General Eligibility for all Posts

a) There must be a minimum cooling period of 2 years after completion of a term in the Executive Committee (as member/ office bearer or Ex-officio Member) before an executive committee member can contest for another post.

b) No executive committee member shall hold same post for more than one term in his/ her lifetime.

c) The nominee should not be a **member** of any executive committee of national level general society/ association of ophthalmologists (AIOS, WOS and likes) or **office bearer** of any national level ophthalmic sub-specialty society (VR society, Cornea Society, Neuro-Ophthalmology society and likes) on the date of withdrawal of nomination (not applicable for Glaucoma societies and international societies).Executive member of societies other than GSI will be defined as any elected member who could be elected as member of executive committee or an office bearer or elected member of some committee like scientific or research committee or of governing council etc. However, nominated or appointed members like members of sub-committees appointed by The President or by executive committee or otherwise or any member appointed on a post for which elections are normally not required will not be called members of executive committee.

The counting of period for eligibility and cut off date for all election related purposes, except clause 9 (iv) c above will be from ratification as life member to the date of AGM in which election results shall be declared or AGM to AGM whatever is applicable.

Election and its mode

(i) The elections for the executive committee (President, Secretary, Treasurer, Five Zonal members) will be held once in two years before the General Body Meeting. Year will mean AGM to AGM.

(ii) Nominations for all the posts should be filed to the outgoing President's office in a prescribed format (annexure III). The candidates for the posts of office bearers should have attended at least 3 and those for executive members 2 AGMs out of 5 immediate preceding AGMs. The nominations shall be scrutinized for eligibility by the

President's office. The election will be conducted by secret ballot (physical)/ online voting by the Election Commission comprising of three past Presidents decided by the executive committee. By the consent of the election commissioners, the seniormost member will be the Chairperson (seniority as per president term in GSI). The election results will be announced by any one of the election commissioner in the AGM and approved by the general body.

(iii) A simple majority of the number of votes cast shall be necessary for getting elected. In case there is a tie for any post, the outgoing President will have the right to cast an additional vote, apart from his/ her regular vote.

(iv) An Advisory Board Member can propose or second any candidate but the executive committee members cannot propose or second any candidate.

(v) A candidate cannot contest for more than one post in any one election year. However, he/ she may file nomination for more than one post. The candidate will have to withdraw his/ her nomination from other posts, except one, before the last date of withdrawal. If the candidate does not withdraw before the last date of withdrawal and remains a contestant in more than one post, then that candidate's nomination for all posts shall stand rejected.

No member can "propose" or "second" two different candidates for the same post. The responsibility for ensuring this will lie with the nominees. In such a scenario, the nomination of both candidates will become invalid. The decision of Election Commission will be final in case of any dispute.

Term of the Office:

(i) The members of the executive committee will have a term of 2 years. The year will be counted from AGM to AGM.