

# CONSTITUTION

## INDIAN SOCIETY OF CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE

**AMENDED CONSTITUTION AS ADOPTED BY THE 27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD  
ONLINE ON 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021**

### 1. Preamble

Critical Care Medicine (CCM) is an evolving specialty overlapping multiple primary specialties. Recognizing the increasing need to consolidate the field and to promote awareness, continuing education and research in this field, the Indian Society of Critical Care Medicine (ISCCM) was formed on 9th October 1993.

#### Part 1:

### 2. Memorandum of the Society

1. The name of the Society is “Indian Society of Critical Care Medicine. (ISCCM)”
2. Registered office of the Society at Mumbai Head Quarters.
3. The headquarters be at Unit No. 13 & 14, First Floor, Hind Service Industries Premises Co-operative Society, Near Chaitya Bhoomi, Off Veer Savarkar Marg, Dadar, Mumbai – 400028

### 3. Aims and Objectives

- 3.1 To promote academic and scientific activity in the field of CCM
- 3.2 To encourage research in the field of critical care medicine.
- 3.3 To organize continuing medical education and training programs, meetings and conferences in CCM.
- 3.4 To establish guidelines for the running and staffing of ICU's.
- 3.5 To publish scientific papers, journals, monographs and text books aimed at upgrading knowledge and skill.
- 3.6 To seek affiliation with national and international associations and societies or similar bodies to achieve the objectives of the Society.
- 3.7 To generate funds to carry out the objectives of the society.
- 3.8 To take such action as shall be considered with furthering the aims and objectives of the Society

#### Part II: Rules and Byelaws of the Society

### 1. Definitions and Abbreviation

Unless otherwise specified in succeeding paragraphs “Society” means ISCCM, “Committee” means Executive Committee & “Member” means member of the ISCCM.

### 2. Management

- 2.1 The affairs of the ISCCM shall be managed by the Executive Committee.
- 2.2 The committee shall consist of:
  - 2.2.1 President - 1
  - 2.2.2 President -Elect – 1
  - 2.2.3 Immediate Past President - 1
  - 2.2.4 Vice President - 4 (NOT more than TWO from the same zone)
  - 2.2.5 **Elected Members** – Executive Committee Members - 5 (five) open TO all over India (NOT MORE THAN TWO FROM THE SAME ZONE)
    - 2.2.5.1 10 Zonal members of which NOT more than 2 (two) shall be from the same zone.  
Note: **only members from that zone can vote for same zone.**  
The Executive Committee post and zonal posts are different.  
The zones being defined as below:  
**North Zone:** Delhi, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Uttarakhand  
**South Zone:** Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu, Lakshadweep  
**East Zone:** Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Bengal, Jharkhand, Orissa, Tripura, Sikkim, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Andaman and Nicobar  
**West Zone:** Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Daman, Diu  
**Central Zone:** Madhya Pradesh, Chattisgarh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh

The General Secretary and Chief Election Commissioner will announce the vacant posts in election notice.

2.2.6 Treasurer - 1 (open to all India)

2.2.7 General Secretary - 1, and General Secretary - Elect – 1

### 2.2.8 **Nominated Members**

2.2.8.1 Joint Secretary -1: (To be nominated by the President during the tenure of the President)

2.2.8.2 The Vice-Chancellor or Secretary (any one) of the Indian College of Critical Care Medicine will be the co-opted members. The vice chancellor will inform the president/chancellor who will represent the college on the Executive Committee

2.2.8.3.1 Chairman all Committee will nominated by the President. The President, President - Elect and Immediate Past President, in unusual circumstances along with the Executive Committee has right to change Chairman of Research/Credentials/Guidelines Committee with 2/3 majority.

2.2.8.3.2 The tenure of Chairman – Guidelines, Credentials and Research Committee shall be 3 years. Up to 6 more members will be inducted suggested by President and Chairman and approved by Executive Committee. The member's tenure will be for one year.

2.2.8.3.3 Funding

Chairman of all committee will submit budget to Finance Committee time to time for approval

2.2.8.3.4 Chairman Constitutional Review Committee will be the President-Elect.

## 3.1 **Membership of the Society shall be of 5 categories viz.**

(a) Life Members,

(b) Associate Life Members,

(c) Honorary Life Members,

(d) International Life Members and

(e) SAARC Life members.

(No new membership as Patron, Founder Life Member and Corporate Life member will be given, however Existing Founder Life Members will continue)

3.2.2 **FOUNDER LIFE MEMBER:** Same as Life member but joining the Society before 31/12/93.

3.2.3 **LIFE MEMBER:** Post graduation in specialties approved as pre-requisite for Indian Diploma in Critical Care Medicine (IDCCCM). The postgraduate degree or diploma must be recognized by Medical Council of India. Candidates applying for life membership must confirm active interest and work in critical care.

3.2.4 **ASSOCIATE LIFE MEMBER:** An allopathic doctor, or persons with nursing or technical backgrounds, with an active interest in CCM but not fulfilling the criteria for Life member. All the other specialties doctors based on their MBBS will be considered for Associate Life Member only.

3.2.5 **HONORARY LIFE MEMBER:** Person of renown who has made outstanding contribution to the field of CCM. These will be nominated by unanimous vote of Executive Committee

3.2.6 **INTERNATIONAL LIFE MEMBER:** Life member from a country other than India and SAARC Countries

3.2.7 **SAARC MEMBERS** will be offered international membership at rates given to Indian members. The eligibility criteria will be the same as the Indian LMs (Except their PG degrees must be recognized by their Country's Medical Council.

3.3.1 The Executive Committee shall have the authority to admit applicants to all categories of membership. However, conversion of an existing Associate Member to a Life Member shall be done by the General Secretary on payment of appropriate fees and supporting Documents with information and approval by the Executive Committee.

3.3.2 The membership application shall be in the form prescribed by the Executive Committee and shall be duly proposed and seconded by existing valid Life members. It shall be accompanied by documentary evidence of eligibility, qualification and prescribed fees by bank draft payable at Mumbai. Membership can be applied online and fee can be paid online through ISCCM website.

3.3.3 The duly completed application form, after due scrutiny by the General Secretary will be placed before the National Executive Committee in its regular meeting for approval after which the membership will be conferred to the applicant.

3.3.4 The National Executive Committee shall also accept the resignation from membership, as also decide cessation of membership for any other reason.

## 3.4. **MEMBERSHIP FEES**

3.4.1 Fees (as of AGM of 2021) shall be as follows:-

Life Member Rs. 11,110/-

Associate Life Member Allopathic doctor, MBBS Rs 5669/-

Associate Life Members Paramedical / Nursing Rs.2569/-

Life Member SAARC Countries Rs 11,110/-

International Life Member U.S. \$ 846

Honorary Members shall pay no fees.

The fees of membership will be increased by **10%** every year after Annual conference.

Out of the fees collected 50% will be retained by the Headquarters and 50% will be given to the concerned City Branch as unconditional aid. Branch contribution will be paid to those branches who have submitted Branch audit report, annual report, Election Report, branch Pan Card, Bank Account details with the centre on or before 30 November.

If any branch is due to submit annual report / audited accounts, those branches will not get annual share for the same year and the share will not be carried forward.

If any branch fails to submit election report / audit report / annual report for continuous three years the branch will be declared as inactive branch. No additional membership fees to be collected by the city branch from the member.

- 3.4.2 The Associate Member on completing the requirements for Life Membership can pay the Difference & become Life Member on furnishing necessary documents, subject to approval by the National executive committee in its regular meeting.

### **3.5 CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

The Executive Committee by 2/3 majority of the number of attending members may recommend to remove the name of any member of the Society from the Register of Members for gross misconduct after sending him / her a notice by registered post and giving him / her a proper opportunity to defend himself/herself including a hearing in person. Such action shall be subject to ratification by the General Body by 2/3rd majority of members present at the General Body Meeting.

### **3.6 REGISTER OF MEMBERSHIP**

A register of members containing their names and addresses shall be kept in electronic format (Soft Copy). All changes in the status of members or their addresses, taking place from time to time shall be recorded in the soft copy.

### **3.7 PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS**

- 3.7.1 All members will get the publications (IJCCM & Critical Care Communication) online only in the form of soft copy via the ISCCM & IJCCM websites, on their registered e-mail ID and the IJCCM app.
- 3.7.1.1. All communications to the members shall be in electronic format henceforth. This means that the notice for Elections, proposed amendments to the constitution, Annual Report, Audited accounts, any newsletter and any other information shall be sent by e- mail and also put up on the ISCCM website in the members' area. The annual report and the latest version of the constitution will be available to members only as a soft copy on the ISCCM website. Only in extraordinary circumstances shall the communication be Via Post, after approval from President, President Elect and General Secretary.
- 3.7.2 The right to vote shall rest with all the Life Members approved until the last held Annual General Body Meeting
- 3.7.3 Associate Life members, Life Member SAARC Countries, International Life Member and Honorary Members shall have no voting rights nor shall they contest any position in the Executive Committee.

