

## CONSTITUTIONAL RULES & PROGRAMME OF THE WEST BENGAL STATE HOMŒO- PATHIC FEDERATION

[As Amended and unanimously Adopted at the W. B. State Homœopathic Practitioners' Conference, held in Calcutta on 23rd and 24th December, 1962].

### 1. NAME OF THE ORGANISATION

As the organisation shall be a common platform for all the Homœopathic Associations of West Bengal keeping their respective internal views, creeds and integrity intact, to work unitedly on democratically-accepted common aims, objects and programme, the name of it shall be "The West Bengal State Homœopathic Federation" heretofore referred to simply as "Federation" and in Bengali as "Paschim Banga Rajya Homœopathic Sangha".

### 2. AIMS & OBJECTS OF THE FEDERATION

1. To make co-ordinated efforts for the advancement of the cause of Homœopathy in all its aspects ;
2. To make co-ordinated efforts for securing full recognition of Homœopathy by legislative enactment and maintaining Homœopathy as an independent system of medicine with its own special philosophy, principles, scientific activities (research etc.) and method of practice ;
3. To arrange for registration of all Homœopathic practitioners who have not yet been registered ;
4. To take steps for the introduction of 3 years' Licentiate Course, 4 year's Degree Course and 5 years' Post Graduate Course, special training and refresher courses in Homœopathy, overseas degree and diploma examinations in India ;
5. To encourage fraternal feeling and observance of ethical rules amongst the Homœopathic practitioners ;
6. To fight out and prevent any sort of interference of

tampering with the basic principles and methods of Homœopathy from any side and also to fight out any imposition of alien principles or methods on Homœopathy ;

7. To make co-ordinated efforts for opening of Homœopathic charitable dispensaries, health centres, hospitals etc. by Government or local self-government bodies' (municipalities, district boards, panchayets, etc.) ;

8. To take steps for appointment of Homœopaths under Employees' State Insurance Schemes and other health schemes and measures including Family Planning and preventive measures as well as in concerns like Railways, Life Insurance Corporation, etc ;

9. To make co-ordinated efforts for opening of Homœopathic dispensaries and employment of Homœopathic doctors and health visitors etc. by private firms (like factories, industries, mills, tea gardens, coal fields, lac factories, railways etc.) and organisations (like trade unions, relief organisations, etc.) so that their employees or members or beneficiaries can adopt the line of treatment according to their individual and independent choice and experience ;

10. To organise research work in Homœopathy in its various aspects including drug proving on a scientific basis ;

11. To try to mobilise friends, lovers and beneficiaries of Homœopathy in the respective fields of Homœopathic practitioners for the causes of Homœopathy—financial, social or political ; while at the same time making them conscious about the basic principles of Homœopathy ;

12. To arrange for negotiations, agitation, propaganda and mass representation to the State and Central Governments, local bodies, etc. for all-round assistance and improvement of Homœopathy ;

13. To publish Homœopathic periodicals, leaflets, directory and other literatures ;

14. To provide for financial and other forms of assistance or relief to Homœopathic organisations, distressed Homœopathic practitioners and their families and deserving Homœopathic students and people in general under such circumstances as may be deemed fit by the Executive Committee of the Federation ;

15. To secure grants and financial assistance from the Central and State Government for scholarships, research and other works ;

16. To secure donations, grants, loans from the various organisations and individuals under such circumstances as may be deemed fit by the Executive Committee of the Federation ;

17. In view of the critical situation created by Chinese aggression on the Northern Frontier of India, any agitative activity for the fulfilment of any of the above-mentioned aims and objects, that may disturb the Government, will be kept suspended until the situation in the country becomes normal. In this period one of the main tasks of the Federation will be to enthuse and organise all the homœopaths of West Bengal to actively participate, as citizens as well as physicians, in the Defence activities, and in the Relief works related with that.

### 3. MEMBERSHIP

There shall be two types of members, viz.—

- A. Representative members
- B. Co-opted members

A. *Representative Members*—Homœopathic organizations which agree with the aims, objects, programme and rules of the Federation shall be eligible to be members on payment of requisite fees and they shall be entitled to nominate their representatives in the following manner:—

For membership strength upto 75, One Representative,  
" " " " 100, Two Representatives,  
" " " above 100, maximum Three Representatives.

