



**MINUTES OF SPECIAL GENERAL BODY MEETING
FOR AMENDMENTS TO MoA AND RULES & REGULATIONS OF UTTARAYANI**

Date 31 August 2019, Time 5:00pm onwards

VENUE: N D Tiwari Bhawan, 219 DDU Marg, New Delhi 110002

Special General Body Meeting of Uttarayani was called on 31st August 2019 from 5pm onwards, at N D Tiwari Bhawan, 219 DDU Marg, New Delhi to transact a single agenda item relating to amendments in the Memorandum of Association and Rules & Regulations of Uttarayani. Copy of the notice for SGBM is attached.

In the absence of the quorum, the special General Body meeting at 5.PM was adjourned for thirty minutes and re-convened at 5.30PM, at the same venue on the same day and date. List of the members in attendance is attached.

The President of UttarayaniCol (Dr) B. C. Pandey, chaired the meeting and welcomed the members present in the meeting. After introducing former Presidents and founder members of Uttarayani to the members present he also informed that 5 esteemed members of Uttarayani have left for their heavenly abode in recent times and requested the members to pay homage and pray for these departed souls. A two minute silence was observed by all. He then requested Secretary to take up the agenda point for deliberation

Secretary briefed the members about the attempts made in the past and the efforts made by the present Governing Body to amend some provisions of the Memorandum of Association and Rules & Regulations. He also explained the members provisions regarding the procedure for amendments as contained in Rule7 sub-rule 7(iii) Rule 19 of Uttarayani Rules and Regulations which were communicated to the members along with the notice for the meeting and also through subsequent Email, Social Media (WhatsApp Groups of Uttarayani) Speed Post etc.

Shri GD Gaur, Vice President of the Governing Body also brief the members about the procedure to be followed for amending the MoA and Rules& Regulations as per the checklist obtained from the Registrar of Societies.

Thereafter, Secretary presented the Agenda items one by one for discussion and approval of the members. After clause by clause and rule by rule deliberations on the proposed amendments, clarifications given by Governing Body members on the points/ doubts raised by members the amendments as in the Appendix were approved,

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks Members were invited for dinner.

BEST REGARDS TO ALL

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Memorandum of Association				
S No	Clause	Existing Provisions	Ammendments Approved	Reasons for Ammendment
1	2- Registered Office	Regd. Office of the Society shall remain in Delhi and at present is at: 57-MGI, Vikas Puri, New Delhi-18	Regd. Office of the Society shall remain in Delhi and at present is at: 302-303, Bhikaji Cama Bhawan, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi -66	The society office has since shifted to new location being centrally located.
2	3- Aims and Objectives	3(i) To foster and create a sense of brotherhood, unity, cooperation, love and affection amongst the members of the Society and the people of hill region of Uttar Pradesh and also among general public in order to achieve maximum coordinated results. 3(ii) To promote education, literacy, social and cultural activities amongst the members of the society and people of the hill regions of Uttar Pradesh and to open Community Halls, Cultural and Educational Centres. 3(vii) To gather and provide information about the facilities, infrastructure, intended for the people of hill regions of Uttar Pradesh to the members of the society and the public in general.	Substitute "Uttar Pradesh" by " Uttarakhand " wherever it occurs in Clauses 3 (i), 3(ii) and 3(vii).	Uttarakhand was carved out as a new state out of Uttar Pradesh. The objective of the Society is to serve the people of hill region of Uttarakhand.
3	3- Aims and Objectives 3(viii)	3(viii). To accept donation, grants, presents and other offerings, movable or immovable properties from any person, firm, company, institution, society, organisation and Government for the attainment of the aims and objectives of the Society.	Substitute Clause 3(viii) as given below: "To accept donation, grants, presents and other offerings, movable or immovable properties from any person, firm, company, institution, society, organisation and Government as well as from abroad as per rules and regulations of Government of India , for the attainment of the aims and objectives of the Society	Uttarayani is non-political, not-for-profit, socio cultural and welfare Society which has been conducting several activities in the hill regions of the State of Uttarakhand. There are many non-resident Uttarakhandis who have migrated to other countries and have expressed desire to contribute to the cause of their native land. Acceptance of donations from such individuals will help Uttarayani to fulfil its objectives more effectively.

