INDIAN SOCIETY OF VASCULAR & INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY (ISVIR)

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE - I

Name - Duration, Central Office and Status of the Indian Society of Vascular & Interventional Radiology (ISVIR)

The Indian Society of Vascular & Interventional Radiology (ISVIR) is hereby constituted for an unlimited period of time. English will be the official language of the ISVIR. The Central Office will be at the seat of the Secretary.

The Society is a national scientific non-profit association.

ARTICLE - II

Purpose of the Society

The Purpose of the Indian Society of Vascular & Interventional Radiology are:

A. To promote interventional radiology by appropriate means.

B. To provide common platform for interventional radiologists of the country.

C. To coordinate work and documents in interventional radiology and to ensure the dissemination there of throughout the country.

D. To coordinate and promote relationships between interventional radiology, general radiology and the clinical specialities concerned.

E. To contribute to the development of unified methods of teaching in Interventional Radiology and unified standards for training and certification in interventional radiology.

F. To form research teams to deal with specific interventional radiology questions.

G. The objective of the society is to provide National representation for interventional and Therapeutic Radiology and to recommend the standards of practice and training.

H. To promote and encourage the formation and gathering of groups within different geographic areas under the auspices of the relevant regional societies of Interventional Radiology.

I. To establish the college of Interventional Radiology of India under ISVIR and award membership and fellowship organize training programmes. These training programmes will be given accreditation by the society.

J. To award the membership or fellowship, the works of the individual will be verified by the scientific and award committee.

K. To develop and support standards for training in Interventional Radiology.

L. To promote and co-ordinate meetings where scientific work related to interventional radiology will be presented and latest advances will be disseminated.

M. To promote and establish the indigenous technology for interventional procedures.

N. To coordinate for promotion of interventional radiology among industry.

O. To maintain an Annual registry of interventional procedures in the state including the procedure, result and complications.

P. The medico legal aspects of interventional radiological practices should be open to review and reassessment in the evolutionary course and exigencies thereof.

ARTICLE – III

Methods of achieving the said purpose

In order to accomplish these purposes, the Indian Society of Vascular & Interventional Radiology:

- Conducts Zonal workshop and the one annual meeting each year at a time and place designated by the Executive Committee to promote the objectives as stated in article II;
- Undertake the preparation of National meetings devoted to a specific subject
- Organizes courses for training and development in interventional radiology
- Institutes prize or grants or scientific awards for works meant to achieve these purposes
- Promotes the publication of an official journal, news letter of the society and other publications.
- To form a corpus by generous donation; the interest of which can be used for publication of journal and newsletter.
- Maintain a registry of members

ARTICLE – IV

STRUCTURE OF MEMBERSHIP

Structure of Membership

The Indian Society of Vascular & Interventional Radiology will be composed of

1. Founder Members
2. Life members
3. Full members
4. Associate members
5. Honorary members
6. Emeritus members
7. Student members
8. Re-entry members

FOUNDER MEMBERS

All the Radiologists who were present on 9th Nov.1997 will be the founder members o f the society. They have to pay the Founder Membership fee. They are all life members.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Only full members can opt for life membership after 3 years of uninterrupted service in ISVIR.

FULL MEMBERSHiP

This class of membership shall be limited to those who have a basic MD or equivalent qualification in Radiology and who should be practicing interventional radiology. After 3 years of uninterrupted full membership they can apply for life membership.

Full members shall have all rights and privileges of membership in this society, including the right to vote, to serve on committees and to hold any office in this society and shall be required to pay annual dues.

Full members should

A. Devote a significant portion of their professional time to interventional radiology including clinical consultation, radiological investigations and pre and post procedural care.

B. Be recognized in their institution (s) of practice as being significantly involved in interventional radiology activities:

(a) by appropriate colleagues (b) Hospital and / or university faculty directors as appropriate to the institution of practice.

C. Be recognized in their geographic region for their practice as outline in a and b

D. Be committed to teaching, clinical investigation and / or scientific research in interventional and therapeutic radiology.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Associate Membership General

Other physicians or scientists who are interested in interventional radiology but who do not fully qualify for full membership may apply for associate membership. An associate member shall have all the privileges of full membership except that he or she shall not have a vote, shall not serve on committees except as a consultant, and shall not hold any office in this society. He or she will pay annual or life membership fee.

Associate Membership Radiology

Fresh radiology postgraduates and trainees in interventional radiology may apply for associate membership. An associate member shall have all the privileges of full membership except that he or she will not have a vote, shall not serve on committees except as a consultant, and shall not hold any office in this society. He / she shall pay annual / life membership fee. Fresh radiology postgraduate must be associate member of the society for 3 years to qualify for full membership provided he / she fulfills other criteria.

Honorary membership

By majority decision of full members, honorary membership may be conferred upon individuals who have made outstanding contributions to promote the cause, education, teaching or publications of Interventional Radiology. A Honorary member shall have all the privileges of Full membership except that he or she shall not have a vote, shall not serve on committees, and shall not hold any office in this society. An honorary member is not required to pay the dues.

Emeritus Membership

On Written request by any full member to the Secretary and with the approval of the executive committee, a full member, who has served for at least 25 years to promote the cause, education, teaching or publications of Interventional Radiology and who is no longer in the active practice of medicine may be designated emeritus member. He or she shall not have a vote and shall not hold any office in this society. No dues shall be required of an emeritus member.

Student Members

Postgraduates in radiology may apply for student membership.

RE-ENTRY MEMBERS

Reentry Members should pay the dues or else will be considered as fresh members only.

ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP

Only full members may sponsor candidates for full or associate membership in the society. Applications including a brief C.V and certification of training are to be submitted to the secretary.

Membership applications must be reviewed and assigned for the correct class of membership by the membership committee. Nomination will be submitted for approval to the general body by the Executive committee. A majority vote of the members attending and voting at the general body is necessary for election of a candidate to membership. Elected candidates shall become effective members of the society on the day following the conclusion of the general body.

Membership may be brought to an end by

- Resignation
- Being cancelled from the membership list by the Executive committee for serious cause, for actions of such nature as to hinder the purpose of the society or for society, or for failure to pay dues, for 2 years after repeated reminders.

MEMBERSHIP TARIFFS

Founder Members	Rs	1500/-
Full / Life members	Rs.	3000/-
Associate Member General - Annual	Rs.	500/-
Associate Member General - Life	Rs.	3000/-
Associate Member Radiology- Annual	Rs.	300/-
Associate Member Radiology - Life	Rs.	3000/-
Student member - Annual	Rs.	300/-
In addition, all category members shall pay an admission fee of	Rs.	100/-

Rights and Benefits of Membership

Only full members shall have the right to vote and hold elective office in the society. Only full members may be appointed to standing committee unless otherwise provided in this constitution. They may participate in the scientific meetings and other functions of the society. The members shall receive a copy of the journal / newsletter published on behalf of the society.

ARTICLE V

The organs of the society are

1. The General Body
2. The Central Council
3. The Executive Committee
4. The Committees

ARTICLE VI

The General Body

The general body of the Society shall be held in conjunction with the annual scientific meetings. Special business meetings may be called by the president or upon written petition of one – third of the full members of the society. The agenda for any special business meeting

shall be included in the convocation for the meeting and no business shall be included in the convocation for the meeting and no business shall be conducted other than that stated in the agenda. The general secretary shall send the convocation for the general body to all full members at least six weeks prior to the meeting. Notices for special business meetings shall be sent at least thirty days prior to the special meeting. Attendance at the general body and at special meetings shall be limited to full members. No proxy or absentee vote shall be permitted.The body takes all decisions appropriate to the accomplishment of the purposes of the society and it supervise the financial affairs of the society. The general body elects the president, the members of the Executive committee and the president of the scientific meeting. It approves and registers the admission of the members as decided by the Executive committee. Unless the constitution contains provisions to the contrary, the general body may legally meet and take decisions when the number of present voters equals or exceeds one fifth of the total full members of the society. If this requirement is not fulfilled, second meeting shall be convened. At that meeting a quorum will be considered to exist regardless of the number of present voters. Unless the constitution contains provision to the contrary, decisions will pass by simple majority of voting members.

ARTICLE VII

The Central Council

The Central Council will be made up of the national delegates. The national delegates are responsible for establishing a link between the ISVIR delegates. The council is convened upon request of the president of ISVIR who presides over this meeting. The council may be consulated on any matter of interest for the society.

The national delegates will serve for three years and are eligible for reelection.

ARTICLE VIII

The Executive Committee

The executive Committee of the ISVIR is formed by the following officers.

The Officers will be:

1.	President	-	1
2.	Vice - Presidents	-	2
3.	Secretary	-	1
4.	Joint Secretary (Zonal)	-	2
5.	Treasurer	-	1
6.	Executive Committee Members	-	5

The immediate past president will participate as consultant. The officers manage and direct the affairs of the society; they will meet when appointed by the president or at the request of the majority of the members.

Election of Officers

Officers of the Society shall be elected at the General Body to serve according to the provisions of this article. The procedure for electing officers of the society shall be as follows.

A. The Nominating Committee shall nominate one or more candidates for each available office, and report the names to the society members no later than the convening of the general body. Nominations for officers have to be addressed to the Nominating Committee.

B. Nominations from other members may also be accepted.

C. The order of election shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Joint Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Committee Members.

D. If more than one nomination has been received for an office, voting shall be by secret written ballot for each office separately.

E. The result of the election shall be announced immediately and the candidate who has received a majority of votes will be declared elected.

F. If the ballot result in a tie, the President shall declare the election void and shall conduct fresh election there of.

G. The President shall be elected among full members who have served at least once as officers of the ISVIR.

H. The elected officers shall take office immediately after the general assembly.

I. The term of office of the President, Vice President, Joint Secretary and Executive members is one year. The term of secretary and Treasurer is three years.

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

The President shall be the presiding officer of the society and shall perform all duties with custom and parliamentary practice commonly associate with the office of the president. The president shall preside over the Executive Committee and the central council. He will be a member of all the other committees. The President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint members to standing committees, appoint society representatives as provided in the constitution and appoint members to ad - hoc - committees. Ad - hoc - committees may be established by the president in consultation with the Executive Committee.

The President of the ISVIR may nominate an Advisory Board to be consulted, upon request on specific items of interest for the society.

The Advisory Board shall consist of five full members, one of whom will be appointed as chairman by the president.

VICE PRESIDENT

The Vice President shall chair the Scientific Programme Committee, shall assume all duties of the presidency if the president is unable to serve, and have such other duties as assigned by the president.

SECRETARY

The Secretary shall be responsible for all duties that usually concern the office of secretary including, but not limited to, keeping a permanent record of the proceedings of the society and maintaining a current register of members, including current addresses, years of election and membership classification. The Secretary shall report on the activities of the society at each general body, and shall within three months following the general body, circulate to all members a report on the issues and actions discussed at the general body, including reports from the officers and committees. The secretary will each year also distribute to all members, a current list of members. The secretary shall be a member of both the Membership Committee and the Rules committee, and shall have such other duties as the president may assign.

JOINT SECRETARY

He shall co-operate with the secretary and he shall assume all the duties of the secretary if the latter is unable to serve.

TREASURER

The Treasurer shall be responsible for collecting, receiving, appropriate accounting for all funds of the society. The treasurer shall keep a complete and permanent record of the financial transactions of the society and shall give a full financial report to the general body. The treasurer shall be a member of the publication committee and have such other duties as assigned by the president. The society shall have accounts with banks and the same shall be opened and operated by two officers the president and secretary, the president and the treasurer or the treasurer and the secretary and the books of accounts shall be within the custody of the secretary. Any amount of money exceeding Rs.500/- shall be managed through banks and bank cheques by any two signatories as stipulated above.

Committees

Standing committees of the society shall include the following:

1. Rules committee
2. Scientific programme committee
3. Nominating committee
4. Audit committee
5. Membership Committee

6. Publication Committee
7. Scientific Committee

Actions of all committees shall be reported to the Executive committee.

The committees will hold office for three years and its members are eligible for reelection. The outgoing president and secretary will be member of executive committee.

