The Association of Colon and Rectal Surgeons of India

ACRSI Constitution
Revised and approved by GB on --September 2013

Name: This body will be known as
The Association of Colon & Rectal Surgeons of India ACRSI. (A Section of ASI),

Objectives:

a. Propagate the knowledge of colo-rectal surgery throughout the country.
b. Exchange the views of modern developments in colo rectal surgery
c. Conduct Annual and National conferences, scientific meetings, seminars, symposia and educational programs.
d. To encourage zonal meetings and form state branches for furtherance of colorectal surgery.
e. To promote establishment of colorectal units in medical institutions and establish close coordination between the existing institutes & hospitals specializing in colon & rectal surgery and teaching institutions and universities in the area.
f. To establish closer contact between the organization promoting colorectal surgery in India and abroad.
g. To provide input to the Association of Surgeons of India on the publication of articles related to colorectal diseases in the Indian Journal of Surgery.
h. To establish Journal, brochures, news letters, periodicals and other material pertaining to colorectal specialty, inclusive of practice parameters & guidelines.
i. To advice institutions, hospitals, universities and government concerning teaching, training of medical students (under and post graduates) research and such other matters pertaining to colorectal diseases and to suggest ways and means for training of paramedical personnel required for development of colorectal surgery.
j. To bring together in one co-operative body all qualified doctors and scientists or workers actively practicing or interested in colorectal diseases.

k. Any other program approved by the Association for advancement of colorectal surgery.

Activities:

I) To conduct instructional courses and to conduct fellowship examination.

II) To propagate the art of colorectal surgery

Membership: Categories

1) **Life members** = Members of Association of Surgeons of India who are practicing colorectal surgery.

   Those who have completed acceptable training in colorectal surgery

   Those who pursue research in colorectal surgery and related subjects

2) **Hon. Members**:

   International Members of high academic caliber in the field of Colon & Rectal Surgery.

3) **Overseas Members**: Any overseas members who is a member of Associations of Surgeons of India & have other necessary criteria to become a life member as mentioned above. (1)

Eligibility for Membership and Enrolment:

A person who has passed M.S general surgery, National Board of Examination in surgery or any other equivalent degree or diploma recognized by Medical Council of India, can become member of this association

a. The person must be a life member of The Association of Surgeons of India.

b. Name will be enrolled as a member on submission of the application form duly filled and the membership fee fixed by the association is paid.

c. The Hon.Secretary of ACRSI will scrutinize the application and place eligible applications before the Governing council. GC has the right to accept or reject the application.

d. Each member will be issued a membership card/No.
e. There will be a fee for application form, and for life membership, which will be fixed by the general body from time to time. Present membership fees Rs.5000/-

f. The member must keep the dignity and decorum of the association in all respects.

g. The member should not have been punished under criminal proceedings by any court.

h. The member must actively participate in the scientific, academic and other activities of the association.

**FINANCE:**

Finances of the association will be from membership fee, excess of income from conducting the conferences, instructional courses, donations with approval of EC, instituting awards, orations etc.

Day to day management is by the treasurer, who will report to the EC/GB

**Ceasation of the Membership**

1. By death of a member
2. By a letter of resignation from the member addressed to the Hon Secretary/President.
3. By resignation of ASI membership
4. By expulsion

**General Body Meeting**

General body meeting must be conducted once in a year at the time of Annual conference at September.

The President may call for Extraordinary general body meeting with a specific agenda 15 days notice, which may be circulated to its all members. 15% of membership of the association may write to the secretary to hold a EGM with specific agenda for the meeting. If the secretary does not call for the EGM within 4 weeks, the petitioners can fix the venue and a date and call for the meeting with intimation to the President.
The general body has the right to suspend / dismiss a member/members from the membership of the association whose activity brings down the reputation of association, if it is approved by the majority.

