ASSOCIATION FOR PREVENTION & CONTROL OF RABIES IN INDIA (APCRI)

(Registered under Karnataka Societies Registration Act)

Bye Laws of the Association

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Association for Prevention and Control of Rabies in India (APCRI)(Regd.)

PART-I: Memorandum of the Association

1. Name

The name of the Association is "Association for Prevention and Control of Rabies in India-APCRI"

2. Objects

a) To organize into an association and promote co-ordination amongst all persons, institutions, organizations and others engaged in or interested in or connected with or working for Prevention and Control of Rabies in India.

- b) To serve as a forum for exchange of information on Rabies.
- c) To organize conferences, seminars, workshops, meetings and discussions for Prevention and Control of Rabies.
- d) To promote research in the field of Rabies.
- e) To develop and promote short-term and long-term training programmes for individuals and institutions in the field of Rabies.

f) To coordinate with other professional agencies, associations and organizations so as to share experiences, information, publications and resources towards professional development of individual and institutions engaged in Prevention and Control of Rabies in India.

g) To liaise, influence, advocate with Governments both States and Centre for initiating appropriate measures for achieving the goal of rabies free India.

3. Address of the Association

The registered office of the Association for the time being will be situated at:

Department of Community Medicine

Kempegowda Institute of Medical Sciences College

Banashankari Phase 2, Bangalore–560 070

The said office may be moved to such other place or places as the General body may decide from time to time. It may open and close any branch office or offices at any other place or places as it may decide from time to time.

Name	Address	Occupation
Dr. M.K. Sudarshan	Dept. of Community Medicine, KIMS, Bangalore- 560070.	Doctor
Dr. S. Abdul Rahman	Veterinary College, Hebbal, Bangalore-560 024	Veterinary Doctor
Dr. S. N. Madhusudana	NIMHANS, Bangalore- 560 029. Institute of Animal Health and Veterinary Biologicals, Hebbal, Bangalore- 560 024	Doctor
Dr. R. N. Srinivasagowda	NIMHANS, Bangalore- 560 029. Institute of Animal Health and Veterinary Biologicals, Hebbal, Bangalore- 560 024	Veterinary Doctor
Dr. B. J. Mahendra	Dept. of Community Medicine, KIMS, Bangalore- 560070.	Doctor
Dr. S. K. Vijayasarathi	Veterinary College, UAS, Hebbal, Bangalore 560 024.	Veterinary Doctor
Dr. D. H. Ashwath Narayana	Dept. of Community Medicine, KIMS, Bangalore- 560070.	Doctor

5. Jurisdiction

The association shall have the Union of India as its jurisdiction for objects and Bangalore city for all legal purposes.

6. Authorization

The President/Secretary General of the Association is authorized to correspond with the Registrar of Societies, in connection with the Registration of the Association and any corrections to be effected in the Memorandum of the Association and the Rules and Regulations therein.

7. Income

The Association shall be voluntary, non-profitable body. The income of the association by whatever means it might derive shall be utilized for the purpose of objects of the association and shall not be distributed among the members of the association or any person(s) or body of persons.

8. Signature of witness who is not a member of the managing committee, with his full address, age and occupation

Name & Address	Age & Occupation	Signature
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PART-II: Rules and Regulations of the Association

1. Interpretation

In these rules and regulations unless there may be anything in the subject or context inconsistent there with-

a. The Association means "Association for Prevention and Control Rabies in India-APCRI".

b. The "Members" mean the members of the association for the time being.

c. The "President" and the "Secretary General" means those respective office bearers of the association for the time being.

d. The "Annual General body Meeting (AGM)" and "Special General Meetings (SGM)" as are convened and held only under the rules of the association in force.

e. The "Meeting" means all the meetings other than annual and special general meetings of the association.

f. A "Resolution" means the resolution of the association duly passed and adopted.

g. The "Seal" means the seal of the association.

h. The "Year" means the official year of the association from 1^{st} August of the particular year to the 31^{st} July of the next year.

i. The "Members" means all categories of members of the association duly admitted by the association.

2. Membership

All persons and citizens of India and from abroad and above 21 years of age (as on 1st August of that year) and who subscribe to the objects of the association are eligible to be the members of the association only after the approval by the executive committee and on their payment of the prescribed fees.

