



OPERATIONAL RESEARCH SOCIETY OF INDIA

CONSTITUTION effective from 1st January 2018

ARTICLE I: Name

This organization shall be named OPERATIONAL RESEARCH SOCIETY OF INDIA. This Society is registered under West Bengal Act XXVI of 1961.

ARTICLE II: Office

The address of the Registered office of the Society is 7/3, Mandeville Gardens (1st Floor), Kolkata 700019. The headquarters of the Society is located at 39, Mahanirvan Road, Kolkata-700029.

The Society is affiliated to International Federation of Operational Research Societies (IFORS) and has been the sole body representing India in IFORS.

ARTICLE III: Objectives

- i) The objectives of the Society shall be the *creation*, promotion and *dissemination* of knowledge in Operational Research, Management Sciences, Analytics and Decision Sciences.
 - i) Publication of the journal with original, high quality and state-of-the art papers on Operational Research and allied disciplines, and conducting courses / conferences seminars / examinations to propagate the knowledge in Operational Research, Management Sciences, Analytics and Decision Sciences.
- ii) The income and property of the Society and of its Chapters shall be utilized only for the purpose of promotion of the objectives of the Society as set forth above and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly, by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to the members of the Society. This would identify the Operational Research Society of India as being a non-profitteering body.

ARTICLE IV: Membership

There will be six types of membership: ordinary member, senior member, life member, student member and fellows and intuitional member.

- i) Any person, holding a bachelor degree conferred by an institution recognized by the Govt. of India and interested in the promotion of Operational Research may become a Member, provided he /she signs and delivers to the Society an application for admission to membership, addressed to the Hon. Secretary in such form as the Central Council may from time to time decide. Such application shall be accompanied by the appropriate dues as defined in the Schedule-A of the Constitution.

However, a person will become a member only if his / her application is approved by the Central Council or by the Hon. Secretary authorized by the Central Council to do so. Similar procedure shall apply in case of Institutional membership and the person nominated to represent the institution has to be a bachelor degree holder.

- ii) The affiliation of a particular member to a specific Chapter / Headquarters shall be chosen by the member himself/herself.

ARTICLE V: Central Council

- i) The Central Council shall manage the affairs of the Society and its chapters throughout the country in accordance with the objectives as laid down under Article III, bounded by the following scope and responsibilities.
 - a) Determine the rights, privileges, obligations and duties of the members and the Chapters from time to time.
 - b) Assist technically, financially or otherwise the growth and development of the methodology and practice of Operational Research, Management Sciences, Analytics and Decision Sciences in all fields of human endeavour:
 - i) by organizing/conducting and/or participating in conventions/conferences/training courses/seminars, workshops, discussions, lectures, public meetings, film exhibitions, programme in radio, television and any other electronic media; income from such training courses should be going to ORSI and not to individuals.
 - ii) by organizing formal instruction programmes and conducting examinations;
 - iii) by conferring titles, diplomas, certificates and other academic and professional qualifications;
 - iv) by preparing, editing, printing, publishing, circulating, acquiring, selling or otherwise distributing such journals, periodicals, books, papers, leaflets, films, and mechanical and other models and equipment, as the Society may think desirable for the promotion of its objectives.
 - v) by offering and carrying out advisory and consultancy services to industry, Government, educational and all other institutions engaged in human endeavour, to achieve benefits from optimization of resource utilization and further the boundaries of Operational Research and allied sciences. The society with the permission of the president, may allow the travel reimbursement of the faculty teaching, but no honorarium should be paid as income to any member of society. The income received from such consultancy services will go to the society and will not to any individual or members of the society.
 - vi) by purchasing, taking on lease or on exchange, hiring or otherwise acquiring property, movable or immovable, and any rights or privileges which may be deemed necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Society, and by improving, developing, managing, selling, leasing, mortgaging, disposing of or otherwise dealing with all or any part of the property of the Society.
 - vii) by accepting grants, donations, endowment, gift or legacy in favor of the Society whether subject or not to any special trusts or conditions for the furtherance of any of the objectives of the Society.
 - viii) by investing the money of the Society, not immediately required, in such securities and in such manner as may from time to time be decided;
 - ix) by affiliation to any other institution, society or association having objectives wholly or in part similar to any of those of the Society, and co-operating with any person or persons in pursuance of such objectives;
 - x) by reimbursement to any person of his / her out-of-pocket expenses which are adjudged by the Central Council to be in the interest of the Society, but that no officer or any other member of the Central Council shall be appointed to any salaried office of the Society and that no remuneration or other monetary benefit shall be paid to any officer or any other member of the Central Council.
- ii) The office bearers of the Society will be
 - a) President: One
 - b) President-elect: One
 - c) Vice-President: Three