**Changes In the Bye Laws of the Association**

Secretary will circulate the proposed changes in the bye laws after the approval of Executive Committee

The changes can be made at the AGM or at EGM specially called for this purpose

The proposed change in Bye-law or addition of new law should be circulated among all the members of association at least 4 weeks in advance before AGM.

Any change in Bye-laws or new law must be approved by the 2/3rd majority of the general body in attendance or by referendum.

**Executive Committee**

Executive committee will consist of the office bearers [President, President Elect, Hon. Secreatry, Treasurer and Elected members], The committee may Co opt , not exceeding three members , who will not have voting rights. Org. sec. of the preceeding and succeeding national and Annual conferences will attend by invitation. They will have no voting rights

a. The executive committee shall meet at least thrice in a year during the National conference, Annual conference and during Instructional course.

b. The Agenda for the meeting will be circulated by the Hon. secretary at least 2 weeks before the scheduled date

c. The Agenda will consist the following

 Meeting called to order
 Roll call and apologies for absence
 Presidents opening remarks
Approval of the minutes of the previous EC meeting and matters arising there on
Treasurer’s unaudited accounts for the term
Consider the details next conference – Annual / National
Consider proposals for Hon.membership
Consider awarding Hon Fellowship
Any other matter brought by members with permission of the President.
To conclude the meeting with thanks to the Chair
d. The quorum for the meeting will be 50% of the elected members. In the absence of required quorum the meeting will adjourned and reassemble after 10 minutes. The number then present will form the quorum.
e. Hon. Secretary will arrange to have the proceedings recorded so that a true account of discussions will be minuted.
f. The minutes of the meeting should be circulated to EC member within a period of 4 weeks

**Honorary Membership of ACRSI**

Honorary membership is awarded to those who have made outstanding contribution to the cause of colorectal surgery and contributed to the association.

The name for such person should be proposed by a member ACRSI, of good standing. He should furnish detailed bio data of the candidate to the Hon. secretary. This will be processed and placed before the next EC and approval obtained. The decision of the EC would be final.

The Hon. Membership will be awarded at the next Annual / National conference. The recipient should receive the same in person. Award in abstentia will be discouraged

Not more than three Hon Membership will be awarded in a year
Hon Fellowship of ACRSI

Hon fellowship can be awarded only to a member of ACRSI or an international faculty of repute. Member of ACRSI may propose the name of ColoRectal surgeon for this award. The bio data will be sent to the Hon Secretary, who will place it before the fellowship board for deliberation. The decision of the board will be inform to the EC for consideration and approval. Decision of the EC would be final in this regard. This will be awarded at the next convocation of ACRSI. The awardee should receive the award in person.

Office bearers:

a. The activities of the association are governed by the Executive Committee consisting of President, President Elect, 5 Vice Presidents, one from each zone, Hon. Secretary, Treasurer, 5 Executive Committee members, one from each zone and immediate Past President. The Journal Editor, the academic convenor and the joint academic convenor will be selected by the EC either among themselves or by invitation to any other member of the ACRSI. These three will form part of the Executive committee but will have no voting rights.

b. All posts are elected by the members of the association by electronic voting.

c. The term of all executive posts is for 2 years.

d. If no one is elected to a particular post, except for the President’s post, all other posts may be filled by Executive Committee amongst themselves or from the members of good standing of the association.

e. President Elect will be the Election officer

Election of the Office Bearers:

a. All office bearers and members of the Executive Committee are eligible for re-election, except the President.

Members must have attended at least two meetings of the association in last five years.

b. The election will be by electronic voting

c. President Elect will conduct the election.
d. The president is eligible only for one term.
e. Hon secretary can be for a maximum of two terms.
g. The Post of treasurer can be preferred for Two terms. However for the sake of ease or convenience it may be given another opportunity to continue but only after election.
f. The other executive member can reapply for the same post after a gap of one term (2 Years).