### **3.8 RESIGNATION**

A member wishing to resign his / her membership shall send a written communication to the General Secretary. Membership fees paid by the members to the Society shall not be refunded under any circumstances and the name of such member shall be removed from the Membership Register after approval by the National Executive Committee in its regular meeting.

### **4.1 ELIGIBILITY**

- 4.1.1.a For the post of President - Elect :

The Candidate should have been elected and not nominated for 6 (six years) in National Executive Committee and either served as Vice President / Vice Chancellor / General Secretary/ Treasurer.

Only exemption will be to those members who have completed 8 years in Executive Committee before 2018. And He /She should also be a fellow of ICCM.

OR

Elected 4 years in National EC and served as Vice President /General Secretary / Treasurer / Vice Chancellor of ICCM and Chairperson of the local branch for 2 years and also should be Fellow of the ICCM. The centre and local posts should not be running concurrently.

4.1.1.b Vice-Presidents : The candidate should have been elected and not nominated for 4 (four) years as follows: on the National Executive Committee for a minimum of 2 (two) terms i. e. total 4 (four) years in the National Executive Committee

OR

1 (one) term of 2 (two) years in National Executive Committee and 1 term of two years as a City Chairman / Secretary city branch, the both local and national terms not running concurrently.

4.1.1.c General Secretary-Elect: The candidate should have been elected and not nominated for 4 (four) years as follows; on the National Executive Committee for a minimum of 2 (two) terms i. e. total 4 (four) years in the National Executive Committee

OR

1 (one) term of 2 (two) years in National Executive Committee and 1 term of two years as Chairman/ Secretary city branch, both local and national terms not running concurrently.

4.1.1.d Treasurer (Open all over India):

The candidate should have been elected and not nominated for 4 (four) years as follows; on the National Executive Committee for a minimum of 2 (two) terms i. e. total 4 (four) years in the National Executive Committee.

OR

1 (one) term of 2 (two) years in National Executive Committee and 1 term of two years as city branch Chairman / Secretary / Treasurer.

Both the term LOCAL AND NATIONAL not running concurrently.

4.1.2 For Elected Member, membership of the Society for at least 5 year is mandatory. For re-eligibility to contest election for any post on the National Executive Committee the candidate must have attended at least 2 (two) out of the last 4 (four) Executive Committee Meetings held in both years of his/her previous term. In case of such absence the member shall not be eligible to contest elections for two years after completing his tenure and he can contest after two year of completing his/her last Executive Committee post.

4.1.2.1 For eligibility to contest election for the post of President-Elect, Vice-Presidents, General Secretary - Elect or Treasurer on the National Executive Committee the candidate must have attended at least 3 (three) Executive Committee Meetings out of the 4 (four) last Executive Committee Meetings held in the term that he/she had served on the National Executive Committee.

In case of such absence the member shall not be eligible to contest elections for two years after completing his tenure and he can contest after two year of completing his last tenure.

4.1.3 No member shall be eligible to seek election for more than 2 tenures as Vice-President, General Secretary

Elect, Treasurer, or Elected Member of the Executive Committee.

4.1.3.1 The term for President, President-elect, Immediate Past President, General Secretary, General Secretary Elect and Joint secretary is one year. Vice Presidents, Treasurer and Executive Committee members is for two years.

4.1.4. The President/President-Elect shall NOT seek election for any position in the Executive Committee after completing his / her tenure. However he / she can be nominated on the executive committee as may be decided by the Executive Committee provided his tenure in the EC does not exceed 15 years, except the Editor, IJCCM.

4.1.4.1 If someone has contested for post of President-elect and has not got elected, then in future he/she cannot contest for any other post in society including college board. These members can contest for post of President-Elect only in future that too for maximum 2 times.

- 4.1.5. A member shall NOT contest simultaneously for more than one post (Including Society and College)
- 4.1.6. No member except the president shall be on the executive committee for more than eight years regardless of elected posts held in the EC. After completing 8 years in the EC, the member can contest only for the post of President Elect. Thus the president shall remain on the EC for 11 years i.e. 8 years as EC member and 1 year each as President elect, President and Immediate Past President. Co-opted and nominated posts will not be counted in the 8 years. Apart from this only Editor of IJCCM & Chairman Credentials committee may be nominated after completing 11 years on EC. Total tenure in the EC for any member shall not be more than 15 years in any capacity henceforth. The tenure of Vice Chancellor will be one year. Tenure of Editor IJCCM and the Chairman of Credentials Committee/Research Committee / Guidelines Committee shall be fixed at 3 Years.
- 4.1.7 The Members Tenure of all Committees including, Sub Committees, College Board Members will be one year. Excluding, Chairman Research Committee / Credentials Committee /Guidelines Committee will be (3yrs) Three years. The President will appoint the sub committees.

## **4.2. ELECTION AND ELECTION PROCEDURE**

- 4.2.1 The President shall become Immediate Past President and the President-Elect shall become President automatically after the expiry of their tenure at the End of their term during the concerned Annual General Body Meeting.

The web based online Elections shall be held for President Elect -1; Vice President-4 (Vice President Not more than 2 from same zone), General Secretary Elect – 1; Executive Committee members – 5, (not more than 2 from the same zone)

Zonal Members

10 (Not more than 2 from the same zone)

For election purpose Zonal and Executive Members are considered separate post and one can contest for two terms separately.

And Treasurer - 1.

If the nomination not considered by the Election Committee, he/she is not eligible for next two years.

The term for Vice President, Treasurer, Elected Members will be for TWO(2) Years. The

Term for General Secretary Elect will be for ONE (1) Year.

The General Secretary and The Chief Election Commissioner will inform the List of Vacancies to all Life Members in the Election Notice.

- 4.2.2 By the 15TH of MAY, the General Secretary And Chief Election Commissioner shall inform each Life member a list of vacancies in the Executive Committee of ISCCM and ICCCM, and invite nominations for these vacancies through e-mail and it will be put on website on the membership page.

The nomination paper which shall be sent out will have the candidate's name, address and the office/post for which the candidate is contesting, and shall be proposed by one valid life member and seconded by another life member duly signed by the candidate, signifying his/her willingness to stand for the election and to serve on the Executive Committee if elected.

There shall be a separate nomination paper for each candidate. One candidate can apply for one post only.

These nominations must reach the Chief Election Commissioner not later than 01st June by 4.00 PM.

For every post, the nomination paper MUST be accompanied by a sum of Rs. 10000/- + 18% GST= Rs. 11800/- (Rupees eleven thousand eight hundred only). Non refundable from a candidate in the form of a demand draft / NEFT payable at Mumbai.

A nomination paper not accompanied by a Bank Draft / UTR NO OF NEFT of Rs.11800/ (Rupees eleven thousand eight hundred only) shall be deemed invalid.

A short bio-data not exceeding one page (A4 size paper), Must accompany the nomination if desired or it can also be sent as soft copy BY EMAIL along with ONE (1) passport size photograph to the ISCCM office not later than 01<sup>st</sup> June, 4.00 PM. Withdrawal if any should reach office on or before 10<sup>th</sup> of June, by 4 PM with candidate signature. Withdrawal can also be sent by scan copy with signature by email to chief election commissioner from his/her registered email ID in ISCCM, not later than 10<sup>th</sup> June, 4.00 PM. If the deadline for any of these procedures falls on a Sunday or an Official holiday, then the next working day shall be deemed to be the deadline.

#### 4.2.2. **SUMMARY OF THE ELECTION:-**

By 30th April, President will nominate one (1) Past President as Chairman of election commission. Then the chairman of the election commissioner will select his team of 4 members to be on election commission of his choice and inform the names of members to President. The members of the election commissioner can be, Past President of ISCCM or a member of ISCCM who has had experience in ISCCM election and must not be contesting elections.

By 15TH of May, the General Secretary and Chief Election commissioner shall inform each Life member by email a list of vacancies in the Executive Committee/College Board and invite nominations for these vacancies.

01st June, 4.00 pm is the last date for receiving nominations (Working day) After last date of receiving application, the applications will be scrutinized by election commission by 3rd June.

After Scrutiny of applications by election commission, the result of scrutiny of applications will be informed to the contestants, by 4<sup>th</sup> June, by the election commission.

Withdrawal if any should reach office on or before 10th of June 4 PM

The date of online web based election will be last week of June, From 08.00 hrs. on Monday of election to 1700 hrs. on Friday of election.

4.2.2.1 By 15TH of MAY, the General Secretary and Chief Election Commissioner shall inform each Life member a list of vacancies in the Executive Committee/College Board and invite nominations for these vacancies through e-mail.

Once the elections are announced to conduct the entire proceedings of the election will be controlled by Election Commission.

The full details of the results of the election will be informed /submitted to the President of ISCCM for HIS/HER approval on the last day of election or no later than **30th June** By Chief Election Commissioner.

The declared elections results shall be posted on website directly by Election Commission and communicated to individual candidates, after approval from President.

The declared election results will be placed in the Annual Report for the information. The newly elected President -Elect and General Secretary- Elect will be invited to Fourth EC Meeting (January / February) of preceding year (before taking charge) as special invitees.

4.2.2.2. It shall be mandatory for all office bearers to sign and submit his / her copy of the Aadhar card and the declaration about Conflict of Interest with the society during the First EC meeting of each year after the AGM. In case the member is absent he should sign the COI document within 30 days of the meeting.

