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ISTD/Chapter Elections/2020-22/1

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To,

All Chapter Chairpersons & Hon. Secretaries

Election to the Managing Committee of Chapters and National Council for the year 2020-22 (2 years) – Starting of Election Process

Dear Sir/Madam,

You may be aware that Rule 7(iv) of the Memorandum of Association and Rules & Regulations (MOA and R&R) of ISTD stipulates that all members of the Chapter Managing Committee including the Office Bearers shall retire on the 30th June of the following year and a new Committee has to be elected and it will take over the affairs of the Chapter, immediately on the **conclusion of AGM on or before 30th June.**

During this year due to extraordinary situations arising out of Covid – 19, the dates of Chapter elections have been extended. An extraordinary National Council meeting was convened on **14th June 2020** to look into the situation.

Based on the discussions, the following resolutions are hereby passed:

1) **It is hereby resolved that the present bodies at Chapter and National level are to be continued for another period of 3 months i.e. the Chapters' Committee tenure to be extended from June 2020 to September 2020 and the National Committee to get an extension of tenure of three months from July 2020 to October 2020. This extension is necessitated, as a very special case in view of the pandemic situation prevalent across the nation and the current atmosphere is not conducive to conduct a free, fair, and transparent elections. Moreover, when the continued lockdown in few of the Cities/Towns has adversely impacted the postal services, it is not desirable to conduct an election as the same will deprive some of the eligible members to exercise their franchise due to disruption in the postal services.**

This special resolution is passed by the National Council with the authority provided under Rule 12 (i) of the Rules and Regulations of Indian Society for Training and Development to mitigate the exceptional situation arising out of COVID-19 and therefore, the provisions of Rule 6 (v) and (vi) and rule no. 7 (iv) and (x) will not come into force as a result of this extension as this resolution is approved by a majority oral vote of the National Council Members who were present, after meeting the quorum requirement.



2) **It is resolved that a communication to this effect will be made to the concerned Registrar of Societies who is the authority under Societies Registration Act, 1860 as soon as possible, after this being ratified by the incoming AGM.**

It was also decided that the Chapter / National level committee will not take any major policy decisions during its extension period.

By now, the Chapters have already appointed Returning Officer for the ensuing elections.

In order to assess finally the situation across the country due to Covid-19 we had written a mail to all the chapter chairpersons on 17th July 2020 to apprise us about their preparedness to conduct the chapter elections from 1st August 2020. We have got an overwhelming response from more than 85% of the chapters confirming their readiness to go ahead with the proposed election schedule. Please note that in case of any objections raised by any statutory body, kindly inform the ISTD NHQ with all relevant documents so that appropriate measures can be taken immediately.

It may be appropriate to highlight as under a few of the basic requirements for the smooth conduct of the elections at the Chapter level:

- Only those Members who have paid their annual subscription for the year 2019-20 (ending on 31.03.2020) are eligible to cast their Vote ONLY in the Chapter Elections for the year 2020-22.
- Those Members who have renewed their annual subscription in advance (April 2020-March 2021) or before filling the nominations, can cast vote and contest in the forthcoming elections i.e. for the year 2020-22.
- Since the forthcoming election is for a period of 2 years i.e.2020-22, each winner will ensure that he/she is renewing the subscription periodically, within first two month of the commencement of the year, in order to retain the elected position as Office Bearer for the entire period of two years.
- Associate Members and Honorary Members are not entitled to vote.
- The Chapter will also elect Members to the National Council to represent the Chapter, at the rate of one National Council Member for each 50 (fifty) Chapter Members.
- The results are required to be sent to the National Office by **11th September, 2020**, so that the election process for the National Office bearers could be initiated within the time frame. It must be noted that in the event of non-receipt of results from the Chapters within the stipulated time, such Chapter will not be able to participate in the election of Office Bearers of the National Council.




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- ISTD is a legal entity and each Chapter has to invariably follow the election process. Appointment of a Returning Officer is mandatory even in the event of situation of unopposed election. The elected body will be constituted only after the Returning Officer submits a certificate of election held in terms of the Election Rules.
- The final voters list is being sent separately both in soft as well as hard copy.

Soliciting cooperation from all Chapters and awaiting response of the action taken by each Chapter.

Thanking You,



(Dr A C Joshi)
Director

Encl: Copy of Election Rules

1. National President/ National Treasurer/ RVPs
2. ISTD portal/ Notice Board