- d) Hon. Secretary: One
 - e) Hon. Treasurer: One
- iii) The elected office bearers, the immediate Past-President (unless resigned or deceased) and *ten* other elected members shall constitute the Central Council of the Society. At least three of the ten other members will be female members and two of the members will be below the age of 45. At least one of the three Vice Presidents will be a female member. Upper age limit on office bearers of the society will be 75 years.
 - iv) The President shall function as the Constitutional head of the Society performing all duties required by the Constitution, or, if not there, as specified by the Central Council. The office and support staff at headquarters will report to the central council headed by the President.
 - v) The Immediate past-President, President (Elect) and three Vice-Presidents of the Society will assist and advise the President in all matters in furtherance of the objectives of the Society as provided in the Constitution. In the absence of the President, a Vice-President present in a Central Council meeting will preside over the meeting while in such an event if more than one Vice-President is present, one of them will be elected to preside over the meeting by the members present.
 - vi) The Hon. Secretary shall be responsible for observance of all provisions in this Constitution and implementation of all resolutions adopted by the Central Council.
 - vii) The Hon. Treasurer will manage the finances inclusive of, among others, preparation of annual budget and audited statement of accounts of the Society, in consultation with the Hon. Secretary.
 - viii) The Hon. Executive Secretary of the Society shall be an ex-officio member of the Central Council and will be responsible for the day-to-day activities of the Society under the general supervision of the Hon. Secretary. Hon Executive secretary to be selected/appointed by President, on advice of CC for a period of four years, from among a senior member of ORSI. After completion of a four-year term, based on performance, CC may extend/re-appoint him/her for another term of four years. After two terms (totaling eight years), same person may not be considered again for the same post and a fresh member be considered.

The role of three vice presidents will be as follows:

Vice President (meetings / conferences / subdivisions / Awards) – will decide the future venues of ORSI national meeting, decide the functioning of existing conferences and will work towards developing consistent policy in national conferences. VP (MCS).

Vice President (Journal Publications) or VP (JP) – will supervise the functioning of OPSEARCH, create look for possibilities of new journals.

Vice presidents (External relationship and IFORS): VP (ERI) try to increase the membership with the society, liaise with IFORS/APORS, other national societies of IFORS and work with corporate entities for fund raising and increasing corporate activities.

ARTICLE VI: Election and Tenure of Office Bearers and Other Members of the Central Council.

- i) The President of the Society, with the approval of the Central Council, will appoint a Returning Officer at least 120 days prior to the AGM for conducting the election to the posts.
- ii) The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee comprising three Senior Members/Fellows in good standing, with the approval of the Central Council.
- iii) Not less than 120 days before the planned date of the start of next annual general meeting of the year in which the election is due, the Returning Officer shall seek nominations for each office /post to be filled, keeping in mind the requirement as stipulated in the Constitution. Nominations shall be sought from the general body of members

in good standing with voting rights and shall be duly proposed and seconded by the members in good standing. Each nomination paper shall bear the signature of the nominee(s), proposer and seconder.