4.2.3 After announcement of elections - the proceeding will be taken over by the election commissioner. All nominations will be received by the election commissioner. The Election

commission shall inform by email the contesting candidate of all the nominations received for the post they are contesting, and if any one wishes to withdraw his/her nomination, he/she should inform Election commissioner in writing or from the official e- mail address by scan with signature (i.e. registered with ISCCM headquarters previously) on or before the 31st of May. No office bearer of ISCCM EC or College Board will indulge in any manner in the Election process.

- 4.2.4 **CHANGE OF EMAIL ID AND ADDRESS:** The members will be able to change address and email IDs only with request in writing or filling the database proforma which can also be downloaded from the website. The general secretary will personally verify the signature from the original form filled at the time of becoming member of the society. Only then the email id and address will be changed. All the original letter request and data base form will be retained in the office. Members can request for change of email IDs until 30<sup>th</sup> April. No change in data can be done after 30<sup>th</sup> April.
- 4.2.5 The date of online web based election will be last week of June. From 08.00 hrs. on the Monday of election to 1700 hrs. on the Friday of election. All members will receive a check e-mail one month before the date of elections. Members can check their REGISTERED email ids and authorized/REGISTERED mobile nos. on the website of the society. The electronic voting will be held after a due process of database update, verification and security recommended by expert consultant /s and approved by the EC. All the details for electronic voting will be made available on the ISCCM website in the members area. All the software checking will be done by Election Commission along Chief Election commissioner. In case of allegations or disputes the Executive Committee of the Society (ISCCM) shall appoint an external technical expert group investigate and give its verdict which will be binding on all concerned.
- 4.2.5.1. Canvassing is allowed with following instructions.
- 1) No canvassing during national or regional or local or institutional conferences, CME, workshops, conclave etc. From declaration of election to declaration of results. (15th May to 30th June)
  - 2) No canvassing with standees, pamphlets, flyers, brochures, or through pharma companies or through their representatives.
  - 3) Candidates can use social media for canvassing.
  - 4) If someone found guilty, he/she will be debarred from ISCCM election process for life time at local as well national level.
- 4.2.6 In case of a vacancy arising out of an uncontested position, fresh nominations shall be invited by the General Secretary and Chief Election Commissioner by issuing a notice in Notice and Agenda for AGM, nominations can be submitted along with demand draft of Rs. 11800 (Rupees eleven thousand eight hundred only) on or before ten days of annual General Body meeting. Next day scrutiny of received nominations will be done by election committee and candidates will be informed by email. Withdrawals will be after one day after informing the contestants. Voting if necessary shall be held web based online Elections shall be held one day prior to the Annual General Body Meeting. Voting will be held from 8.00 a.m. to 4 P.M. one day prior to AGM during National Annual Conference. The Election Commissioner will submits the election result to the President before the start of AGM. Results will be announced in the AGM.
- 4.2.6.1 If vacancy arising out of zonal members then the vacant posts will be opened up for all India as Executive Committee post. For election purpose zonal members and executive members are separate part.
- 4.2.7 Any Executive Committee Member may resign his/her position by giving notice in writing to the Gen. Secretary or the President. The resignation shall take effect from the date of its acceptance by the Executive Committee.
- 4.2.8 Any Executive Committee Member who ceases to be a valid member shall be deemed to have vacated his or her position in the Executive Committee.
- 4.2.9 If a vacancy occurs in any office otherwise than by efflux of time, the Executive Committee shall elect a member to fill this vacancy-not withstanding anything contained in clause 4.2.8 However, the Gen. Secretary shall invite nomination by an urgent short-notice. In the event of

a contest, voting will be held in the ensuing National Executive Committee meeting by the members attending the Executive meeting.

- 4.2.10 Performance of election vendor will be reviewed and vendor changed if necessary through appropriate process of inviting applications. This will be done at the 1st meeting after the ISCCM annual conference by the president elect / chairperson ISCCM election commission and presented to the executive committee for approval.

### **4.3 ELECTION DISPUTES**

- 4.3.1 In the first instance, any complaint pertaining to any process of election must be lodged with the Chairperson of Election Commission along with documentary proof of any irregularity before the start of the counting procedure. No complaint other than that of the counting procedure shall be entertained once the counting procedure has started. Complaints pertaining to irregularities web based online election process, if any, must be lodged in writing by the contestant or his/ her representative with the Chairperson of Election Commission or immediately after the web based online election process or within fifteen days after the completion of web based online election process.
- 4.3.1.2 Election contestants can request to see the post-election voting pattern for his or her post at the Head Quarters. This will be through email addressed to Election Commissioner
- 4.3.2 An Election Redressal Committee comprising of the President and two immediate Past Presidents would review the evidence provided by the complainant and would give its ruling within 15 days. This ruling will be binding on all concerned. There cannot be any appeal against it.
- 4.3.3 If the complainant remains unsatisfied with the decision of the Election Redressal Committee, he/she may ask for hearing by the Panel of Arbitrators.
- 4.3.3.1 Every attempt shall be made to avoid arbitration by constituting a bench of three past presidents who have not participated in the decision making in Redressal Committee to find an amicable solution.
- 4.3.3.2 Past President/s who have not been part of the Redressal committee shall be nominated to the arbitration by the society. In any case, complete panel of arbitrators should be acceptable to all parties holding stake in the election process.
- 4.3.4 The Panel of Arbitrators shall comprise of
- i) 2 Past Presidents
  - ii) Retired High Court Judge / Eminent Jurist
- 4.3.5 The arbitration proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the Indian Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.
- 4.3.6 The seat of Arbitration shall be at the Head Quarters of the Society at Mumbai.
- 4.3.7 The decision of the panel of Arbitrators shall be final and binding on all parties.
- 4.3.8 The National Executive Committee of the Society shall determine the fees payable to the non-ISCCM arbitrators
- 4.3.9 The fee payable to the Arbitrators shall be borne by the contestant seeking arbitration if he / she loses arbitration. However society will bear this cost if he wins it. However the candidate cannot claim any compensation what so ever.
- 4.3.9.1 However no candidate holding stake in election either appellant or defendant can claim any compensation or any allowances related to any head during this redressal or arbitration process.
- 4.3.10 Once results are declared, it cannot be changed by any committee including election committee. It can be changed only following decision by either a Redressal Committee, or panel of past presidents (proposed) or arbitration committee.

### **4.4 CO-OPTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**



4.4.1 The Executive Committee shall co-opt the following members in their first meeting after the Annual General Body Meeting.

4.4.1.1 Joint Secretary to be nominated by the President by his / her choice.

4.4.2 President, Immediate Past President, President-Elect, General Secretary and General Secretary-Elect shall be ex- officio members of the College Board of all committees **except** Credentials committee and Election Commission.

## 5.1 ORDER OF PRECEDENCE SHALL BE AS UNDER;

Protocol and seating arrangement on Dais at various functions.

- Jt. Secretary Organizing committee
- General Secretary ISCCM
- President ISCCM
- Chief Guest
- Guest of Honor
- President Elect
- General Secretary - Elect
- Immediate Past President.
- Co-Chairman Organising Committee

## 6. MEETINGS

6.1.1 Annual General Body Meeting : The Annual General Body Meeting of the Society shall be held each year on a day, time and place to be fixed by Executive committee (January / February unless otherwise decided by the executive committee under exceptional situations) when the change of office bearers, if any, will take place.

The President will Chair the Meeting along President Elect General Secretary & Immediate Past President.

The Notice and Agenda for the Annual General Body Meeting of the Society shall be posted at website and e mailed to every Life members and Founder Life members least 30 days in advance of the date fixed for the meeting. Any member desiring to move a resolution at the Annual Meeting shall give notice of the same in writing to the General Secretary at least sixty days before the date fixed for the General Meeting. The executive Committee shall submit an Annual Report of the proceedings of the Executive Committee and its Committees, along with branches annual report (received in office by 31<sup>st</sup> December) and of the activities of the society together with a statement of the assets and liabilities of the society and an abstract of receipts and disbursements during the year and the report of the Auditors will be circulated on line before one month of the AGM and also posted on website

6.1.2 The President shall preside over all meetings of the Executive Committee and the General Body. The hierarchy will be as follows –

1. President of ISCCM
2. President-Elect
3. Vice President (who is running in 2nd year as his/her current tenure and is senior in ISCCM as per his membership year)
4. Vice President (who is running in 2nd year as his/her current tenure and is junior in ISCCM as per his membership year)
5. Vice President (who is running in 1st year as his/her current tenure and is senior in ISCCM as per his membership year)
6. Vice President (who is running in 1st year as his/her current tenure and is Junior in ISCCM as per his membership year)
7. General Secretary
8. General Secretary-Elect
9. Secretary
10. Treasurer
11. EC Member (as per seniority of his/her membership in ISCCM)  
(Joint Secretary, Vice-Chancellor and committees chairmen are the co-opted posts)

- 6.1.3 The President may, whenever he thinks fit, and upon a requisition made in writing and signed by not less than 20% or 100 whichever is less, Members (Life members and Founder life members) of the Society, shall convene a Special General Body Meeting at such place as he may decide. Any requisition made by the members shall state the objects of the Special Meeting proposed to be called and shall be addressed to the General Secretary.
- 6.1.4 The General Secretary shall, upon receipt of such a requisition, proceed to convene, under orders of the President, a Special General Body Meeting which shall be held within sixty days from the date of receipt of such a requisition, at a place and time fixed by the President.
- 6.1.5 At the Special General Body Meeting, only the business for which notice has been given or such questions as naturally arises thereon shall be discussed.
- 6.1.6 20% of members (Life members and Founder life members) or 100 whichever is less present at a General Body Meeting shall form the quorum for that meeting.
- 6.1.7 If within half an hour from the time appointed for a General Body Meeting there is no quorum, the meeting, if convened on the requisition of members, shall be dissolved, and in any other case, shall stand adjourned to half an hour and will meet on the same day and at the same place.
- 6.1.8 The person presiding at the General Body Meeting may, with the consent of the Members (Life members and Founder life members), adjourn the same from time to time and from place to place: but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.
- 6.1.9 No quorum shall be necessary for any adjourned General Body Meeting.
- 6.1.10 Subject to the law being in force at that time the resolutions passed in a General Body Meeting shall be given immediate effect to, by the office-bearers of the Society, unless stated otherwise.

