

6. ELECTION OF THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE

10.1. Frequency & Term

10.1. (a) Vice-President shall be elected annually, from amongst Life Members of the Association who are eligible to vote in a manner stipulated in Rule 10.6.

10.1. (b) Joint Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected once in two years.

10.1. (c) Fellowship Secretary, Editor, IT Wing Secretary and Executive Committee Members shall be elected once in two years. The term of Journal Editor, Indexing Editor and IT Wing Secretary to be increased to 5 years

There shall be no election for the post of Editor, Indexing Editor and IT Wing Secretary, However, nominations can be filed and the TNOA Principle Office bearers shall select these posts.

To maintain the continuity and good work and to also have a continuous dynamic monitoring of the functioning of the JOJS, to take into higher and superior levels of indexing the period of the Journal Editor and Indexing Editor are to be increased to 5 years. The third year a Joint Editor and Joint Indexing Editor can be nominated who will understand the functioning of the journal in association with the Editor and Indexing Editor. At the end of five-year tenure of the Editor and Indexing Editor the Joint Editors will be converted into Editor and Indexing Editor respectively.

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The same duration of five years to be applicable for the IT Wing Secretary also and Joint IT wing Secretary to be appointed at the third year and will get converted to the post of IT wing Secretary at the fifth year.

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10.1. (d) The Treasurer shall be elected once in two years by all members of TNOA eligible to vote, however the Treasurer candidate should be a previous EC member of TNOA residing presently in Chennai. This is for smooth maintenance of Accounts and the TNOA office that is located in Chennai.

10.1. (d) Treasurer shall not be eligible for re-election for another term.

10.2. Nomination fees

10.2. (a) ~~Nomination fees for the election of office bearers shall be Rs.2000/- (Rs. Two thousand only) for the posts of Vice President and Joint Secretary and Rs.1000/- (Rs. One thousand only) for other posts. (AGM 10.2.2007, Club Melaange, Erode)~~

~~Nomination fee has been increased to Rs 5000/- for principal office bearers (Officers) and Rs 3000/- for others. (AGBM, 13th February, 2016, Hotel Fern Hill, Ooty)~~

Nomination fee has been increased to Rs.10,000 for Principle Office bearers (Officers) and Rs. 5000 for other posts

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2019 – Madurai)

10.2. (b) Association will print a brief bio-data of each candidate and circulate it along with the ballot paper.

10.3. (a) person holding a post in TNOA cannot contest for any other post in the election at the time of holding the post.

A person holding a post in the TNOA executive shall not contest for any other post during the first year of his/her tenure but is permitted to do so during the second year of his/her tenure as he/she will be laying down office before taking over the in the new post

(AGB, Feb 2012, Madurai).

10.3 (b) Those who Has Occupied / Occupying any positions including EC Member in any other State Associations (After February 2021) will not be eligible to contest any posts of TNOA including EC Post

Cooling Period of Five Years For Those Who Have Moved to Tamilnadu From Other States.

(AGBM, Yercaud, 07th February 2021)

10.3 (c) Only Those Who Are Residing Within the Geographical Boundary of Tamil Nadu Are Eligible to Contest for The Posts Of TNOA. (AGBM, Yercaud, 07th February 2021)

10.4 One member can contest for only one post in the elections at a time. **(AGM10.2.2007, Erode)**

10.4 (a) A person who has filed nomination for more than one post and if he fails to withdraw the nomination for other posts except any one post within the stipulated time, he shall be disqualified from contesting for all the posts in that election.

10.4. (b) If a person is disqualified from contesting the election, the nomination fee shall not be returned.

10.5. An Executive Member, if disqualified for lack of attendance in Executive Committee Meetings shall not be eligible for contesting any post in the future.

10.(5)(a) Minimum 4 years of life membership for to contest to the post of EC Members

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10.6 Election Procedure

10.6. (a) The Notice for Election shall be given by the President-Elect, TNOA who is the Election Officer.

(AGB, Feb 2012,

Vellore)

10.6. (b) The Notice for Election shall be printed in the 2nd Newsletter and sent to Life members.

- All nominations must be received by the election officer within 21 days of the dispatch of the Notice convening the Elections.
- If there is more than one nomination for any vacancy, election shall be on the basis of a majority vote.
- Any candidate may withdraw his name atleast 2 weeks before posting of ballot papers.
- The manners of election shall be secret ballot only.

10.6. (c) The following changes in schedule for dispatching and receiving nominations / ballots were adopted at AGBM, 12th Feb 2011, Aakash Family Club, Madurai:

- i. The period for sending ballots to members may be extended by one more week i.e three instead of the present two.
- ii. The period for requesting duplicate ballots by members may be increased by one more week i.e three instead of the present two weeks.
- iii. The period for receiving polled ballots may be increased by two more weeks i.e six weeks from the present four weeks. (AGB, Feb 2012, Madurai)
- iv. Counting of votes may be done by a core committee decided by the EC during the first week of January following.
- v. Following are the dates for the Election process
 - October 3rd – Announcement of TNOA Elections in second news letter
 - October 24th – Last date for filing of nominations
 - October 31st - Last date for withdrawal of nominations
 - November 14th or the next working days if it is a holiday - Despatch of Ballots
 - December 6th or the next working days if it is a holiday - Last date for Request of Duplicate Ballots
 - December 31st - Last date for receipt of ballots
 - January 1st Sunday Counting of Ballots
- vi. Annual General Body Meeting Announcement of Election Results
- vii. Election results will be declared on the date of counting But it is valid only after the ratification in GBM *(AGBM Cuddalore 2025)*

The election process will be conducted by the President elect. All the above procedures will be done by the President Elect.

