

THE MYCOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF INDIA

RULES

Society's name and Objects

1. The society shall be called 'THE MYCOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF INDIA', its object shall be the development of Mycology in all its aspects, and it shall publish the Transactions of the Mycological Society OF India.

Members of Society

2. The society will consist of Honorary Members, and Members (including Foundation Members*); the number of Honorary Members shall be limited to 10 at any one time, but the number of members shall be unlimited. Honorary Members and Members will receive the Transactions free of charge.

Honorary Members

3. Honorary Members shall be persons of pre-eminence in Mycology or who have rendered special service to the society.

Officers

4. The Officers of the Society shall consist of a President, two Vice-presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary and one Editor of the Transactions.

Government of the Society

5. The government of the Society shall be vested in a Council selected from among the members, which shall consist of the President and other officers, and nine Ordinary Members of the Council.

Election of Officers

6. The Officers shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Society by the following procedure. Nominations for each office shall be made by the Council and circulated to all Members at least one month before the Annual General Meeting. In making nominations the Council shall take into consideration recommendations made to it in writing by any Member, if received at least 3 months before the date of the Annual General Meeting. All nominations shall be voted upon at the Annual General Meetings.

The President, and the Vice-presidents shall serve for a term of one year. Of the Vice-presidents, one shall be the retiring President and the other elected each year. The President and the Vice-Presidents shall not be eligible for immediate re-election. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall serve for a term of three years, and the Editor for a term of five years. Other officers shall be eligible for immediate re-election, but the Secretary and Treasurer shall not normally serve for an unbroken period exceeding six years.

Election of Ordinary Members of the Council

7. Ordinary Members of the Council shall normally serve for three years, three members retiring each year. Retiring members shall not be eligible for immediate- re-election. Vacancies caused by such retiring members, or by others resignations (except under Rule 8) shall be filled by election by the following procedures. Each Member of the Society shall be invited to make nominations for ordinary Membership of the Council: such nominations shall be duly proposed and seconded, and with the consent of the nominees. Nominations may also be made by the Council, with the consent of the nominees, and taking into account the recommendations made by any member. Nominations and recommendations shall reach the Secretary not less than three months before the Annual General Meeting. The Secretary shall circulate to all Members at least one month before the Annual General Meeting a list of all duly completed nominations. The new ordinary Members of the Council shall be elected from this list at the Annual General Meeting, with a ballot at the meeting where the number of nominations exceed the number of vacancies.
8. The Council may fill by co-option any causal vacancy which may occur among the officers or ordinary members of the Council. Any one so co-opted shall serve only until the next Annual General Meeting. He shall be eligible for election to the Council at this meeting under Rule 7.

Period of Office

9. The Treasurer shall hold office from 1st April immediately following the Annual General Meeting. Other officers and members of the Council shall hold from January 1st immediately following the Annual General Meeting.

Election of Honorary Members and Members

10. Honorary Members shall be elected, on the recommendation of the Council at a meeting of the Society, by a majority vote of the Members present at that Meeting.

Each candidate for election as a member shall be proposed by two Members who shall recommend the candidate in writing, one at least of the proposers so doing from personal knowledge. Candidates shall also sign an undertaking to abide by the Rules if elected. They shall be elected by a majority of the Members present at a meeting of the Society, or, subject to ratification at a later meeting, by the President and other officers of the Society.

Subscriptions

11. Every member shall pay an annual subscription of Rupees Thirty (Rs. 30/-) due on January 1 each year. Honorary Members shall be exempt from such payments.

Resignation

12. A member wishing to resign from the Society shall give notice in writing to the Secretary or to the Treasurer.

Ordinary Meetings

13. The Society shall hold meetings at places and times decided on by the Members at the preceding Annual General Meeting, or by the Council.

Annual General Meeting

14. Every year, ordinarily in December, an Annual General Meeting shall be convened at which officers, and ordinary Members of the Council shall be elected. Audited accounts shall be presented by the Treasurer at the Annual Meeting and also suggested alterations of the Rules voted on, as provided for in Rule 16. The Secretary shall circulate to each Member the Agenda for the Meeting at least one month before the meeting. Twenty members shall form a quorum for a meeting.

Special General Meetings

15. Special General Meetings may be called by the Council, and shall be called by the Secretary on request in writing by not less than 10 Members. The Agenda

for such meetings shall be sent to each Member at least one month before the date of the meeting.

Alteration and Circulation of the Rules

16. Proposal for alteration of the Rules may be made by the Council or by a group of not less than 10 Members. Adoption of changes in Rules shall be subjected to a two-thirds majority vote at a Special General Meeting, and ratification by a like majority at an Annual or Special General Meeting held not less than two months later. A copy of such proposals shall be sent to each Member along with the Agenda for each meeting.

A printed copy of the Rules shall be sent to each Member on election and, in case of any major alteration, to all Members.

- Foundation Members will be those who become Members and pay an initial donation of Rs. 250/- to the Society before 31st December 1972.