Rules Committee

The rules committee shall consist of the President, Secretary and three other members of the society nominated by the Executive Committee, one of whom shall be appointed by the president as chairman. The rules committee shall be responsible for interpreting the constitution, and by order of the Executive Committee shall prepare and submit amendment to the constitution to be voted by the members at the general body.

Scientific Programme committee

The Scientific programme committee shall consists of three members of the society nominated by the executive committee and of the Vice president who will serve as chairman. The president of the annual scientific meeting shall participate to the scientific committee as an ex-officio member. The committee shall cooperate with the president in accepting or rejecting presentation at the scientific meeting.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating committee shall consist of the Executive Committee, the previous president, and two full members appointed by the president, one of the whom will serve as chairman.

The nominating committee shall perform its duties according to this constitution.

Audit Committee

The audit committee shall consists of three members appointed by the president each year. The president shall designate one of the members as chairman. The audit committee shall annually review the accounts of the treasurer and shall retain a certified public accountant for the purpose of auditing the accounts and certifying the annual report of the treasury.

Membership Committee

The membership committee shall consist of three members nominated by the executive committee with one member appointed by the president to serve as chairman. The membership committee shall examine all candidates for membership to assure that they fulfill the requirements for membership according to the appropriate category as called for in the constitution. If

required by the Executive Committee, the membership shall survey present members and recommended to the Executive Committee changes in membership status. The membership committee will select and propose to the executive committee, the candidates for honorary membership.

Publication Committee

The publication committee shall consist of the president of the ISVIR, the treasurer and two full members nominated by the executive committees plus the chairman of the editors in chief of the official journal of the ISVIR and will cooperate with any other editorial activity of the society.

Scientific Awards Committee

The Scientific Awards committee shall consist of the previous president of the society, who shall serve as chairman, and two members appointed by the president. The scientific awards committee shall exercise general supervision of the awards and prize that the society may sponsor.

The committee's recommendations for awards must be submitted to the Executive committee, which if it concurs, will present the awards on behalf of the society. The chairman of the scientific awards committee may appoint subcommittees for the evaluation of specific awards and fellowships.

Training committee

The training committee shall be responsible for the scientific organization of the annual national course, and for choosing the place where this will be held.

ARTICLE IX

Meetings

The society shall conduct a scientific meeting each year and zonal workshop at a place and time designated by the Executive committee to promote its objectives. Scientific sessions are open to all registered attendants, who pay the fee fixed for the meeting.

ARTICLE X

Financial Management - Responsibility - Work Group

Financial Management

The income of the society comprises subscriptions and support of patron, institutions or persons.

All financial contributions are to be paid to the treasurer. The amount of the subscriptions is fixed by the Executive Committee and is submitted to the general body for approval.

Responsibility

The executive committee is not responsible for any member's behaviour

Work Group

A work group formed within the ISVIR and wishing to benefit from its patronage must

- Respect faithfully the rules and goals of the ISVIR
- Submit for approval its plan of contribution and programmed activities to the Executive Committee of the ISVIR

The work group assumes the financing of this work and is responsible financially and technically for the same, both with regard to a third party and to the ISVIR. The ISVIR cannot and does not accept responsibility for the activities of a work group, in spite of the technical or scientific support and patronage it might grant to the said group. At all times and within the relationships between them the work group guarantees the ISVIR against suits brought by a third party.

ARTICLE XI

Changes in the constitution

The constitution of the society may be amended at any general body of the society by a two -thirds majority of the full members present and voting provided that there is a quorum. The proposed amendments shall be presented to the members in the call to the general body at which the vote will be taken.

'No amendment to the Memorandum Rules and Regulations will be made without the prior approval of the commissioner of Income Tax. (This clause is added after General body meeting).

ARTICLE XII

Dissolution - Disposal of Property

The society may be dissolved only by a joint decision taken by the executive committee and by the general body convened especially for this purpose and voted by a three fourth majority of all full members. If the balance sheet shows a profit, this will be allocated to another society or association promoting purpose similar to those of the present society. In the absence of such a society it will go to the Government.