(AGBM, 10th & 11th February 2012, CMC, Vellore).

10.7 Code of Conduct- commences from the day of election announcement -3rd october

10.7. (a) Association will send a printed brief bio-data of each candidate to all the members eligible to vote.

10.7. (b) The candidates can send personal appeal letters to the members. *(AGB, Feb2011, Madurai)*

10.7. (c) The candidates can contact the members over phone or electronic media like E-mail including SMS. *(AGB, Feb 2011, Madurai).*

10.7. (d) Meeting the members personally to canvass votes is to be avoided.

10.7. (d). {i} Meeting the member personally to canvas for votes is to be avoided and if personal canvas done the candidate shall be disqualified. *(AGB, Feb 2024, Erode)*

10.7. (d). {ii} Clubs affiliated to TNOA should not invite candidates contesting for elections to TNOA for delivering lectures/or as faculty during the election process. *(AGB, Feb 2011, Madurai)*

10.7. (e) If Candidate Deploy colleagues/subordinates/pharmaceutical or surgical company people to canvass votes then the candidate shall be disqualified. *(AGB, Feb 2024, Erode)*

10.7. (f) Any other activity by the candidate amounting to malpractice in the election process as decided by General Body will amount to disqualification. *(AGB, Feb 2024, Erode)*

10.7.(g) If there is no nomination for any post, the Returning Officer shall take nominations at the Annual General Body Meeting and fill-up the post.

10.7.(h) The Executive Committee as constituted in Accordance with these Rules shall continue in office notwithstanding their period of service which has expired until their successors have been duly elected.

10.8 TNOA Online Elections:

~~*GB approved for Trial On-line elections from 2011 onwards. (AGB, Feb 2011, Madurai)*~~

10.8.(a) To continue TNOA Elections by physical ballot. As of now online election is not approved by the registrar of societies. *(AGBM, 19th March 2022, Trichy)*

~~*Election process for the year 2020 was conducted on paper ballots only. Then it can be conducted both in ballots and online basis. Online voting can be done by members who has registered emails with TNOA. From 2023 the elections will be conducted only by online process. (GBM—2020—*~~

~~Vellore)~~

~~To Go Ahead with Online Election from next year (2022). Online Trial and Physical ballot in 2021. (AGBM—2021—Yercaud)~~

Online elections as per the rules of registration of societies is not permitted. Hence online elections cannot be conducted for TNOA as we are a registered society under the Registrar of Societies act.

10.9 Reforms in Hardware

10.10. (a) Rolling Number over Cover A

10.10. (b) Same Rolling Number over ID Slip

10.10. (c) Ballot including cover B shall not bear any number

10.10. (d) Ballot cover A shall be BROWN COVER (opaque)

10.10. (e) All Duplicate Ballots shall receive the same number allotted to original

10.10. (f) Ballot must be printed on a hard sheet

10.10. (g) Brown Cover A shall bear the address of sender as mandatory

10.11 TNOA Electoral List

(AGBM, 19th March 2022, Trichy)

10.11 (a) Executive Committee Member is responsible for Verification and update of TNOA Membership Data

10.11 (b) EC Member shall certify the final electoral list of each zone before 31st August.

10.11 (c) No correction in the electoral list should be allowed after 31st August.

10.11 (d) Secretary is responsible to hand over the verified data to Election Officer.

- 1) Code of conduct to come into effect from the date of announcement of election that is the 2nd newsletter release. *(AGM Erode 2024)*
- 2) After the period of announcement of code of conduct the candidates should not participate in zonal club programs or other programs as a faculty. Election by laws may be circulated in the election notification and to candidates by the Election Officer with all the various dates to be clearly mentioned in the by-laws. *(AGM Erode 2024)*
- 3) Contestants in election can however participate as delegates in programs, CMEs and conferences. *(AGM Erode 2024)*
- 4) Official communications regarding Conferences and other events of Zonal Clubs should not carry the names of the candidates, except if they are already office bearers of that particular zonal clubs. *(AGM Erode 2024)*
- 5) Change of address for ballot paper request upto 31st October be accepted. *(AGM Erode 2024)*

- 6) Election officer may be given the discretion to accept change of address for duplicate ballot if the request for change of address comes from the official mail id or from the official phone number of the member.

(AGM Erode 2024)

- 7) Acknowledgement of receipt of ballot papers back to the election office to be done to the voting member. This enables the member to be assured that his vote has reached the election office.

(AGM Erode 2024)

- 8) List of people who have voted can be provided to the candidates if requested after December 15th

(AGBM Cuddalore 2025)