## **6.2 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- 6.2.1 A meeting of the Executive Committee shall be convened by the General Secretary with the consent of the President.
  - 6.2.1.1. The airfare for the travel to the EC meeting will be reimbursed as per society Travel rules i.e.; as per the minimum decided by the EC at the beginning of the year once the dates for EC are fixed. As per ISCCM travel policy.
  - 6.2.1.2. No reimbursement shall be given in case of cancellation of ticket on unless the meeting has been cancelled or postponed by the president. As per ISCCM travel policy
  - 6.2.1.3. An Action taken Report (ATR) shall be maintained in the ISCCM head office. All major decision taken during the Executive Committee meeting shall be recorded in it after confirmation of minutes in the next EC.
- 6.2.2 Executive Committee Meeting: The Executive Committee shall meet at least four times in a year or at such times necessary for transactions of the business for the Society. It will submit an annual report of the activities of the various Sub-Committees if any, and the activities of the Society together with a statement of the assets and liabilities of the Society and an abstract of receipts and disbursements during the year and the report of the Auditors, if any during the last Executive Committee Meeting before the Annual General Body Meeting.
  - 6.2.2.1 Executive Meeting - A meeting of all the executive members via e- mail in the interval between the 4 EC meetings. A group of all executive members will be formed on internet after every Annual general body meeting. The General Secretary will make it assured that every executive member is getting the mail in the group.
  - 6.2.2.2. No person will put agenda directly to all the members. He will refer it to president. If president feels that any agenda requires urgent discussion, he will put in front of the executive through group email addresses.

6.2.2.3. EC members will get one week to give their view point on the issue under discussion. After one week the president will give the conclusion of E- meeting. If there is no objection for 2 days then the proposal will be considered to have been passed.

6.2.2.4. The general secretary will summarize the discussion during the e- meetings which has to be confirmed in the next executive committee.

6.2.3 The General Secretary shall convene a special meeting of the Executive Committee upon a requisition in writing signed by not less than 10 members of the Executive Committee. At least three weeks prior notice shall be given to the members of the Executive Committee for an ordinary meeting of the Governing Body. An urgent meeting may be called at a shorter notice which should not be less than 7 days.

6.2.4 Ten members of the Executive Committee shall be the quorum for meeting of the Executive Committee. If there is no quorum within 15 minutes after the appointed time, the meeting if convened upon the requisition of members shall be dissolved and in any other case shall stand adjourned for half an hour and meet in the same place and on the same day. For such an adjourned meeting a quorum will not be necessary and it may transact the business for which the meeting was called.

## **7. MANAGEMENT**

7.1 The management of the Society shall be vested in the Executive Committee, who in addition to the powers by these rules expressly conferred upon them may exercise all such powers, and do all such acts and things, as may be exercised or done by the Society and are not hereby or by law, expressed, directed or required to be exercised or done by the Society in the General Body Meeting.

7.2 Under extraordinary situation, the EC decision will hold good till next AGM.

## **8. PROPERTY, MONEY AND ACCOUNTS**

8.1 The property, moveable or immovable, belonging to the Society shall vest in the Executive Committee

8.2 No sale, exchange, mortgage, lease or other transfer of immovable property belonging to the Society shall be valid till atleast the President and one of the Vice-President And the General Secretary/Treasurer shall execute the document of transfer

8.3 All moneys of the Society shall be deposited and /or invested:-

8.3.1 In approved Bank or Banks.

8.3.2 In Government and other negotiable trust securities or in any other mode permitted under the Act or in accordance with the administrative orders of Government from time to time.

8.4 Accounts and other investments in the name of the society shall be operated by the President, General Secretary, Secretary and Treasurer, each document being signed by any two of them till Annual General Meeting to be held in year 2021. After Annual General Meeting of 2021, Accounts and other investments in the name of the society shall be operated by the President, President-Elect, General Secretary and Treasurer, each document being signed by any two of them.

8.5 All finances, funds raised in the name of ISCCM (Central body) by any individual, committee, subcommittee, will be deposited in the central body account at Mumbai.

8.6 No money can be spent without prior approval of the EC irrespective of who has raised the fund

## **9. DUTIES OF OFFICE-BEARERS**

### **9.1 President:**

The President will preside over the General Body and all other official meeting of the Society. The President shall guide the activities of the Society and further the aims and objectives of the Society.

The President will appoint Chief Election Commissioner and the sub committees along with the Chairman of various Committees.

The President will be the Chairman of the Annual Conference. (CRITICARE) The President may allocate all or any of the powers and duties under this or any other clause of these rules to the General Secretary.

- 9.2 **Vice - President:** Vice-President will preside over the meetings in the absence of the President and President elect as per their seniority defined in 6.1.2. They will act according to the duties assigned by the President and help the President actively to further the aims and objects of the Society.
- 9.3 **President-Elect:** He / She will act according to the duties assigned by the President and help the President actively to further the aims and objects of the Society. The President Elect will be the Scientific Committee Chairman for the Annual Conference (CRITICARE)
- 9.4 **General Secretary - Elect:** the General Secretary - Elect will assist the General Secretary in day today activities of the society
- 9.5 **General Secretary:** Subject to the control and regulations of the Executive Committee, the General Secretary shall be responsible for carrying out the directions and decisions of the Executive Committee in particular. The General Secretary will be Organizing Secretary of Annual Conference.
- 9.5.1 Convene meeting of the Executive Committee whenever necessary or called upon to do so.
- 9.5.2 Have administrative control over all the affairs of the Society
- 9.5.3 Keep accurate minutes of all the meetings of the Society and Executive Committee
- 9.5.4 Prepare the annual report of the Society
- 9.5.5 Be in charge of the furniture, library and all documents and other assets of the Society.
- 9.5.6 Collect all dues of the Society and pay in all such amounts into the banking account of the Association, and inform the Treasurer once every month of the money so paid.
- 9.5.7 Make disbursement and maintain vouchers, provided that any expenditure exceeding Rs. 15000/- in a month shall be made after obtaining sanction of the Finance Committee and Executive Committee.
- 9.5.8 Perform such duties as are incident to his office.
- 9.5.9 All notices, communications, letters, memoranda and other papers whether they are acts of the Executive Committee or of the General Body shall be signed or authenticated by the General Secretary and when so signed or authenticated shall be conclusive.
- 9.6 **Joint Secretary:** He / She shall carry out such duties as assigned by the President.
- 9.7 **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall maintain true accounts of the funds and other assets of the Society and of funds and other assets connected with or in any way controlled by the Society.
- 9.8 **Elected Office Bearers (President, President-Elect, Vice President, General Secretary, General Secretary Elect and Treasurer)** of the National Executive Committee shall not hold any office-bearer post in the Executive Committee of the City Branches (i.e. Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer) during their tenure on the National Executive Committee

## 10. MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

- 10.1 Every question submitted to a meeting of the Executive Committee or of the General Body shall be decided according to the majority of the votes cast by the members present and voting at such a meeting. In case of equality of votes, the person presiding shall have a second or casting vote in addition to his vote as a member.
- 10.2 Once at least in every year the accounts of the Society shall be examined and audited and their correctness ascertained by one or more registered accountant appointed for the ensuing year by the members at Annual General Body Meeting each year. The report of the Auditor or Auditors shall form part of the Annual Report submitted to the next General Body meeting. The Auditor of the Society shall hold office until the next Annual General Body Meeting. The retiring Auditors shall be eligible for **reappointment** every 3 years. The Auditor or Auditors shall be paid such remuneration or honorarium as the members may fix at the Annual General Body Meeting at which such Auditor or Auditors may be appointed.
- 10.3 Any notice required by these Rules may be given by sending by ordinary post prepaid letter to the address mentioned in the register of members and the same shall be deemed to have been received by the addressee on the date on which it would have reached him in the ordinary course of post.