- iv) In case of insufficient/no nomination for any of the post / posts after scrutiny of the nomination papers:
 - a) The Nominating Committee shall be authorized to formulate its own panel of nominees for the posts of Office Bearers (i.e. President, President (Elect), Vice-Presidents, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer).
 - b) The outgoing Central Council shall have the right to nominate up to three members in the incoming Central Council.
 - c) All such nominations are to be approved by the Central Council.
- v) The Office Bearers and Members of the Central Council shall be Fellows / Corporate members or Senior Members for at least five years in good standing.
- vi) Election has to be sought for any one post. If the nomination is found valid for more than one post, the prospective candidate has to withdraw from contesting the election except one of his / her choice; otherwise his / her nominations for all posts will be treated as invalid.
- vii) The office of the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer should be held by the eligible members in good standing, operating and elected from the area in which the headquarters of the Society is located.
- viii) All nomination papers are to be sent to and received by the Returning Officer.
- ix) Not less than 60 days before the next annual meeting, the Hon. Secretary shall mail to each eligible member a ballot form as finalized by the Returning Officer, containing the panel of the candidates. Every member, other than student members, who does not have any outstanding dues to the Society as on 30th June of the year in which the election is due will be eligible to vote with one vote each.
- x) Each ballot shall bear the signature of the Returning Officer. No ballot shall be counted unless signed by the qualified voter to indicate his / her choice and received by the Returning Officer in a sealed envelope bearing the voter's name not less than 30 days before the next annual general meeting.
- xi) The ballots shall be counted by tellers appointed by the Returning Officer and the result of the tally shall be announced at least 14 days before the next annual general meeting, at which time the candidates receiving the largest number of votes for the office to be filled shall be declared elected. In the event of a tie vote for any office, the President will be authorized to put the casting-vote and the panel thus elected will be announced at the ensuing Annual General Meeting.
- xii) The tenure of the office bearers and the members of the Central Council shall be for a period of two calendar years.
- xiii) The post of the President, if falls vacant before the expiry of the term, shall be held for the remaining period by one of the Vice-Presidents to be elected by the Office bearers and Central Council members as existing at the time the vacancy occurred. In case of vacancies in the posts of Vice-Presidents and members of the Central Council, no action shall be taken to fill these vacancies till the next scheduled term of election. However, in case of vacancy(ies) caused in the post(s) of the Hon. Secretary and / or Hon. Treasurer the Central Council shall select suitable member(s) to fill in the vacancy(ies) for the remaining period of the term maintaining the stipulations of Article VI, Clause v.
- xiv) The past Presidents may seek nomination to the Central Council skipping at least two scheduled elections of the Central Council after he / she retires as immediate past President.
- xv) Schedule of Election:

In terms of the Clause I, Article-VI, the following schedule is to be observed for conducting the election of the Central Council. All dates are to be computed prior to that of AGM for the year in which the election is due.

Events	Schedule
a) Selection of Returning Officer:	At least 120 days.
b) Selection of Nominating Committee:	At least 120 days.
c) Issue of Nomination papers:	At least 120 days.
d) Receipt of nomination paper:	At least 90 days.
e) Withdrawal of nomination:	At least 75 days.
f) Issue of ballot papers:	At least 70 days.
g) Receipt of ballot papers from voters:	At least 30 days.
h) Declaration of result:	At least 14 days

ARTICLE VII: Chapters

- i) Members of the Society residing at different places may propose to organize Chapters of the Society for the furtherance of the objectives of Society as stated in Article III.
- ii) The formation of Chapters must be based on suitable geographical location to the extent possible with at least 20 Life members, of whom 15 at least must be new members, subject to approval by the Central Council.
- iii) All members in good standing with voting rights and affiliated to the specific chapter are eligible to be elected to the posts of office bearers / members of the Executive Committee of the Chapter.
- iv) The chapters will function through an executive committee comprising the President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer with other suitable office bearers and members as deemed fit, elected from the members affiliated to the respective chapter. To ensure smooth functioning, the chapters may formulate suitable Rules, within the frame work of this Constitution, and forward the same for approval or otherwise by the Central Council. Chapter president may be allowed to have a local patron, who should be inducted as a member of the society and may work as an advisor for growth of the local Chapter
- v) To carry out the normal activities of the Chapter, the head office will reimburse one third of the membership fees received from those members whose names are enlisted against the specified chapter. Besides, the chapter can organize training programme/workshop/seminar to augment its earnings.
- vi) Chapter will reimburse 10% of only the delegate fee for the conference/annual convention to the head office within a month from the date of the conference/convention held under the banner of ORSI.
- vii) Each chapter shall submit the annual report on activities along with the audited statement of accounts by September every year for incorporation of the same in the Annual Report and the Balance Sheet of the Society. Any chapter found to be defaulting in submitting the above documents for three consecutive years will be dissolved by the Central Council and the same shall be reported in the next Annual General Meeting. The assets remaining, if any, shall be transferred to the Society.