B. *Co-opted Members*—The numbers of co-opted members shall not exceed 10. This is for accommodating prominent Homœopaths whose membership is considered necessary for the benefit of the Federation.

Any name for co-option must be proposed by one affiliated association and supported by two others. Then only the name

may be submitted for consideration in the Annual General Meeting where the name must be supported by at least two-third majority members. If there be more than 10 such proposals for co-option obtaining two-third majority votes, then only the first ten in order of number of votes secured shall be declared as co-opted. In an eventuality where the names for co-option secure equal number of votes, the selection will be settled by arranging preferential votes.

*Note:* It is understood that the affiliated associations should be constituted by *bona fide* Homœopaths only. By a "*bona fide* Homœopath" is meant any person who practises Homœopathy or works for Homœopathy as a teacher, research worker etc. and is fully conscious and observant of the basic tenets of the Organon.

#### 4. FEES

1. Affiliation fee for each Association irrespective of their number of members for the whole period of affiliation—Rs. 10/-.
2. Annual fee for each representative—Rs. 10/-.
3. For co-opted Members—Admission fee Rs. 5/-, Annual fee—Rs. 5/-.

#### 5. PATRONS

Any respectable or benevolent person agreeing with the aims and objects of the Federation and contributing a minimum of Rs. 501/- for the furtherance of the cause of the Federation may be accepted as a Patron.

#### 6. GENERAL MEETINGS

It means meeting of all the members of the Federation. There shall be two forms of general meetings:—(a) Annual General Meeting and (b) Special General Meeting.

A. Annual General Meeting shall be held once a year, preferably towards the end of the Christian year.

Business of the Annual General Meeting:—

- (1) Hearing and adopting the General Secretary's report on activities of the outgoing year.

(2) Hearing and adopting the audited accounts of the outgoing year.

(3) Preparing budget for the next year.

(i) Printed copies of the above-mentioned three items must be circulated amongst the members at least 15 days before the Annual General Meeting.

(ii) The Budget Year shall correspond with the financial year ending with the 31st March.

(4) Ratification of the resolutions and activities of the outgoing Executive Committee and consideration of the appeals from the members, if any.

(5) Co-option.

(6) Consideration of any amendment to the constitutional rules submitted to the General Secretary by any member at least six months before the Annual General Meeting and duly circulated amongst the members at least one month before the same. Such amendments may be adopted by at least two-third majority vote.

(7) Any proposal submitted to the General Secretary by any member at least one month before the Annual General meeting.

(8) Consideration and adoption of the resolutions passed in the Delegates' meeting of the Annual State Conference.

(9) Any other matter considered fit for discussion by two-third majority of the meeting.

(10) Adoption of a programme for the next year.

(11) Election of next year's Executive Committee.

(12) Fixing up the venue and provisional date of the next Annual Conference and selecting a panel of Presidents thereof.

B. Special General Meeting—may be called by the General Secretary on any urgent issue at the request of any Executive Committee meeting by majority vote or requisitioned by 33% of total number of members.

Business:—To take decisions only on the agenda on which the Special General Meeting is called.

#### 7. ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE

The Annual State Conferences shall usually be held by the end of every Christian year.

Any *bona fide* Homœopath may be a delegate to the Annual State Conference, on payment of the prescribed fee.

The affiliated associations of any district may call the Annual State Conference, preferably at the previous Annual General Meeting, and then conduct the preparation of the Conference in co-operation with and under the guidance of the Executive Committee. If the inviting district for any reason changes its decision of undertaking the responsibility of organising the conference, it must intimate that decision to the General Secretary within three months of the previous Annual General Meeting. Then the General Secretary may consider upon the petition of any other district inviting the Annual Conference.

In case no such calls come the Executive Committee itself will call and organise the Annual State Conference at any venue it considers most suitable, at least six months before the provisional date.

#### 8. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Federation shall have an Executive Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting which shall exercise all powers of the Federation excepting those of the General Meeting and shall be constituted as follows:—

There shall be sub-division-wise representation.