**Duties of the officer bearers:**

**Duties of the President:**

The president along with the Hon. secretary is responsible for the overall running of the association

a. The President will preside over the executive committee meetings and general body meetings.
b. If the President is not available, President Elect will conduct the meetings. In the absence of the two, EC may elect a member amongst themselves present to act as Chairman of the meeting
c. The President must be informed about all activities of the association. It is the duty of the Hon. secretary to keep the president updated on the various programmes organized under the auspices of the association in various places
d. The President must be invited by the organizing committee of any meeting conducted under the ACRSI banner. The President must attend the meeting as far as possible or request one of the executive committee members to represent him.
e. Any one wishes to organize a programme under the banner of Association of Colon & Rectal Surgeons of India, should take permission from the President/Hon. Secretary before declaration of such programme..
f. The President must be actively involved and preside over the annual/national meetings of ACRSI as well as all sub committees meetings of the association.
Responsibilities of the Hon. Secretary:

Hon Secretary is responsible for the over all functioning of the association on a day to day basis

a. He should maintain the membership register along with the address [postal, email, website] and phone[mobile & landline] etc. updated periodically. The application forms of new members will be accepted after scrutinizing the details.

b. In consultation with the President, fix the date for the executive committee and general body meeting. He should prepare the agenda and circulate the same well in advance.

c. All activities of the association must be recorded including the sub committee activities and report to be submitted to the executive committee and general body.

d. Minute books of EC and AGM must be maintained and handed over to the incoming Hon. secretary.

e. The resolutions passed in the executive committee must be circulated to all the members of executive committee within one month of the meeting. Important resolutions are to be communicated all members through the Association journal/news letter/E-mails.

f. Hon Sec. will maintain the records of names of the candidates registered for instructional courses and those who have passed the Fellowship examination i.e FACRSI.

g. Hon Sec should supervise the preparation and circulation of ACRSI news letter once in six months. The news letter will have the details of ACRSI’s activity, report on conferences, forth coming events and details of Traveling Fellowships etc.
h. When any new Bye-law is passed by the general body, same must be updated.

i. Hon Sec will invite applications for the conduct of Annual and National conferences and conduct of Instructional course. The dates and venue for the above events should be fixed with the approval of EC.

j. Hon. Secretary’s report regarding all activities of the association of the year should be made available in annual meeting. Hon.secretary will circulate it to all members along with the notice of the Annual General Body Meeting.

k. Hon Sec will maintain and update the ACRSI web site

**Responsibility of Hon. Treasurer:**

a. Hon treasurer will maintain the accounts of ACRSI and the accounts of fellowship examination separately.

b. Fixed deposits of the association and other deposits like government bonds must be kept separately and periodic renewal must be done.

c. Submit the annual audited accounts at the AGM and circulate the same to all the members of ACRSI along with the notice convening the annual general body meeting. He/she should present un audited accounts at each EC meeting.

d. Recommend an Auditor for auditing the accounts of ACRSI and fellowship examination for the approval of executive committee and general body.

e. Money in excess of the requirement to run day to day expenses of ACRSI should be placed in deposits in a nationalised bank in the names of ACRSI.

f. The treasurer is authorized to pay the renumeration to the fellowship examiners,whatever the amount is decided by the EC only by cheques.

g. The treasurer is authorized to pay the President of ACRSI, President Elect, Chairman of Fellowship board, Hon. secretary, treasurer & 2 academic conveners, second class A/C train fare for attending official meetings by cheque only.

h. The Hon. treasurer must submit and circulate the audited statement of accounts at least one month before the annual general body meeting.
Conferences:

The National Conference will be held during August – October of every year for 3-4 days. Conference venue and date, names of organizing chairman and organizing secretary to be decided one year ahead and get the approval from the executive committee and general body.

The Hon. secretary of ACRSI should send the protocols for the conduct of the conference to the organizing chairman and secretary once the venue and dates are approved and finalized by the executive committee of ACRSI.

President and Hon. secretary should be actively involved in all aspects of the conduct of the conference including the preparation of brochure and the scientific program.

