

Constitution

CONSTITUTION OF THE LAWYERS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS INTERNATIONAL

Aims and Objectives :

To promote human rights education among Lawyer community and general public and strive for upholding rule of law in the society.

To organise, hold workshops, seminars, get-together, functions and campaigns for promoting, encouraging and protecting the human rights among the lawyer community.

To participate in or call any foreign social, educational functions, seminars festivals in order to promote human rights of the citizens of the country and for matter connected therewith or incidental thereto;

To represent before the appropriate authority on behalf of the Lawyer community which directly or indirectly affect the human rights situation in the society;

To make representations, recommendations, to any governmental, non-governmental organisation or authority for seeking grants, special privileges, donations, sponsorships, funds and immovable properties and advertisements for the promotion of activities incidental to the human rights situation and encouragement among lawyers for social work and human rights activities.

To strive for welfare of members of the society, wherever necessity requires so. It would also be the aim of the society to build relationship of brotherhood, cooperation and granting affiliation to different social groups and to generate awareness about the problems and privileges to the lawyers.

To spread message of one humanity among different sections of the society and promote awareness about the importance and benefit of human rights education.

To undertake and promote research in the field of human rights, and other areas of social work.

To undertake social welfare schemes for the benefit of the citizens, organising medical camps and help suffering people in case of any natural or man-created disaster, calamity, accident and to promote brotherhood among the people by organising social and cultural functions.

To develop civic consciousness, to raise the standard of living of the citizens.

To do all other objects and purposes which may be conducive to and beneficial for the society and to the human beings.

To work with full effort to prevent discrimination among the people on the basis of religion, sex, caste, and creed and to stop discrimination by legal means.

CONDITIONS OF WORKING:-

The income and property of the society shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the society as set forth in the Memorandum of Association and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred to the members of the society directly or indirectly.

No member of the governing body of the society shall be appointed to any salaried office of the society, or any office of the society paid by fees, and no remuneration shall be given by the society to any member of such governing body except repayment out of pocket expenses and interest on money lent for premises/demises to the society.

The society by its constitution will apply its profits, if any or any other income in promoting its objects;

If upon winding up or dis-solution of the society, there remains after liquidation of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the society, but shall be given or transferred to some other organisation having its objects similar to the objects of the society at or before the time of dis-solution.

DECLARATION:-

We the several persons whose names and addresses are subscribed hereunder are desirous of being formed a social, voluntary, non-governmental, non-profit making non-political society in pursuance of this memorandum of Association.

LIST OF GOVERNING BODY

Amar Singh Chahal,	President
Navkiran Singh,	General Secretary
VPS Bhatia,	Vice-President
Brijinder singh Sodhi ,	Vice -President
Rajvinder Singh Bains,	Vice-President
Veena Sharma,	Lady Vice-President
O P Dabla,	Office Secretary
Ravinder Singh Bassi,	Joint Secretary
Arunjeev Singh Walia,	Press Secretary
G S Rang	Treasurer

CHANDIGARH DATED;11.02.2000

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF “LAWYERS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS INTERNATIONAL

INTRODUCTION:-

These rules and regulations of Lawyers For Human Rights International have been framed with a view to run the functioning of the society and shall be strictly adhered to by all the members throughout their period of membership. The rules and regulations shall not be changed, altered or amended without the consent of the General Body of the society.

MEMBERSHIP:-

All the like minded lawyers who are inclined to dedicate themselves to the cause of promoting and protecting human rights and agree to abide by the aims and objects and the rules and regulations hereinafter framed of the society are eligible to become the members of the society. The governing body may restrict the membership of the society without any notice. Any member whether male or female who is desirous of becoming a member of the society will apply to the President of the Society in the prescribed form.

REGISTER OF MEMBERS:-

The society shall maintain at its registered office a register of its members along with their complete bio-data and shall enter therein, fifteen days thereafter, the particulars of the member.

CATEGORIES OF MEMBERS:-

There would be only one category of members called “Member”.