Each subdivision shall nominate in the Annual General Meeting one-third of their members as members of the Executive Committee. Any subdivision having less than 3 members shall have the right to nominate one representative. And when the number is not exactly divisible by 3, one additional representative may be nominated, provided the remainder is more than one. (For the purpose of constitution of the Executive Committee, Howrah town and Calcutta town shall be deemed to be two subdivisions).

Co-opted members shall be entitled to nominate three of them as members of the Executive Committee.

The representative members of respective subdivisions and the co-opted members shall elect their members to the Executive Committee sitting in separate groups.

The tenure of office of the Executive Committee shall be from the Annual General Meeting to the next Annual General Meeting.

The Executive Committee shall meet in Calcutta or at any other convenient place as a rule once every three months.

The newly-elected Executive Committee at its first sitting immediately after the Annual General Meeting shall—

(a) Elect the following office-bearers from amongst its members, viz.:—

President	...	...	...	1
Vice-President	...	...	...	3
General Secretary	...	...	...	1
Joint Secretaries	...	...	...	2
Organising Secretaries	...	...	...	3
Treasurer	...	...	...	1

(b) Appoint an auditor.

Fix the date of the next Executive Committee meeting.

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for all its activities to the General Meeting.

The Executive Committee shall appoint a Scheduled Bank for its transactions.

#### 9. EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

The 11 elected office-bearers of the Executive Committee shall form the Emergency Committee of the Federation.

This Committee shall exercise necessary powers in special circumstances requiring immediate action.

The Emergency Committee shall be responsible for its activities to the Executive Committee.

#### 10. FUNCTIONS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

1. To maintain a regular office.
2. To carry out the decisions of the Executive Committee and Emergency Committee in collaboration with other office-bearers or with anybody he deems fit under his own responsibility.
3. To keep contact with all the general members personally or by correspondence.

4. To call and arrange for regular meetings in due time or any meeting that he deems necessary or ordered by the Executive Committee or requisitioned by the general members.

The General Secretary shall be responsible for all his activities to the Executive Committee as well as to the general meeting.

#### 11. DUTIES & FUNCTIONS OF OTHER OFFICE-BEARERS

The duties and functions of the other office-bearers shall be as usual in any other organisation.

#### 12. ANNULMENT & AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTIONS ETC.

Any resolution or order of any Committee may be annulled or amended by a subsequent meeting of the same Committee or of a superior Committee by two-third majority vote, provided the resolution or order be erroneous or not consistent with the rules or be annoying to the members.

#### 13. OTHER MATTERS

All other matters for which express provision has not been made shall be dealt with according to general parliamentary rules.

#### 14. CANCELLATION OF MEMBERSHIP

If any member or enrolment of a member appears to be detrimental to the interest, principles and function of the Federation or if any member proves to be a defaulter in spite of repeated notices, then his membership may be cancelled by two-third majority of votes of an Executive Committee meeting; provided that the member concerned be given due opportunity to plead his cause in the same meeting. The member concerned has the right to appeal to the General Meeting for reconsideration of his case.

#### 15. RULES FOR MEETINGS

(a) Notice dates:—

1. (i) Annual General Meeting ... 30 days
- (ii) Special General Meeting ... 15 days



2. Emergency Committee Meeting ... 3 days
3. Other meetings or Sub-committee

## Meetings—

Ordinarily ... 7 days

On special issues ... 3 days

(b) Quorum:—One-fifth number of members will form the quorum of any meeting. Adjourned meetings shall require no quorum.

(c) Voting:—Shall usually be held openly by counting of raised hands. But secret votes by ballot may be arranged on demand at simple majority of any meeting. Votes by duly authorised proxy shall be allowed.

(d) Decisions:—All members will be decided by simple majority votes except on matters specified above where two-third majority shall be necessary, viz.:—

- (i) co-option of members ;
- (ii) adoption of any point for discussion raised at the Annual General Meeting ;
- (iii) annulment or amendment of any resolutions or order adopted at any previous meeting of the same Committee or a subordinate Committee ;
- (iv) cancellation of membership ;
- (v) amendment of the Constitution at the Annual General Meeting.

N.B.: The word "Association" in the Constitution means organisation of Homœopathic practitioners including societies, clubs, institutes, etc., etc.