ARTICLE VIII: Accounts

- i) The accounting period for the Society shall extend from 1st April to 31st March. This may change, but will be following the accounting cycle as followed by the Government of India.
- ii) True account shall be kept of the sums of money received and expended by the Society, and the matters in respect of which such receipts and expenditures take place and the credits and liabilities of the Society, and subject to any reasonable restrictions as to the time and manner of inspecting the same that may be imposed in accordance with the regulations of the Society for the time being in force, shall be open to the inspection of the members with voting rights. Once at least in every year the accounts of the society shall be examined and

correctness of the income and expenditure account and balance sheet ascertained by one or more properly qualified auditor or auditors.

All chapters of the society located in any part of India need to comply above mentioned financial compliance. Each chapter will require to have one auditor who will evaluate the financial statement of the society at the end of each financial year. Failure to comply such requirement will be discussed in the central council and will qualify for disqualification of the chapter. The members of the society will become members of the headquarters of the society. However the office bearer of the society will be required to explain the financial position.

- iii) The Society shall periodically monitor safety and returns on investments made in different financial institutions and shall, from time to time, review and alter portfolio with concurrence of Central Council keeping higher return in view without compromising safety of invested capital.

ARTICLE IX: Changes in the Constitution

- i) Incorporation of changes in the Constitution will be reviewed every three years, starting from the date on which this Constitution becomes effective. The proposal(s) for change(s) may be initiated by the Central Council or by a Chapter through petition to the President, who in turn will forward the same for perusal and deliberation by the Constitution Sub-committee comprising the President (Elect) as Chairman, Presidents of all chapters with Hon. Treasurer of the Society as Members and Hon. Secretary of the Society as Convener. The Constitution sub-committee shall put up their recommendation(s) to the Central Council.
- ii) Central Council, at its regularly scheduled meeting, shall review and amend, as necessary, the change(s) thus recommended by the Constitution Sub-committee. The Central Council shall act as the nodal agency for implementation.
- iii) The proposed changes will be uploaded at the website of the Society not less than three weeks before any regularly scheduled meeting of the Society. The members shall be intimated through email about the display in the website and requested to put forward their opinion(s) within a fortnight. The opinions thus received will be reviewed by the Central Council before the scheduled meeting of the Society. The changes thus finalized by the Central Council shall be placed at the scheduled meeting of the Society for ratification.
- iv) Not more than eight weeks after this meeting, the changed Constitution, with the date of effect, will be uploaded at the website of the Society replacing the one in vogue.

ARTICLE X: Committees

- i) Committees with specific terms of reference shall be appointed, as required, by the President with the approval of the Central Council.
- ii) The committees appointed by the President shall conduct their business in accordance with such rules as the Central Council may adopt for their guidance.
- iii) The Central Council may by a majority decision appoint various sub-committees from time to time and for such purposes as it may deem fit. Student-members may be co-opted into such subcommittees.
- iv) Award Committee
- v) In the national meeting in the month of December of any year, the society will decide the Chairperson of the following important awards for the next year.
 - (a) Fellowship Award or selecting a fellow member.
 - (b) P. C. Mahalanobis Award
 - (c) M. C. Puri Award
 - (d) M. N. Gopalan Award

(e) Students paper Award

The advertisements of awards should go by March 31 of next year and nominations must be closed by 30th September of next year. By March 31, the Chairperson will have names of the all the committee members of the award. The Committee headed by Chairperson will have the authority to not to give award if no suitable candidate is found.