## 11. PUBLICATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS OF HON. EDITORS

- 11.1 The Society may publish a Journal, books, pamphlets or any other publications under the general directions of the Executive Committee. The Journal shall be published under the direction of an Editorial Board, consisting of Editor (1), Executive Editor (1), Assistant Editors (2), and Members (5). The Board shall be in office for three years and will be eligible for re-nomination so as to have a total tenure of not more than six years. The Board shall work under the general control and

supervision of the Executive Committee and shall submit six monthly reports to that Body at its next meeting.

11.2 The Editor's post shall be filled by inviting nominations from amongst the members of the Society. The Credential Committee will review these nominations and recommend 3 names to the Executive Committee in the order of merit for consideration to nominate one person out of these as the Editor. The Editor so nominated shall hold the position for a period of 3 years but shall be eligible for re nomination for a maximum of one more tenures of 3 years, consecutive or otherwise. For all other periodicals or books or books to be published by the Society, nominations for the Editorship shall be processed by the Credential Committee and Executive Committee in a similar manner.

11.2.1 The Executive Editor, 1 Asst. Editor and 3 members shall be nominated by the National Executive Committee as and when the vacancies arise in consultation with the Chief Editor. The remaining 1 Asst. Editor and 2 members shall be nominated from the place of publication of the journal with the concurrence of the Editor.

ISCCM shall electronically publish a bimonthly newsletter called the Critical Care Communications. The President-elect shall be the editor of the newsletter. His term will not extend beyond 1 year. At the time of change of Editor, The President Elect will nominate 3 Associate Editors and Members of Editorial Board for Critical Care Communications in discussion with Executive Committee.

## **12. ACADEMIC WINGS**

12.1 The Society may constitute one or more Academic Wings under its framework to carry out its Academic and Research objectives.

12.2 Such wings or units shall evolve their own working rules and regulation framework of the Society.

12.3 One such Academic wing, Indian College of Critical Care Medicine has already been started with effect from 2012.

## **13. BRANCHES**

13.1. Any City having at least 10 valid life members of the Society can form a Branch.

Applications for the formation of City Branch shall be made to the General Secretary who after due scrutiny shall place before the National Executive Committee his / her recommendations for their consideration. The decision of the National Executive Committee shall be final. The Secretary of the proposed City Branch after receiving the approval letter to form the City Branch from the General Secretary will proceed to open a bank account in the name of "ISCCM - City Branch -----" and complete all other necessary formalities viz. charity commissioner, society registration, legal and other taxation or any other relevant/related formalities of society formation. The city branch will be solely responsible for maintaining its own accounts, including auditing of the accounts, investments, filling of income tax returns and tax liabilities and any other related/relevant matters and liabilities. No liabilities, financial or legal or any other matters arising of/in regards to above shall be the responsibility of the Central Body.

13.2 Membership of the ISCCM National automatically becomes a member of the local Branch. There is no separate Membership or Membership form for the local Branch. No Local/City branch can make its local member.

All City Branches shall be governed by the Constitution of the Society. Branches will follow society constitution in letter and spirit when a provision is not there in branch constitution.

The administrative, financial and local academic activities of the Branches are governed by their own Executive Committee.

13.3. The head of the City Branch shall be known as 'Chairman' and not as 'President'. The Local Executive Committee shall consist of 1 Chairman, 1 Secretary, 1 Treasurer and 6 Committee members.

13.3.1 City branch can form their local committees for regulating and conducting various affairs at their city level. The details of such committees should be sent to the center and uploaded in the Branch management system. It will strictly follow the rules laid down in the constitution. They can have co-opted members to form their committees and also for conduction of various activities at local level.

13.3.2 A copy of the Branch letterhead containing the names of city branch office bearers should be sent to the center within one month of constitution of a new body and also be uploaded in the Branch Management system.

13.3.3. The Local Executive Committee shall hold its executive meeting at quarterly intervals in a given year or more often if required.

- 13.3.4 The Local Executive Committee shall maintain proper records of the minutes of their executive committee meeting and annual general body meeting.
  - 13.3.5 All members must pay their dues to the Central Office of the Society only. All City Branches will forward the entire amount of membership fees along with membership form of the society to the Headquarters if received by them. No additional membership fees are to be collected by the city branch from the member.
  - 13.3.6 Center will send 50% of the membership fees as city branch share if the city branch is submitting its audited account regularly. Local body cannot charge extra fees related to membership.
  - 13.3.7 The share will be paid by the centre only if the city branch had completed all compliances like submission of audit report, election report, and branch report to the centre by 31<sup>st</sup> December. There will be no carry forward of the branch share.
  - 13.3.8 City branch members will be entitled for all the privileges applicable from the center. Lifelong subscription of soft copy of the journal
  - 13.3.9 Will get discount in national/Local conference registration fees if their email and mobile numbers are updated with the BMS and the center database.
  - 13.3.10 Through members login in the website can have additional accesses  
Life members have the Right to vote and contest in elections
- 13.4.
- 13.4.1 Free access to webcasts  
They can apply for research grants.  
Paediatricians and Nursing can also be a part of city branch if they are registered with the National Body.
  - 13.4.2 City branch preferably should have a fixed address after at least two years of its formation.
  - 13.4.3 Every branch will promote academic, educational and research activity in their branch. A minimum of two academic activities in a year is mandatory. The attendance and details of the meetings along with photographs should be uploaded in the branch management system of their own city. All educational and research activities should also be loaded in the Branch management system.
  - 13.5.1 Each City Branch must Upload/submit an Annual Report of its activities in each calendar year, as well as a copy of its audited accounts in the Branch Management System and also to the National Secretariat before 31<sup>st</sup> of Dec. every year.  
Branch will send their audited accounts, minutes of the meetings held, annual report to the center before 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. every year same needs to be uploaded with the BMS.  
All publications related to city branch should also be updated in the Branch Management System
  - 13.5.2 Branch Management system of the city needs to be updated on regular bases by the chairman and secretary with members email addresses and mobile numbers as mandatory.  
The City Branch may organize local academic activities in any sub-specialty of Critical Care Medicine. The central office shall not be responsible for providing any form of financial assistance to hold these academic activities.
  - 13.6.1 All proceeds of registration and sponser ship must be deposited in official registered local ISCCM branch account. If the national conference has been planned by the center in a city, where there is a city branch of ISCCM then the local city branch of ISCCM cannot hold state, zonal conference, meetings seminars, workshops, and symposia. the local branch can only conduct regular monthly academic activities of no more than 100 delegates.  
The City Branch will not sponsor/co-sponsor/advertise for any organization with similar ideology for any academic/ Non-Academic programs without prior written approval of the National Executive Committee.
  - 13.7. The local city branch will not share the ISCCM patented logo with any other Organisation without prior written permission from President, General Secretaty. The local branch of ISCCM is permitted to use the logo in local ISCCM official functions, local meeting, local seminars, CME, workshop provided the registration amount and sponsorship amount is been deposited in local official registered ISCCM bank account.
    - 13.7.1 The National Executive Committee at any given time reserves the rights to discuss / scrutinize / question any such sponsorship / co-sponsorship by the City Branch which has worked against the interest of the Society. The Chairperson and Secretary of the concerned City Branch in which case, will be called to the National Executive Committee for investigation. The matter after due investigation in the National Executive Committee meeting, if some prima facie is

found by 2/3 majority of the attending members, the matter will be referred to the General Body for necessary course of action/ measures. The decision taken at the General Body Meeting will be final and binding on the concerned city branch.

13.7.2 Once the AGM is over, until the next AGM if any matter arises and needs intervention, scrutiny and action will be taken by the center ISCCM executive committee with 2/3 majority.

## 13.8 LOGO

13.8.1 Use of ISCCM Logo By Branches: As a member everyone has got the right to use the ISCCM logo for creative academic activities. The permission has to be taken directly from the center for brand use. The details of the activities have to be sent in advance to the center for permission. Permission will be granted after due approval of President, general secretary. An amount of Rs. 50000/- (Rupees fifty thousand only) will be charged and deposited to centre ISCCM account as endorsement charges. The proof of collection and deposition has to be sent to the center for record keeping purpose.

If any other organisation apart from ISCCM wishes to take endorsement of isccm and use its logo for meeting, seminar, state conference, national conference, workshop then the organisation needs to pay an endorsement fee to ISCCM center as follows:

- 1) Local meeting, seminar, cme, workshop, conference: Rs. 50000/- fifty thousand only rupees INR
- 2) State, zonal meeting, conference, seminar, cme, workshop: Rs. 75000/- seventy five thousand rupees INR
- 3) National meeting, cme, conference, workshop, cme: 1,00,000/- one lac rupees only.

13.8.2 For all ISCCM city branch activities all collection money should be deposited with city branch account only, no separate account should be opened at any cost for different purposes. The signing authorities and city branch account remains the same.

13.8.3 A member wishing to resign his / her membership shall send a written communication to the general secretary.

13.8.4 Membership fees paid by the members to the society is not refundable and the name of such member shall be removed from the membership register after approval by the national executive committee in its regular meeting.