A seed money of Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees on lac only) to be paid to the conference organizing committee for the initial expenditure. This amount is to be refunded to ACRSI by the org. committee prior to the start of the conference. The funds for the conference must be raised by the organizing committee.

The National/ annual conference accounts must be submitted before the Annual conference of ACRSI during the ASICON (December) so that the secretary can submit it to the executive committee and then the general body.

Minimum of 50% of the excess money saved from the conference should be given to the ACRSI. Local hospitalities must be given to the President, President Elect, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of ACRSI during the conference.

The selection of guest speakers, Orators and the topics is to be decided at EC meeting for the national and annual conferences. For this purpose, a committee to be constituted with the President of ACRSI as chairman, President Elect, Past president and Hon. Secretary as its members. President can co opt other to assist in the selection and preparation of the scientific programme.

Felicitation and distinguished service awards in colorectal surgery to one or two surgeons each year may be awarded. The awardees are to be selected by the executive committee. It should be given to a person who has a significant contribution in the field of colorectal surgery & also a significant contribution to ACRSI.
The programme of the meetings must be finalized and sent to the Hon. Secretary of ACRSI at least 6 months in advance of ACRSICON.

Oration and Guest lectures during National and Annual conference:

a. Presidential oration in Annual meeting & during ASICON.

b. For any oration in name of any person or body; the concerned person or body must give a corpus of five lacs or equal amount in foreign currency so that sufficient funds by way of interest will be available to defray the expenses to the orator every year.

c. The oration may be in annual conference or national conference

d. The rules for the selection of the persons for the oration should be framed by a committee consisting of the President, President Elect, Past President, Hon. Secretary & Treasurer, and co-opted members by the President.

e. Selection of candidates for different orations is made by a committee constituted by the executive committee of ACRSI at least one year in advance of the date of oration.

Board for Fellowship examination in coloproctology:

a. The board of examination will consist of chairman, vice chairman, academic convener and convener of examination and board members. The President, President Elect, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer will be the ex officio members.

b. All office bearers of Board of examination must be Fellows of ACRSI either conferred upon or by examination.

c. The term of office bearers will be for three years. and they will be eligible to be re-elected for one more term

d. The members are nominated by the executive committee

e. The secretary of ACRSI, the chairman, vice chairman and the convener along with academic convener, examination convener and the organizing secretary of the instructional course will finalize the list of topics to be discussed in the courses at least six months in advance.
f. The national faculty for the course will be decided by the Chairman, Vice chairman, academic and examination conveners along with President, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of ACRSI.

g. Local faculty members for the course can be decided by the organizing committee of the instructional course and the list of names and topic to be forwarded to the academic convener at least 3 months in advance for approval.

h. Instructional course to be conducted every year in the month of March–April for five consecutive days covering basics as well as advance sciences in coloproctology.

i. The instructional courses both should have Panel discussion, symposia, floor discussion, lectures, video session and live demonstration. At the end of each course ‘Course attended certificate’ will be issued to every candidate who has paid for the course & attended course in full.

j. The certificate should be signed by the President of ACRSI, the Chairman of the fellowship board and organizing secretary of the course.

k. A seed money of Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty thousand only) to be paid to the course organizing committee for the initial expenditure. This amount is to be refunded to ACRSI by the org. committee prior to the start of the course. The funds for the course must be raised by the organizing committee.

l. The course accounts must be submitted before the Annual conference of ACRSI so that the secretary can submit it to the executive committee and then the general body.

m. Minimum of 50% of the excess money saved from the course or Rs.1000/- per delegates which ever is more should be given to the ACRSI. Local hospitalities must be given to the President, President Elect, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of ACRSI during the conference.
Fellowship examination in ACRSI

a. Examination should be conducted every year in the month of March/April immediately after the instructional course at a venue provided by the instructional course organizer.

b. The examination consists of three sections. Section I MCQ and short notes, Section II essay type of questions and viva and Section III will consist of Clinical examination.

