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## **Agenda of the Seventy Eighth Annual General Meeting**

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The Seventy Eighth (78<sup>th</sup>) Annual Meeting of the General Committee (consisting of all Foundation Members, Members and Honorary Life Members) of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS) will be held on Friday, the 16<sup>th</sup> of December 2022 at 10.00 am at the SLAAS Headquarters, 120/10, Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo 00700.

### **AGENDA**

1. Notice of the Meeting
2. Vote of Condolences
3. Minutes of the Seventy Seventh (77<sup>th</sup>) Annual General Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021 at the SLAAS Headquarters, Vidya Mawatha, Colombo 07
4. Matters arising from the Minutes
5. Seventy Eighth (78<sup>th</sup>) Annual Report of the Council
6. Financial Report
7. Appointments and Elections
  - i. Appointment of General President-Elect – 2023
  - ii. Election of Officers and Members of the Council
  - iii. Election of Members of Sectional Committees
  - iv. Election of Members of Statutory Committees
8. Appointment of Auditors
9. Consideration of any other matters on which at least 30 days' notice has been given to the General Secretaries and approved by the Council.
  - i. Resolution to amend the Rules and Regulations of the SLAAS (Appended)

**Glance programme, Technical session information, Current Rules & Regulations and many other information are available on the official website of the SLAAS at <https://www.slaas.lk/>.**

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General Secretaries / SLAAS  
4<sup>th</sup> November 2022

# Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science

## Annual Meeting, 2022: Resolutions of which due notice has been given

### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following amendments to the Rules and Regulations of the SLAAS, having been accepted by the Council of the SLAAS, are hereby submitted to the General Committee for consideration and approval at the Annual Meeting of 2022.

#### **Amendment I** (*changes, additions, and insertions in italics*)

#### **Be it resolved that**

- (A) The words "he", "him", "himself", and "his" be replaced by "*he/she*", "*him/her*", "*himself/herself*", and "*his/her*" wherever they occur in the Rules or Regulations and the context so requires.
- (B) The word "will" be replaced by "*shall*" wherever it occurs in the Rules or Regulations and the context so requires.
- (C) The word "Chairman" be replaced by "*Chairperson*" in Rules 3.8.2 and 12.2 and the word "Chair" by "*Chairperson*" wherever it occurs in the Rules.
- (D) Rule 2.3.3 be read as follows:

2.3.3	elect, except the General President and the General President-Elect, all the Officers of the Association, Members of the Council, Members of the Sectional Committees, and Members of the Statutory Committees, which shall, for the present, be the Board of Trustees, the General Research Committee, the Committee for the Popularization of Science, the Science and Technology Advisory Committee, the Environment Committee, <i>and the Ethics Committee</i> , subject to provisions in Regulation 3.1. <i>All members so elected, having been nominated by the Council, should be present at the Annual Meeting or should have submitted valid and acceptable excuses for their absence to a Secretary in advance. An unexcused absence at the Annual Meeting may result in a nomination being rejected. Any vacancies in the Statutory Committees (but not the Sectional Committees), which occur as a result of absences at the Meeting, or as a result of insufficient nominations by the Council, may be filled by the General Committee by nomination and election at the Meeting. Any remaining vacancies shall be filled subsequently by the Council in accordance with Rules 3.9 and 6.11.</i>	
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- (E) Rule 3.2 be read as follows (the last sentence, "*However, they may be counted towards a quorum only if present in person*" being deleted):

3.2	Nine members of the Council shall form a quorum. Chapter representatives may attend Council meetings either in person or via video conference, provided that facilities for the latter are available. <i>Council meetings may also be held via video conference, or in a hybrid mode, if the circumstances so require.</i>	<i>Quorum</i>
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(F) In Rule 3.4, the sentence "However, once the panel is announced, a candidate, if he so desires, has the option of withdrawing his candidature in favour of another, by informing the General President in writing prior to the matter is considered by the Council" be replaced by *"Once the panel is announced, a candidate, for valid reasons, may withdraw his/her candidature, by informing the General President in writing prior to the matter being considered by the Council."*

(G) Rule 3.9 be replaced by the following:

3.9	In the interval between Annual meetings, the Council may fill vacancies among the Officers ( <i>except the General President and the General President-Elect</i> ), and members of the Council and the Committees appointed by the General Committee, subject to the provisions in Regulations 3.1 and 3.4 and without prejudice to any position which <i>he/she</i> may be entitled to hold the following year. Such Officers or members shall hold office until the 31 <sup>st</sup> day of December of that year. Such period of office of the new appointee shall not be taken as the period of office under Rules 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 7.6, 8.5, 9.5, 10.5 and 11.5.	<i>Vacancies</i>
3.9.1	In the event of the position of the General President falling vacant, it may be offered to the General President-Elect and if <i>he/she</i> is unwilling to accept the office of General President, the procedure in Rule 3.4 shall be followed to nominate a candidate within one month for the position of the General President, to be elected by the Council for the remaining period of that year. In case the General President-Elect is willing to accept the office of General President, <i>he/she</i> will continue his/her office in the following year.	
3.9.2	<i>In the event of the position of General President-Elect falling vacant, the candidate, if any, who polled the second highest number of votes in the election for that post in the Council the previous year shall be offered the post. In the event that he/she declines the post, the candidate, if any, who polled the third highest number of votes in that election shall be offered the post. In the event that both candidates decline the post, the procedure in Rule 3.4 shall be followed to nominate three candidates within two months for the position of the General President-Elect, to be elected by the Council.</i>	