13.8.5 Membership suspension against Misconduct: Centre can take a decision of suspension of membership of any member when 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the city branch members gives evidence of misconduct in writing against him or her which shows interest against the society. As per the constitution of the society any unacceptable or improper behavior, by a member which can create harm to the society will be considered as misconduct. If center receives any compliant from local member with support of 2/3 city branch life members, this compliant will be scrutinize by center & appropriate action will be taken after detail report of observer appointed by center with EC mandate.

## 13.9. BRANCH MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (BMS)

ISCCM is growing every year, after 24 years it has more than 10000 members with 76 branches all over the country. With the increase in the number of branches and passage of time it was felt that other than few branches the activities, participation and involvement of other branches with centre are decreasing. It was also felt that their involvement in National election is decreasing. Hence the Idea of this Branch Management system (BMS) was launched.

Branches were made with a motive to evenly spread out the knowledge of critical care and ISCCM activities all over the country. Branches were given the rights to organise their own academic and social activities and also to organise the National Conference. Branch constitution was also made to maintain uniformity. All branch activities along with their audit report is submitted to the centre annually. It is the centre's job to review the branch activities annually. Credentials are given accordingly depending upon the involvement of branches with the centre and other activities.

Through branch management system (BMS) every branch is linked directly to the centre. Instead of centre the stakeholder is now the branch. The chairman and secretary of the branch has open access to upload and de-load in their webpages assigned. They have freedom of uploading all their activities, election results, audit reports on their own. They can conduct their city branch election also through that. Every branch member has got an access right to the BMS so that they can give their feedback. Grievances against the branch, member or centre can also be put through branch management system.

Overall BMS was developed to make the two-way communication better between branches and centre in a much smoother way. Branch and Individual participation in central activities to increase. An absolute transparent state can be maintained between the branch and the centre. Branch activities can be directly loaded and website can be directly handled by the branch themselves. A competitive attitude can be developed amongst branches so that ISCCM progresses faster.

### 13.10

- 13.10.1 Incremental pattern of contribution from the center to the host city ISCCM Branch, from the finances of the National Congress conducted in that city.
- 13.10.2 This contribution will be from the profits made by the organizing committee of that National congress
- 13.10.3 The contribution will be a minimum of 5 lakhs and maximum of 50 lakhs of rupees
- 13.10.4 In the unfortunate case of the congress ending in loss there will not be any contribution to the city branch.
- 13.10.5 For the first crore of rupees of profit made the contribution will be 10%. For the second crore of profit made the contribution will be 15% (10 Lakhs @ 10 % from first crore and 15% of the profit above one crore); For the third crore of profit made the contribution will be 20% ( 10 lakhs from first and 15 lakhs from second crore plus 20% for the profit above 2 crores) . If the profit made will be any figure above three crores the total contribution will be a maximum 50 lakhs.
- 13.10.6 This contribution will be in the form of aid to the city branch.
- 13.10.7 The city branch receiving the contribution has to be compliant in all regards to the rules and regulations of ISCCM and should part take in all activities of the National Congress being held in their city
  - a. The branch should have filed its election report for the immediate past 3 years including the conference year.
  - b. The branch should have filed its audited accounts for the immediate past 3 years including the conference year
  - c. The branch should have filed its activity report for the immediate past 3 years including the conference year.
- 13.10.8 All the above recommendations will be applicable after Ahmedabad National Congress, as the share pattern of this congress is already fixed by the EC
- 13.10.9 All the above recommendations will come up for review by EC in 2024 after the National Congress in that year.

### 13.11 ELECTIONS

#### CITY BRANCH ELECTIONS

**(Note: Dates, timing, intimation notices, tenure period are subject of modification in next EC)**

- 13.11.1 In 2017, Center has decided to support all city branch with electronic voting system as a complimentary service.
- 13.11.2 All city branches shall hold elections every 2 years. From year 2023 it is mandatory to hold branch elections along with national election electronically. Center will bear the cost of the same. If any branch will not comply than it will be automatically derecognized. Till 2023 City Branch Secretary can announce election between 15th to 30th Nov. He will inform each member a list of vacancies in the Executive Committee and invite nominations for these vacancies. The nomination paper will contain the candidate's name, address and the post for which the candidate is nominated, He should be proposed by one valid member and duly signed by the Proposer and the candidate, signifying his/her willingness to stand for the election and to serve on the Executive Committee if elected.

Only those members can participate in branch election process whose registered address in center is of the same city where elections are being held, till 2023 they can apply for the change of their address till the last date of nominations, after 2023 the central rules for change in address will apply to all the elections.
- 13.11.3 Before the election starts an election officer to be appointed by the center (Non-EC, Non-Contesting), belongs to the same city branch who will scrutinize and conduct the entire election.



- 13.11.4 If there is any doubt in the candidature of the applicant, by the appointed election officer, the nomination Papers should be sent to the center through E-mail for Scrutiny.  
In that case the validity of the member will be checked at the central level.
- 13.11.5 At least one-year membership is mandatory to have a voting right in the city Branch elections
- 13.11.6 Canvassing is allowed with following instructions.
- 4.2.9.1.1 No canvassing during national or regional or local or institutional conferences, CME, workshops, conclave etc. From declaration of election to declaration of results.
  - 4.2.9.1.2 No canvassing with standees, pamphlets, flyers, brochures, or through pharma companies or through their representatives.
  - 4.2.9.1.3 Candidates can use social media for canvassing.
  - 4.2.9.1.4 If someone found guilty, he/she will be debarred from ISCCM election process for life time at local as well national level.
- 13.11.7 The result of the election has to be communicated by the Chairman of the respective City Branch to the General Secretary. The results should be informed ASAP of announcement of elections results which will also be called completion of election process.
- 13.11.8 The full details of the results of the election will be submitted to the EC and uploaded with Branch Management System for its approval.
- 13.11.9 The result of the elections should be announced in a general body meeting of the city branch.
- 13.11.10 It shall be mandatory for all office bearers to sign the declaration about No Conflict of Interest with the society within next 30 days.
- 13.11.11 No office bearer of the branch shall hold office for the same post for more than 2 terms. The Chairman can hold only one term of 2 years.  
Second time contesting for the post of secretary and chairman is not allowed.
- 13.11.12 No member is entitled to stay for more than eight years in the Executive Body of City Branch (Inclusive of all – chairmanship and secretary ship)
- 13.11.13 At a time one member can only contest for one post only.  
The post for which the member is contesting has to be declared and published at least one month in advance.  
Interchange / Modification/ Internal arrangements amongst EC are strictly not permitted for any post. Elected member is only eligible for the post which he has declared and contested for.
- 13.11.14 A member cannot contest simultaneously for more than one office-bearers post.
- 13.11.15 There is no post like chairman elect or past chairman in the city branch.  
After completion of eight years in the EC of city branch one can only contest for the National Election if he wishes. However, any member from city branch is free to contest for National Elections anytime if he/she fulfils the Constitutional requirement of ISCCM National.  
In case of a vacancy arising out of an uncontested position, fresh nominations shall be invited by the city branch Secretary.
- 13.11.16 Any vacant seat arising in the executive committee because of the resignation or other causes will be filled with the due information and permission of the center. The process can be show of hands or voice votes in the city branch general body meeting. A proper notification for the same has to be given at least one month in advance.  
**SPECIAL SITUATION: (Approval right remains with National President and Secretary)**
- 13.11.17 In case of small branches, with prior approval from center, the members of the local EC can continue to function in case two thirds of the life members of the local branch pass a resolution stating this and send it to the center. With this provision the Chairman can continue for no longer than 3 terms. The immediate past chairman and secretary will be ex-officio members of the next EC of the branch.
- 13.11.18 If elections are not held as per constitution, the previous executive committee of the branch will stand dissolved automatically without any notice.

- 13.11.19 Non-compliant branches will be suspended by the National executive committee. If any branch, thus suspended, will have to re-apply for re- recognition to National executive committee.
- 13.11.20 The National Executive Committee alternatively (over and above clause) reserves the rights to dissolve the city branch or only dismiss the office bearers of the City Branch with caretaker office bearers in their place till fresh elections are held (within three months) should clause for election be not complied for a consecutive period of two years.  
These dismissed office bearers will not be eligible for re-election to any executive / academic committee posts in the City Branches or National Executive Committee of ISCCM for a period of four years.

**13.12 ELECTION DISPUTES**

- 13.12.1 Any complaint pertaining to any process of election must be lodged with the General Secretary or President ISCCM National. The complaint must accompany appropriate evidence related to irregularity and also a letter mentioning the details of irregularity and also containing signature of 2/3rd of the branch members.
- 13.12.2 If the complaint is found to be genuine than an enquiry committee will be formed by President and Secretary. The committee will do an appropriate enquiry and will submit its report to the EC. The final decision will be taken by EC.

**14 AMENDMENT & REPEAL**

- 14.1 Subject to the law for the time in force, the members in General Body Meeting shall have power to add, to vary or repeal any of the provisions contained in these Rules, provided that such additions, variations or repeal is effected by means of a resolution of which due notice shall have been given and which shall be ascended to by the vote of at least two-third of the members present at the meeting.
- 14.2 Any proposal/suggestion which has been discussed after a due notice in the Annual General Meeting and has been rejected shall not be brought up again for a period of 3 years, as per clause 12 of the Society Registration Act 1860.