ARTICLE XI: Meetings

- i) There shall be an Annual General Meeting of the Society at the time of the Annual Convention of the Society. In case the annual convention is not held in any year, the Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in the Headquarters or in any other convenient place.
- ii) At the Annual General Meeting, there shall be business sessions for reports by Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, for appointment of the auditor, for reports on the election of Office Bearers & Members of Central Council, for ratification of the changes in the Constitution as approved by the Central Council following the procedure incorporated in Article IX, and for other items related to the benefit / improvement of the Society to be followed up by the Central Council as deemed fit. No major decision will be taken at the Annual General Meeting except appointment of auditor and finalization of the venue of the next Annual Convention.
- iii) One meeting of the Central Council shall be called in conjunction with the annual convention of the Society to consider the affairs of the Society during the year and to present changes and amendments to the Constitution, and the future activities of the Society for discussion at the General Body Meeting.
- iv) In case the annual convention is not held in any year, a meeting of the Central Council shall precede the Annual General Meeting of the Society at the same place where the Annual General Meeting is held.
- v) Hon. Secretary, on behalf of the Central Council shall call meetings of the Central Council/General Body provided the notice is served at least twenty-one days before the scheduled date of meeting. The agenda of the meeting shall be prepared by the Hon. Secretary in consultation with the President, Hon. Treasurer and other members as necessary.
- vi) The current President or Secretary (any one) of the Executive Committee of each chapter shall be requested to attend the meeting of the Central Council as invitee.
- vii) President may invite the concerned past-President(s) to attend the Central Council meeting as invitee to deliberate on the specific issue of business.
- viii) Five members of the Central Council personally present at a meeting of the Central Council shall constitute a quorum.
- ix) Twenty members in good standing with voting rights personally present at the Annual General Meeting shall constitute a quorum. If the AGM is dissolved for lack of quorum, it will be reconvened within two months at the Headquarters / any other suitable location within India with at least three weeks' notice and no quorum will be necessary.
- x) No AGM could be conveyed or conducted outside the boundary of India.

ARTICLE XII: Winding up / Dissolution of the Society

- i) Any 50 members of the Society (other than student members and institutional members) or any five members of the Central Council may suggest the dissolution of the Society to the Hon. Secretary indicating such reason(s) as are found appropriate for such dissolution.
- ii) The Hon. Secretary shall put up the same as an agenda item for a Central Council Meeting to be held not later than three months after the same had been received. After due consideration by the Central Council,

the Hon. Secretary shall then communicate to all members of the Society, the resolution for dissolution and give one month's notice for an extra-ordinary General Body Meeting to be held at the Society's Registered Office and call for paper ballot on the resolution.

- iii) The Hon. Secretary will arrange for tellers to open the paper ballots at the general body meeting specifically called for this purpose and announce the results. The Society will stand dissolved provided not less than two third of the members with voting rights vote for dissolution. The quorum for such a meeting will be 50 members.
- iv) Any funds / property standing as available, after meeting all the due expense of the Society till the date of actual dissolution shall be transferred to such an organization / institution involved in teaching / research / allied activities in Operational Research for a minimum period of five years previous to the date of dissolution of ORSI, with due approval from the general body meeting so held in connection with the dissolution.
- v) If there remains any outstanding debt / liability at the time of the winding-up or dissolution of the Society, a token sum not exceeding one rupee will devolve, once and for all, on each and every member of the Society then in good standing.
- vi) Consequent to the dissolution, all chapters of ORSI shall stand dissolved and take similar action as at Clause IV, above with regard to their assets, if any.

ARTICLE XIII: Categories of Members

- i) The members referred to in the Constitution will be one of the two categories, either Individual or Institutional.
- ii) Individual Members will be of five types. The entry will be as Life member / Member / Student Member.
 - a) Fellow
 - b) Senior Member
 - c) Life Member
 - d) Member
 - e) Student Member

a) Fellow:

A Senior Member will be considered for Fellowship by the Central Council of ORSI, if the following conditions are fulfilled.

- i) He / She is a senior member.
- ii) He / She should have no financial dues to the Society at the time of his / her nomination.
- iii) His / Her nomination should have been duly proposed and seconded by two Fellows / Senior Members of ORSI or initiated by the Central Council. Self-nominations does not make one ineligible, but generally not recommended.
- iv) He / She should have made outstanding contributions towards the promotion and development of Operational Research. The merit of the contributions will be assessed by a committee comprising the immediate past President as Chairman and the Hon. Secretary as Convener. They are authorized to co-opt two experts (not necessarily members of ORSI). The recommendations of the Committee will be placed at a business session of the Central Council for approval or otherwise. The Committee shall meet in June every year.
- v) His / Her Fellowship shall be ratified at the Annual General Meeting, after acceptance by the Central Council.

