

MEMBERSHIP BYE-LAWS

1. Short Title and Interpretation

These Bye-laws shall be called “Membership Bye-Laws” and shall come into force from May 14, 2007. The words and expressions used in these bye-laws have the same meaning as in the Rules and Regulations of the Institute.

2. Membership

There shall be the following classes of members

- (a) Foundation Members;
- (b) Life Members;
- (c) Ex-officio Members;
- (d) Co-opted Members;
- (e) Corporate Members;
- (f) Associate Members;
- (g) Honorary Members;
- (h) Corresponding Members;
- (i) Ordinary Members.

(a) Foundation Members

Foundation members are those:

- (i) Who took an active interest or part in the establishment of the Institute and are enrolled as such, including persons whose names appear as the first members of the Governing Council and the Executive Committee in Clause 4 of the Memorandum of Association.
- (ii) Who were enrolled as such on payment of not less than Rs. 250/- within six months of the registration of the Institute, or such later date as might have been fixed by the President, whether before or after the expiry of said period of six months.

(b) Life Membership:

Bye-law 2(b) :

“Persons of [high status] in the field of law may in the discretion of the Membership Committee be enrolled as Life Members

The Governing Council had approved the following guidelines under the Bye-Law:

- (i) a senior Advocate or an Advocate with an active practice of minimum 20 years in any High Court or Supreme Court.

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- (ii) a sitting or retired judge of the High Court or Supreme Court:
- (iii) a Professor of Law or teacher of law with a teaching experience of 10 years in a Law College or University or Research Institute:
- (iv) a Member of the Law Commission of India or Human Rights Commission (National & States).
- (v) Judicial Officer(s) with 15 years experience in State Judicial Services.
- (vi) Indian Legal Service Officers (Grade I, II, III & IV) with minimum of 15 years of Bar experience including the service in the Indian Legal Service

[Note: Certificate of Experience from Bar Association or Advocate General for Lawyers; and from Dean/Head of Law Departments for teachers to be submitted alongwith the application in prescribed form.]

(c) Ex-officio Members

Subject to their consent, the Speaker, Lok Sabha, the Chief Justice and other Judges of the Supreme Court of India, Chairman, Law Commission, Government of India, the Chief Justices of the High Courts in India, the Attorney-General, the Solicitor-General, the Advocates-General of States, the Home Minister, the Finance Minister, the Minister of Law & Justice and the Minister for Human Resource Development in the Government of India, the President of Indian Society of International Law, the President of the Indian Council of World Affairs, Chairman of the University Grants Commission, Vice-Chancellors and Deans of Faculties of Law of Statutory universities in India, will be members ex-officio.

(d) Co-opted Members

A person may be co-opted as a member of the Institute by the Governing Council on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, provided he is eligible to be enrolled as an ordinary member under these bye-laws.

(e) Corporate Members

The following may apply for enrolments as Corporate Members of the Institute:

- (i) Any Bar Association or Association of Advocates by whatever name called;
- (ii) Any registered society devoted to the study of Law;
- (iii) Any statutory university;
- (iv) The Association of Indian Universities;
- (v) Any Institution, Society, Body Corporate or Government Department or association of persons interested in the study, practice or administration of any branch of law.

(f) Associate Members

A person, who is or has been a judge, legal practitioner, or a law teacher in a foreign country, may be enrolled as an Associate Member. On enrolment they shall pay the fees and subscriptions prescribed by these bye-laws.

(g) Honorary Members

- (i) A person may be invited to become an Honorary Member, if in the opinion of the Executive Committee, he is a fit and proper person for conferment of the honour, having regard to his meritorious contribution to the science of law or the growth or reform of law or administration of justice;
- (ii) the approval of the President must be obtained by the Executive Committee for consideration of the proposal to enroll him as such; and
- (iii) the proposal must receive the support of not less than two-thirds of the total number of members of the Executive Committee.

As approved by the Governing Council :

“The Committee suggested that as a matter of convention the President and Treasurer of the Indian Law Institute be invited to become honorary members of the ILI after they demit the offices.”

(h) Corresponding Members

Persons other than the citizens of India known for their meritorious contributions to the science of law or the growth and reform of law or the administration of justice and who agree to become members, may be invited by the Executive Committee to become Corresponding members.

