

A TABLE OF COMPARISON OF EXISTING AND PROPOSED CLAUSES OF BYE-LAWS OF ICAS

Clause No	Existing clause	Clause No.	Proposed clause
1	The Society shall be called “ Indian Council of Astrological Sciences”.	2.1	The name of the society shall be “Indian Council of Astrological Sciences” which shall hereinafter be referred to as “The Society” or “ICAS” or “ICAS – Head Office” or “Council”.
2	The registered office of the Society shall be at A-1, RC – Coral Treasure, No.7, V.O.C. Street, Kumaran Nagar, Chennai – 600 050, in the State of Tamil Nadu	2.2	The registered office of the Society shall be at "Shreyas", No.1, Ground Floor, Francis Joseph Street, George Town, Chennai - 600 001, Tamilnadu
3	The Society was formed on the 1st day of October, 1984.	1.1	These bye-laws may be called “Bye-laws of ICAS” and the provisions of these Bye-laws apply to all categories of members of the Society “Indian Council of Astrological Sciences”. It shall come into effect from the date it was registered by the Registrar of Societies -i.e., 01.12.1984 replacing the original Bye-laws dated 1st October, 1984.
4	The Society is situated within the jurisdiction of the Registrar of Societies, Madras Central Registration District, having his office at No.20, Seethammal Road, Alwarpet, Madras-600 018.		The Society is situated within the jurisdiction of the Registrar of Societies, Madras Central Registration District, having his office at No.182, Bharathi Salai, Express Estate, Royapettah, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600014
5	The business hours of the Society shall be from 5 p.m to 7 p.m.	2.5	The business hours of the Society shall be between 5 pm and 7pm on Wednesday of every week, which is not a National Holiday.
6	The objects of the Society are : (a) To promote and protect Jyotir Vidya, Astrology, Astronomy, Astro-Mathematics, Astrophysics, Palmistry, SamudrikaSastra and all allied subjects in India. (b) To impart education, tuition and training in the above subjects (c) To conduct scientific research including observation, investigation and encourage learning of Jyostisha and allied Sastras, the Vedas, Vedangas and Vedanta and, as a means to that, arrange for imparting education in English, Sanskrit and Regional languages. (d) To bring into the fold of the Council all qualified and competent Astrological Savants, Astrologers, Palmists, Astro-Palmists, Astro-Mathematicians and Scientists. (e) To act as an apex body of Astrological Associations, institutions, organisations and similar bodies in India and to guide their working, functioning and project work and to regulate the study, research and practice of astrology and allied sciences	2.6	The objects of the Society are : (a) To promote and protect Jyotir Vidya, Astrology, Astronomy, Astro-Mathematics, Astrophysics, Palmistry, SamudrikaSastra and all allied subjects in India. (b) To impart education, tuition and training in the above subjects (c) To conduct scientific research including observation, investigation and encourage learning of Jyostisha and allied Sastras, the Vedas, Vedangas and Vedanta and, as a means to that, arrange for imparting education in English, Sanskrit and Regional languages. (d) To bring into the fold of the Council all qualified and competent Astrological Savants, Astrologers, Palmists, Astro-Palmists, Astro-Mathematicians and Scientists. (e) To act as an apex body of Astrological Associations, institutions, organisations and similar bodies in India and to guide their working, functioning and project work and to regulate the study, research and practice of astrology and allied sciences
7	The Secretary is the person authorized to sue or be sued on behalf of the Society.		This is referred to under Clause 5.5.4
8	The President is empowered to give directions in regard to the business of the Society.		This is referred to under the overall powers of National President under Clause 5.5.1
9	The activities of the Society in furtherance of its objects, are : (a) to organise group, class and general discussions, seminars, debates and other group activities and to participate in similar activities organised by other bodies, government Institutions and professional institutions in India and abroad ; (b) to organize, promote, start, take over, run, affiliate, establish, amalgamate and encourage the promotion, running or establishment of institutions, schools, colleges, universities, Vidyapeethas and other organisations, correspondence and other courses of studies for the propagation and teaching of the ancient wisdom including Vedas, Vedangas and Vedanta and in particular astrological sciences and allied subjects ; (c) subject to the law in force to conduct various grades of examinations, interviews, viva-voce tests, convocations and sadas and to issue grant and award certificates, Sanads, Diplomas, degrees, Doctorates and Insignia and to seek statutory recognition for the above ; (d) subject to the law in force to recognize or derecognize diplomas, degrees and certificates issued by other institutions or organisations (e) to safeguard the interests of the Community of astrologers and members of this Council ;	2.8	ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIETY : Group Activities: To organise group, class and general discussions, seminars, debates and other group activities and to participate in similar activities organised by other Professional Bodies and Government Institutions in India and abroad; Teaching: To organize, promote, start, take over, run, affiliate, establish, amalgamate and encourage the promotion, running or establishment of institutions, schools, colleges, universities, vidyapeethas and other organisations, correspondence and other courses of studies for the propagation and teaching of the ancient wisdom including vedas, vedangas and vedanta, Samskrita in general and astrological sciences, ancient and modern astronomy and allied subjects in particular; Conducting Examinations: Subject to the law in force - to conduct various grades of examinations, interviews, viva-voce tests, convocations and sadas and to issue, grant and award certificates, sanads, diplomas, degrees, doctorates and insignia and to seek statutory recognition for the above; Recognition of Titles: Subject to the law in force to recognize or derecognize diplomas, degrees and certificates issued by other institutions or organisations;

	<p>(f) to depute any member of the Council to conduct research in any branch or branches of astrological sciences, to receive tuition and/or training in any of the above subjects or teaching methods in any place in India or abroad ;</p> <p>(g) to communicate with and/or affiliate with any world or international body of astrologers, Palmists and Astro-scientists ;</p> <p>(h) to evolve, introduce, enforce codes of conduct, ethics and principles in the practice of Astrology and allied sciences ;</p> <p>(i) to establish branches, zonal or regional committees or chapters anywhere in the country or abroad as thought fit or expedient and to close such branch or body or set up Joint Committees or Councils in cooperation with like-minded bodies and meet or share the expenses therefor as may be decided from time to time subject to the Foreign Exchange regulations for the time being in force ;</p> <p>(j) to undertake or to cause translation, printing, publication, sale or free distribution of books, periodicals, charts and literature including palm leaves and manuscripts in furtherance of the objects of the Council and to lay down by observation or otherwise astrological constants, norms and standards and to standardize the ephemeris and the Panchanga ;</p> <p>(k) to publicise or to give publicity to all or any of the objects or the Council, its achievements and membership ;</p> <p>(l) to hold exhibitions of manuscripts, books, periodicals, astro-mathematical instruments, devices and gadgets ;</p> <p>(m) to collect and preserve manuscripts, palm leaf literature, publications, books, ancient works, scriptures, paintings, sculptures, antiques, instruments, gadgets, devices and designs of relevance to astrology, Vedic and allied subjects ;</p> <p>(n) to reproduce and patent such scriptures and antiques and to modify, patent, put to use, improve or redesign such instruments, gadgets, devices and designs and to give licence for the use of copy-rights, patents and exclusive rights ;</p> <p>(o) to collect donations, grants, gifts, fees, rents, licence fees, compensations, contributions and subscriptions and to raise money or funds through all legitimate means ;</p> <p>(p) to acquire, take on lease, hire purchase, to accept gift or donation, construct, maintain, improve, develop, after, let out, lease or put to use any piece of land, building, planetaria, observatories, laboratories, casements, houses, monuments, or other work necessary or convenient for the furtherance of the objects of the Council ;</p> <p>(q) to employ staff, workmen, volunteers, honorary workers, legal and technical and other advisers, architects, valuers and auditors to pay them remuneration, compensation, bonus, honoraria, expenses, allowance and ex-gratia payment, to remove any of them and to regulate the terms of their engagement, appointment, employment and condition of services or contracts ;</p> <p>(r) to open, operate, close, amalgamate one or more bank accounts in any part of India for and in the name of the Council and to regulate their operation ;</p> <p>(s) to sell, improve, manage, develop, exchange, lease or let, under lease or sublet, mortgage, dispose or turn to account or otherwise deal with all or any of the properties of the Council ;</p> <p>(t) to borrow or raise moneys required for the purpose of the Council upon such terms and on such securities as may be determined, and</p> <p>(u) to do all such other lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of all or any of the above subjects. Provided that the Council shall not support with its funds, or endeavour to impose on, or procure to be observed by its members or others, any regulation or restriction which, if an object to the Council would make it a Trade Union.</p>		<p>Research Activities: To depute any Member of the Council to conduct research in any branch or branches of astrological sciences, to receive tuition and/or train in any of the above subjects or teaching methods in any place in India or abroad;</p> <p>Affiliation: To communicate with and/or affiliate with any world or international body of astrologers, palmists, vastu shastra experts and astro-scientists;</p> <p>Professional Conduct: To evolve, introduce, enforce code of conduct, ethics and principles in the practice of astrology and allied sciences as in clause 8.2.</p> <p>Establish Centres/Chapters for teaching: To establish or close Centres/Chapters anywhere in India or abroad subject to the approval of the Managing Committee and subject to Section 6.0;</p> <p>Standardisation: To undertake or to cause translation, printing, publication, sale or free distribution of books, periodicals, charts and literature including palm leaves and manuscripts in furtherance of the objects of the council and to lay down by observation or otherwise astrological constants, norms and standards and to standardize the ephemeris and the panchanga;</p> <p>Publicity: To publicise or to give publicity to all or any of the objects of the council and its achievements;</p> <p>Exhibition: To hold exhibitions of manuscripts, books, periodicals, astro-mathematical instruments, devices and gadgets;</p> <p>Scriptures & Manuscripts: To collect and preserve manuscripts, palm leaf literature, publications, books, ancient works, scriptures, paintings, sculptures, instruments, gadgets, devices and designs of relevance to astrology, vedic and allied subjects;</p> <p>Value Addition: To reproduce and patent such scriptures and to modify, patent, put to use, improve or redesign such instruments, gadgets, devices, software and designs and to give licence for the use of copyrights, patents and exclusive rights;</p> <p>Donations: To collect donations, grants, gifts, fees, rents, licence fees, compensations, contributions and subscriptions and to raise money or funds through all legitimate means;</p> <p>Property: To acquire or dispose, take on lease, hire purchase, to accept gift or donation, construct, maintain, improve, develop, alter, let out, sublet, lease or put to use any piece of land, building, planetarium, observatories, laboratories, easements, houses, monuments, or other work necessary or convenient for the furtherance of the objects of the Council;</p> <p>Employment: To employ staff, volunteers, honorary workers, legal and technical and other advisers, architects, valuation experts; to pay them remuneration, compensation, bonus, honoraria, expenses, allowance and ex-gratia payment, to remove any of them and to regulate the terms of their engagement, appointment, employment and condition of services or contracts;</p> <p>Bank Account: To open, operate, close, one or more bank accounts in any part of India or/and in the name of the Council and to regulate their operation;</p> <p>Raising Funds: To borrow or raise money required for the purpose of the Council upon such terms and on such securities as may be determined;</p> <p>Other Activities: To do all such other lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of all or any of the above subjects. Provided that the Council shall not support with its funds, or endeavour to impose on, or procure to be observed by its members or others, any regulation or restriction which, if an object to the Council would make it a Trade Union.</p>
10	The objects of the Council shall extend to the whole of India.	2.3	The Aims & Objects of the Society, which shall extend to the whole of India, shall be as set out in the Memorandum of the Association of Society and may be altered, extended or abridged by the General Body in accordance with the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act 1975.

11	The subscribers to the memorandum and such other person as the Council shall admit to membership shall be members of the Council.	3.1	MEMBERSHIP - CATEGORIES :
12	<p>1. The membership shall consists of :</p> <p>(a) Founder Members (b) Honorary Patrons (c) Patrons (d) Fellows (e) Members (f) Associates and (g) Institutions</p> <p>2. Founder Members shall be those who subscribe to the Memorandum of Association and who are nominated to the first Managing Committee of the Council.</p> <p>3. Notwithstanding anything said in 12.4, the Managing Committee shall have the power to admit any distinguished person without payment, as an Honorary Patron.</p> <p>4. Patrons shall be individuals, Corporations, Bodies, Associations or Societies, who pay a donation of Rs. 1,000/- (Rupees one thousand only) or more or such other sum as may be prescribed by the Managing Committee from time to time.</p> <p>5. Fellows shall be persons of eminence in Astrology and allied sciences and who may be admitted as such on payment of an admission fee and annual subscription as prescribed by the Managing Committee from time to time. They are permitted to use the letters F.I.C.A.S. after their names.</p> <p>6. Members shall be individuals, interested in Astrology or practicing Astrology or practicing Astrology who enlist themselves with an admission fee and annual subscription as prescribed by the Managing Committee from time to time. They are permitted to add M.I.C.A.S. after their names.</p> <p>7. Associates shall be students, who enroll themselves with the council for passing any examination to be conducted by the Council. However they shall not be deemed to be members of the Council within the meaning of the Societies Act. They are permitted to add A.I.C.A.S after their names.</p> <p>8. Institutions or Associations engaged in the promotion of Astrology and allied sciences shall be eligible for Institution membership and such applicants may be admitted to this class of membership.</p>	3.1	<p>Founder Members: Founder Members shall be those who subscribe to the Memorandum of Association and who are nominated to the first Managing Committee of the Society.</p> <p>Patrons: Patrons shall be individuals, Corporations, Bodies, Associations or Societies, who pay a donation of Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakh only) or more or such other sum as may be prescribed by the Managing Committee from time to time.</p> <p>Honorary Patrons: Notwithstanding anything said in 3.1.2, the Managing Committee shall have the power to admit any distinguished person without payment, as an Honorary Patron.</p> <p>Members: Members (also called Life Members) shall be individuals interested in Astrology or practicing Astrology or who enlist themselves with an admission fee and annual subscription as prescribed by ICAS from time to time. They are permitted to add M.I.C.A.S. after their names.</p> <p>Institutional Members: Institutions or Associations engaged in the promotion of Astrology and allied sciences shall be eligible for Institutional membership and such applicants may be admitted to this category of membership, on payment of admission fee and annual fee as may be prescribed from time to time by the Management committee of the Council and shall continue to be Institutional Member</p>
	<p>9. The Managing Committee shall have the power to exempt the applicants for Fellowship, Membership and Associate ship from passing the prescribed examination. The Managing Committee shall also have power to fix and/or vary the regulations of admission and also the fee and/or Annual subscription payable by different categories of members.</p> <p>An application for membership shall be in the prescribed form and the applicant shall be proposed and seconded by members of the Council. The Managing Committee shall decide the eligibility or otherwise of an applicant for admission as a member to any class and the decision of the Managing Committee shall be final and the Managing Committee shall not be bound to assign any reason whatsoever for their decision.</p>	3.3	<p>ADMISSION :</p> <p>Admission Fees: Each eligible category has to pay a non-refundable admission fee and a non-refundable annual membership fee for each year or part thereof as prescribed by the Managing Committee from time to time.</p> <p>Usage of fees: These charges are utilized for the administration and furthering the objects of the society.</p> <p>Application for Admission: An application for membership shall be in the prescribed form and the applicant shall be proposed and seconded by members of the ICAS.</p> <p>Eligibility of Admission: The Managing Committee shall decide the eligibility or otherwise of an applicant for admission as a Member of any class and the decision of the Managing Committee shall be final and the Managing Committee shall not be bound to assign any reason whatsoever for their decision.</p>
13	An individual shall cease to be a member on his resignation or death or on his being adjudicated insolvent or on his conviction for an offence involving moral turpitude. In the case of Institutional members the membership shall cease on their resignation or on such institutions being wound up. A member shall be liable to be removed for non-payment of subscription for three months, after a written notice calling for payment is issued.	3.2	<p>DISQUALIFICATION :</p> <p>No person shall be eligible for being enrolled as a Member or elected as an office-bearer of a Managing Committee if on the date of such appointment, he/she is:</p> <p>3.2.1 A minor ;</p> <p>3.2.2 In default to the Society in respect of the membership fees or any other amount that is payable to the Society ;</p> <p>3.2.3 He/she is found to be of unsound mind by a Court of competent jurisdiction;</p> <p>3.2.4 He/she is adjudged as an insolvent ;</p> <p>3.2.5 He/she is convicted by a court of an offence involving moral turpitude ;</p> <p>3.2.6 Disqualified for such appointment by an order of a court.</p>

		5.6	<p>RESIGNATION :</p> <p>5.6.1 Resignation: If a Managing Committee member wishes to resign, he/she shall inform the same in writing to the National President 15 days in advance. He/She shall be responsible until the next incumbent is taken over the charge.</p> <p>5.6.2 Filling of Vacancy: In the event of resignation of a Member of the Managing Committee, the Managing Committee shall have the right to either hold election to the vacancy or nominate a member to the Managing Committee. However, the new member shall hold the charge till the end of the term of the current Managing Committee.</p>
14	Every member covered by the Bye-law 12.1 except Associates shall have one vote.	3.5	<p>VOTING RIGHTS :</p> <p>Every Member covered in 3.1, other than Student Member or Student Life Member, will have only one vote.</p>
15 (a) to (c)	<p>Annual General Meeting</p> <p>(a) Subject to the provisions of the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act 1975, an Annual General Meeting shall be held within three months following the closing of the official year to adopt the Annual Report and Audited Statements of Account, to elect the Managing Committee and transact such other business as may be notified.</p> <p>(b) <u>Twenty-one day's notice shall be given for calling any General Body Meeting.</u></p> <p>(c) The quorum for the Annual General Meeting or General Meeting shall be one-third of the members entitled to vote or 11 members whichever is less provided the quorum shall not be less than five members in any case.</p>	7.1.1	<p>TYPES OF MEETING:</p> <p>Annual General Body Meeting (AGM):</p> <p>(a) Frequency: The General Body meeting shall be normally held once in a year.</p> <p>(b) Date: The General Body Meeting shall normally be convened on or before 30th September each year.</p> <p>(c) Notice: Written Notice of the general body meeting shall be issued by the National Secretary as per clause 7.2.</p> <p>(d) Quorum: Quorum for the Annual General Body Meeting shall be one-third of the Members entitled to vote or 11 Members whichever is less provided the quorum shall not be less than five members in any case.</p>
15(d)	(d) If there is no quorum within 30 minutes of the time stipulated in the notice calling for the meeting, the meeting shall stand adjourned to same time and same day next month. The meeting shall proceed to transact the business even if there is no quorum at such adjourned meeting within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting and the members present shall be the quorum.	7.3	<p>ADJOURNED MEETINGS :</p> <p>Adjournment of Meeting: In the absence of the required quorum for any meeting within half-an hour (30minutes) of the appointed time of the meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned to the same time and day of the following week (for EGBM) and following month (for MCM/AGM) with the same agenda.</p> <p>Quorum: For adjourned meeting, members present in person being not less than two shall form a quorum.</p>
16 (a) and (b)	<p>16. Managing Committee</p> <p>(a) The first Managing Committee shall hold office for a period of three years and thereafter the Managing Committee shall be elected once in three years. The retiring members shall be eligible for re-election.</p> <p>(b) The Managing Committee shall consist of not less than and not more than 25 members and not more than 35 members which shall include 1 National President, 11 National Vice Presidents, 1 National Secretary, 1 National Joint Secretary and 1 National Treasurer.</p>	5.4.2 5.3.2	<p>Term of Office: The term of the Managing Committee is for a period of THREE years from the date of appointment thereof. If any vacancy occurs for any reason, the newly nominated Member to such office shall hold the charge till the end of the term of the current Managing Committee.</p> <p>Managing Committee: The activities of the society shall be governed by the MANAGING COMMITTEE comprising of not more than Fifteen Members viz. 1 National President, 3 Senior National Vice-Presidents, 8 National Vice-Presidents, 1 National Secretary, 1 National Joint-Secretary, 1 National Treasurer</p>
16 (c)	(c) The Managing Committee shall have power to co-opt the immediate past president and immediate past Hon. Secretary as members of the Managing Committee for the next period of three years.	5.4.6	Co-option: In view of Clause 5.4.4, the Managing Committee shall have the power to co-opt the retiring National President, retiring National Secretary and retiring Controller of Examinations as members of the Managing Committee for the next three year term.
16(d)	(d) The president shall preside over the meetings of the Managing Committee. In his absence one of the Vice-Presidents shall preside. In the absence of the President and all the Vice-Presidents, the Managing Committee may elect one among them as Chairman of the Meeting.	7.1.3 (h)	Presiding Officer/ Chairman of the Meeting: The National President shall preside over the meetings of the Managing Committee. In his absence, one of the senior most Senior National Vice Presidents, shall preside. In the absence of all the Senior National Vice Presidents, one of the senior most National Vice Presidents, shall preside. In the absence of the President and all the Senior Vice-Presidents/National Vice Presidents, the Managing Committee may elect one among them as Chairman of the Meeting.

16 (e) to (i)	<p>(e) Seven days' notice shall be given generally for calling a meeting of the Managing Committee.</p> <p>(f) The quorum for a meeting of the Managing Committee shall be eight or one-fourth of the total strength of the Managing Committee whichever is less, provided the quorum shall not be less than two members in any case.</p> <p>(g) If there is no quorum within half an hour from the time the meeting is scheduled to commence, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same time and same day next week.</p> <p>(h) The managing Committee shall have power to fill up Casual Vacancies in the Managing Committee from among the members.</p> <p>(i) The Managing Committee shall have power to invite any member or non-member as a Special Invitee to their meetings. Such invitee shall, however, have no voting right.</p>	7.1.3. (a) to (k) except 7.1.3 (h)	<p>Managing Committee Meeting (MCM):</p> <p>(a) Frequency: The Meeting of the Managing Committee shall be convened by the National Secretary at least once in three months or more often as necessary for the conduct of the business of the society.</p> <p>(b) Place: The venue, date and time shall be fixed with the consent of the National President.</p> <p>(c) Notice: Seven days clear notice is required to be served on the Members of the Managing Committee through electronic mode to call for a Meeting of the Managing Committee.</p> <p>(d) Emergency Notice: In case of an emergency, a meeting of the Managing Committee may be convened at a shorter notices.</p> <p>(e) Special Meeting on requisition from the Members: Special Meeting of the Managing Committee shall be convened when there is a requisition for calling for a special Meeting of the Managing Committee from not less than one-third members of the Managing Committee</p> <p>(f) Permanent Special Invitees: The Permanent Special Invitees to all the Meetings of the Managing Committee shall be Controller of Examinations, Additional Controller of Examinations and two other members of CoE Wing, all Chapter Chairmen/Chairpersons, all Centre Coordinators. Each of the specified permanent special invitees will have one vote each.</p> <p>(g) Other Special Invitees: The National President shall have the power to invite any Member or non-member as a Special Invitee to the meetings of the Managing Committee; however, such special invitee shall have no voting right.</p> <p>(i) Quorum: Quorum for the Managing Committee meeting shall be eight of which four shall be from the office-bearers of the Managing Committee.</p> <p>(j) Majority Decision: All questions before the Managing Committee shall be decided by a majority of votes.</p> <p>(k) Casting Vote: If there be any equality of votes, the Chairman of the Meeting shall have a casting vote.</p>
17	<p>Powers of the Managing Committee :</p> <p>The Managing Committee shall have the following powers subject to the law in force :</p> <p>(a) To secure the registration of the Council and the due recognition thereof by Government and other authorities.</p> <p>(b) For all purposes constitute itself as legal attorneys of the Council and act on its behalf.</p> <p>(c) To acquire, buy, put to use, rent, or take on lease, hold and dispose off, on behalf of the Council, moveable and immoveable properties and deal with all questions relating to the same.</p> <p>(d) To accept endowments, gifts and donations on behalf of the Council.</p> <p>(e) To institute and confer Titles, Insignia, degrees, Diplomas and other marks of recognition and honour.</p> <p>(f) To frame, draft rules, regulations and bye-laws with respect to the conduct of affairs of the Council and the conduct of every member and to make addition, alterations and deletions thereto as may be found expedient and to place the same before the General Body for its consideration.</p> <p>(f) (a) The President on receiving information in writing or otherwise and in case of need to collect discreet information about indiscipline, breach of code of ethics as mentioned in the ID Card, acting against the interest of the Council and its aim and objects may suspend any member or office bearer (his/her) in any position; and the said person may be called for comments and the matter shall be placed for consideration for the taking appropriate decision for removal, or otherwise.</p>	5.1 & 5.2	<p>POWERS OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE :</p> <p>The affairs of the Society shall be governed by the Managing Committee. The Managing Committee shall have the powers and duties necessary for the administration of the affairs of the society and may do all such acts and things as per law or these Bye-laws as directed to be exercised and done by the Members :</p> <p>5.1.1 Registration: To secure the registration of the Council and the due recognition thereof from the Government and the other authorities.</p> <p>5.1.2 Legal: For all purposes constitute itself as legal attorneys of the Council and act on its behalf.</p> <p>5.1.3 Property: To acquire, buy, put to use, rent, or take on lease, hold and dispose off, on behalf of the Council, moveable and immoveable properties and deal with all questions relating to the same.</p> <p>5.1.4 Donations: To accept endowments, gifts and donations on behalf of the Council.</p> <p>5.1.5 Award of Titles: To institute and confer titles, insignia, degrees, diplomas and other marks of recognition and honour through Controller of Examinations (CoE) Wing</p> <p>5.1.6 Rules & Regulations: To frame draft rules, regulations and Bye-laws with respect to the conduct of affairs of the council and the conduct of every member and to make additions, alterations and deletions thereto as may be found expedient and to place the same before the General Body for its consideration.</p> <p>5.1.7 Raising Funds: To raise funds and to invest the funds of the Council.</p>

Considering the best of the organization and to avoid clash of interest with any other organization promoting Astrological education etc., it is resolved that no person who is an office bearer or member of the Executive Committee of any other organization connected with dispensing Astrological education etc, shall hold post of any office including membership of Executive Committee of ICAS. The decision of the Managing Committee declaring a person on the said ground shall be final

(g) To raise funds and to invest the funds of the Council.

(h) To appoint Committees, Sub-Committees and Commissions of other bodies for specific purposes and to delegate authority and power to these bodies for proper conduct of their business and to exercise general power of superintendence over their work and to annul or dissolve them.

(i) To appoint members for delegations and representatives for special purposes and defray their expenses.

(j) To generally exercise surveillance regarding the conduct and professional ethics of all its members and to place the findings before the General Body.

(k) To decide all matters relating to the prescribing of syllabi, selection of text-books, scheme of lectures, schemes for opening of libraries, to fix curricula of study, appointment of professors, lecturers, tutors, teachers, scholars, conduct examinations and determine from time to time whether any book, manuscript or literature is in accord with the objectives of the Council or not

(l) To hold seminars, conferences and conventions, publish souvenirs and where thought fit to defray the cost of travel and board and lodge of members including special invitees and VIPs.

(m) To nominate members to Government, Civic or other Bodies or other institutions in any advisory or other capacity sought.

(n) To negotiate, raise, recover, accept deposits and loans and to borrow and discharge debts and liabilities and to create mortgage, hypothecation or pledge and to confer powers on any officer to execute documents or to present or receive the same.

(o) To do all such other acts and things expedient to give effect to and to promote the objects of the Council.

5.1.8 Committees: To appoint Committees, Sub-Committees and Commissions of other bodies for specific purposes and to delegate authority and power to these bodies for proper conduct of their business and to exercise general power of superintendence over their work and to annul or dissolve them.

5.1.9 Delegation: To appoint members for delegations and representatives for special purposes and defray their expenses.

5.1.10 Professional Conduct: To generally exercise surveillance regarding the conduct and professional ethics of all its members and to place the findings before the General Body.

5.1.11 Conduct Examinations: To decide all matters relating to the prescribing of syllabi, selection of text-books, scheme of lectures, schemes for opening of libraries, to fix curricula of study, appointment of professors, lecturers, tutors, teachers, scholars, conduct examinations and determine from time to time whether any book, manuscript or literature is in accord with the objectives of the Council or not with the help of CoE Wing.

5.1.12 Seminars & Conferences: To hold seminars, conferences, workshops and conventions, publish souvenirs and where thought fit to defray the cost of travel and board and lodge of members including special invitees and VIPs.

5.1.13 Government Deputation: To nominate members to Government, Civic or other Bodies or other institutions in any advisory or other capacity sought.

5.1.14 Promotion of Objects: To do all such other acts and things expedient to give effect to and to promote the objects of the Council.

FUNCTIONS OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE :

5.2.1 Bank Account: To authorize the National President / National Secretary /National Treasurer to open a bank account in the name of the society with any nationalized bank, which shall be operated jointly by Treasurer and either of National President, or National Secretary.

5.2.2 Control of Expenses: To control and scrutinize the expenditure incurred and ratify it, if in order.

5.2.3 Annual Budget: To scrutinize and put the annual budget to the general body.

5.2.4 Annual Report: To submit to the General Body the annual report and statement of accounts.

18	<p>Zonal Committees</p> <p>(a) The Managing Committee may, from time to time, appoint zonal committees or chapters for the achievement of the objects of the Council.</p> <p>(b) The Zonal Committees or Chapters shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer and not more than three members.</p> <p>(c) The Zonal Committees or Chapters shall organize and conduct classes, examinations, seminars, debates, Classes, regular meetings and discussions under the guidance of the Managing Committee.</p> <p>(d) The Managing Committee shall frame rules and regulations for the establishment of such Zonal Committees or Chapters and for conducting their day-to-day affairs.</p>	6	<p>CHAPTERS AND CENTRES :</p> <p>Establishing Centres/Chapters: The Managing Committee may, from time to time, open Chapters/Centres for the achievement of the objects of the Council.</p> <p>Centre: To open a Centre, at least two qualified faculty members and a minimum of ten life members are required.</p> <p>Chapter: The first two years of its operation, it will be called a Centre and after two years of its successful functioning it will be elevated as a Chapter by passing a resolution in the Management Committee Meeting subject to the Centre fulfilling all the conditions required for elevation to a level of Chapter such as having a banking account etc.</p> <p>Centre Office-bearers: The Centres shall consist of a Centre-Coordinator, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Centre-coordinator shall be nominated by the Management Committee.</p> <p>Chapter Office-bearers: The Chapters shall consist of a Chairman/Chairperson, 2 Vice-Chairmen, a Secretary, a Joint Secretary, a Treasurer and not more than three Executive Committee members. The tenure of Chapter Chairman/Chairperson shall be 3 years from the date of appointment. However such Chapter Chairman / Chairperson shall continue to hold the office upto the date on which meeting of Central Management Committee is held wherein the re-appointment or appointment of new Chapter Chairman/ Chairperson is discussed and decided. The Chapter Chairman/ Chairperson shall be eligible to be re-appointed by the President in consultation with the Managing Committee</p> <p>Activities of Centres/Chapters: The Chapters/Centres shall organize and conduct classes, examinations, seminars, debates, regular meetings and discussions under the guidance of the Managing Committee.</p> <p>Rules & Regulations of Centre/Chapter: The Managing Committee shall frame rules and regulations for the establishment of such Chapters/Centres and for conducting their day-to-day affairs including supplying model memorandum & bye-laws if necessary.</p> <p>Centre/Chapter Logos: Every Centre/Chapter shall only use the logo supplied by the ICAS-Head Office for the sake of uniformity and brand building</p>
19 (a) & (b)	<p>Officers and Their Duties :</p> <p>(a) The officers of the Council shall be : President : Dr. B. V. Raman, Editor, The Astrological Magazine ; 1st Vice-President : A. R. Somanath Iyer, Retd. Chief Justice of Karnataka; 2nd Vice-President: Vacant: 3rd Vice-President: Vacant: Hon, Secretary: K. Aswathappa, Architect. Joint Hon. Secretary : T. Subba Rao, Advocate, Treasurer: T.Viswanathan, Superintending Engineer.</p>	5.3	<p>OFFICE-BEARERS OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE :</p> <p>Founding Panel: The first officers of the Council shall be : President : Dr. B. V. Raman, Editor, The Astrological Magazine ; 1st Vice-President: A. R. Somanath Iyer, Retd. Chief Justice of Karnataka; 2nd Vice-President: Vacant: 3rd Vice-President: Vacant: Hon, Secretary: K. Aswathappa, Architect. Joint Hon. Secretary : T. Subba Rao, Advocate, Treasurer: T.Viswanathan, Superintending Engineer.</p> <p>Managing Committee: The activities of the society shall be governed by the MANAGING COMMITTEE comprising of not more than Fifteen Members viz. 1 National President, 3 Senior National Vice-Presidents, 8 National Vice-Presidents, 1 National Secretary, 1 National Joint-Secretary, 1 National Treasurer</p> <p>Honorary Posts: The Members are purely to serve as honorary members with no remuneration for the services rendered by them.</p>
	<p>(b) The duties of the officers shall be as follows :</p> <p>President : The President shall be responsible for the promotion of the objects of the Council and for conducting all the meetings of the Managing Committee and the General Body. He shall guide the other officers and members of the Managing Committee, Sub-Committees and Zonal Committees as to their duties and responsibilities. He shall sign all certificates, diplomas and Sanads issued by or on behalf of the Council.</p> <p>Vice-Presidents : The Vice-Presidents shall assist the President in the discharge of all his duties and act for the President in his absence.</p>	5.5 5.5.1	<p>RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICE-BEARERS :</p> <p>Subject to such resolutions as the Managing Committee may from time to time pass in this behalf, the respective office-bearers shall have the powers mentioned below:</p> <p>5.5.1 NATIONAL PRESIDENT:</p> <p>(a) Promotion of Objects: National President shall be responsible for the promotion of the objects of the society.</p> <p>(b) Calling Meetings: He/She shall be overall in-charge and call for the meetings as per Bye-laws.</p> <p>(c) Presiding Officer: He/She shall preside over all the meetings.</p> <p>(d) Guidance: He/She shall guide the other officers, members of the Managing Committee, Sub-Committees and the Chapters/the Centres</p> <p>(e) Signing of Certificates: He/She shall sign all Certificates, Diplomas and Sanads issued by or on behalf of the Society.</p> <p>(f) Check on Finance: He/She shall ensure that that all financial aspects are in proper order as per the requirement of law</p>

	5.5.2 and 5.5.3	<p>SENIOR NATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT: (a) Regular Duty: He/She shall assist the National President in discharging his/her duties and shall also perform such other duties as shall, from time to time, be entrusted to him/ her by the Managing Committee.</p> <p>NATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT: (a) Regular Duty: He/She shall assist the National President in discharging his/her duties and shall also perform such other duties as shall, from time to time, be entrusted to him/her by the Managing Committee.</p>
<p>Hon. Secretary : The Secretary shall, under the guidance of the President, run the administration, organization and functioning of the council, sign all the papers, documents, bills, certificates, on behalf of the Council and assist the Managing Committee in carrying on the duties and responsibilities as are assigned to him by the Managing Committee from time to time. He shall operate the bank accounts of the Council jointly with the Treasurer. He shall prepare and file with the concerned Registrar (of Societies) of such records, annual or other statements which are specified in the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1975 and the rules framed thereunder.</p>	5.5.4	<p>NATIONAL SECRETARY: (a) Day-to-day Activities: The National Secretary shall, under the guidance of the National President, run the administration, organization and functioning of the council. (b) Documents Signing: He/She shall sign all the papers, documents, bills, certificates, on behalf of the Council and assist the Managing Committee in carrying out the duties and responsibilities as are assigned to him/her by the Managing Committee from time to time. (c) Bank Operation: He/she shall operate the bank accounts of the Council jointly with the National Treasurer. (d) Statute Filings: He/she shall prepare and file with the concerned Registrar of Societies of such records, annual or other statements which are specified in the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1975 and the rules framed thereunder. (e) Organization of Meetings: He/she is responsible for organizing the Meetings of the Managing Committee, General Body, etc. as per the requirements under the relevant Act. (f) Legal: The secretary is the office bearer to sue or to be sued on behalf of the society. (g) Personal Indemnity: He/She is however personally not responsible for any of his/her actions on behalf of the society, in compliance with the Bye-laws of the Society.</p>
<p>Joint Hon. Secretary : The Joint Hon. Secretary shall have the same powers as the Secretary. The Managing Committee may demarcate the function and assign to each of them such duties as may find expedient.</p>	5.5.5	<p>NATIONAL JOINT-SECRETARY: (a) Regular Duty: He/She has to do the work entrusted by the Managing Committee. (b) Assisting National Secretary: He/She has to assist the National Secretary in discharging his/her duties. (c) Acting Secretary: In the absence of the National Secretary, he/she shall perform the duties of the National Secretary.</p>

	<p>Treasurer : The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining proper accounts of all cash, properties and funds worth Rs. 500/- of the Council and for the safe custody of all such properties and for annual audit and submission of all returns. He shall issue receipts for all funds received. He shall operate bank Account and shall sign all cheques. Such cheques shall be countersigned by the Hon. Secretary.</p>	5.5.6	<p>NATIONAL TREASURER:</p> <p>(a) Maintaining Accounts: The National Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining proper and true accounts of all payments, receipts, any other funds, all moveable and immoveable properties/assets etc. of the Council and for the safe custody of all such properties/assets/funds and their related records;</p> <p>(b) Annual Statements: He/She is responsible for the preparation of Annual Accounts and get them duly audited as per the prevailing laws;</p> <p>(c) Submission of Returns: He/She is responsible for submission of all returns required under various statutes; present the Statement of Accounts before the General Body.</p> <p>(d) Receipts & Payments: Besides signing of the payment/receipt vouchers as National Treasurer, all payments must be approved/endorsed by the National Secretary and/or the National President.</p> <p>(e) Payment Limits: For any payments above Rs. 25,000, approval of the National President is to be obtained; Any expenses above Rs. 1,00,000 (one lakh), approval of the Managing Committee is to be obtained.</p> <p>(f) Emergency Payments: In case of emergency, such expenses have to be ratified in the immediate meeting of the Managing Committee;</p> <p>(g) Receipts & Vouchers: He/She shall issue proper receipts for all funds received and obtain payment vouchers for all the payments made.</p> <p>(h) Use of Funds: The National Treasurer has no authority to use the funds for any purpose without the express written permission of the National Secretary/National President and he/she is only the custodian of the funds, moveable and immoveable assets, maintaining accounting records etc.</p> <p>(i) Bank Operation: He/She shall operate bank account in any scheduled bank and shall sign all cheques. Such cheques shall be countersigned by the National Secretary/National President.</p>
19 (c)	<p>The Managing Committee may nominate any one from amongst its members or of the Council to fill up casual vacancies in the Managing Committee and/or the office of officers of the Council.</p>	5.7	<p>VACANCIES :</p> <p>Casual Vacancies: The Managing Committee may nominate any one from amongst its Members of the Council (except Institutional Members) to fill the casual vacancies in the Managing Committee arising due to resignation/termination/death of the Member.</p> <p>Tenure of Office: However the newly nominated member of the Managing Committee shall hold the charge till the end of the term of the current Managing Committee as per Clause 5.4.1 supra.</p>
20	<p>Notice</p> <p>(1) Subject to provisions of the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act 1975 a notice may be served upon a member either personally or by sending it through post in a prepaid letter or post card under certificate of posting addressed to such member at his address as recorded in the Register of Members.</p> <p>(2) Any notice send by post in the above manner shall be deemed to have been served at the time when it is delivered in the ordinary course of the post.</p>	7.2	<p>NOTICE OF MEETINGS :</p> <p>Notice: 21 days clear notice is required to be served on all Members of the Society to call for any General Body Meeting (AGM or EGM or Special) by using electronic mode including Website of the Council;</p> <p>Serving of Notice: Serving of the notice by any electronic mode including posting on Website of the Council for different types of meetings in the manner provided shall be construed as the notice served.</p> <p>Non-receipt of Notice: Non-receipt of the notices of any Meeting including Annual General Body Meeting by any Member for any reason does not invalidate calling of the meeting or proceedings of the meeting or resolution passed in such meetings.</p>

21	<p>(i) The Managing Committee shall provide a common seal for the Council and shall also provide for its safe custody.</p> <p>(ii) The seal shall never be used except by the authority of the Managing Committee previously given in writing and in the presence of any two members of the Committee and of the Secretary or such other person as the Managing Committee may appoint for the purpose and those two Directors and the Secretary or other person as aforesaid shall sign all documents and papers to which the Seal of the Council is affixed and record such sealing in a Register Maintaining for the purpose.</p> <p>(iii) Deeds, bonds and other documents executed under the Common Seal of the Council and signed by the President or Vice-President and countersigned by the Hon. Secretary or the person acting as Hon. Secretary shall be deemed to have been duly executed.</p>	2.4	<p>The Society shall have a common seal which shall be in the safe custody of the National Secretary and shall be used only under the authority of a resolution of Managing Committee and every deed of instrument to which the seal is affixed shall be attested for on behalf of the Society by two Members of the Managing Committee (a Senior National Vice President or a National Vice President) and the National Secretary. Record of such affixing of seal shall be maintained in a separate register in chronological order.</p>
22	<p>Funds :</p> <p>(i) The funds of the Council shall be deposited in the name of the Council in a Schedule Bank or Banks and such part thereof not required for current expenses may at the direction of the Managing Committee be invested in securities. Such securities shall not be sold or dealt with except at the written direction of the Managing Committee.</p> <p>(ii) All sums received by the Treasurer for and on behalf of the Council shall be paid in the Bank account or accounts of the Council. For current running expenses of the Council the Treasurer shall draw from the Bank such amount or amounts as may be required.</p>	8.1 and 8.2	<p>SOURCE OF FUNDS :</p> <p>The source of funds include admission fees paid by the Members of the Council at the time of becoming members, annual membership fees (if any) and donations received.</p> <p>INVESTMENT OF FUNDS :</p> <p>8.2.1 Bank Account: Bank Account in a Scheduled Bank shall be opened by the Society; all sums received on behalf of the society shall be deposited in the Bank Account or Bank Accounts of the Council; the Treasurer shall draw the required amounts for various expenses of the Council from the Bank from time to time.</p> <p>8.2.2 Mode of Payments: All payments, as far as practicable, shall be made by cheque signed by the National Treasurer and the National Secretary or the National President.</p>
23	<p>(1) The income and property of the Council, whensoever derived, shall be applied solely for the promotion of its objects as set forth in this Memorandum.</p> <p>(2) No Portion of the income or property aforesaid shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise by way of profit, to persons, who, at any time are, or have been members of the Council or to any one or more of them or to any persons claiming through any one or more of them.</p> <p>(3) No remuneration or other benefit in money or moneys worth shall be given by the Council to any of its members, whether officers or servants of the Council or not, except payment of out-of-pocket expenses, reasonable and proper interest on money lent, or reasonable and proper rent on premises let to the Council.</p> <p>(4) No member shall be appointed to any office under the Council which is remunerated by salary, fees, or in any other manner not accepted by sub-clause</p> <p>(5) Nothing in this clause shall prevent the payment by the Council in good faith of reasonable remuneration to any of its officers or servants (not being members) or to any other person (not being a member) in return for any services actually rendered to the Council.</p> <p>(6) The liability of the members is limited</p>	8.3	<p>INCOME AND PROPERTY OF THE COUNCIL :</p> <p>Income & Property: The income and property of the Council, whenever derived, shall be applied solely for the promotion of its objects as set forth in the Memorandum.</p> <p>Transfer of Income/Property: No Portion of the income or property aforesaid shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise by way of profit, to persons, who, at any time are, or have been members of the Council or to any one or more of them or to any persons claiming through any one or more of them.</p> <p>Remuneration: No remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth shall be given by the Council to any of its Office Bearers or Members, except payment of out-of-pocket expenses, reasonable interest on money lent, rent on premises let to the Council, salary to any of the employees, if employed, etc.</p> <p>Honorary Appointments: No member shall be appointed to any office under the Council for any type of remuneration.</p> <p>Compensation of Services: Nothing in this clause shall prevent the payment by the Council in good faith of reasonable remuneration to any of its officers (not being members) or to any other person (not being a member) in return for any services actually rendered to the Council.</p> <p>Liability of Members: The liability of the Members is limited to the extent of the membership fee prescribed from time to time.</p>
24	<p>Every member of the Council undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Council in the event of its being wound up while he is a member, or within one year after-wards, for payment of the debts or liabilities of the Council contracted before he cease to be a member, end of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up and for the adjustment of the right of the contributories among them-selves such amount as may be required, not exceeding a sum of Rupees fifty only.</p>		<p>Removed</p>

25	True account shall be kept of all sums of money received and expended by the Council and the matters in respect of which such receipts and liabilities of the Society/Council and subject to any reasonable restrictions as to the time and manner of inspecting the same that may be imposed in accordance with the regulations of the Council for the time being force the accounts shall be open to the inspection of members. Once at least every year, the accounts of the Council shall be examined and the correctness of the balance sheet and the income and expenditure account ascertained by one or more properly qualified auditor or auditors.	8.4	PUBLICATION OF ACCOUNT & REPORTS : The Managing Committee shall publish the following annual financial statements on or before 30th September in each year for the previous Financial Year: (a) The Receipts and Payments; (b) Income and Expenditure (c) Balance Sheet The financial statement shall be open to the inspection by any Member of the Society during the office hours and in the office of the Society. A copy thereof shall be submitted to the competent authority every year as per the prevailing laws.
26	If upon a winding up or dissolution of the Council, their remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever the same shall not be distributed amongst the members of the Council but shall be given or transferred to such other Society having objects similar to the objects of the Council to be determined by the members of the Council at or before the time of dissolution or in default thereof, by the High Court of Judicature that has or may acquire jurisdiction in the matte	12	TAKING OVER & WINDING UP : If upon a winding up or dissolution of the Council, there remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever the same shall not be distributed amongst the members of the Council but shall be given or transferred to such other Society having objects similar to the objects of the Council to be determined by the members of the Council at or before the time of dissolution or in default thereof, by the High Court of Judicature that has or may acquire jurisdiction in the matter.
27	Indemnity (i) Every Committee member, Officer, Employee or servant of the Council shall be indemnified by the Council against, and it shall be the duty of the Committee out of the funds of the Council to pay all costs, losses, charges and expenses which any such person or Council may incur, or become liable to, by reason of any contract entered into, or act or thing done by him or them or their employees as such in good or in any way or about the discharge of his or their duties including travelling and other expenses, and the amount for which such indemnity is provided shall immediately attach a lien on the property of the Council and have priority as between the Members over all other claim.	11.1	INDEMNITY : 11.1 Every Committee member, Officer, Employee or servant of the Council shall be indemnified by the Council against all costs, losses, charges and expenses which any such person or Council may incur, or become liable to by reason of any contract entered into, or act or thing done by him or by them or by their employees as such in good faith or in any way or about discharge of his or their duties and the amount for which such indemnity is provided shall immediately attach a lien on the property of the Council and have priority as between the Members, over all other claims.
	(ii) Subject to provisions of the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1975 no Committee Member or other Officer of the Council shall be liable for the acts, receipts, neglects or defaults of any other Committee Member or Officer or for joining in any respect of other act for conformity, or for any loss or expenses happening to the Council through the insufficiency or deficiency of the title to any property acquired by order of the Committee for or on behalf of the Council or for the insufficiency or deficiency or any security in or upon which any of the moneys of the Council shall be invested or for any loss or damages arising from the bankruptcy, insolvency, or tortuous act of any person, Company or Corporations, with whom any money, securities or effects shall be entrusted or deposited, or for any loss occasioned by any error or judgement or oversight on his or their part, or for any other loss, damages or misfortune whatever, which shall happen in the execution of the duties of his or their office or in relation thereto unless the same happen through his or their dishonesty.	11.2	Subject to provisions of the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1975 no Committee Member or other Officer of the Council shall be liable for the acts, receipts, negligence or default of any other Committee Member or Officer or for joining in any respect of other act for conformity, or for any loss or expenses happening to the Council through the insufficiency or deficiency of the title to any property acquired by order of the Committee for or on behalf of the Council or for the insufficiency or deficiency or any security in or upon which any of the moneys of the Council shall be invested or for any loss or damages arising from the bankruptcy, insolvency, or tortuous act of any person, Company or Corporations, with whom any money, securities or effects shall be entrusted or deposited, or for any loss occasioned by any error or judgement or oversight on his or their part, or for any other loss, damages or misfortune whatever, which shall happen in the execution of the duties of his or their office or in relation thereto unless the same happen through his or their dishonesty.

28	<p>The Members shall at every Annual General Body Meeting appoint an Auditor with reference to Section 16 of the Act, read with Rule 21 of the</p> <p>Rules to audit the Council's Annual Account and to prepare the Balance Sheet for the Financial Year, which shall be from 1 st April to 31st March and shall also fix the remuneration to be paid him. However, the first Auditor to Audit the Accounts shall be appointed by the Committee.</p>	8.5 & 8.6	<p>APPOINTMENT OF AN AUDITOR :</p> <p>8.5.1 Appointment of Auditor: Qualified and competent Auditors shall be appointed in the Annual General Body Meeting under Sec 16 of the Act read with Rule 21 of the Rules to conduct the audit of the Accounts of the Council and submit the required Audit Report; the Auditors shall extend required help in filing the Returns as required under the Income Tax Act.</p> <p>8.5.2 Financial Year: The financial year shall be from 1st April to 31st March.</p> <p>8.5.3 Remuneration to the Auditors: While appointing the Auditors, The General body shall fix the remuneration to them.</p> <p>8.5.4 First Auditor: However, the first Auditor to audit the accounts shall be appointed by the Managing Committee.</p> <p>POWER OF THE AUDITOR :</p> <p>The auditor shall be entitled to call for and examine papers of documents belonging to the society relating to the assets and common expenses and shall make a special report to the Society upon any matter connected with the accounts which appears to him to require notice.</p>
29	<p>Copies of bye-laws, the receipt and expenditure account and the balance sheet shall be supplied to Members on application, A sum of Rs. 2/-(Rupees two only) shall be paid for each such document required.</p>	2.6	<p>COPIES OF BYE-LAWS :</p> <p>2.6.1 Copies: Copies of Bye-laws, Income and Expenditure Statement and the Balance Sheet shall be supplied to the Members on application with a requisite fee of Rs.50/-.</p> <p>2.6.2 Electronic Delivery: Softcopy of documents, if available shall be emailed free of cost.</p>
30 & 31	<p>The Committee shall decide about the mode of imposition of fine for any breach of the provisions of the bye-laws by any Member of Officer appointed under Clause (g) of Section 2 of the Act.</p> <p>The Committee shall decide about the quantum of funds to be provided for a dependant of a deceased or disabled Member, whenever such cases arise, by a resolution to that effect which shall be recorded then and there in the Books of Minutes.</p>	9.3	<p>BREACH OF RULES OF CONDUCT :</p> <p>9.3.1 Breach of Conduct: The National President on receiving information in writing or otherwise and in case of need to collect discreet information about indiscipline, breach of code of ethics as mentioned in clause 9.2, acting against the interest of the council and its aims and objects, may suspend any member or office bearer (his/her) in any position; and the said person may be called upon to submit his comments and the matter shall be placed for consideration before the Managing Committee for initiating appropriate action.</p> <p>9.3.2 Conflict of Interest: Considering the best of the organization and to avoid clash of interest with any other organization promoting Astrological education etc., it is resolved that no person who is an office bearer or member of the Executive Committee of any other organization connected with dispensing Astrological education etc., shall hold post of any office including membership of Managing Committee of ICAS. The decision of the Managing Committee declaring a person on the said ground shall be final.</p>
32	<p>Extra-ordinary General Meetings shall be conducted by the Committee at any time, and shall also be called within a month after receipt of a requisition in writing from at least one third of the total members on roll, and the procedures prescribed in Section 28 of the Act and Rule 27 of the Rules shall be followed. The quorum for an Extra-ordinary General Meeting shall be the same as required for as Annual General Meeting.</p>	7.1.2.	<p>Extra-ordinary General Body Meeting (EGBM) :</p> <p>(a) Objective: Extra-ordinary General Body meeting shall be convened as directed by the resolution of the Managing Committee or upon a requisition signed by one-third of the total Members on roll and having been presented to the National Secretary, or at the request of the Competent Authority appointed under the Act, or as the case may be, the Registrar of the Societies or any officer duly authorized by him in that behalf.</p> <p>(b) Notice: The notice of any Extra Ordinary General Body or Special meeting shall specify the date, time and the of such meeting and the purpose thereof.</p> <p>(c) Agenda: No other business shall be transacted at a special meeting except as stated in the notice without the consent of the four-fifths of the Members present in person.</p> <p>(d) Procedure: The procedures prescribed in Section 28 of the Act and Rule 27 of the Rules shall be followed.</p> <p>(e) Quorum: Quorum for the Special Meeting / Extra-ordinary General Body Meeting shall be one-third of the Members entitled to vote or 11 Members. whichever is less.</p>

33	<p>Special Resolutions are required :</p> <p>(a) to change the name of the Council ;</p> <p>(b) to amend any of the Council's objects and bye-laws ;</p> <p>(c) to amalgamate the Council with any other council or to accept any amalgamation of any other council with this Council ;</p> <p>(d) to divide the Council the Council in to two or more councils ; and</p> <p>(e) dissolution of the Council.</p> <p>The procedures prescribed in Section 27 and 30 of the Act, and Rule 26 of the Rules shall be followed for passing Special Resolutions.</p>	10	<p>SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS :</p> <p>Special Resolutions are required :</p> <p>10.1.1 To change the name of the Council ;</p> <p>10.1.2 To amend any of the Council's objects and bye-laws ;</p> <p>10.1.3 To amalgamate the Council with any other council or to accept any amalgamation of any other council with this Council ;</p> <p>10.1.4 To divide the Council into two or more councils;</p> <p>10.1.5 To dissolve the Council.</p> <p>The procedures prescribed in Section 27 and 30 of the Act, and Rule 26 of the Rules shall be followed for passing Special Resolutions</p>
34	<p>The Register of Member, the books containing minutes and the books of account shall be exhibited at the registered office of the Council during business hours for inspection by its members free of charge.</p>	2.7	<p>BOOKS FOR INSPECTION :</p> <p>The Register of Members, the books containing minutes and the books of account shall be exhibited at the registered office of the Society during business hours for inspection by its Members free of charge.</p>
35	<p>In these Articles (bye-laws) unless there be something in the subject or context inconsistent therewith</p> <p>(a) "Society" and/or "Council" means the "Indian Council of Astrological Sciences" Madras.</p> <p>(b) "Act" means the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1975 (No. 27/1975)</p> <p>(c) "Rules" means the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Rules, 1978.</p>	<p>Definitions - Clause 1.2.1 to 1.2.9</p>	<p>"Society" means the association of all individuals hereinafter referred to as Members, constituted by such members for the benefit and welfare of the ICAS & public at large and registered under Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1975.</p> <p>"ICAS" means the Society "Indian Council of Astrological Sciences" registered under "The Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1975".</p> <p>"General Body" means the body of all category of Members (other than Student Members) who exercise their rights under the Bye-laws by way of resolution in the Annual General Meeting or Extra Ordinary General Meeting or any other method as prescribed herein or under the Act or Rules as amended from time to time. For clarity, the provisions with regard to General Body Meetings shall be applicable only to the Members others than Student Members.</p> <p>"Managing Committee" means a committee of elected members consisting of not more than Fifteen members all of whom shall be life members of ICAS.</p> <p>"Majority of members" mean those members who constitute more than fifty percent of the total number of members on roll.</p> <p>"Registrar" means the Registrar of Societies.</p> <p>"Act" means the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1975 (No. 27/1975)</p> <p>"Rules" means the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Rules, 1978.</p>
36	<p>For all other matters not specifically provided for in these bye-laws, the provisions of the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1975 and the Rules made thereunder shall apply.</p>		<p>Words and expressions used in these Bye-laws but not defined herein shall have the meaning respectively assigned to them in the "The Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1975".</p>

Additional Sections appearing in the proposed Bye-laws only:

	-	1.3	<p>COMPLIANCE OF BYE-LAWS :</p> <p>Applicability of Bye-laws: All present or future members, or any other person(s) who represent ICAS in any manner or act on behalf of ICAS in any position are subject to regulations set forth in these Bye-laws. Failure to comply shall render such member/person liable to pay for damages, if any, including penalty as decided by the Managing Committee, besides initiating disciplinary action</p> <p>Infringement of Bye-laws: Any member of the society could be summoned with proper notice by the Managing Committee to answer and present his/her case for any infringement of these Bye-laws or for non-compliance of the rules of the society or for causing inconvenience to other members/public or for committing any act which may be against the interests of the ICAS. After due consideration/enquiry, the Managing Committee may institute necessary proceedings/impose fines and if found necessary may suspend temporarily or permanently from the membership of the society. The revocation of the suspension shall be effective only after the defaulter takes corrective steps and or pay fines imposed by the society and give an appropriate undertaking that he/she shall not get into such unlawful activities.</p> <p>Further, where in a Chapter Chairman / Chair Person is required to be removed, prima facie, for committing any wrong doing or offence involving moral turpitude or working against the interests of the Council or he / She has been prosecuted and kept under the Judicial custody for more than 24 hours, such person shall be removed immediately; in such a situation, an Acting Chapter chairman or an Acting Chairperson shall be appointed for smooth functioning of the Centre/Chapter till the regular Chairman/Chairperson is appointed by the Managing Committee of ICAS.</p> <p>Further Reference: For all other matters not specifically provided for in these Bye-laws, the provisions of the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act 1975 and the Rules made thereunder as per the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Rules, 1978 shall prevail.</p>
	-	1.4	<p>AMENDMENT TO THE BYE-LAWS :</p> <p>1.4.1 Power of the Managing Committee: Notwithstanding anything contained in these presents, the Managing committee shall have the power to alter, amend, or to add to, any clauses to this document consistent with the objects of the Society and no such amendment shall be made without the prior permission in writing of the Commissioner of Income Tax(exemptions) of the concerned jurisdiction.</p> <p>1.4.2 Passing the Amendments: No amendment or alteration shall be made to these Bye-laws of the Society unless it is voted by at least 3/4 of the Members present at an Extra Ordinary General Body Meeting convened for the purpose or Annual General Meeting..</p>
	-	3.4	<p>NOMINATION :</p> <p>Nomination: A Member may inform the Society in writing that he/she shall be represented by another Member during any meetings. Such representative must be a Life Member or Student Life Member of ICAS.</p> <p>Rights of the Nominee: Such representative of the Member will have the right to vote if eligible but cannot hold office.</p> <p>Accountability of Member: In such circumstances, the Member shall be fully responsible for all the acts done in his/her name by the said representative.</p> <p>Abroad Members: The Management Committee may on its absolute discretion, make exceptions in respect of those Members who reside abroad.</p>
	-	3.6 & 3.7	<p>TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP :</p> <p>Transfer of membership of the society is not permitted for any reason.</p> <p>WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERSHIP :</p> <p>Withdrawal of membership from the society also is not permitted for any reason.</p>

	-	4	<p>GENERAL BODY :</p> <p>AUTHORITY :</p> <p>4.1.1 Final Authority: The ultimate authority in all matters relating to administration of Society shall vest in the General Body.</p> <p>4.1.2 Non-interference: The General Body shall not, however , interfere with the powers of the Managing Committee in respect of matters delegated to it in the Bye-laws.</p> <p>FUNCTIONS OF THE GENERAL BODY :</p> <p>4.2.1 Election: Election and removal of the Managing Committee members.</p> <p>4.2.2 Financial Statements: Consideration of the Annual Financial statements, annual audit report, etc.</p> <p>4.2.3 Amendments to Bye-laws: Amendments to Bye-laws as per clause 1.4 of these Bye-laws.</p> <p>4.2.4 Annual Budget: Approval of the annual budget of income and expenditure for the year.</p> <p>4.2.5 Appointment of Auditor: Appointment of auditors and fix the remuneration.</p> <p>4.2.6 Other matters: Any other matters relating to the common interests of the Society.</p> <p>ELECTION :</p> <p>4.3.1 General Election: Elections to the Managing Committee shall normally be held during the AGM once in three years beginning 1984. Subject to Clause 3.2, all Members except Institutional Members shall be eligible to contest the elections to the Managing Committee or Office Bearers.</p> <p>4.3.2 To stand for the post of National President, his/her Nomination Form should be signed by at least 5 Chapter Chair Persons. One Chapter Chairperson can sign the Nomination Form of only one candidate for the post of President. Nomination Form for the post of Senior National Vice President should be signed by at least 3 Chapter Chair Persons. Nomination Form for the post of National Vice Presidents should be signed by at least 2 Chapter Chair Persons. Nomination Form for the post of Secretary should be signed by at least 2 Chairpersons and for the posts of Joint Secretary and Treasurer, at least one Chapter Chairperson should sign the Nomination Form for each of the posts</p> <p>4.3.2 Voting & Proxies: All Members except Institutional Members are eligible for one vote. He/She can exercise his/her vote by nominating a proxy in his/her absence. Members who have outstanding dues for more than one month as on the date scheduled for election shall not be eligible to contest the election or exercise his/her vote during the election. The vote shall be cast in person.</p>
	-	5.4.1, 5.4.3, 5.4.4 and 5.4.5	<p>TERM OF OFFICE : The term of the Office of the members of the Managing Committee is only three years</p> <p>Election: The General Body of the Society shall elect all the members of the Managing Committee once in three years.</p> <p>First Office-bearers: The first Managing Committee shall be constituted by the Founding members in 1984 and thereafter elections shall be held for every three years.</p> <p>Re-election: All the retiring Members of the Managing Committee are eligible for re-election.</p> <p>Ex-officio Status: To ensure smooth transition and accountability, outgoing National President, National Secretary and Controller of Examinations shall be the ex-officio members of the new Managing Committee for one term.</p>
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			<p>CONTROLLER OF EXAMINATIONS:</p> <p>(a) CoE Wing: In view of many diverse responsibilities and multiple languages involved, the Controller of Examinations is authorized to have a separate team called CoE Wing which shall consists, apart from him/her, 1 Additional Controller of Examinations, 1 Registrar of Examinations, 1 Editor and not more than 4 Deputy/Assistant Controller of Examinations. The CoE shall appoint his team members from among the Members in consultation with the National President.</p> <p>(b) Syllabus & Text books: The Controller of Examinations with the help of the CoE wing shall decide on all matters relating to the prescription of syllabi, selection and publication of text-books, scheme of lectures, to fix curricula of study and determine from time to time whether any book, manuscript or literature is in accordance with the objectives of the Council or not.</p> <p>(c) Examinations: The Controller of Examinations with the help of the CoE wing shall decide on all matters relating to the conduct of examinations including fees, question paper pattern and announcement of results.</p> <p>(d) Award of Titles & Honours: CoE responsibilities include instituting and conferring titles, insignia, degrees, diplomas and other marks of recognition and honour with the signature of the National President. Any title etc. conferred through examinations shall be signed by the National President, Controller of Examinations and the Secretary</p> <p>(e) Approval of Syllabus: Introduction of New Syllabus/Curricula of Study shall be approved first by the Managing Committee.</p> <p>(f) Faculty Development Programme: Regularly conduct Faculty Development Programmes to enhance the teaching, content and research capabilities of faculty members of the Society who are serving in its different Chapters/Centres both at the National and Regional level</p>
		5.8	<p>TERMINATION :</p> <p>An office-bearer shall cease to be office-bearer of the Society, if:</p> <p>5.8.1 Leave of Absence: He/she does not attend three consecutive Management Committee meetings without obtaining prior permission by submitting "leave of absence" from the Managing Committee.</p> <p>5.8.2 Payments overdue: He/she has been in default to the Society in respect of payment of dues for more than 60 days.</p> <p>5.8.3 Unsound mind: He/she is found to be of unsound mind by court of competent jurisdiction.</p> <p>5.8.4 Insolvent: He/she is adjudged as an insolvent.</p> <p>5.8.5 Legal Conviction: He/she is convicted by a court of an offence involving moral turpitude.</p> <p>5.8.6 Misconduct or Violation of Bye-laws: He/she is removed from the society/Managing Committee for any act of misconduct or violation of Bye-laws</p>
		7.4 and 7.5	<p>MINUTES OF MEETINGS :</p> <p>7.4.1 Recording of Minutes: The minutes of every meeting shall be finalized by the National President and National Secretary and duly recorded in the Minutes Book.</p> <p>7.4.2 Confirmation of Minutes: The same shall be confirmed by the next meeting of the Managing Committee and duly signed by the Managing Committee member who chaired the said meeting.</p> <p>ENTRY TO MEETINGS :</p> <p>Entry of anyone other than the members of the Managing Committee & Special Invitees to any Meeting or AGM or EGBM is by production of the valid membership card issued by the council.</p>

	-	9.1 & 9.2	<p>OBLIGATION OF MEMBERS :</p> <p>FEES : Any applicable fees and annual subscription fees (if notified) shall be paid as and when it is due.</p> <p>UPDATION OF E-Mail ADDRESS: Every year on or before 30th April, the Members shall confirm their email ID by email. Accordingly, the Society shall update the details of Members.</p> <p>RULES OF CONDUCT :</p> <p>9.3.1 Framework: Act within the Society's Bye-laws, Statutes, Rules and the law and in the best interest of the Society as a whole;</p> <p>9.3.2 Professional Conduct: Conduct one self in a more professional and ethical way so as to build and enhance the r eputation of the ICAS;</p> <p>9.3.3 Mutual Respect: Respect every professional/individual including fellow members;</p> <p>9.3.4 Non-discrimination: Respect individual, cultural and role differences including (but not exclusively) those involving age, disability, education, ethnicity, gender, language, national origin, race, religion, marital or family and socio-economic status;</p> <p>9.3.5 Personal Contribution: Contribute positively and interact in a respectful and professional manner even where there are differences of opinion;</p> <p>9.3.6 Discussions & Decisions: Actively engage in discussion, debate and voting in meetings –Contribute to collective decisions and accept majority decision.</p> <p>9.3.7 Authenticity of Knowledge: Be honest and accurate in representing your professional opinion, experience, and knowledge;</p> <p>9.3.8 Self-promotion: Refrain from promoting your own professional services, research or products when acting for the Society;</p>
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