- vi) He has served the society as a member of national council, president of a chapter for at least 3 years.
- vii) The number of Fellows on the rolls of the Society at a point of time will not exceed 5% (five percent) of the total number of members. This limit does not include those members who have expired. Not more than 3 (three) Senior Members would be awarded Fellowship in a calendar year. The nomination for fellowship will remain valid for 3 (three) years. In case a nomination for a fellow member is considered in 3 year, it can be reconsidered after 5 years (or eight years after the year of first application)

b) Senior Member:

All life members holding continuous membership (life or regular) in good standing for the last five years will become Senior Members.

c) Life Member:

- i) An existing Member may become a Life Member on payment of usual dues.
- ii) A person may be enrolled as Life Member on payment of usual dues if:
 - a) He / She is eligible to become a Member.
 - b) He / She files an application in the prescribed membership application form (ref. Appendix).

d) Member:

An individual can acquire membership of the Society provided:

- i) He / She files an application in the prescribed membership application form (ref. Appendix).
- ii) He / She is at least a graduate from a recognized University / Institution.
- iii) He / She is proposed by a Fellow / Senior Member / Member of the Society.
- iv) Believes in the philosophy of informed decision making and theory and practice of operational research, Management Sciences, Analytics and Decision Sciences.

e) Student Member:

An individual shall be enrolled as a Student Member if:

- i) He / She files an application in the prescribed membership application form (ref. Appendix).
- ii) He / She is registered as a student in the Diploma course or any other course of ORSI.

iii) Institutional Member:

a) All Institutions / Corporate Organizations interested in the promotion of Operational Research may enroll themselves as Member in either of the following two categories:

- i) Corporate Member
- ii) Institutional Member

a) The Institution / Corporate organization will be represented by an authorized representative, who will enjoy the similar rights and privileges as enjoyed by an Individual Member.

b) An Institutional Member can become corporate member on payment of usual dues.

iv) All overseas members shall be directly attached to the Parent Body

ARTICLE XIV: Dues of Members

- i) The membership dues of different categories of members of the Society are specified in Schedule A subject to such variation as may be decided from time to time by the Central Council of the Society. This amount should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer of the Society through Demand Draft drawn in favour of "Operational Research Society of India" payable at Kolkata.
- ii) The dues of a new Member / Student member shall be the full dues even if he / she is enrolled at any time of the year and the subscription will remain valid up to 31st December of that year. The subscription will become due on 1st January next.
- iii) Dues will have to be paid within two months of the beginning of a calendar year. Reminders will be sent to those members who fail to pay their dues within the above stipulated period. If however any member's dues are not paid within four months from the beginning of the calendar year, the Central Council shall decide on further measures to be taken in this regard.

ARTICLE XV: Severance of Membership

- i) A member in good standing may resign by submitting a written resignation to the Hon. Secretary subject to the approval of the Central Council. A resigned member may resume his / her membership upon payment of current dues.
- ii) If the dues of any member remain unpaid beyond a reasonable time, say one calendar year, his name shall be removed from the membership rolls after due notice.
- iii) A member whose conduct is deemed by the Central Council to be prejudicial to the interests and objectives of the Society may be dropped from the membership and any office held by him, by a two-third vote of the total membership of the Central Council, after the member has been notified at least twenty days in advance of the meeting as to the charges put against him, and has been given a fair opportunity to answer the charges in person, or in writing, or by an authorized representative.

ARTICLE XVI: Publications

- i) All regular members, except student members, shall be entitled to receive the journal of the Society, either in print or electronic form as applicable. Members will not be eligible to receive the journal for the defaulting period.
- ii) The Central Council shall be empowered to fix the terms under which members shall receive other publications of the Society and under which non-members of the Society may receive material published by the Society.