**15 Funds**

- 15.1 Source of funds shall be
- 15.1.1 Membership fees
  - 15.1.2 Publications
  - 15.1.3 Training programme fees, Conference, Exhibition fees
  - 15.1.4 Contributions from Patrons
  - 15.1.5 Donations

**5.1 SEATING ARRANGEMENTS ON DAIS DURING ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF VARIOUS PROGRAMS**

JOINT SECRETARY ORGANISING COMMITTEE	GENERAL SECRETARY ISCCM	PRESIDENT ISCCM	CHIEF GUEST	GUEST OF HONOUR	PRESIDENT ELECT	GENERAL SECRETARY ISCCM ELECT	IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	CO-CHAIRMAN ORGANISING COMMITTEE
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## 1. AIM

- This College has been established within the Academic Wing of the Indian Society of Critical Care Medicine for the following purposes
- To implement and carry out all the educational activities including Indian fellowship in critical care medicine (IFCCM) and Indian diploma in critical care medicine (IDCCM)
- To recognize and honor members of the Society who have shown dedication and leadership in the practice of Critical Care.
- To promote a forum for the development of collaborative practice amongst the specialties and professions providing Critical Care.
- To Guide the Society from time to time in academic activities and develop new programmes.
- This College is organized as an autonomous body for its internal affairs, but shall in no way act in a manner prejudicial to the Society or contrary to the Society's by laws, which shall take precedence over this document.

## 2. NAME AND OFFICES

### 2.1 Name

The name of this College is the "Indian College of Critical Care Medicine"

Members inducted into the College, and who retain their Fellowship status, shall use the designation Fellow of Indian college of Critical Care Medicine [FICCM].

### 2.2 Offices

The offices of the college will be maintained in the registered office of the Society or an area approved by the executive committee of the society.

## 3. Fellows

### 3.1 -Eligibility

Only active members of the Society shall be eligible to apply for Fellowship or be nominated for Fellowship.

## SELECTION OF FELLOWS

### 3.2 Fellowship by Application

Candidates applying for fellowship should meet the following criteria

3.2.1 Candidates should be member of ISCCM for 5 years.

3.2.2 Physicians with Subspecialty certification in anesthesia or chest medicine, Internal Medicine, Pulmonary Medicine, Surgery, Critical Care, DM (Critical Care) Pediatrics or equivalent as approved by the Board can apply. This also includes diploma in the same subjects. Those who fulfill the following criteria can apply:

3.2.2.a Candidates who have cleared Indian fellowship of critical care medicine OR who have cleared Fellowship of National Board in critical care (FNB) OR Members who are honorary fellow of Indian society of critical care medicine (FISCCM)

3.2.2.b Candidate who have cleared Indian diploma in critical care Medicine and has demonstrated involvement in the practice of Critical Care by research, publication and outstanding dedication and leadership in the practice of critical care sufficient to recommend election  
OR

3.2.2.c Candidates who are American board certified in critical care medicine  
Candidates who have cleared European *diploma* in critical care Medicine or FJICCM from Australia and practicing in India for the last 2yrs  
AND

3.2.2.d Demonstrated involvement in the practice of Critical Care by research, publication, or by involvement in national and community forums and

demonstrated outstanding dedication and/or leadership in the practice of Critical Care.

Or

- 3.2.2.e All present teachers of the Critical Care Courses being run by the National Board Or All present and past teachers of educational courses run by ISCCM (IDCCM and IFCCM) Or Teachers of DM (critical Care) or Pulmonary and Critical Care

### **3.3 PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION:**

Information and application forms shall be obtainable from the Society's office. Applications, requested documentation, and application fee shall be returned to the Society's office for processing. A onetime fee of Rs10000 +GST will be charged along with application. Credentialing: The Credentials Committee of the College shall examine the application to substantiate the applicant meets the established criteria for Fellowship. A non-refundable onetime fee of Rs 10000/+ GST will be charged along with application. If the member wants the application can remain under active consideration for next 3 years. If the applicant wishes to withdraw application then Rs 5000/- shall be refunded and Rs 5000 shall be retained by the ISCCM as processing charges.

### **3.4 PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION:**

The Credentials Committee shall forward a list of suitable applicants to the Board of college. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Board will be required to admit the applicant to Fellowship. The selection procedure shall be completed three months prior to the annual meeting of the Society. Candidates shall be notified in writing of the Board's decision.

- 3.5 Procedure for Appeal: At the time of application, candidates shall be notified of the appeals process as set forth in the Policy.

### **3.6 FELLOWSHIP BY NOMINATION**

Select very senior member will be nominated by the President of the Society and may be admitted to the College as fellow if their contributions to multispecialty and multi- disciplinary Critical Care Medicine. Their number would not be more than one fellow per year. He should be member of the society or he/she should be awarded Honorary Membership. Person may not apply for Fellowship; rather, the election process will be as follows: The name can also be proposed by any fellow or EC member by 30th Sept each year. They should send it to the President along with a brief about the member not exceeding 200 words. The decision of the President would be final.

## **4. INDUCTION AND CONVOCATION CEREMONY**

- 4.1 Any Member of the Society selected to Fellowship shall be designated Fellow in Critical Care Medicine (FICCM) from the date they have attended the induction convocation ceremony held in conjunction with the ISCCM Annual Meeting

4.2.1 Elected Candidates who fail to attend an induction ceremony for three years after selection shall be asked to reapply for Fellowship. Extensions may be granted by the Board when candidates have been prevented from attending for more pressing professional or personal reasons. Candidates who wish to obtain an extension shall write to the Chancellor, indicating why they are unable to attend and confirm their continued involvement in multidisciplinary Critical Care.

- 4.3 The function will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> day of the conference.

4.3.1 The function will have the following agenda: Welcome  
by Vice Chancellor  
Report of the College Secretary,  
Chancellor address

Award of fellowship  
Other awards  
Vote of thanks by College Secretary Elect

- 4.3.2 The arrangement on the dais would be like this:  
Convocation function should include all secretaries of the college and the secretary elects as well.

#### Front Row

- i. College Secretary Elect - Right
- ii. President -elect – Right to Chancellor
- iii. Chancellor: In the center
- iv. Vice chancellor - Left side
- v. Past Chancellor (Past President) Left Side
- vi. Secretary of the college – Left Side

#### Back Row

All the secretaries of (Right) College Board and secretaries elect (Left). College, Accreditation, Nursing and Examinations.

#### **4.4 Termination of Fellowship**

Any Fellow of the College whose membership of the Society ceases for any reason shall automatically be removed from Fellowship of the College.

#### **4.5 Voting rights**

All Fellows in good standing as members of the College and Society shall be entitled to one vote on each matter of business submitted to vote of the Fellows in fellows meeting

### **5. COLLEGE BOARD SECTION**

#### **5.1 Authority and Duties**

- 5.1.1 The affairs and business of the College shall be managed by the college board College Board will consist of the following
- Chancellor-President ISCCM
  - Vice chancellor
  - Past chancellor
  - 4 Secretaries:- one each for College, Accreditation, Nursing and Examinations. 4 Secretary Elects one each for College, Accreditation, Nursing and Examinations and they will take over as secretaries in the next term.  
President-elect, ISCCM General Secretary,  
ISCCM  
General Secretary Elect, ISCCM

- 5.1.2 The College shall be responsible for its own internal organization and for the distribution of funds approved by executive committee of ISCCM.

- 5.1.3 Official correspondence of the College shall be conducted through the Society by college secretary.

- 5.1.4 Responsibility of chancellor:

- 5.1.4.a. Shall report on the activities of the College to the board EC and to the Member at the society's annual General meeting.

- 5.1.4.b. Shall coordinate amongst all the secretaries and secretaries elect in all the college matters.  
Will form any committee time to time, he /she feel as necessary for working of college e.g.; Examination committee:  
Will address all the grievances arise time to time during the conduct of college activities.

5.1.5 The hierarchy in ICCCM Board meetings will be as follows-

Chancellor ICCCM/President of ISCCM

2. Vice-Chancellor

3. College Secretary

4. Secretary (as per seniority of his/her membership in ISCCM)

5. College Secretary elect

6. Secretary elect (as per seniority of his/her membership in ISCCM)

(President-elect, Past President, Secretary and General Secretary Elect ISCCM are not office-bearer post in ICCCM)

5.1.6. College secretary will coordinate with all secretaries and secretary elects of all the activities of the college

5.1.7 The term for all elected members will be one year except member secretary elects; which will be two years (one year as secretary elect and next year as secretary)

5.1.8 Constitution provisions for society will be applicable to College if there is a grey zone in college constitution.

## **5.2 Number and Classes**

5.2.1 Only President (Chancellor), President-elect, General Secretary and General Secretary elect and Immediate Past President (Past Chancellor) would be Ex-officio members of the board.

5.2.2. College secretary will coordinate with all secretaries and secretary elects of all the activities of the college

5.2.3 The term for all elected members will be one year except member secretary elects; which will be two years (one year as secretary elect and next year as secretary), President Elect.