(i) Ordinary Members

Bye-law 2(i) as approved by the Governing Council, the following Indian citizens may be enrolled as ordinary members of the Institute:

- (i) An advocate having active practice of ten years or more, in any court in India;
- (ii) Persons who are or have been members of the judicial services;
- (iii) Persons who are or have been teaching in a Faculty of Law, a deemed University, a Department of a University or any other Law School/College recognized for the award of degree of bachelor of laws.

Provided, however, only persons having a minimum teaching experience of 5 years would be eligible under this category.

- (iv) Any other person of repute who has made significant contribution in the field of law and/or social sciences in the form of articles published in the renowned legal journals or having published sufficient number of books.
 - (v) Indian Legal Service Officers (Grade I, II, III & IV) with minimum of 10 years of Bar experience including the service in the Indian Legal Service.
- [Note: Certificate of Experience from Bar Association or Advocate General for Lawyers; and from Dean/Head of Law Departments for teachers to be submitted alongwith the application in the prescribed form

3. Procedure for Enrolment

- (a) Persons or Associations, as the case may be, who desire to be enrolled as:
 - (i) Life Member
 - (ii) Corporate Member
 - (iii) Associate Member
 - (iv) Ordinary Member

shall apply to the Institute giving the particulars on a form prescribed by the Executive Committee.

- (b) Enrolment as a member shall be intimated to the person concerned.

4. Fees and Subscriptions

The prescribed fee under each category shall be payable in advance alongwith application form.

- (a) The fees and subscriptions payable by various categories of members shall be at the rates specified below:

(i) Life Members.	Rs. 15,000/-
(ii) Corporate Members	Rs. 10,000 p.a.
Provided that payment of a consolidated sum of Rupees one lakh may be made in which event there shall be no liability to pay any subscription.	
(iii) Associate Members	Rs. 10,000/- per annum or US \$ 2,500 consolidated
(iv) Ordinary Members	Rs. 2500/- (w.e.f. 1.3.2012)
- (v) No subscription shall be payable by the following classes of members:
Honorary Members;
Corresponding Members; and
Ex-officio Members.

- (b) Subscriptions are payable in advance for each calendar year irrespective of the date of enrolment of a member. Subscriptions shall be paid before the 31st day of March of the relevant year. In the event of default and if subscription remains unpaid for a period of three months from the due date, the member would not be entitled to any facilities or benefits of the Institute and his name would be struck off from the membership register
- (c) All members whose subscriptions are in arrears for three years shall automatically cease to be members.
- (d) If a member does not pay his subscription by the 31st of March in any year and his subscription remains unpaid thereafter, he shall not be entitled to any discount on the Journal and other publications of the Institute.

Relaxation of criteria

- 5a.** Prescribed eligibility criteria for registration of membership may be relaxed by the Membership Committee, in its discretion in suitable cases, particularly in view of the outstanding contribution of the member in academic, professional or any other field.

Removal from membership

- 5b.** The name of any member of the ILI may be removed from its rolls, by the Governing Council on the recommendations of the Membership Committee, for conduct unbecoming of a member of the Indian Law Institute or for any other valid reason but after giving him notice to show cause why such action be not taken against him.

6. General

- (a) Subject to clause (d) all members shall be entitled to purchase the Journal and other publications of the Institute at such discount as may from time to time be fixed by the Executive Committee.
- (b) As Associate Member or Corresponding Member shall not be eligible to be a member of the Governing Council or the Executive Committee.
- (c) A Corporate Member may nominate in writing a person to represent it for such period as it may specify for the purpose of election to the Governing Council and the Executive Committee as also to vote on its behalf in meetings of the Institute as may be necessary.
- (d) Honorary and Corresponding Members shall be supplied all publications of the Institute free of cost.
- (e) No member, whose name is removed for non-payment of subscriptions, will be readmitted to membership without payment of all arrears. But a person in arrears

who desires to become a life member or a teacher member without further liability may be admitted as such with effect from the date of payment of his subscription without being required to pay the arrears.

- (f) Part-time law teachers are treated as non-teacher members for the purpose of membership of the Institute.
- (g) No ordinary member (other than a person enrolled on payment of consolidated fee) shall be eligible to vote or stand for election unless he is a member of the Institute for a minimum period of three years consecutively.
- (h) A member may resign his membership by a letter addressed to the Director of the Institute.

7. Transaction of Business

The Membership Committee may transact its business by meeting or by circulation of papers in relation to matters in these bye-laws.