(H) The first sentence of Rule 4.4 be read as follows: "The Editor shall be responsible for all publications of the Association, *except the Journal of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science, for which a separate editor and editorial board shall be appointed by the Council.*"

(I) Rule 5.2 be read as follows:

5.2	<p>The General Secretaries shall give sufficient notice to members to submit, before the stipulated date, abstracts of presentations to be made at the Annual Session. <i>An electronic copy of the abstract of this presentation and of an extended abstract, prepared according to the format laid down by the Council, together with any required supporting documents, shall be submitted to a General Secretary, via the online procedure laid down by the Council, by the prescribed deadline. Alternatively, three printed copies each of the abstract and the extended abstract, together with the supporting documents, may be submitted to reach the office of the SLAAS by the prescribed deadline. Depending on the mode of submission, the Secretary shall forward either an electronic copy of the abstract and the extended abstract, or two printed copies each of the same, to the appropriate Sectional Secretary, retaining one printed copy each of the abstract and the extended abstract, for his/her records.</i> The Sectional Committee shall decide on the acceptance of this abstract for presentation at the Annual Session, <i>based on an independent peer review of the abstract and the extended abstract.</i> The decision of acceptance or rejection of a presentation shall be final and all reports pertaining to it deemed to be confidential documents.</p>	<p><i>Submission of Abstracts of Presentations</i></p>
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(J) Rule 9.3.4 be read as follows (functions of CPS; the words "Semi-Annual and" being deleted):

9.3.4 make Annual Report to the Council.

(K) Rule 14.1.6 be read as follows:

14.1.6 *As Session Members, students not already accepted as student members and other non-members who wish to attend the Annual Session.*

(L) Rule 14.1.8 be read as follows:

14.1.8 *As Student Members, undergraduates of Sri Lankan universities, proposed and seconded by a member. Student memberships are limited to one year, subject to renewal upon application only, and shall terminate when the student ceases to be an undergraduate, through graduation or otherwise, subject to the proviso that if the Annual Session occurs within six months of that event and the student is a co-author of a paper scheduled to be presented at that Session, his/her student membership will continue until the conclusion of that Session. Any Student Member who graduates is eligible to re-apply for regular membership.*

(M) In last part of Rule 14.1, the sentence "Admission of bona-fide students and others as Session members shall be by tickets issued by the Session Office" be replaced by "*Admission of students and other non-members as Session Members shall be by payment of the relevant fee to the Session Office. The payment receipt shall serve as the admission ticket.*"

(N) In last part of Rule 14.1, the sentence "*Fellows shall be elected by the General Committee on the nomination of the Council as provided for under relevant Regulations*" be deleted.

(O) Rule 14.6 be read as follows:

14.6 The membership of *a Member or Corporate Member or Associate Member* who defaults in the payment of *his/her* annual subscription for a period of two years shall be terminated after the member has been duly informed by the Treasurer. *Termination of Membership*

**Amendment II** (*changes, additions, and insertions in italics*)

**Be it resolved that**

(A) Regulation 1.2 be read as follows:

1.2 The time allowed for a Presidential Address in a Section shall not normally exceed forty-five minutes. The manuscript of every Sectional President's Address, ready for publication in the Proceedings of the Annual Session, shall be forwarded to the General Secretary, so as to reach *him/her* six weeks before the commencement of the Session at which the address is to be delivered. *Presidential Address*

(B) Regulation 1.3 be **deleted** in its entirety. It is reproduced below for the information of members.

1.3 One copy of the full text of a presentation to be made by a Member at the Annual Session shall be submitted to a Council Secretary before a stipulated date, which shall be two months after the stipulated date for the submission of abstracts. Failure to do so will result in the presentation being rejected. A complete collection of copies of the presentation made at the Annual Session shall be available for reference by members at the Headquarters of the Association. *Presentations*

(C) The first paragraph of Regulation 2.1 be read as follows:

2.1 *The publications relating to the Annual Session shall be published in three Parts as described below. The General Programme and Annual Report shall be printed. Parts I and II of the Proceedings will be published online and made freely available for downloading. They may also be printed, or distributed via electronic media such as compact discs, at the discretion of the Council.*

(D) Regulation 2.2 be read as follows:

2.2 Foundation Members, Members, and Associate Members who are not in arrears of subscription as at 31<sup>st</sup> August of the current year and Honorary Life Members shall be entitled to receive *the General Programme and Annual Report*. They shall also be entitled to receive *printed or electronic versions of Parts I and II of the Proceedings if the Council has decided to publish them using either of those media*. Corporate Members shall be entitled to receive *the General Programme and Annual Report, as well as the other documents, if available, in duplicate*.

(E) Regulation 2.3 be **deleted** in its entirety, and Regulation 2.4 be **re-numbered** 2.3. The current Regulation 2.3 is reproduced below for the information of members.

2.3 Every President - General or Sectional - shall be entitled to receive twenty five copies of his address without charge, and additional copies at the cost of reproduction.

(F) In Regulation 3.1, the words "three years" be amended to read "*two years*."

(G) Regulation 4.1 be read as follows:

4.1 Other than individuals not otherwise qualified who are singled out by the Council for having made significant contributions to the advancement of science, membership of the SLAAS should ordinarily be limited to those with academic or professional qualifications in science or related fields. *An official transcript from the relevant academic or professional institution, indicating that degree or equivalent qualification has been completed, shall be taken as sufficient evidence of such qualification*. This regulation is intended to guide the Membership Committee in identifying and selecting such individuals.

*Qualifications  
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