principal Court or original jurisdiction at Bangalore and the Court shall make such order in the matter as it shall deem requisite, provided the Society shall not be dissolved unless three-fifths of the members shall have expressed a wish for such dissolution by means of their votes delivered in person. Or by proxy at a General Meeting convened for the purpose.		No change

(ii) If on winding up or dissolution of the Society there remain after the satisfaction of all the debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be distributed among the members of the Society but to any other Society or Societies having similar aims and objects to be determined by the Members of the Society.		No change
23. APPLICABILITY CLAUSE:		Deleted
All the provisions of the Karnataka Societies Registration Act 1960, Rules made there under (1961) and amended from time to time will apply to the Society.		Delete here and add to Rule 4
24. FINANCIAL YEAR:	23. FINANCIAL YEAR:	Renumbered
The Financial Year of the Society shall be the calendar year i.e., 1 st January to 31 st December.	The Financial Year of the Society shall be the financial year of any Government Organization/Institution i.e., 1 st April to 31 st March of next year.	Amended
25. WORKING HOURS:	24. WORKING HOURS:	Renumbered
From 8.00 A. M to 9.30 A. M. and From 16.00 hours to 19.30 hours.	24. The Society shall work on all the Government working days from morning 10 AM to evening 5.00 PM with a lunch break of 1 hour between 1.30 PM to 2.30 PM.	Amended
	25. DISCLOSING CONFLICT OF INTEREST:	
	If any member of the Governing Body or the Managing Committee of any state chapter is engaged in bamboo-related business, he should disclose it in writing to the Governing Body or the Managing Committee as the case may be within a week after the election and get the approval from the Chairman in writing for continuing in the Governing Body or Managing Committee. He/she shall not use the name of the Society or his official position for promoting his/her/their private business at any time during his tenure. If any member is found violating this principle, he/shall be removed from the Governing Body/ Executive Committee as soon as possible after giving him a reasonable opportunity of being heard.	New Rule
Place: Bangalore Date: 09/09/2023	Chairman Bamboo Society of India	