c. The types of questions will be decided by the board of examinations and may be liable to change time to time.

d. Duration of examination should be of 3 hours each for section I and section II written examination and separate time to be allocated for viva and table viva.

e. There will be six examiners for fellowship examinations.

f. The examiners will be appointed by the fellowship board.

g. The examiners must be a fellow of ACRSI either conferred upon or by examinations.

h. Each candidate must pass each section of examination separately. Those who pass part I are permitted to appear for part II and those who have passed part I and II to be permitted for part III

i. The minimum marks for passing each section is 50%

j. The results of the each section will be announced on the same day after examination is completed.

k. Those who have passed all sections of fellowship examinations should attend the convocation to get the fellowship certificate in person only.

l. Specified fee must be paid for convocation as diploma initiation fee, this will be fixed by Board of examination.

m. Instructional course fee will be fixed by the board of Fellowship examinations.

n. Only those who have attended instructional courses and the national conference of ACRSI are eligible to appear for the examination. The proof of attendance of the courses and conference attended to be produced while
applying for examination. The Overseas members who have the above mentioned criteria may also appear for the fellowship examinations.

o. The convener of examination should maintain the names and addresses of those who attended the instructional courses. The organizing secretary of the instructional course should send the names & addresses to the convener of examination within a month. The convener of examination should maintain the names & addresses of those who appear for the examination.

p. The convener of examination will decide the date of examination and conduct the examination, in setting the questions, selection of cases etc.

q. The examiners will be paid rs. 7000/-each for travel expenses and be provided complimentary accommodation and food during the period of the Examination. The examiner renumeration may be revised time to time.

r. The current fees for Instructional course Rs. 10,000/- and examination fees Rs. 15000/- for all three section (Rs.5000/- for each section). This fee structure is subject to change time to time.

**ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Election of the office-bearers and the Executive Committee of ACRSI, will be conducted once in two years

The following posts of officer-bearers will be considered for the elections:

- President Elect
- Five Vice-Presidents (one from each Zone)
- Honorary Treasurer.
- Honorary Secretary
- Five Executive Committee Members (One from each zone)

The nomination form to be filled and forwarded in a sealed envelope to the Election Officer [President Elect]

1) Rules for election
2) Nomination form
   (personal details are to be sent with the nomination form which is sent by Honorary Secretary.)
RULES FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS

1. The Honorary Secretary shall inform all the life members of the association about the election well in advance.
2. Nominations shall be invited on the printed proforma and the nominations shall be duly proposed and seconded by two life members of 5 years standing.
3. A life member of good standing means, one who is the Life Member of the ACRSI and ASI.
4. The following shall be the conditions for the eligibility for the posts of office-bearers:

   **President Elect**

   1. He/she shall be a life member of good standing with not less than 10 years of continuous membership of ACRSI.
   2. He/she should have held office of ACRSI as one of the Executive Committee member/post for a minimum period of two terms including office bearer. Proposed at Delhi 2015 and rectified at Mumbai 2016.
   3. He/she should have shown active interest in the activities of the ACRSI by participating in Annual Conferences, by publication of articles in medical journals, by organizing scientific conference and advancing the ideals of the association in general.
   4. The term of office for the President Elect –shall be for a period of two years.
   5. He/she is not be eligible for re-election.
   6. Nomination fees to be decided at the time of election.
   7. There should not be any pending dues of the ACRSI against the member.

   **VICE-PRESIDENTS.**

   1. Each nominee for the post of vice president shall be a fellow of 5 years of good standing in the ACRSI
   2. He/she should have shown active interest in the activities of the association by advancing the ideals of the association.
   3. The term of office for the Vice President shall be for a period of two years.
   4. He/she shall be eligible for re-election for one more term.
   5. Election will be held, if there are more than one candidate from each zone.
   6. Nomination fees to be decided at the time of election.
   7. There should not be any pending dues of the ACRSI against the member.