Rules and Regulations				
S No	Rule/Sub-Rule	Existing Provisions	Ammendments Approved	Reasons for Ammendment
1	2- Membership 2(i) Primary Membership	Group A/ Class I officers of the Central or the State Government/ Union Territory Administration and Officers of equivalent rank of Central or State Public Undertakings who are or were atleast once posted in Delhi can become members of Uttarayani	Substitute as below: “Group A/ Class I officers with mandatory origin or natives of the hill region of the State of Uttarakhand of the Central or the State Government / Union Territory Administration and Officers of equivalent rank of Central or State Public Undertakings, Armed Forces, Para Military Services, Doctors and Professors in public/government institutions who are or were atleast once posted in Delhi / NCR and Uttarakhand and also in service at the time of application for enrolment of Uttarayani’s membership can become members of Uttarayani.”	For enhancing the membership base and using the larger base for exchange of ideas as well as revenue generation, it was necessary to expand the membership criteria. Since members who have served in the State of Uttarakhand have a better grip of the issues and procedures followed in the State, they will be in a better position to follow up with officials in the State.
2	5 - Cessation of Membership 5(b)	5 (b). Any member who fails to pay the subscription upto three months from the date as required (under section 15 of the Societies Registration Act, XXI, of 1860) shall cease to be a member. However, his membership may be continued at the sole discretion of the Governing Body, if his annual subscription is received on or before 30th June of the next year. After this date, the individual shall have to submit a fresh application for consideration of the Governing Body.	Add following Para as 5(c) “ If any member fails to attend 3 consecutive General Body Meetings without intimating the President / Secretary or fails to respond to 3 consecutive communications sent over a period of 90 days, he / she will cease to be a member. However, Governing Body will have the power to restore the membership of such members on getting satisfactory explanation, if the member returns within 6 months. If the member returns at a later date and applies for membership, Governing Body may consider such request as per rules enforce at the time of such application. ”	Experience of the past several years suggests that some of the members don’t attend the meetings nor do they participate in any of the activities of the Society. They also do not respond to repeated communication from the Governing Body of the Society nor have they communicated to changes in their address, contact phones and other means of communication. It has, therefore, become necessary that such members, after following due procedures, should be considered for termination of their membership.
3	8-Governing Body 8 (i)	8 (i) The Governing Body shall be elected by the General Body from amongst its members as per mode indicated in Para 11. It shall have a minimum 8 members and a maximum of 12 including office bearers. In addition, the immediate former Secretary shall be the ex-officio member of the Governing Body. The initial Governing Body shall consist of following 10 members	Substitute as below: “The Governing Body shall be elected by the General Body from amongst its members as per mode indicated in Para 11. It shall have a minimum 8 members and a maximum of 15 members, including office bearers. Immediate former Secretary shall be the ex-officio member of the Governing Body. The Governing Body shall consist of following 15 members including office	The membership strength of Uttarayani has increased more than 5 times since inception necessitating the need for increasing the strength of the Governing body.

		<p>including office bearers: President (One) Vice President (One) Secretary (One) Cultural Secretary (One) Treasurer (One) Members (Five)</p> <p>The office bearers and members of the Governing body shall normally hold office for a period of one year.</p>	<p>bearers: President (One) Vice President (One) Secretary (One) Cultural Secretary (One) Joint Secretary (One) Treasurer (One) Organising Secretary - One (As per event organised) Members – Seven & immediate former Secretary</p> <p>The office bearers and members of the Governing body shall normally hold office for a period of two years.</p>	<p>It has been experienced that initial 3-4 months are spent by the newly elected Governing Body to understand the processes and projects of the Society. As such very short time is left for them to execute any meaningful work. Also in the past the term of the existing were invariably increased by the General Body. It is therefore considered necessary to increase the term of the Governing Body by one year.</p>
4	<p>9- Powers and Duties of Governing Body 9(i)</p>	<p>9 (i). The quorum for the meeting of the Governing body shall be 1/3rd of its members</p>	<p>Substitute “1/3rd of its members” by “more than half of its strength ie. 51 percent”</p> <p>Add following Sub-Rule after Sub-Rule 9(ii) as Sub-Rule 9(iii)</p> <p>“9(iii). If any member of the Governing body fails to perform his or her responsibilities or is continually absent from 3 consecutive Governing Body meetings without intimation, then the President by majority decision of the Governing Body, can remove such member from Governing body and fill up the vacancy so caused, by nominating other willing and committed member.”</p>	<p>Since Governing Body takes crucial decisions on behalf of the Society, its decisions should be taken by more than half of its strength.</p> <p>The members of the Governing Body are volunteers who join the Governing body willingly to execute the duties assigned to it. If such members do not show up nor do they communicate the reasons for their absence need to be replaced by some other volunteer members who will be proactive in helping the Society fulfil its objectives.</p>