Any person who is an undischarged insolvent or who has been convicted of any offence, criminal or otherwise or of any offence involving moral turpitude shall not be entitled to be a member or office bearer of the association.

3. Clauses of membership and fees

a) Patron Member: Any institution or organization established under law in India and on payment of onetime fee of Rs. One Lakh only may be admitted after the approval by the executive committee. The privileges include ten invitations to all meetings and functions of the association. However, there shall not be any voting or contesting privileges to the member.

b) Donor Member: Any organization or institution established under law in India and on onetime payment of Rs. 50,000 (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only) may be admitted after the approval of the executive committee. The Privileges include five invitations to all meetings and functions of the association. However, there shall not be any voting or contesting privileges to the member.

c) Life Member: Any citizen of India, with recognized medical or veterinary degree qualification or with Postgraduate degree qualification in Science working for Rabies Prevention and Control in India may be admitted after approval of the executive committee.

He/she shall pay a onetime fee of Rs. 2000/- (Rupees Two Thousand Only) and shall receive invitations to all meetings/functions of the association and is entitled to exercise one vote at the AGM/SGM as the case may be. The life members only are eligible to contest for the various offices of the association. All new members will be eligible to vote in the elections to the office bearers only after completing one year of membership in the Association by 31st May of the election year.

d) **Associate Member:** Any degree holder in any discipline from a statutory university and working for Prevention and Control of Rabies in India may be admitted after approval of the executive committee. He/She shall pay a onetime fee of Rs. 500/-(Rupees Five Hundred Only) and shall receive invitation to all meetings and programmes of the Association. But he/she is not entitled to vote or contest any election of the association. From the year 2012 individuals from non-medical fields (other than Medical, Veterinary and scientists working in the field of rabies) will be enrolled only as Associate members.

e) Honorary Fellows/Members: Any individual from India or Abroad who has made significant contribution to Prevention and Control of Rabies (in India/Abroad) may be admitted on the recommendations of the Executive committee. He/she shall enjoy all privileges of a life member except for voting and right to contest for election. They shall not pay any fees and are admitted free of any charges/cost.

4. Register of Members

The association shall maintain at its registered office a register of its members and shall enter therein within 15 days after the admission of a member or the cessation of the membership, as the case may be, the following particulars.

a. Name and Address of the member (including phone, fax and E-mail wherever available).

b. The date on which the member was admitted.

c. The date on which the member ceased to be such member.

5. Rights of Members

a) Each life member (individual) shall have one vote at every meeting. However, voting by proxy is strictly not allowed.

b) All members of the association shall be entitled to participate in the meetings, functions and gatherings of the association.

c) All the members of the association shall have right to inspect the book of the accounts, book containing minutes of proceedings of General body meetings and the register of the members of the association on any working day during business hours by giving reasonable advance notice.

d) All members of the association shall be bound by the rules and regulations / bylaws which may be framed from time to time.

e) The services of the association and its resultant benefits shall be opened to all its members, irrespective of religion, caste or creed.

6. Association Year

The year of the association including all its branches for financial and functioning purposes shall be from 1^{st} August of that year to 31^{st} July of the next year.

7. Executive Committee

The general control, management and direction of the policy and affairs of the association shall be vested in a body styled as Executive Committee at the Headquarters level. This shall consist of following 17 executive committee members who shall be elected from among the life members (only) present at the Annual General Meeting held every year ordinarily in July.

President – 1 (One)

Vice President (s) - 2 (Two)

Secretary General – 1 (One)

Joint Secretary – 1 (One)

Editor – 1 (One) Treasurer – 1 (One) **Zonal Representatives** North – 2 (Two) East – 2 (Two) Central – 2 (Two) West – 2 (Two)

South -2 (Two)

They shall hold the offices for a term of two years maximum and after the expiry of which, the executive committee shall be freshly constituted from among the life members. However, existing executive committee members shall be eligible for reelection for only two consecutive terms maximum, for any of the offices.

All the persons shall hold the office purely on honorary basis and without any remuneration except for TA/DA/incidentals as admissible as per prevailing Government of India norms for meetings subject to availability of funds and prior approval by the Executive Committee.