## **6. Nomination and Election**

Nominating Committee – A nominating committee shall be appointed by the Chancellor to prepare a list of Fellow candidates after their written approval for elections to the board prior to the Annual Meeting of the College.

### **6.1 Eligibility**

#### **6.1.1 FOR THE POST OF SECRETARY ACCREDITATION, EXAM, NURSING:**

He / She should be the Fellow of the college for 5 years and he/she should be teacher of the college run courses for five years (IDCCM/IFCCM).

He/she is willing to work as Secretary Elect for ONE year followed by Secretary for the next one year in the designated department (accreditation, examination, Nursing). Total duration two years. (ONE TERM)

#### **6.1.2 FOR POST OF COLLEGE SECRETARY:**

He / She should be the Fellow of the college for 5 years and he/she should be teacher of the college run courses for FIVE years (IDCCM/IFCCM).

He/ She should have worked / served for one term as General Secretary-ISCCM / secretary Accreditation / Examination/ Nursing in College Board.

#### **6.1.3 FOR POST OF VICE CHANCELLOR:**

He / She should be the Fellow of the college for 5 years and he/she should be teacher of the college run courses for FIVE years (IDCCM/IFCCM)

He/ She should have worked / served for TWO terms ON COLLEGE BOARD.

ONE TERM COLLEGE SECRETARY AND ONE TERM secretary Accreditation/Examination/ Nursing in College Board / General Secretary –ISCCM

**OR**

TWO TERMS as Secretary Accreditation/Examination/ Nursing in College Board

- 6.1.4 To contest election for any post on the National College Board the candidate must have attended at least 2 (two) out of the last 4 (four) College Board Meetings OR National Executive held in both years of his/her previous term.
- 6.1.5. In case of such absence the member shall not be eligible to contest elections for one term (i.e. two years) and can contest after this term is over.
- 6.1.6 To contest election for the post Of Vice Chancellor , College Secretary , the candidate must have attended at least 3 (three) College Board /National Executive Meetings out of the 4 (four) last College Board Meetings / National Executive held in the term that he/she had served on the College Board Or National Committee.

## **6.2 Election Process:**

- 6.2.1 The applicant will apply for the desired secretary elect post in detailed form with detailed resume.
- 6.2.2 One fellow can apply for only one category of secretary elect post
- 6.2.3 Applicant will apply along with a non-refundable fee of Rs.10000/ (Rupees ten thousand only) + GST.  
01st June, 4.00 PM is the last date for receiving nominations (working day) After last date of receiving application, the applications will be scrutinized by Election Commission by 3rd June.  
After Scrutiny of applications by Election Commission, the result of scrutiny of applications will be informed to the contestants, by 4<sup>th</sup> June, by the Election Commission.  
Withdrawal if any should reach office on or before 10th of June 4 PM  
The date of online web based election will be last week of June, from 08.00 hrs. on Monday of election to 17.00 hrs. on Friday of election.
- 6.2.4 If the candidates are more than one in any of the category of secretary elect then there WILL be election electronically along with the central general election.
- 6.2.5 The process should start with the general election of ISCCM and should finish at the same time.
- 6.2.6. If there is no application in any of the category, the Chancellor and the College Board will nominate that secretary elect in that category.
- 6.2.7 For a particular post, same candidate cannot be nominated for more than 2 tenures.

**6.3** Election commission will oversee the election of board members. This process should start along with ISCCM general election.

**6.4** Election of college: Will be elected by fellows by votes cast electronically.

## **7. Tenure and Qualifications of the Board members**

- 7.1 Members of board who fail to attend two consecutive, regularly scheduled meetings shall be removed unless reinstated by 2/3 vote of the board
- 7.2 No member will be on college board for more than 6 years including as a co-opted member

## **8. Vacancies**

Vacancies on the board will be filled by nomination by the Chancellor and approval of the 2/3rd of the board, for the unexpired term.

## **9. Meetings**

- 9.1 An annual meeting of the college shall take place in conjunction with the Society's Annual Meeting.
- 9.2 Interim meetings of the board may be called by or at the request of the Chancellor not more than four times a year. Members will be given at least thirty (30) days notice of such a meeting. This should be prior to executive meeting of ISCCM

## **10. Quorum**

A majority of the authorized number of the board shall constitute a quorum. Minimum of 4 members should be present

**11 Action of Board**

Except as otherwise specified in these Guidelines for Governance, every decision done or made by a majority of the members of the members present at a meeting duly held at which a quorum is present

**12 Officers**

12.1.a **Officers and Their Nominations:** The officers of the Board of members shall be the Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor, the Past Chancellor, and the Secretary of college. The officers constitute the College Executive Committee and are empowered to act for the Board in the interval between its meetings.

12.1.b **Vacancies:** A vacancy in any office, other than the Chancellor, shall be filled by nomination of the Chancellor with the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the Board present at the next meeting. A vacancy in the office of Chancellor shall be automatically filled by the Vice Chancellor, till President Elect takes over as President

**12.1.c. Role of the Chancellor:**

It shall be the duty of the Chancellor to preside over all meetings of the College and Board, to cast a deciding vote, to see that the proper parliamentary procedure and decorum are enforced in all deliberations of the College. The Chancellor shall appoint committee members

**12.1.d. Role of the Vice Chancellor:**

He will be the executive head of the college. the Vice Chancellor shall preside over deliberations of the College in the absence of Chancellor. The Vice Chancellor shall act on behalf of the Chancellor in the event of the Chancellor's incapacity.

**12.1.e. Role of the Immediate. Past Chancellor:**

In the absence of the Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor, the Past Chancellor shall preside over the deliberations of the College.

**12.1.f. Role of the Secretary of college:**

The Secretary shall keep minutes of the meetings of the College and forward these minutes to the Society's office for distribution to Fellows. The Secretary- shall maintain current list of Fellows in the Society's office. The Secretary shall preside over the deliberations of the College in the absence of the Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor, and the Past Chancellor. Secretary Accreditation - will supervise the accreditation of all the institutes and teachers

12.1.g. Secretary Examination will look after the exams being held twice a year for IDCCM and IFCCM and Post MBBS. His responsibilities will be as follows

- Overall coordination of all the IDCCM, IFCCM and Post MBBS Certificate Course exams every year. The exams for Indian Diploma in Critical Care Nursing (IDCCN) will be coordinated by designated Nursing Program Coordinator
- Preparing the theory exam question paper for IDCCM exams
- Planning the centres to conduct the exam and appointing Chief examiner and other examiners
- Obtaining results promptly and ensuring that results are declared in the website no later than 7 days after completion of exams
- Communicating results of exams to all the candidates
- Ensure Preparation of certificates and distributing to candidates
- Appropriate coordination with college Secretary to ensure smooth communication and implementing standard procedures for the examination
- Addressing any grievances from candidates pertaining to conduct of exams
- The Secretary Examinations will not serve as an examiner in practical exams during his tenure



### **13. BOARD**

The Vice- Chancellor OR Secretary College (ANY 1, ONE) of the Board of members will be Co-opted member of the executive committee of the Indian Society of Critical Care Medicine. The Vice-Chancellor shall report on the activities of the College and present future programs to the executive committee. In the event of the absence of Vice- chancellor; the Secretary will attend EC meeting and report to EC.

### **14. CHAPTERS**

#### **Amendments to the Guidelines for Governance**

Any Fellow to the Guidelines may propose changes in these Guidelines for Governance. The Board shall review all proposed changes. After Board approval and at least 30 days prior to voting, the proposed changes will be circulated to the membership of the College for review and will be voted on at the same time and in the same manner as the elections for members. If they are approved with a two-thirds (2/3) majority, they will then be forwarded to executive committee for ratification by a majority vote in accordance with Society's by laws. They will then be included in the College Guidelines for Governance.

### **15. DISSOLUTION**

A resolution recommending dissolution of the Indian College of Critical Care Medicine may be passed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Council. This resolution must be confirmed by two-thirds majority of the membership at the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

### **16. GUIDELINES FOR GOVERNANCE**

These Guidelines for Governance become effective when approved by a majority of executive committee

### **17. PUBLICATION POLICY**

#### **17.1 First Step**

A proposal can come from

- Any ISCCM Member
- Indian College of Critical Care Medicine

#### **17.2 Second Step**

Proposal should come with the following details

- Name of the proposer
- Title of the book
- Content of the book
- Why a book should be published on this subject

#### **17.3 Third Step**

- The proposal will be reviewed by the president, President Elect, Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, General Secretary ISCCM & College Secretary.
- If they agree this will be brought to the college board.
- This will then be brought back to Executive Committee for approval.

#### **17.4 Publisher**

- The publisher can be selected by the author. ISCCM can help in finding the publisher.
- Publisher should be selected which have better distributor within India.

#### **17.5 Signatory of the Contract will be**

- Author/editors
- President/General Secretary
- Contract at all times will be kept in the ISCCM

#### **17.6 Time Period**

- The author/editors will be given a time period within which he should submit the material for publication

#### **17.7 Editorial Based Book:-**