   **HONORARY SECRETARY**

   1. He/she shall be a fellow of good standing with not less than 5 years of continuous membership
   2. The secretary shall a fellow who has shown active interest in the activities of the ACRSI and advanced the ideals of the association.
   3. He/she shall hold office for a period of two years.
   4. He/she should served one elected term in the the executive committee of ACRSI including office bearer. Proposed at Delhi 2015 and rectified at Mumbai 2016.
5. He shall be eligible for re-election for one more term.
6. Election will be held if there are more than one candidate
7. Nomination fees to be decided at the time of election.
8. There should not be any pending dues of the ACRSI against the member.

**HONORARY TREASURER**

1. He shall be a fellow of good standing with not less than 5 years of continuous membership.
2. The treasurer shall be a fellow, who has shown active interest in the activities of the ACRSI and advanced the ideals of the association
3. He/she shall hold office for a period of two years.
4. He/she should served one elected term in the the executive committee of ACRSI including office bearer. Proposed at Delhi 2015 and rectified at Mumbai 2016.
5. He/she shall be eligible for re-election for two more terms.
6. Election will be held if there are more than one candidate
7. Nomination fees to be decided at the time of election.
8. There should not be any pending dues of the ACRSI against the member.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

1. Each nominee for the post of executive committee members shall be a life member of association of 5 years of good standing
2. He/she should have shown active interest in the activities of the association by advancing the ideals of the association.
3. The term of office for the Executive Committee member shall be for a period of two years.
4. He/she shall be eligible for re-election for one more term.
5. Election will be held if there are more than two candidates from each zone.
6. Nomination fees to be decided at the time of election.
7. There should not be any pending dues of the ACRSI against the member.
**Rules for election**

1. Election officer – President Elect will invite the nominations at his/her office.
2. Nominations will be scrutinized by the election officer
3. Hon. Secretary will provide the list of members in good standing to the election officer either by 31st of May or any other date fixed by Election officer.
4. Election to be held by electronic voting
5. Election officer will upload the candidate details on the internet for voting
6. Notification for election schedule to be declare by 1st June. Nomination to be invited till 15th July. Secrutiny of nomination and declaration of valid candidates on 31st July. Withdrawl date till 15th August. Voting Start on 16 August to 15th September. The dates may change depending upon the circumstances.
7. Counting of votes will done on the following Sunday after 15th September.
8. Election officer will inform the contestants the time and place of counting by a letter, e-mail, SMS.
9. It will be the duty of the contestant to make sure that he/she, the proposer and seconder are in good standing.

**DIS QUALIFICATIONS**

1. Any fellow who is in arrears of the dues to the association shall not be eligible.
   a. to hold office
   b. to propose or second a nomination for the post of office bearer
   c. to exercise his vote
   d. This applies to conference/course organizing Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer who have not submitted audited statement of accounts of their conference at the time election nomination is called

2. Any fellow, who has not attended a minimum of two annual/national conferences in a period of past five years, shall not be eligible to hold office.
NOMINATION FORM

Name :____________________________________
Address :____________________________________
____________________________________
____________________________________
Pin code :___________________________________
Cell /Tel No.:____________________________Email:________________
Qualification :_________________ASI Membership No:_______________ACRSI Membership No:
ACRSI Meeting attended at : 1_______________ 2. _______________
Enclose certificate of attendance
Post contesting:

PRESIDENT ELECT
HON. SECRETARY
HON.TREASURER

VICE PRESIDENTS EXECUTIVE MEMBERS
North Zone
South Zone
East Zone
West Zone
Central Zone

North Zone
South Zone
East Zone
West Zone
Central Zone

I wish to contest for the Post of _________________________________.

I hereby give my consent for the same. Signature________________Date__________.

Proposed By : Name___________________Signature_____________________

ASI/ACRSI membership no:

Seconded By : Name___________________Signature_____________________

ASI/ACRSI membership no: