

**Amendments of WAST Rules and Regulations adopted in the 31<sup>st</sup> AGM of WAST held on 27 May 2022 at J. C. Rray Auditorium, IICB, Kolkata 700032**

<b>Cl. No.</b>	<b>Existing</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
1.5	“Foundation Fellows” means a constituent member of the Academy at the time of its foundation.	“Founder Fellow” means a Fellow of the Academy at the time of its foundation.
1.6	“Fellow of Good Standing” is one who has paid the annual subscription for the current year on or within 31 <sup>st</sup> March of the Year.	“Fellow of Good Standing” is the one who has no outstanding dues on 31 <sup>st</sup> March of the Year.
2.2	The Fellows of the Academy shall be limited to a maximum number of 500, of which not more than 200 shall be nominated as Foundation Fellows.	Elected Fellows of the Academy shall be limited to a maximum number of 600, excluding the Founder Fellows as defined in 1.5.
2.3	Any citizen of India, who is a resident of the state of West Bengal, by birth or domicile, is eligible for Fellowship of the Academy.	Any citizen of India, who is a resident of the state of West Bengal, by birth or domicile, and who has worked for 10 years or more in an institution in the state of West Bengal, is eligible for Fellowship of the Academy.
3.2.1	The number of Fellows to be elected annually shall not exceed 30.	The number of Fellows to be elected annually shall not exceed 40.
3.2.2	At least three Fellows are to jointly nominate a candidate, on personal knowledge, for fellowship in a prescribed form. Proposer should be from same section in which the nomination is made but supporters could be from other sections.	A candidate should be nominated, on personal knowledge, for Fellowship by a Fellow of the Academy from the same section in which the nomination is made and seconded by one other Fellow of the Academy irrespective of the section.
3.2.9	Nomination could be invited from respectable academicians who are members of National Academies in good standing and recommended directly to EC for Fellowship of WAST without further evaluation of their credentials.	To be deleted.
3.3	The purpose of the programme is to identify and encourage promising young scientists and technologists. The Associateship is tenable for a maximum period of five years and only up to the age of 40 years. The Associates can participate in the Academic Programme of WAST. The total number of Associates at a time shall not exceed 50. Any Fellow of good standing of WAST may nominate a person for the Associateship. The nomination shall be accompanied by a Bio-data of the candidate in prescribed format. The	The purpose of the programme is to identify and encourage promising young scientists and technologists. The Associateship is tenable up to the age of 40 years. The Associates can participate in the Academic Programme of WAST and shall be entitled to use AAScT only during the period of their associateship. The total number of Associates at a time shall not exceed 70. Any Fellow of good standing of WAST may nominate a person for the Associateship. The nomination shall be accompanied by a Bio-data of the candidate in prescribed format. The last date of receipt of the

	<p>last date of receipt of the nomination by the Academy in each year is November 30.</p> <p>The nomination shall be sent by the Secretary to the respective Sectional Committee by December 31 which in turn shall send their recommendation to the Council of WAST by March 31. The Council's decision shall be final for the election of the Associates. Not more than ten Associates shall be elected in a year. An Associate is not required to pay any dues to WAST.</p>	<p>nomination by the Academy in each year is 31<sup>st</sup> July.</p> <p>The nomination shall be sent by the Secretary to the respective Sectional Committee preferably by 31<sup>st</sup> August which in turn shall send their recommendation to the Council of WAST by 30<sup>th</sup> November. The Council's decision shall be final for the election of the Associates. Not more than ten Associates shall be elected in a year. An Associate is not required to pay any dues to WAST.</p>
3.4.1 (re-numbered)	<p>The objective of the programme is to associate distinguished scientists/technologists, not residing in the state of West Bengal, with the activities of the WAST. They may be citizens of any country. According to the Law of the country the total number of Honorary Fellows at any time shall not exceed 30. A Fellow of good standing of WAST may propose any person for his distinguished contribution in any area of science and technology. The proposal along with the Biodata in prescribed format of the nominee must reach the secretary of the Academy by November 30.</p> <p>The Council shall elect the Honorary Fellows. Not more than three Honorary Fellows shall be elected in a year. A nomination will remain valid for three years.</p>	<p>The objective of the programme is to involve distinguished scientists/technologists, not residing and working in the state of West Bengal, with the activities of the WAST. They may be citizens of India residing and working in a state other than West Bengal or abroad or citizens of any other country residing and working in a state other than West Bengal or abroad. The total number of Honorary Fellows at any time shall not exceed 50. A Fellow of good standing of WAST may propose any person for distinguished contribution in any area of science and technology. The proposal along with the Bio-data of the nominee in prescribed format must reach the secretary of the Academy by 30<sup>th</sup> September.</p> <p>The Council shall elect the Distinguished Fellows. Not more than five Honorary Fellows shall be elected in a year. A nomination will remain valid for three years.</p>
3.4.2	New	<p>Distinguished Fellow: The Council may elect a nominee, who is a resident of the state of West Bengal, by birth or domicile, and who has worked for 10 years or more in an institution in the state of West Bengal, as a Distinguished Fellow in special recognition of his/her outstanding contribution in the field of science and technology and such election shall be announced at the Annual General Meeting. A Fellow of good standing of WAST may nominate one for his/her distinguished contribution in any area of science and technology. The proposal along with the Bio-data of the nominee in prescribed format must reach the secretary</p>

		<p>of the Academy by 30<sup>th</sup> September. The Council shall elect the Distinguished Fellows based on the recommendation of a screening committee comprising a maximum of three council members nominated by the council.</p> <p>The total number of Distinguished Fellows at any time shall not exceed 50 and a maximum of five eminent persons can be elected under this rule in a year.</p>
4.4	<p>Associates, Honorary Fellows, nominees of Institutional Membership and Corporate Membership shall have all the rights and privileges of the Fellows of Academy except that they cannot vote in any meeting of the academy and cannot be a member of the Executive Council. Of them, Honorary Fellows are only entitled to use FAScT as specified under 3.2.5.</p>	<p>Associates and nominees of Institutional Members and Corporate Members shall have all the rights and privileges of the Fellows of Academy except that they cannot vote in any meeting of the academy and cannot be a member of the Executive Council.</p>
5.2	<p>Every Fellow should pay the annual subscription within the due date.</p>	<p>Every elected Fellow should pay the life subscription before being admitted to the Fellowship. No person, although duly elected according to the Rules and regulations, shall be entitled to exercise the rights and privileges of Fellowship, nor shall his/her name be entered in the Register of Fellows, until he/she has paid his/her life subscription.</p> <p>An existing Fellow, who has not paid the life subscription, may convert from 'Annual Subscription' to 'Life Subscription' by paying a one-time subscription of Rs. 3000/-.</p> <p>The payment of the life subscription would imply the acceptance of the Rules and Regulations of the Academy in force for the time being and of an undertaking to be bound by them and by such rules as may thereafter be framed.</p>
5.3	<p>New</p>	<p>Every Fellow of the Academy shall obey the Rules or Orders of the Academy or Council.</p>
6.1.3	<p>New</p>	<p>If the Fellow is found guilty of a crime by a court of law of the land, s(he) is to be suspended from WAST.</p>
8.1.4	<p>No member of the Council including the office bearers shall hold office for more than two consecutive terms.</p>	<p>No member of the Council including the office bearers shall hold position in the council for more than four years consecutively. A member will be eligible to hold a position in the council again after a break of two years. The above-stated limit</p>

		of four years will not be applicable if a member is elected as President of the academy.
8.1.5	New	Immediate Past-President will be ex-officio voting member of the Council and will not be counted in the fifteen council members as specified in 8.1.1.
9.1	The office bearers of the Council shall be constituted of President, two Vice-Presidents of which one shall be the immediate past President, one Treasurer and one Secretary.	The office bearers of the Council shall be constituted of President, one Vice-President, one Secretary and one Treasurer.
13.5	The Editor of publications shall be nominated by the council for a period of two years and shall be eligible for re-nomination.	The Editor of publications shall be nominated by the council for a period of two years and shall be eligible for re-nomination for only one more term of two years.
13.6	New	Incumbent Council shall appoint a nomination committee consisting of a Chair of Nomination Committee and 2 members for the formation of new council. Chair of Nomination committee shall be Immediate Past President of the academy and the other two members shall be any one Past President plus one fellow of good standing nominated by the council. Nomination Committee shall be constituted by 30 <sup>th</sup> September of the year. Incumbent Council will propose a panel for the new council to the nomination committee by 15 <sup>th</sup> October. Nomination by petition for any position in the council may be submitted to the Nomination Committee Chair by 31 <sup>st</sup> October. A petition must be signed by five fellows of good standing. The Nomination Committee shall announce the panel for the new council including office-bearers to the academy President by 30 <sup>th</sup> November. This panel shall be placed in the AGM for approval.
16.5	One-fifth of the total number of fellows of good standing shall form the quorum in all general meetings.	One-fifth of the total number of fellows of good standing or 20 fellows of good standing, whichever is lower, shall form the quorum in all general meetings. For extra-ordinary general meeting, presence of at least 3 council members or at least 10 fellows, who have requisitioned the meeting, shall be necessary to form a valid quorum.
16.6	At all the meetings of the Academy, the decision shall be by majority of	At all the meetings of the Academy, the decision shall be by majority of votes of the

	votes of the fellows present. The voting shall ordinarily be by showing of hands except when the chairman decides that the voting shall be by ballot.	fellows present. The voting shall ordinarily be by showing of hands except when the Chairperson decides that the voting shall be by ballot. The Chairperson shall not vote with the rest of the meeting; but when the votes for and against are equal, he/she shall have a casting vote.
16.7	New	In the event that quorum is not present 15 minutes after the scheduled starting time of any general meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned for 15 minutes by the President. In case the quorum is not present even after the adjournment, the members present after the adjournment, i.e., 30 minutes after the scheduled starting time of the general meeting, shall be deemed to constitute a valid quorum.
17.4	<p>The Sectional Committees shall be twelve in number at present with provision for increase if the Council considers it desirable. The disciplines and subdisciplines covered by each Sectional Committee are only indicative and not exhaustive, and will be as follows:</p> <p><b>Sectional Committee IV</b> Engineering and Technology All branches of Engineering &amp; Technology.</p>	<p>The Sectional Committees shall be 13 in number at present with provision for increase if the Council considers it desirable. The disciplines and subdisciplines covered by each Sectional Committee are only indicative and not exhaustive, and will be as follows:</p> <p><b>Sectional Committee IV</b> <b>Systems Engineering and Materials Science (Aerospace, Mechanical, Civil, Metallurgy, Materials, Chemical, Energy and related areas)</b></p> <p><b>Sectional Committee XIII</b> <b>Electrical and Computational Engineering (Electrical, Electronics &amp; Communication, Computer Science, Information Technology, Instrumentation and related areas)</b></p> <p>(The rest of section numbers will remain unchanged)</p>
17.6	<p>Each sectional committee shall consist of at least five but not exceeding nine members, with three members forming a quorum.</p> <p>In case, any member fails to attend two consecutive meetings without giving valid reason; the council may appoint a new member for the remaining period.</p>	<p>Each sectional committee shall consist of either six or nine members, with three members forming a quorum.</p> <p>In case, any sectional committee member fails to attend two consecutive meetings without giving valid reason; the council may appoint a new member for the remaining period.</p>
17.8	Should a vacancy occur due to death or other causes at any intermediate time, the Council shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy in the Sectional Committee for the remaining	Should a vacancy occur due to death or other causes at any intermediate time, the Council shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy in the Office-bearer/Sectional Committee for the remaining period.

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18.2	For the adoption of an amendment(s) in the rules and regulations of the Academy, three-fourths of the fellows of good standing present at an ordinary general meeting should vote in its favour.	For the adoption of an amendment(s) in the rules and regulations of the Academy, presence of three-fourths of the fellows of good standing at an ordinary general meeting will be necessary and decision shall be taken unanimously or by a simple majority of the votes of the fellows present.
18.3	New	Adoption of amendment(s) in the rules and regulations of the Academy shall also be taken by circulation, whereby the proposed amendments will be circulated to all fellows of good standing and receipt of response of 51% of the fellows shall be necessary. Non-receipt of response from any fellow will be taken as his/her agreement to the proposed amendment. Decision shall be taken by a simple majority of the votes of the fellows responding. The decision taken by circulation will be reported in the immediate next general meeting and the date of that general meeting will be the date of effect of the amendment(s).
18.4	New	Any office bearer or executive council member or sectional committee member elected before and holding such office immediately before any change in the "Rules and Regulations" shall continue to hold such office until the expiry of his/her term of office.