MEETING:-

The governing body/District Level Unit/Tehsil level units of the society shall hold meetings at least once in a month in order to achieve the objectives of the society.

GOVERNING BODY:-

The governing body of the society shall consist of One President, One Senior Vice-President, One Lady Vice-President, One General Secretary, three organising Secretaries, One Office Secretary, One Press Secretary and One Cashier and the total number of members of the Governing body

shall be ten.

QUORUM:-

The quorum of the meeting shall be two third of the total number of members of the society.

POWERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY:-

President:-

He shall preside over all the meetings of the governing body and the General body. He shall be the ultimate head of the society. The decision of the President in the meeting of the Governing body and the General Body shall be final and binding on all questions raised but shall not override the decision of the General Body. He shall have the authority and power to do the following things namely:-

Liasion with various authorities to enforce the aims and objects of the society;

Supervise the accounts and activities of the society

Participate where necessary in any proceeding whether in a court or before any authority against the violation of human rights of the people

Organise functions, seminars, meetings educational workshops and other means of promoting human rights in India or abroad.

Every work which has been entrusted to him by the governing body or the general body of the society.

Senior Vice-President:-

He shall act as President of the society in the absence of the President. In addition to this, he shall do all other works assigned to him by the President or the Governing Body from time to time.

Lady Vice-President:-

She shall assist the President or the Senior-Vice-President in performance of duties. In addition to this, she shall do all other works assigned to her by the President or the Governing Body from time to time.

General Secretary:-

He shall be the incharge of the office of the Society and shall act as an adjutant of the society. He

is the first man to know everything about the activities and functions of the society and amongst other things to do the following acts, deeds and things, namely:-

- To check and verify accounts in the cash book and carry out periodical inspection of the same;
- To sign and issue notices for calling meetings of the governing body or general body and to issue Press-releases on behalf of the society;
- To look after and conduct all correspondence relating to or in any way concerning the society, record and put it before the authority concerned;
- To appoint committees for smooth organising of any function, meets, workshops, etc.
- To call and conduct the meetings of the Governing body and the General body of the society;
- To keep or cause or cause to be kept in proper order and custody all documents and all papers and files belonging to the society;
- To take disciplinary action against any member held guilty of violating the terms and conditions and rules and regulations of the society;

Organising Secretary:-

To ensure smooth holding of meetings of District Level/Tehsil Level units and guide, educate and to make the District Level/Tehsil level units functional.

Treasurer:-

He shall be responsible for the maintenance of the accounts of the society. He shall prepare the account books, cash and credit ledger and place it before the General or Governing body for inspection periodically.

Press Secretary:-

He shall do liaison with media and public on behalf of the society and shall strive for building effective and cordial relation with different social and governmental organisations.

TENURE OF THE GOVERNING BODY:-

The first tenure of the first governing body shall be two years. After a period two years, the new

members of the governing body shall be elected through General Elections by way of consensus or secret ballot if necessary. The members of the governing body shall be entitled to contest the elections for as many time they want. The term of the governing body shall be two years starting from January to December of the preceding year.

ELECTIONS OF GOVERNING BODY:-

The members of the Governing Body shall be elected from amongst the members for electing the members of the Governing Body, general body of the society shall have the right to vote and the Governing body may restrict the right to vote to only Presidents and General Secretaries of the District Units/Tehsil Units at any stage.

FORMATION OF THE GENERAL BODY:-

The General Body of the society shall consist of all the members of the society including that of the Governing Body. Apart from this, the General Body shall include any invitee or guest appointed by the Governing Body.

POWERS OF THE GENERAL BODY:-

The General Body of the society shall assist the governing body in the implementation of the aims and objects of the society. The members of the General body may guide the Governing Body from time to time in the matters of initiating any activity on preferential basis. The general body shall have over-riding effect on the governing body and can check the governing body if it feels any dissatisfaction over the working of the governing body.