8. Proceeding of the Executive Committee.

a) The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in 4 months. If a zonal/regional programme is held in November and March, the EC Meeting can be held there itself. If needed, an e-conference can be held in an emergency. Other meetings may be held either upon the advice of the President or request of at least five members of the executive committee.

b) The quorum of the meeting of the Executive committee shall be five members present in person.

c) If within half-an- hour of the time appointed for a meeting a quorum is not constituted, the meeting shall stand adjourned for half-an- hour at the sometime and place, and if at the meeting a quorum is still not constituted, within half-an- hour appointed for the meeting the members present shall constitute a quorum.

d) The absence, without leave of any members of the Executive committee for 2 (Two) consecutive meetings and/or for a continuous period of 6 months whichever is more, shall entitle the executive committee to remove such member from the executive committee.

e) The Executive committee may pass a resolution by circulation. Such resolution passed whether by majority or unanimously by circulation amongst the members of executive committee shall be equally valid and shall be construed as passed at a meeting duly called and convened for the purpose and such resolution shall be entered by the Secretary-General in the minute books of the meetings of the executive committee.

9. Powers of the Executive Committee

a) To ensure and promote the aims and objects of the association.

b) To ensure that all money transactions are to be held through a nationalized bank.

c) To ensure utilization of income towards promoting the objects of the association.

a) To decide on the expulsion of a member in case he/she is convicted of any criminal offence or found unsound mind or persistently contravening the rules and regulations of the association.

e) To raise funds by donation, grant or gift etc to fulfill the objects.

f) To appoint a sub-committee/expert group/ core group etc., with such powers as deemed fit and said committee may co-opt from among the members of the association.

g) To invite/co-opt not more than two specialists/experts in the area of rabies who may be nonmembers of the association whose counsel is considered useful to the association.

h) Shall arrange for the publication of handouts, brochure, journal, documents etc., as may be considered fit in the furtherance of its objects.

i) To appoint the personnel of the association, determine their remuneration, salaries and other service conditions and also to terminate their services, dismissal or otherwise and take disciplinary actions as necessary.

j) Open and operate back accounts, deposits, withdraw or invest funds, issue accept, sign, endorse and deliver cheques, drafts, letters of credit, and in general any other negotiable instrument. Such banking account (s) as and when opened shall be operated by the President or secretary-general (after a note approved by the President) and Treasurer being common.

k) Decide on establishment of branch offices of the Association.

1) Decide on any, every and all matters pertaining to or in connection with the administration of the association and the successful pursuance of aims and objects.

m) In the event of any office bearer laying down office for whatever reasons, the executive committee can co-opt any member considered suitable for the office for the remaining period of the tenure or till the next elections are held.

10. Executive powers of the Office-bearers

The administration and management of the association shall vest in the Executive Committee and primarily with the following office bearer's viz. President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary-General, Joint-Secretary, Editor and Treasurer who are elected at the Annual General Body Meeting.

a) President

1. He/she shall be in overall charge of the association and preside over Annual General Body Meeting and other meetings. All the policies, programmes and actions shall be formulated and implemented only through him/her.

2. The ruling of the President at the Executive Committee and Annual General Body Meeting shall be final and binding on all questions raised.

3. The President in case of emergency may exercise all the powers and perform all the functions required to be exercised and performed under the rules and regulations by the executive committee provided that all the actions taken by the President shall be placed before the next Executive Committee/Annual General Body Meeting/special General Body Meeting for approval.

4. In all matters to be decided by at simple majority in General meetings, casting vote of the President shall prevail in case of equality of votes.

5. The President shall preside over every meeting of Executive Committee/Annual General Body Meeting/Special General Body Meeting to regulate the proceedings of the meetings, interpret rules and decide doubtful points.

b) Vice-President

In the absence of the President, the Vice-President (Senior among the two or the one present) shall discharge all the duties and responsibilities of the President. He may exercise any other function, which is assigned by the Executive Committee or the President.

c) Secretary-General

1. He/she shall be in charge of all executive work of the association. He/she shall act under the guidance, supervision and advice from the President and Executive Committee.

2. Shall be in charge of the office of the association with all its records papers and files.

3. Shall call for all meetings of the executive Committee/Annual General Body Meeting / Special General Body Meeting as per rules and regulations with the approval of the President and maintain the minute's book and record all the proceedings of the meetings.