ARTICLE XVII: Affiliation

- i) The Operational Research Society of India may affiliate with other organizations whose purposes are consistent with the objectives of the Society as noted in Article –III of the Constitution.
- ii) The Society may co-operate with other professional societies in such ways as may be consistent with the Constitution, and rules of standing Committees of the Society. Such co-operation may include reciprocal reduction in dues.

ARTICLE XVIII: OPSEARCH

- i) The official journal of the Society will bear the title OPSEARCH, which will bring out high quality and state of the art papers in Operational Research and allied disciplines.
- ii) The periodicity for publication of the journal of the Society, 'OPSEARCH' will be quarterly or as decided by the Central Council.

- iii) The Central Council shall periodically decide the appointment of Editor-in-Chief, Associate Editor and Assistant Editor and the Editorial Board. The central council will appoint an Editor in Chief through a search committee. Editor in chief, will discuss with Central Council headed by President, President-elect and Vice President and appoint Associate Editor, Assistant editor and members of editorial board. Due autonomy will be provided to Editor in Chief.
- iv) A separate account head will be created for the Journal Opsearch. The Central Council may sanction suitable financial grant annually to the Editorial Board of OPSEARCH to meet any expenses relating to the editorial office and call for audited accounts as and when it deems fit and maintain consolidated accounts along with that of the Society which shall be presented as a statutory requirement.
- v) The publication and distribution of the journal "OPSEARCH" will be the responsibility of the Headquarters of the Society, wherever it is located. A person in head office will be appointed as Managing Editor who will be responsible for correspondences related to the journal.

ARTICLE XIX: Conventions & Conferences

- i) Conventions & Conferences to be organized under the auspices of the ORSI are categorized as under:
 - a) Annual Convention organized by ORSI to be hosted by a Chapter of the Society or by any institution so authorized by ORSI.
 - b) International Conferences or conferences with the support of IFORS, APROS.
 - c) Joint International conference with other national OR societies INFORMS, ORS (UK) EURO, Chinese OR Society, ORSJ
 - d) Regional conference
 - e) Joint Regional Conference with other professional bodies like PMI, SOM, IAPQR.
 - f) Joint Regional Conference with any recognized University, Institute of national importance.
 - g) Seminars / Workshops etc.
- ii) In respect of events at Article-XIX, Clause I (a) & (b), the Central Council of ORSI shall be the authority to decide all matters relating to the holding of such events including details regarding the organizational and structural requirements. The Central Council shall also have control over the financial aspects with the right to review the same and ask for reports from time to time and issue guidelines as may be found necessary. It will be one of the responsibilities of the Chapter / Institution organizing such events to submit a full report to the Central Council after the event is held along with the audited accounts, within a reasonable time as stipulated by the Central Council.
- iii) As regards events at Article-XIX, Clause I (c) & (d), there will be enough flexibility, but in case of regional conferences, approval of the Central Council shall be obtained in advance by the Chapters to facilitate co-ordination and avoid possible overlap.

ARTICLE XX: Notices

- i) A notice may be served by the Society upon any member either personally or by sending it through the post in a pre-paid letter, addressed to such a member at his / her registered address as appearing in the Register of Members. Can be done electronically with a copy sent by registered post with AD.
- ii) Any notice, if served by pre-paid post, shall be deemed to have been served on the seventh day following that on which the letter containing the same is put into the post and in proving such a service it shall be sufficient to prove that the letter containing the notice was properly addressed and put into the post-office as a pre-paid letter.

Schedule A: Dues of Members

i) Indian Members:
a. Member: 600/- per calendar year
b. Student Member: 300/- per calendar year
c. Life Member (Below 60 years): 6000/- lump sum
d. Life Member (60 years and above): 3000/- lump sum
e. Institutional Member: 6000/- per calendar year [<i>For universities, GOI funded</i>]
f. Corporate Member: 70000/- lump sum [<i>For Private Companies, PSU corporate</i>]
ii) Overseas Members
a. Life Member: \$200 USD
b. Member: US\$ 20 per year
c. Institutional Member: US\$ 500 per calendar year
d. Corporate Member \$ 2000 lump sum
Note: Overseas membership can be revived on payment of all dues.