MEETING AND QUORUM OF THE GENERAL BODY:-

The General Body of the society shall conduct at least one meeting in two months. The quorum of the meeting shall be two third members of the total membership of the General body.

FORMATION OF DISTRICT LEVEL UNITS:-

The District Level unit may elect its own governing body. The office-bearers of the District Level unit so elected shall hold office for a period of one year and perform the duties assigned to them by the Governing body or the General Body as the case may be. The Office bearers of the District Level Unit shall be made in consultation and concurrence of the Governing body of the society. The Governing body of the society may appoint any observer in the elections of the District Level Unit in order to ensure smooth conduct of the elections. The Governing body shall have the power to remove any member of the District Level unit or take disciplinary action for mis-conduct or breach of the aims and objects or rules and regulations of the society. But such action shall be taken only after consulting the President or the General Secretary of the District Level Unit.

FORMATION OF TEHSIL LEVEL UNITS:-

The Tehsil level unit shall be formed by the members of the Tehsil unit from amongst themselves. The office-bearers so appointed shall hold office for a period of one year and shall be bound to perform the duties assigned to them by the Governing or General Body as the case may be. The Governing body of the society shall have the right to remove any member of the Tehsil level unit or take disciplinary action for mis-conduct or breach of the aims and objects or rules and regulations of the society. But such action shall be taken only after consulting the President or the General Secretary of the Tehsil Level unit. The governing body of the society may send its observer in the elections of the office-bearers of the Tehsil level units in order to ensure smooth conduct of elections.

RETIREMENT/RESIGNATION/DEATH OF THE MEMBER:-

Any member of the General or Governing body can resign from his post at any time during his tenure. No member of the Governing body shall retire from his post during the period of his tenure. In case of the death of a member of the Governing body, the successor of such member shall be elected by consensus as acting member for the remaining period of the tenure of the deceased member. Any member of the General body can resign from his membership at any time with prior notice to the General secretary of the society of not less than twenty days.

INDEMNITY:-

Every member of the society shall be indemnified against all acts, liabilities arising out of the acts and things done by them in pursuance of the powers and duties entrusted to them by the society.

CONSEQUENCES OF NON-ATTENDANCE OF MEMBER IN THE MEETING:-

If any member of the society fail to cause presence for more than three consecutive meetings of the governing body or the General body or District Level Unit or Tehsil Level Unit, as the case may be, such absentee member may be removed from the primary membership of the society. However, serving of a notice of attendance upon such member shall be mandatory, before such removal.

FINES AND FORFEITURES UPON MEMBERS:-

If any member is found guilty of mis-conduct or misbehavior during the meetings or found mis-using the name of the society for his wrongful personal gains, such a member shall be removed from the membership of the society.

MANNER OF INVESTMENT OF FUNDS, KEEPING OF ACCOUNTS AND FOR ANNUAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS:-

The funds of the society shall be spent only for the attainment of the aims and objects of the society. Every expenditure shall be spent after passing a resolution to this effect by two third majority of the governing body. The accounts of the society shall be done by a Chartered Accountant, and properly verified and shall be open to inspection by the members of the society or any authority.

MANNER FOR MAKING, ALTERING AND RESCINDING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SOCIETY:-

The rules and regulations of the society can be altered or rescinded or new rules may be added or amended by a resolution to this effect passed by at least two third majority members of the General body present in the meeting.

MANNER OF DIS-SOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY:-

The society shall have its separate legal entity and it will not be dissolved under any circumstances. The resignation, expulsion, retirement or death of a member of the Governing body

or Genreal body shall not cause the dissolution of the society.

OPERATION OF BANK ACCOUNT:-

The bank account of the society shall be operated upon either by the President and Secretary or the President and Cashier or either by the Secretary and the Cashier jointly only.

CERTIFIED TO THE A TRUE COPY OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE LAWYERS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS INTERNATIONAL

PRESIDENT
GENERAL SECRETARY
LADY VICE PRESIDENT