4. To look after and conduct all correspondence relating to association including issue of notices for Executive Committee, Annual General Body Meeting and Special General Body Meeting.

5. To oversee and sign all vouchers/bills of expenses of association before payment by the treasurer.

d) Joint-Secretary

Joint-Secretary ordinarily shall assist the Secretary-General as and when required and in his absence, he/she shall perform the duties of Secretary-General and other responsibilities entrusted by the Executive Committee/President/Vice-President(s).

e) Editor

1. Editor shall be responsible for publication and distribution of the journal, Newsletter and other publications of the association.

2. He/she shall select the members of the Journal Committee who are ordinarily members of the association along with the Secretary-General and President who shall be ex-officio members of the Journal Committee.

f) Treasurer

1. Treasurer shall keep all accounts and ledgers of the association.

1. He/she shall operate the bank account(s) with the President or Secretary-General as decided by the Executive Committee.

2. He/she shall receive all subscriptions, donations, grants etc., in cheques/drafts (to avoid cash transactions as far as possible) and record the receipts in the book/ledger maintained for the purpose.

3. He/she shall arrange for the investment of surplus assets/income as approved by the Executive Committee in conjunction with the Secretary-General.

4. To submit all books and papers relating to receipts and expenditures, cash books, bank pass books, etc., to the Secretary-General/President once in a month or even earlier for scrutiny and signature. 5. To prepare yearly accounts of receipts and expenditures and have the same audited by an auditor approved by the Executive Committee and place it before Executive committee and Annual General Body Meeting/Special General Body Meeting for ratification.

6. To maintain a contingency cash of Rs. 500/- or such amount as may be decided by the Executive Committee/President and Secretary-General.

g) Zonal Representatives

The union of India is divided into five zones comprising of

1. North: Covering Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi and Uttarakhand.

2. East: Covering Bihar, Jharkand, West Bengal, North-Eastern States of Assam, Mizoram, Tripura, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Orissa, Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

3. Central: Covering Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Chhatisgarh

4. West: Covering Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Daman and Diu.

5. South: Covering Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Kerala and Puduchery including Lakshadweep and Minicoy Islands.

From each zone there shall be a minimum of two representatives who shall coordinate with the Secretary-General for all activities of the association in their region.

All the above office bearers of the executive committee shall hold their office for a maximum of two years (one-term) period. However, they are eligible for contesting again by election for another term of two years. The Immediate Past President of the Association will automatically be a member of the EC.

As the registered office of the Association is presently at Bangalore, a Life Member of the Association, based at Bangalore will be nominated as the Liason Officer. He will co-ordinate the activities required to be done at Bangalore. Dr.M.K.Sudarshan, is designated as the Founder President- Mentor of the Association.

h) Regional Chapters

Zonal and State chapters of the association can be started, based on the needs of the region, after approval of the Executive Committee. Each such chapter will have 5 governing council members consisting of one Chairperson, one Secretary and one Treasurer and two members. These chapters are authorized to open an account in any nationalized bank and the account shall be jointly operated by two persons viz. the chairperson and secretary or treasurer. However, the audited statement of the accounts shall be submitted to the Secretary General every year by 31st May and the same shall be placed for approval before the Executive Committee in July. The membership fees shall be Rupees One thousand per eligible person payable by cheque/bank draft/wire transfer and never by cash. From this, two hundred rupees per enrolled member shall be paid to the main association by the Chapter, after the membership of the individual is finally approved by the Executive Committee.

11. Annual Conference

a) There shall be a conference of the association every year ordinarily in July or as the executive committee may decide, under the auspices of the association. The branches or members of the association shall have the privilege of inviting and organizing the conference. The place, date, duration, time and chairman (and if deemed necessary standby Chairman or otherwise) of the conference shall be decided by the Executive Committee or the Annual General Body Meeting/Special General Body Meeting as appropriate/suitable and acceptable.

b) The Headquarters viz. President, Secretary General and Treasurer shall provide all possible assistance to the chairman of the conference.

c) The Chairman of the conference shall constitute the organizing committee and the reception committee from as far as possible the members of the association and others from the region. The committee shall decide the fees to be levied for the delegates which shall ordinarily be not be more than ten percent in excess of the delegates fees of the previous conference. However, there shall not be any delegate fees for the executive committee members and office bearers of the Association who shall be honorable invitees and part of the conference organization.

d) The expenses of the conference shall be wholly borne by the organizing committee of the conference. Any expenses incurred by the HQ towards the conference shall be reimbursed by the organizing committee/chairman of the conference during the conference. The HQ shall not be responsible for any loss on account of the conference. All office bearers of the association shall render every possible assistance to the organizing committee of the conference.

e) Sponsorship money from the corporates/pharmaceutical companies would have to be directly credited to the APCRI account.

f) The Chairman of the organizing committee shall submit to the Secretary-General of the association an audited report/statement of accounts of the conference within three months of the conference.

g) Every conference shall contribute at least a sum of Rupees One lakh or ten percent of the total conference income (whichever is higher) towards the corpus/reserve fund of the association within a month of the end of the programme, which shall be invested in fixed deposits of the nationalized banks/other suitable public sector financial institutions by the Treasurer for use and benefit of the Association.

12. Elections

The elections to office bearers of the Executive Committee shall ordinarily be held at the Annual Conference. Any life member contesting for a post in the elections to the office bearers of the Association should have completed a minimum of two years as a Life member by 31st May of the election year.

a) Only the life members who are eligible to contest may file their nominations duly proposed and seconded by two life members of the association. The contesting candidates should be physically present during the elections.

b) The Secretary-General shall ordinarily be the returning officer of the elections unless he/she is contesting the elections. Then the President may appoint a non-contesting consenting life member as Returning Officer. The returning officer shall invite nominations from life members for the various offices at least two months before the Conference/Annual General Body Meeting and notify the same to all members. In the event of a contest becoming necessary the returning officer shall make all arrangements at Annual General Body Meeting for secret ballot polling and following counting of votes polled declare the results on the same day under the seal and signature of the President, Secretary-General and the Returning Officer.

c) Similarly in the non-election year nominations may be invited by the Secretary-General from among only the life members of the association for any vacant post(s) of office bearers and if required of any contest at the Conference/ Annual General Body Meeting arrangements for secret ballot polling shall be made and like above the results declared the same day.

d) A vote shall be cast in person by a life member physically present at the Annual General Body Meeting and under whatsoever circumstances voting by proxy will not be allowed.

13. General Body Meeting and Special General body (SGM) Meeting

a) The Association shall hold every year a General Body Meeting called the Annual General body Meeting (AGM) at which the report of the management of the Association for the year

together with an audit copy of the accounts shall be presented by the Secretary-General and Treasurer respectively for approval.

b) The first Annual General body Meeting shall be held within eighteen months of registration. The next Annual General Meeting shall be held within nine months of after the expiry of the year in which the 1st Annual General body Meeting was held and thereafter an AGM shall be held within nine months after the expiry of each year.

c) A Special General Body Meeting (SGM) may be convened at any time or on the requisition of the President of Secretary-General or on the requisition of not less than one-tenth of the total members of the association entitled to vote, who shall state in writing the business for which they wish the meeting to be convened and the general body shall within twenty one days from the date of receipt of the requisition proceed duly to call a meeting for the consideration of the business on a day not later than forty days from the date of receipt of the requisition d) If a member does not have a registered address in India and has not supplied to the Association any address in India for the giving of notice to him, a notice advertised in a English newspaper in India with circulation in most parts of India, Association shall deemed to be duly given to him the notice on the day on which the advertisement appears in the newspaper.

14. Annual General Body Meeting (AGM)

a) The Annual General Body Meeting shall ordinarily be held in July every year during the conference of the Association. Necessary notice shall be issued 21 days in advance by Secretary General. The notice shall be in English mentioning the date, time and place and the agenda of the meeting.

b) The business of the Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) shall be-

• To consider the annual report of the Secretary General.

• To consider and pass the audited accounts of receipts and expenditure for the previous year.

• To elect the new members and office bearers of the new Executive committee in the election year and to fill up any vacancies arising during the non-election year.

c) To consider any other matter brought before the meeting either by any office bearer or by any member present at the meeting concerning the management and welfare of the Association.

d) Quorum – 20 members or one-fifth (1/5) of total members of the Association present (whichever is less) in any Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) shall form the quorum.

e) The decision of the Annual General Body Meeting including the election of new executive committee of office bearers shall be taken by secret ballot by majority of the votes of the life members present.

f) The Annual General Body Meeting shall be presided over by the President and in his absence the Vice – President (senior most) or in his absence the members present shall elect from amongst themselves a President for the meeting. The decision of the AGM shall be recorded in minutes book, a special book maintained for the purpose by Secretary – General duly signed by the President of the meeting.

g) All members (all Categories) of the Association can attend and take part in the deliberations. But the voting rights shall be restricted to life members (individuals) personally present in the meeting.

Business at the meeting shall ordinarily be transacted in the following order:

- 1. Reading of notice of the meeting.
- 2. Messages of inability to attend, if any
- 3. Condolence messages, if any.
- 4. Adoption of the Secretary General's report for the year.
- 5. Adoption of the audited accounts report for the year by the treasurer.
- 6. Consideration of the budget for the ensuing year.
- 7. Appointment of an auditor.
- 8. Amendment to rules, if any.
- 9. Resolutions.
- 10. Any other business with the permission of the President.

15. Validity of Proceedings

a) The proceedings of the meeting of the General body, Executive committee or any committee acting under the rules and regulations of the Association shall not be invalidated by any accidental omission to give any notice hereby required or by any vacancy among its members or by any defect in the election or qualification of any of its members.

b) Whereby or under the rules and regulations or a thing is required to be done by the Association, the same to be done by such office bearer, officers or members of the association as the executive committee may appoint for the purpose.

16. Amendment to memorandum, rules and regulations

a) Proposal for change in the memorandum, rules and regulations of the Association as and when necessary shall ordinarily be considered at the Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of the Association. The proposed alteration must reach the Headquarters of the Association Viz. President, at least two months before the date of the meeting and shall be circulated to all the members/branches for opinion at least One month before the date of the meeting. The notice of the proposed change must be given in the agenda of the meeting. No such proposal shall be carried into effect unless it is agreed to by three-fourths of the members present at a subsequent meeting convened for the purpose. (The notice shall mean that the actual words for the proposed alteration shall be included in the agenda of the meeting).

b) Wherever rules and regulations of the association do not exist or are conflicting, the Association shall be guided by the decisions of the executive committee meeting convened for the purpose.

17. Funds and Investments

The Association shall raise funds in the following manner:

a) Membership Fees

b) Donations from individuals, statutory organizations, Institutions, State and Central Governments and any other source which the Executive committee may approve and authorize.

c) Contribution from the Annual Conference and regional/zonal/national programme [A minimum amount of Rupees Twenty five thousand should be contributed to the corpus fund of the Association, at the end of each regional/zonal/national programme]. The Association however shall not borrow any loan from any individual or organization or any Government or any source. The Investments of the funds of the Association shall be made by the treasurer after approval by the Executive committee in the investments authorized by law for the time being in force relating to the investments of the trust funds preferably in the nationalized Banks or Public Sector Financial institutions with Central Government securities.

18. Suits and Proceedings

The Association may sue or be sued in the name of the Secretary-General.

19. Indemnity

Any member or office bearer or servant of the Association shall be indemnity against all liabilities arising out of the acts and things done by him in performance of the duties entrusted by

way of damage or otherwise and all loses, costs, charges and expenses which he may incur or becomes liable by reason of any contract entered into or any act or deed done by him as such member, auditor, officer, or servant in any way or about the discharge of his duties. All his/her services and actions are provided voluntarily and honorarily to the Association at his/her own risk and responsibility, the good faith and trust in the true spirit of service for a public cause and consequently the Association shall not be liable for any indemnity arising out of such acts of omission or commission of its members and others in their official or personal or professional capacities or in whatsoever manner explains or otherwise.

20. Dissolution

In the event of dissolution or winding up of the Association, on the basis of 3/4th majority of the General Body, the assets remaining as on the date of the dissolution shall under no circumstances be distributed among the members of the Association, but the same shall be transferred to another association whose objects are similar to those of this association and which enjoys recognition under relevant section of the income Tax Act of 1961 as amended from time to time and in conformity a with the Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960.