

3. Membership of the Association:

- a. **Alumni Member:** Any person who has enrolled in any academic programme of CDS (M.A, M.Phil., PhD and any other degree programme that CDS offers) and currently not registered as a student is entitled to become an Alumni Member on payment of the prescribed Membership Fee as specified in Rule 4. A person who has discontinued from an academic programme of CDS but has not obtained the same degree from another university or institution will be eligible to be become an Alumni Member. Alumni Member shall be entitled to vote in the General body of the Association.
- b. **Associate and Honorary Members:** Any person who has served as CDS teaching or non-teaching staff and was in the regular payroll of CDS for a period of one year or more is entitled to be a non-voting Associate Member of the Association. Eminent persons who have been associated with the Centre may be admitted to be Honorary Members, as may be considered by the Executive Committee of the Association. The Executive Committee may notify other identified categories to be included as Associate or Honorary Members of the Association in keeping with the Objects of the Association with the approval of the General body.
- c. **Ex officio / Nominee member of CDSAA:** The Director, CDS (or nominee of Director, CDS) shall be an ex-officio member of the CDSAA and its EC. Such member shall be in non-voting capacity, irrespective of whether or not he/she is an alumni member of the Association.

4. Annual and Life Membership Fee:

The amount of Annual and Life Membership Fee in respect of all categories of Members mentioned under Rule 3 and the mode of payment will be decided by the Executive Committee from time to time. A person desirous of becoming a Member shall pay such Membership Fee, as applicable, and in such manner as decided by the EC. The procedure for Membership and the payment of fee for voting and non-voting member shall be separately notified by EC through appropriate means.

In case of termination of membership for any reason, no part of the membership fee will be refunded.

5. Termination of Membership:

a. The Member shall cease to be the Member of the Association in any of the following events:

- i) In the event of death of the member.
- ii) On written resignation by the member in the manner specified under Rule 5(b).
- iii) If convicted by a court of law to be a criminal offender/proclaimed offender or of unsound mind.
- iv) Conviction by a court of law for an offence involving moral turpitude.
- v) If adjudged insolvent.
- vi) In case of expulsion of such Member pursuant to Rule 5(c).
- vii) In case of Member with Dues as per Rule 6(c)
- viii) In case of dissolution of the Association as defined in Rule 25.

b. A Member may resign as a Member of the Association by submitting a resignation letter to the EC.

c. In case the EC is satisfied that a Member, has been working against the interests of the Association, the EC shall move a resolution terminating the membership of such a Member from the Association after giving due opportunity to the member to be heard. Such a resolution of the EC would be subject to ratification by a majority of the Members of the General Body, present and voting at its meeting, either in person or by proxy.

d. A Member who is expelled under Rule 5(c) shall not be eligible for re-admission unless approved by a two-thirds majority of the total Members of the General Body, present and voting at its meeting, either in person or by proxy and on payment of membership dues, if any.

e. A list of terminations of memberships during the year shall be placed on record by the EC before the General Body in the subsequent meeting.

6. Membership Dues:

a. The Admission fee and Membership Fee shall be payable within thirty (30) days after approval of application of an applicant Member, failing which the EC shall be entitled at its entire discretion to revoke the admission of the defaulting Member.

- b.** An existing Member whose Membership fee subscription is in arrears shall not be entitled to vote at a meeting of the General Body and if such a member votes, the said vote shall not be counted.
- c.** In case of failure to pay the Membership fee for two consecutive years from the due date for payment, the Member shall cease to be a Member and may be re-admitted to the association by the EC only after payment of any dues of membership fee for the intervening period.

7. Member's rights and privileges:

All Alumni Members (other than Associate and Honorary Members and ex-officio members) are entitled to cast vote for electing members of the EC as prescribed in the Rules subject to the rule 6(b).

All Alumni Members are entitled to receive all announcements, the Alumni Newsletter and Annual magazine, (as and when introduced), and also can participate in social functions and other activities of the Association, by paying the admission fee, if any, to such events.

Associate and Honorary members and Ex-officio members (Non-voting) shall be entitled to receive notices/ invitations for specific events and to participate in activities and social/ academic functions on payment of admission fee for such events, if any, as decided by the EC.

All Members, with fully paid up Membership fee, subscription, as may be specified will be eligible for need based assistance, if they qualify for assistance under any need based schemes or assistance, if any, administered by the Association.

Announcements and notices connected with the activities of the Association, posted on the CDSAA website, (as and when created), shall be deemed to be received by the Members.