

**THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
FOR THE BLIND**

KARNATAKA BRANCH

(Founded on the 17th of May, 1977)

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

AND

RULES AND REGULATIONS

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MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

NAME

- ❖ The Society shall be designated as THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND Karnataka Branch.

LOCATION

- ❖ The Head Office of the Association shall be in Bangalore or at any other place in the state of Karnataka that may be decided upon from time to time by the governing Council with the concurrence of the Executive Council of the National Association for the Blind, India.

AIMS & OBJECTS

- ❖ The aims and objects of the Association are :
 - a) To look after the welfare of the blind in the state and to promote their equal general integration in Society.
 - b) Without prejudice to the generality of the above –

I.To amalgamate, reconstruct, affiliate and to bring together the various societies, institutions, establishments, organizations, associations and individuals working for the rehabilitation, uplift and welfare of the blind throughout the state and promote the establishment of District Branches of the National Association for the blind.

II.To promote cooperation among associations, institutions, establishments, organizations, societies and individuals working for the welfare of the blind and promote cooperation among blind persons.

III.To take steps to promote education of the blind by awarding scholarships, engaging resource/ itinerant teachers, providing aids and appliances and voluntary readers, establishing schools for the blind and promoting integrated education of the blind or in any other manner.

IV.To establish or help in establishing institutions, workshops and houses for the education, rehabilitation, training, employment, after-care and welfare of the blind in the state of Karnataka.

V.To start or promote establishment of eye clinics, eyecare centers, low vision aid clinics, mobile units, eye banks, dispensaries, consultancy rooms as may be considered expedient or proper.

VI.To provide facilities for the rehabilitation, recreation, sports, after-care and general welfare of the blind and for helping the blind in getting employment and their economic resettlement.

VII.To advance the cause of the blind by all possible means and in particular by.

- a. Providing a meeting place with facilities for the exchange of views.
- b. Providing facilities for communication, coordination of interest and cooperation with similar or allied associations or societies in other states.
- c. Arranging and providing facilities for conferences, seminars, workshops, exhibitions, demonstrations, lectures and other functions relating to the cause of the blind.
- d. Establishing, equipping, promoting and maintaining suitable research facilities and libraries for the benefit of the blind.
- e. Investigating, collecting and circulating information and statistics relating to the blind.
- f. Providing facilities and machinery for the rehabilitation, settlement and resettlement of the blind.

- g. Fostering a spirit of cooperation among them to create awareness among the general public as to the problems of the blind, their achievement and accomplishment and work being done for the blind.
- VIII. To undertake, promote and contribute to basic and applied scientific and other research and development in the fields of education, training, rehabilitation, employment, economic resettlement and welfare of the Blind; to promote technical and technological advance for furthering research leading to evolving or adopting aids, articles, appliances, accessories, machinery, equipment and other articles used in the education, rehabilitation, employment, economic resettlement and total development of blind and visually impaired persons and medical research for the prevention and cure of blindness and visual impairment.
- IX. To undertake, conduct, promote and contribute to programmes of rural and/ or to train persons for implementing programmes of rural development taking into consideration the needs of visually impaired and blind persons for promoting their education, training, employment and economic resettlement in rural areas.
- X. To establish or help in the establishment of services for the production of literature for the blind in all forms including Braille, large type, sound recordings and to undertake or encourage research and import, supply of educational, cultural recreational and other materials, aids, equipment, and appliances for the use of the blind.
- XI. To take all necessary steps to promote, organize or maintain agencies for getting the blind employed and also to promote, assist blind persons in getting self-employment.
- XII. To start or assist educational or vocational institutions for the blind and also workshops, and establishments for training of the blind and for getting them employment.
- XIII. To motivate people to work for the welfare of the blind, to take measures to training workers, volunteers and administrators engaged in blind welfare and/ or in the field of prevention and cure of blindness for carrying out the aims and objectives of the state Branch.
- XIV. To look after the welfare of the dependents of the blind.
- XV. To make every effort to provide equal opportunity to the blind for their all-round development especially in education, training and employment.
- XVI. To amalgamate or work in cooperation with any institution, society or association having objects altogether or in part similar to those of the state Branch.
- XVII. To raise funds for the State Branch by gifts, donation or otherwise.
- XVIII. To do all such other lawful acts, deeds or things that are incidental or conducive to the attainment of any of the above aims and objects.

MANAGEMENT

- ❖ The management of the affairs of the society is entrusted, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Society, to the Governing Council of which the first members are :-

Sl.no	Name	Designation	Occupation and Address
1	Smt. Ratna Atmaram Rao	President	Social Worker 501, 47 A cross Jayanagar, V Block, Bangalore - 560041
2	Brig. C.S. Krishnamurti	Vice President	Ophthalmologist No.4, Defence Colony, Indiranagar, Bangalore - 560038
3	Mr. C V Nagaraj	Vice President	Asthan Vidwan, Music Teacher No. 206,5 th Main, 3 rd Block Jayanagar, Bangalore - 560011
4	Smt. Malati Sidenur	Hon. General Secretary	Social Worker 18,Richmond Road Bangalore-560025
5	Capt. Dr. B.C. Rao	Hon. Joint Secretary	Medical Practitioner No. 1056, HAL II Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore - 560038
6	Mr. A. Rangawami	Hon. Treasurer	Retd. Financial Controller No. BEL468, I Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore - 560038
7	Mr. V. Atmaram Rao	Hon. Treasurer	Financial Adviser 501, 47 A Cross Jayanagar, V Block, Bangalore - 560041
8	Rev. Fr. Cutinha S.J	Member	Rector St. Joseph's High School, Bangalore
9	Smt. C. Sharada	Member	Chairman Karnataka State Social Advisory Board National High School Road, Bangalore - 560025
10	Mrs. V. Anand	Member	Social Worker C/o. Gwalior Rayons Ltd., Kumarapatnam, Harihar
11	Mr.B.S. Anantha Krishna	Member	Social Worker 6/1, Bull Temple Road, Bangalore - 560019
12	Smt. Sheela Naik	Member	Social Worker Saha Jeevan Apartments, Rajmahal Vilas Extension, Bangalore 560006
13	Mr. P.M. Nayak I.C.S. (Retd)	Member	Retired I.C.S. Officer Saha Jeevan Apartments, Rajmahal Vilas Extension, Bangalore 560006
14	Mr. Satya Narayana Gopal Rao (Blind)	Member	Law Student No.5, Shankara Layout, Jagadamba Colony, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560018
15	Smt. Sumati Madiman	Member	Deputy Speaker (Legislative Assembly) Karnataka Government Shivakrupa, 12, Neelagin Road, Hubli – 20
16	Smt. K. Sarada Devi Rao	Member	Social Worker 8/3, Langford Road, Bangalore - 560025
17	Mr. K.G. Ramanna	Member	Special Inspector General of Police State Vigilance Commission, Multistoried Building, Bangalore – 560001
18	Mr. N. Manjunath (Blind)	Member	Businessman Sri Lakshmi Fair Price Shop National High School Road, Salaguni Road, Hassan.
19	Smt. Chitra N. Krishna	Member	Social Worker Avalahalli, Avalong Products Old Madras Road, Bangalore – 560036
20	Mr. K Shamasundra Rao	Member	Instructor in Textile Mill No. 18(3), 4 th Main Road Chamarajpet, Bangalore 560018
21	Mr. R. Ananda Rao	Member	Director of Information and Publicity Government of Karnataka No. 5, Infantry Road, Bangalore 560001

SUBSCRIBERS TO THE MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

We, the several persons whose names are subscribed hereto are desirous of being formed into a Society under the Karnataka Societies Registration Act of 1960 for the purpose described in this Memorandum of Association.

Sl.No.	Name	Age	Address	Occupation	Designation
1	Smt. Ratna Atmaram Rao	59	501, 47 A cross, Jayanagar, V Block, Bangalore – 560041	Social Worker	President
2	Brig. C.S. Krishnamurti	65	No.4, Defence Colony, Indiranagar, Bangalore – 560038	Ophthalmologist	Vice President
3	Smt. Malati Sidenur	48	18,Richmond Road Bangalore-560025	Social Worker	Hon. General Secretary
4	Capt. Dr. B.C. Rao	38	No. 1056, HAL II Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore – 560038	Medical Practitioner	Hon. Joint Secretary
5	Sri. A. Rangaswami	60	No. BEL468, I Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore – 560038	Retd. Government Officer	Hon. Treasurer
6	Sri. V. Atmaram Rao	65	501, 47 A Cross Jayanagar, V Block, Bangalore – 560041	Retired Banker	Hon. Treasurer
7	Smt. K. Sarada Devi Rao	51	8/3, Langford Road, Bangalore – 560025	Social Worker	Member
8	Smt. Shantha Rao	47	No.673, XI B Main Road V Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore – 560041	Social Worker	Member
	Witness: Dr (Mrs.) H. Jayamma	48	No. 590, 1 st Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore 560038	Medical Practitioner	

**THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND
KARNATAKA BRANCH**

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. DESIGNATION

The State Branch will be designated as THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND, KARNATAKA BRANCH.

2. DEFINITION

In the Rules and Regulations unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context:

- a) "NAB" or "National Association for the Blind" shall mean National Association for the Blind, India.
- b) "Executive Council" shall mean Executive Council of National Association for the Blind, India.
- c) "State" shall mean the state of Karnataka.
- d) "State Branch" shall mean The National Association for the Blind, Karnataka Branch.
- e) "Council" shall mean The Governing Council of the State Branch and which shall be the Governing Body.

"Blind shall mean the totally blind, the visually disabled, or the visually impaired persons with or without additional disabilities"

3. LOCATION

Existing	Amended
996, 12 th A Main HAL II Stage, Bangalore – 560008	C.A. Site No.4, NAB Road, Jeevan Bima Nagar, Bangalore - 560075
The Central Office of the State Branch shall be in Bangalore or at any other place in the state of Karnataka that may be decided upon from time to time by the Council, with the concurrence of the Executive Council, under intimation to the Registrar of Societies.	The Central Office of the State Branch shall be in Bangalore or at any other place in the State of Karnataka that may be decided upon from time to time by the Council, with the concurrence of the Executive Council, under intimation to the Registrar of Societies

4. AIMS AND OBJECTS

(Ai) To look after the welfare of the Blind in the State and to promote their equal participation in society;

In respect of community based rehabilitation programmes, projects in rural areas, persons with Disabilities (as defined in the persons with Disabilities Act 1965) will also be eligible to be covered for the services.

(Aii) Utilization of Funds – The benefits of the Association shall be open to all irrespective of caste, creed or religion.

(B) Without prejudice to the generality of the above.

- (i). To amalgamate, reconstruct, affiliate and bring together the various societies, institutions, organisation, associations and individuals working for the rehabilitation, uplift and welfare of the blind throughout the state and to promote the establishment of District Branches in the State.
- (ii). To promote cooperation among associations, institutions, establishments, organizations, societies and individuals working for the welfare of the Blind and to promote cooperation among blind persons.
- (iii). To take steps to promote education of the blind by awarding scholarships, engaging resource/ itinerant teacher, providing aids and appliances and voluntary readers, establishing schools for the Blind and promoting integrated education for the blind or in any other manner
- (iv). To take such steps as may be necessary for the prevention and cure of preventable and curable blindness and eye ailments.
- (v). To start or promote establishment of eye clinics, eyecare centers, low-vision aid clinics, mobile units, eye banks, dispensaries and consulting rooms as may be considered expedient or proper.
- (vi). (vi) To promote facilities for the rehabilitation, recreation, sports, after-care and general welfare of the blind and for helping the blind in getting employment and in their economic resettlement.
- (vii). To advance the cause of the blind by all possible means and in particular by:
 - (a) Providing meeting place with facilities for exchange of views;
 - (b) Providing facilities for communication, coordination of interest and cooperation with similar or allied associations or societies in other States.
 - (c) Arranging and providing facilities for conferences, seminars, workshops, exhibitions, demonstrations, lecturers and functions relating to the cause of the blind.
 - (d) Establishing , equipping, promoting and maintaining suitable research facilities and libraries for the benefit of the blind.
 - (e) Investigating, collecting and circulating information and statistics relating to the blind.
 - (f) Providing facilities and machinery for the rehabilitation, settlement and resettlement of the blind.
 - (g) Fostering a spirit of cooperation among the blind; to create awareness among the general public of the problems of the blind, their achievements and accomplishments and work being done for the blind.
- (viii). To understand, promote and contribute basic and applied scientific and other research and development in the fields of education, training, rehabilitation, employment, economic resettlement and welfare of the blind, to promote technical and technological advances for furthering research leading to the total Rehabilitation of the blind; to evolve or adapt, aids, appliances, accessories, machinery equipment and other articles used in the education, rehabilitation, employment, economic resettlement and total development of the blind and visually impaired persons; and medical research for prevention and cure of blindness and visual impairment.
- (ix). To understand, conduct, promote and contribute to programmes of rural development and or to train persons for implementing programmes for rural development, taking into consideration the needs of the visually impaired, training, employment and economic resettlement in rural areas.

- (x). To establish or help in the establishment of services for the production of literature for the blind in the forms including braille, large-type, sound recordings and to undertake or encourage research and import and supply of educational, cultural, recreational and other materials, aids, equipments and appliance for the use of the blind.
- (xi). To take all necessary steps to promote or maintain agencies for getting the blind employed and also to promote, assist blind persons in getting self-employed.
- (xii). To start or assist educational or vocational institutions for the blind and also workshops, and establishments for the training of the blind and getting them employed.
- (xiii). To motivate the people to work for the welfare of the blind and to take measures for training the workers, volunteers and administrators engaged in blind welfare work and or in the field of prevention and cure of blindness for carrying out the aims and objectives of the State Branch.
- (xiv). To look after the welfare of the dependents of the blind.
- (xv). To make every effort to provide equal opportunity to the blind for his all round development especially in education, training and employment.
- (xvi). To amalgamate or work in cooperation with any institution, society or association having objects altogether or in part similar to those of the State Branch.
- (xvii). To raise funds for the State Branch by gifts, donations or otherwise.
- (xviii). To borrow or raise funds with or without security by way of mortgage, charge hypothecation or pledge of any of the movable or immovable properties belonging to the State Branch for the purpose of any of the above aims and objects.
- (xix). To do all such other lawful acts, deeds or things that are incidental or conducive to the attainment of any of the above aims and objects.

5. PATRONS

- (a) The Governor of Karnataka shall be the Ex-Officio Chief Patron of the State Branch, subject to his consent.
- (b) The Council may enroll other distinguished persons as patrons of the State Branch subjects to their consent.

6. MEMBERSHIP

(1) Class of Members: There will be following classes of Members:

(a) Individuals above the age of 18 years of the following categories:

(i) Life Members

(ii) Ordinary Members

(iii) Co-opted Members

(b) Institutional Members

(2) Definition of different classes of Member:

(a) **Life Member:** Any Individual who is interested in the Rehabilitation, welfare and uplift of the blind and who pays an **membership fee of Rs. 100/- and annual contribution of Rs. 10,000/- Individual (Blind) Rs. 1100/-**, and Institutional working for Blind Rs.10,100/- may be enrolled as a Member subject to the acceptance by the Council of his application in the prescribed form attached hereto.

(b) **Ordinary Members:** Any Individual who is interested in the rehabilitation, welfare and uplift of the blind and who pays an membership fee of Rs. 50/- and the annual donation of Rs. 1000/- may be enrolled as an Ordinary Member subject to the acceptance by the council of his application in the prescribed form attached hereto. The annual subscription shall become due on the 1st of April every year.

(c) **Institutional Member:** Any registered Institution or Association or an Organisation of and for the blind which has an established place of activities in the state for the welfare of the blind and or prevention and cure of blindness, for at least one year previous to its application may be enrolled as an Institutional Member subject to the acceptance by the council of its application form attached hereto, upto payment of a **membership fee of Rs. 5000/- and annual subscription of Rs.5,00,000/**

The annual subscription shall become due on the 1st April every year. PROVIDED that the council shall have the right to reject any application for membership without assigning any reason there.

(d) **Co-opted Member:** Any individual who in the opinion of the council may be considered useful in furthering the cause of the blind may be co-opted as a member with his consent for a term not exceeding the duration of the council then in office, subject to the condition that the number of co-opted member shall not exceed five.

Co-opted members will not be required to pay any fee or subscription but they will have the right to vote in the same manner as other members except at General meetings of the state Branch.

- (3) Cessation of Membership: A member shall cease to be a member of the State Branch and also cease to hold office, if any, held
- (a) Upon death;
 - (b) On resignation;
 - (c) On being convicted by a Criminal Court of an offense which in the opinion of the Council involves moral turpitude;
 - (d) On being adjudicated insolvent;
 - (e) If he has not paid his subscription before the expiry of 3 months from the end of the year for which it is due;
 - (f) On expulsion under Rule 6(5);
 - (g) Upon dissolution or winding up.

(4) Right of Members: Only Life, Ordinary, Honorary and Institutional Members shall have right to vote at the Annual General Meeting

(5) Powers to suspend or expel: The Council may by resolution passed at a meeting by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting, suspend or expel any member who in its opinion is unworthy of continuing as a member, provided that before passing such a resolution, the council shall afford an opportunity to the member to explain why he should not be expelled.

7 GOVERNING COUNCIL

- (1) Composition: The general management and control composed of:
- (a) All the Office Bearers, namely the President, Vice- President, Honorary General Secretary, Joint Secretaries and Honorary Treasures.
 - (b) The immediate past President of the State Branch.
 - (c) All Co-opted Members.
 - (d) One representative of each of the District Branches.
 - (e) One representative of each of the Institutional members.
 - (f) Minimum 1 and not more than 4 members elected from amongst the life and ordinary members of whom minimum 1 member should be Visually impaired shall be from amongst the blind.**
- (2) The term of office of the members of the Governing Council shall be three years. They will be eligible for re-election or re-appointment.
- (3) Rights, Power and Duties:
- (a) Subject to provisions of clauses (xx) of these Rules, all properties moveable or any other kind shall stand vested in the Council.
 - (b) The Council shall have all such powers and shall perform all such functions as are necessary or proper for the achievement or the furtherance of the objects of the Branch.
- (4) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provision, the council shall have the following powers and rights:

- (i) To acquire by gift, purchase, exchange, lease or otherwise lands, building or other immovable property together with all rights pertaining thereto.
- (ii) To construct and maintain buildings, including the right to alter or improve them, and to equip them suitable.
- (iii) To manage properties of the State Branch.
- (iv) To accept the management of any trust fund or endowment in which the State Branch is interested.
- (v) To raise funds for the State Branch by gifts, donations or otherwise.
- (vi) To raise loans with the prior approval of the Executive Council of the NAB.
- (vii) To receive money, securities, instruments and or any other movable and immovable property for and on behalf of the State Branch.
- (viii) To enter into agreements for and on behalf of the State Branch.
- (ix) To appoint from time to time such officers and other employees and on such terms and conditions as it may deem fit for carrying on the management and the affairs of the State Branch.
- (x) To exercise control, including power of dismissal, over the employees of the State Branch.
- (xi) To establish a provident fund for the benefit of the employees of the State Branch and manage such Provident Fund.
- (xii) To sue and defend all legal proceedings on behalf of the State Branch and to appoint persons on that behalf.
- (xiii) To grant receipts, and to sign receipts and execute instruments and to endorse or discount cheques or other negotiable instruments through its accredited agents and to appoint such agents.
- (xiv) To make, sign and execute all such documents, instruments etc., as may be necessary or proper for carrying on the management of the proper or affairs of the State Branch.
- (xv) To invest the moneys and the funds of the Branch in investments permissible to the trustee under the law and to vary the investments as and when it may deem necessary or proper into investments of the same or a like nature.
- (xvi) To grant fellowships, scholarships or other monetary assistance in kind or in services on such terms and conditions as it may prescribe to such persons as it may select of academic, vocational or other studies or for training in the field of blind welfare work or for other purposes consistent with the aims and objects of the State Branch.
- (xvii) To manage, sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any property movable or immovable, of the State Branch.
- (xviii) To perform all such acts and do all such things as may be necessary for the proper management of the properties and the affairs of the State Branch.

(xix) To recommend to the Annual General Meeting the appointment of an Auditor for auditing the accounts of the State Branch.

(xx) To appoint Holding Trustees from amongst its Members who may hold in behalf of the State Branch movable and immovable properties which the State Branch may acquire or hold from time to time

(xxi) To establish, to acquire and to run schools, Institutions, projects and activities for the welfare of the blind.

(xxii) To establish or cause to be established District Branches of the State Branch at convenient centers in each district to promote the activities of the State Branch.

(xxiii) To make, add to, amend and repeat Bye laws subject to the prior approval of NAB.

(xxiv) To appoint from time to time such committees as are necessary and expedient for the smooth working of the State Branch and to assign such functions and duties and delegate such powers as it may deem fit to such committees and to appoint from time to time on such committees persons other than members of the Council if necessary.

(xxv) To approve and adopt once in every year the Annual Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of all District Branches, this shall be done before the expiry of the year following the end of the last fiscal year.

(5) Meetings:

- (a) Meetings of the Council will be held ordinary once in three months or more frequently as may be considered necessary by the President of the State Branch.
- (b) At least 14 days clear notice in writing should be given for such meetings.
- (c) An extraordinary meeting of the Council may be called at twenty one days clear notice in writing.
- (d) On a written request by seven members of the Council, the president of the State Branch shall call a meeting of the Council, for such meeting at least 14 days clear notice in writing shall be given.

(6) Quorum:

- (a) Seven members of the Council will constitute a quorum.
- (b) If within half-an-hour from the time appointed for the meeting, quorum is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the following week at the same time and place and if such adjourned Meeting quorum is not present within half-an-hour from the time appointed for the meeting, the members present shall be quorum.

(7) Vacancies: Casual Vacancies in the Council may be filled up by the Council by nomination from among life members or ordinary members and the member so nominated shall hold office for the period for which the member in whose vacancy the nomination is made would have held it.

8. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, ITS DUTIES, TERM OF OFFICE AND RESIGNATION:

(1) Office-Bearers:

The following shall be the office-bearers of the State Branch:

- (a) **President - 1**
- (b) **Vice president – 1**
- (c) **Honorary General Secretary - 1**
- (d) **Honorary Joint Secretaries – 1**
- (e) **Honorary Treasurer- 1**
- (f) **Honorary Joint Treasurer – 1**

(2) Managing Committee:

- (a) The Managing Committee consisting of the above mentioned Office-bearers, the immediate past president of the State Branch and such other members, not exceeding three nominated by the Council, shall be responsible for the administration and management of the State Branch and it shall exercise such power and functions as may be delegated to it by the Council from time to time subject to provision of Rule 9.
- (b) The Managing Committee shall meet at least once a month; seven clear days notice shall ordinarily be given for each meeting and four members present in person shall be the quorum.

(3) Duties of Office Bearers:

The following shall be the duties of the Office Bearers of the State Branch:

- (a) President: The President shall, if present, preside over all the meetings of the Council and the managing Committee. He/She shall sign and execute all contracts or other instruments in the name of the State Branch when authorized to do so by the Council, unless the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Council to some other Officers, and shall exercise general supervision over the affairs of the State Branch subject to the control by the council and prescribed by any law or these Rules and Regulations or under the Bye-laws, if any.
- (b) Vice President: One of the Vice-Presidents shall at the request of the President, or in the absence of or inability of the President to attend to his/her duties and including signing of and execution of contracts or other instruments on behalf of the State Branch when such signing and execution has been authorized by the council, and when so acting shall have the powers of the president. The vice-presidents shall also perform such other duties as may be delegated to them by the Council.
- (c) Honorary General Secretary: The Honorary General Secretary shall be the general executive of the State Branch under the direction and subject to the Control of the President and the Council and subject to such direction and control he shall have **power to appoint and to remove employees and direct their work but the appointment and removal of all employees whose remuneration is more than Rs.25000/- per month.**The Honorary General secretary may accept contributions to the state Branch and shall transmit the same to the Honorary Treasurers, shall have supervision of

books and accounts of the State Branch and shall certify to the accuracy of all bills, and subject to the approval of the Council shall furnish at each meeting of the council, a financial statement including an estimate of expenditure for the ensuring quarter of the year or any stated period. He shall be responsible for the general supervision and conduct of the work of the state Branch and shall submit to the meeting of the Managing Committee and the Council any recommendations in regard thereof. He shall present an Annual Report at the Annual General Meeting of the Council giving a general review of the work of the State Branch during the preceding year. He shall keep separate Minutes Books of the General Meetings and the Meetings of the Council and the Managing Committee, he shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Rules and Regulations or as required by law. He shall be the custodian of the seal of the State Branch and shall see that it is affixed to all documents, the execution of which under the seal of the State Branch is duly authorized. He shall conduct the general correspondence of the State Branch and keep necessary records. In general he shall perform such duties as are incidental to the office of the Honorary General secretary or as may from time to time be assigned to him by the President or the council or as prescribed by law or by these Rules and Regulations, or by the Bye-laws, if any.

(d) Honorary Joint Secretaries: The Honorary Joint Secretaries will work Jointly with the Honorary General Secretary and under the general control and supervision of the council. They will assist the Honorary General Secretary in his duties and in the event of his inability to perform the duties incidental to the office of the Honorary General Secretary, they shall perform his duties subject to the control and supervision of the Council.

(e) Honorary Treasurers: The Honorary Treasure shall except as otherwise ordered by the Council, collect all moneys due to the State Branch, have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds, securities, receipts and disbursements of the State Branch, shall deposit all moneys in such Bank or Bank as shall be selected or approved by the Council. They shall receive and give receipts for payments made to the State Branch and shall take and preserve proper receipts for all monies disbursed by it. They shall render a full statement of the financial condition of the State Branch whenever requested to do so by the President or by Council. They shall perform such duties as are incidental to the office of the Honorary Treasurers or as may be prescribed by any law or by these Rules and Regulation or by the Bye-laws, if any.

8. (4) Term of Office:

- a) The term of Office of the President, Vice President, Honorary General Secretary, Honorary Joint Secretaries and Honorary Treasurers of the State Branch shall be co-terminus with the term of the Council, they will be eligible for re-election.
- b) A casual vacancy in the office of the President, Vice-President, Honorary General Secretary, Honorary Joint Secretary and Honorary Treasures may be filled up for the remaining period of the term of the Council by the Council from among life members or ordinary members.

(5) Method of election of Office-Bearers and member of the Council:

- (a) Notice of each Triennial Election inviting proposals shall be issued in the month of August of the year in which the election is due to be held. The proposals should reach the Honorary General Secretary within one month from the date of notice.
- (b) Candidates for election to the office of the President, Vice President, Honorary General Secretary, Honorary Joint Secretary, Honorary Treasurers and members of the Council must be proposed and seconded by a member of the State Branch after obtaining the written consent of such a candidate. The name of every candidate stating the office for which he is proposed must be delivered in writing in the prescribed form hereto attached and duly signed by the Proposer and the seconder and also the candidate.
- (c) The list of the proposed candidates for the aforesaid offices should be sent by the State Branch within 15 days from the last date prescribed for the receipt of the proposals.
- (d) If the number of candidates, duly proposed and seconded exceeds the number to be elected, voting shall be by secret ballot, provided however, that members from outside Bangalore shall have the right to send their votes by Registered Post to reach the Honorary General Secretary on or before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

(6) Resignation of Office-Bearers:

Any Office-Bearer may resign at any time. Such resignation shall be in writing and shall take effect from the date of its acceptance by the Council.

9 GENERAL MEETINGS

- (1) The Annual General Meeting of the State Branch shall be held once in every year and within six months of the end of the fiscal year.
- (2) At Least 30 days notice shall be given for the meeting:
- (3) (a) The President or in his absence the senior most Vice-President present at the meeting will preside.
(c) In the absence of the President and Vice-President at a meeting, the members present shall elect from among themselves a member to preside at the meeting.
- (4) The business at the Annual General Meeting shall comprise:
 - (a) Adoption of the Annual Report of the State Branch
 - (b) Adoption of the Audited Statement of Annual Accounts of the State Branch
 - (c) Election of Office-Bearers and other members of the Council (once in three years)
 - (d) Appointment of Auditor or Auditors
 - (e) Adoption of amendments, additions, alteration to or repeal of the Rules and Regulations.
 - (f) Any other business on the Agenda or any other item with the permission of the presiding officer.
- (5) The Annual Report and the Statement of Accounts shall be open for inspection at the Central Office of the State Branch at least 14 days before the meeting.
- (6) An extra-ordinary or special General Meeting may be called at any time by the President after giving at least twenty one days notice.

(7) On the written requisition of at least 2-3 members, the President shall call an extraordinary General meeting of the State Branch, if within 21 days of the receipt of such requisition the President fails to call the meeting, the members may themselves call for an Extraordinary General Meeting Stating the date, time, place and agenda of the meeting.

(8) (a) Fifteen members will constitute a quorum.

(b) If, within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting quorum is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the following week at the same time and place and if at such adjourned meeting, a quorum is not present within half-an-hour from the time appointed for the meeting, the members present shall form a quorum.

PROVIDED that if there is no quorum at a Requisitioned Meeting or at an Extra-Ordinary or Special General Meeting it shall stand dissolved.

(9) Procedure at Meeting:

(a) The following are entitled to attend every Annual, Special or Extraordinary General Meeting and comprise the General Body of members.

(i) Life Members.

(ii) Ordinary Members whose annual subscription is not in arrears.

(iii) One representative of each institutional Member whose annual subscription is not in arrears.

(iv) co-opted Members who shall, however, not have the right to vote.

(b) The Honorary General Secretary shall maintain an up to date Register of members eligible to vote at the Annual, Special or Extraordinary General Meeting on the proforma prescribed under the Karnataka Societies Registration Act 1960 and the Rules made there under.

(c) At every meeting every member who is entitled to vote shall have one vote. In the event of the votes cast being equal on any matter the Chairman shall have a casting vote. On poll, votes may be cast either personally or by proxy. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the signature of the appointed. No person shall be appointed a proxy who is not a member, other than a Co-opted member, of the State Branch. The Instrument appointing a proxy shall be deposited at the Central Office of the State Branch not less than 48 hours before the time of holding the meeting.

(d) At any meeting every question shall be decided by a show of hands (unless a poll is demanded by the Chairman or by at least three persons present in persons before the question is put to vote) and unless poll is so demanded, a declaration by the Chairman of the meeting that a resolution has on show of hands been carried or lost and an entry to that effect made in the Minutes Book shall be sufficient evidence of the fact, without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favor of or against such resolution.

(e) If, at any meeting, a poll is demanded as aforesaid, it shall be taken in such manner and at such time and place as the Chairman of the meeting directs and either at once or after an interval or adjournment or otherwise and the result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded. The demand for a poll may be withdrawn. In case of any dispute as to the admission or rejection of a vote, the Chairman shall determine the same and such determination shall be final and conclusive.

10 ACCOUNTS

- (1) The Council shall cause true accounts to be kept of money received and expended by the State Branch and of the matter in respect of which such receipts and expenditure take place and of all the property assets and liabilities of the State Branch.
- (2) The books of accounts shall be kept at the Central Office of the State Branch and shall be open to inspection by any member of the council during office hours.
- (3) The Honorary Treasurer shall get the accounts of the State Branch audited by an auditor or auditors at the end of every year.
- (4) The Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Accounts of the State Branch shall be audited by one or more auditors appointed by the members of the State Branch at the Annual General Meeting to hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.
- (5) The Council shall fill any casual vacancies occurring as a result of the death, resignation or retirement of an auditor or auditors.
- (6) The funds which are not immediately required for the objects of the State Branch shall be invested in the manner prescribed under section 13[1] [d] read with section 13 [5] of the Income Tax Act, 1961 or such other law for the time being in force.
- (7) Beneficiary-
The funds and the income of the Association shall be solely utilized for the achievement of its objectives and no portion of it shall be utilized for payment of the Trustees/Members by way of profit, interest, dividends, etc.

11 DISTRICT BRANCHES

- (1) In every District where there are at least ten individual members of the State Branch, a District Branch may be formed with the approval of the council.
- (2) The District Branch shall be entitled to keep 80% of the membership fee received by them for their own expenses while the balance shall be remitted to the State Branch. The earmarked amounts and donations received by the District Branch may be retained in full for the work of the District Branch.
- (3) Subject to the provision of this Constitution and Bye-laws framed by the Council, the District Branch may frame their own Rules and Regulations of business and elect their own office-bearers, within the purview of the KSR Act 1960.
- (4) The District Branches shall submit annually to the State Branch audited Statement of their accounts and annual report of their activities.
- (5) In case a District Branch has become defunct or is found to be committing irregularities or is otherwise functioning in a manner which in the opinion of the Council is prejudicial to the best interest of the State Branch, the Council may dissolve the District Branch and take over the assets after giving it an opportunity to be heard.
- (6) In case the State Branch has become defunct or is dissolved, NAB will take the place of the State Branch for the purposes of Rule 12 during the interim period until such time as the State Branch is revived, or reconstituted.

(7) In case of any disagreement on any point between the State Branch and its District Branch the matter shall be referred to the Executive Council and its decision shall be final and binding

12. STATE BRANCH RELATIONSHIP WITH THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND

- (1) The State Branch shall be under the general direction and control of NAB. In case of any disagreement or doubt on any point, the decision of the Executive Council shall be final and binding.
- (2) A copy of the Annual Report and a certified copy of the Statement of Accounts shall be made available to the Executive Council every year that has passed at the State Branch Annual General Meeting.
- (3) The State Branch shall pay to NAB-
 - (a) 15% of all membership fees:
 - (b) All collections made for a National or pilot project when called upon to do so by NAB.
- (4) NAB shall not be responsible for any debt or financial liabilities incurred by the State Branch;
State Branch shall not be responsible for any debt or financial liabilities incurred by NAB.

13 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The Rules and Regulation of the State Branch may be added to amend/or altered or rescinded by the Council at a meeting of the Council by a majority of two-thirds of the members present and voting subject to the approval of the Executive Council and subject to the final ratification by the members of the State Branch at the next Annual General Meeting or at a special General Meeting. All additions, alterations, rescissions which are repugnant to the income Tax Act 1961, and which are not ratified at a general meeting shall be treated as null and void.

No amendments to the trust deed / Memorandum of Association / bye-laws / rules & regulation shall be made which may prove to be repugnant to the provisions to the sections 2(15), 11, 12, 13 & 80 G of the Income Tax Act 1961, as amended from time to time. Further no amendment shall be carried out without the prior approval of the commissioner of Income Tax.

14 DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of the State Branch all funds and assets belonging to the State Branch shall vest in NAB but shall remain earmarked for the welfare of the blind in the State and shall be passed on to the successor of the State Branch by NAB, subject to the prior approval of the Commissioner of Income Tax, Karnataka, provided that in the event of there being no successor for a period of five years, NAB may utilize the funds and assets of the State Branch for the welfare of the blind of the State with the concurrence of the Government of the State.

In the event of dissolution or winding up of the trust/ Society, the assets remaining as on the date of dissolution shall under no circumstances be distributed among the trustees / members of the Managing Committee/Governing Body but the same shall be transferred to another charitable trust / society and which enjoys recognition under section 80G of the Income Tax Act 1961, as amended from time to time.

15 TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Rules and Regulation, the members of the first Council shall be those nominated by the Executive Council and shall remain in office for a period of three years from the date of registration of the State Branch under the Karnataka Societies Registration Act 1960

16 COMPLIANCE WITH KARNATAKA SOCIETIES REGISTRATION ACT

- (1) Annual returns will be filed with Registrar of Societies in accordance with Section 13 or Karnataka Societies Registration Act 1960
- (2) Amendments to the Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulation there-under will be made in conformity with Section 9 and 10 of Karnataka Societies Registration Act 1960
- (3) Amalgamation/Dissolution of the Association, if any, will be made in accordance with Section 21 and 23 of Karnataka Societies Registration Act 1960 and Rules framed there under shall apply.

17 SUPERSESSION OF EARLIER MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION AND RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations as set forth above supersedes the earlier Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations with effect from the date these are approved by the Registrar of societies, Bangalore.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

The Hon. Gen. Secretary
The National Association for the Blind,
Karnataka Branch
C A Site No. 4, NAB Road,
JeevanBhima Nagar,
Bangalore – 560 075

Date :

Dear sir,

I/We the undersigned am/are interested in the Welfare & Rehabilitation of the Blind, wish to become a life member / institutional member of the National Association for the Blind, Karnataka Branch, I/We furnish the following particulars:

Name & Address : _____
: _____
Contact Tel. No. : _____
Contact Mobile No : _____
Email Address : _____
Date of Birth : _____
Date of Wedding : _____

I/We am/are enclosing a cheque / DD/ M.O/ Cash for a sum of Rs. 5,100 / 25,100 towards Admission fee and Subscription.

Life Member : Admission Fee : Rs. 100/-
Life time membership Fee : Rs. 10,000/-
Institutional Member : Admission fee : Rs. 5000/
Annual Lump sum : Rs. 5,00,000/-

Signature of the applicant :

Name of the Proposer :

Signature of Proposer :

For Office Use Only

Approved in the G C meeting held on : _____

Membership Number allotted : _____

Signature of Administrative Officer :

Signature of Accounts Officer :

CEO :