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INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS
RULES and REGULATIONS

1. The head office of the Society shall be situated at Hare Krishna Land, Juhu, Bombay 400 049.

The Society may from time to time open, abolish and re-open any branch office or offices at such other place or places as the Governing Council (Bureau) may from time to time decide.

2. The Society shall have the following classes of members:

- a. Life patron member will pay a sum of Rs.2222/-
- b. Life member will pay a sum of Rs.1111/-
- c. Subscriber member will pay a sum of Rs.222/-
- d. Common member will pay a sum of Rs.51/- per year
- e. Practising member will be enrolled after fulfilling the following conditions:

i) His name should be recommended by a member of the Bureau or the President of the local branch.

ii) He should be initiated by an authorized representative of the Society.

iii) He must accept the following conditions:

- a. No eating meat, fish or eggs
- b. No taking intoxicants such as coffee, tea or cigarettes
- c. No gambling
- d. No illicit sex

3. Benefits given to the different classes of members are:

a. Patron: the patron member shall be entitled free of cost to seven major publications of the Society, the monthly magazine Back to Godhead for his lifetime, various other benefits as may be determined by the Society from time to time, and he will have the right to vote as hereinafter mentioned.

b. Life: the life member shall be entitled free of cost to all publications of the Society including the monthly magazine Back to Godhead for his lifetime and will have the right to vote as hereinafter mentioned.



- c. **Subscriber:** the subscriber member shall be entitled to the said monthly magazine free of cost for his lifetime.
- d. **Common:** the common member shall be entitled to the said monthly magazine free of cost for one year.
- e. **Practising:** the practising member shall have the right to be a member of governing council (Bureau) and he will have voting rights as mentioned hereinafter.

4. The affairs of the Society will be governed by a Governing Council consisting of not more than 25 members and not less than five members. This governing council will also be called the Bureau of the Society. The present members of the Governing Council (Bureau) are as follows:

- a. **JayaPataka Swami**
- b. **Tamal Krishna Goswami**
- c. **Bhavananda Goswami**
- d. **Lokanath Swami**
- e. **Giriraj Swami**
- f. **Gopal Krishna das Adhikary**
- g. **Yasomatindan das Adhikary**
- h. **Swarupa Damodara dasa Brahmachari**

5. The existing Governing Council can co-opt more members from amongst the practising members.

6. The Governing Council shall have a President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

7. The Life members of the area concerned may appoint an Advisory Committee for each branch from amongst themselves to assist the office bearers of each centre and the members of the Bureau shall be ex-officio members of that Committee.

8. The functions of Advisory Committee will be as follows:

- a. To consider the policies suggested by the Governing Council.
- b. To suggest further programs for the local branch of the Society.

The members of the sub-committee shall be chosen from amongst the patron members, life members and subscriber members of the branch concerned.

9. The Governing Council (Bureau) shall be vested with and exercise all the powers necessary for the Society's management, administration, functioning, disbursement of funds, making of donations and investments and carrying out the aims and objects of the Society and everything incidental thereto and may frame, alter and modify or add to and delete from the Rules and Regulations of the Society.

10. Contributions from Founders, Donors and Members and such other moneys as the Governing Council may think fit may be credited to a Reserve Fund and invested in any of the securities specified in Section 20 of the Indian Trusts Act, 1882, or in any shares or securities of any registered Society approved by the Governing Council and no portion of the fund shall be utilized for expenditure except by the authority of the two thirds of the numbers of members present of the Governing Council (Bureau).

11. Without prejudice to the aforesaid general powers, the Governing Council (Bureau) shall have the following rights and powers:-

- a. To frame, alter and modify or add to and delete from the Rules and Regulations of the Society.
- b. To appoint out of practising members whole-time non-salary workers called devotees for the purpose of carrying out the objects for which the Society is established, whose boarding and lodging expenses, if any, shall be borne by the Society out of Trust funds as part of the expenses for the objects of the Trust.
- c. To collect, raise and receive subscriptions and donations with or without conditions, and in addition to subscriptions and donations and other receipts of the Society, to raise funds for the purpose of the objects by borrowing when necessary.
- d. To appoint executives, assistants, and employees for permanent, temporary or special services, to fix their remuneration and terms and conditions of service and to dispense with their services as and when they think fit.
- e. To institute, conduct, defend, compound or abandon any legal proceedings by or against the society or its officers or otherwise concerning the affairs of the society and also to compound and allow time for payment or satisfaction of any debts due and of any claims by or against the Society and to compromise and refer to arbitration any suit and legal proceedings or any dispute, claims, or demand to which the society is a party or interested in.
- f. To appoint attorney or attorneys to look after the activities of the society and to delegate to such attorney or attorneys such powers or powers as the Bureau may think fit and to substitute from time to time and to remove such attorneys and to appoint other or others in thier place.
- g. To purchase or otherwise acquire for the society any property, rights or privilège at such price and on such terms and conditions as they think fit.

- h. At their discretion to pay for any property, rights, privileges, acquired by or services rendered to the society either wholly or partially in cash or other assets of the society.
 - i. To sell assign, transfer let or hire, lease or mortgage and/or otherwise dispose of any property movable or immovable belonging to the society or any right, privilege or interest whatsoever belonging to the society and to receive monies from the same, except properties in which a temple has been constructed.
 - j. To invest and deal with any of the money of the society upon such securities and shares and in such manner as they think fit and from time to time to vary or realize such investments.
 - k. To open account or accounts in the name of the society in such banks as they may think fit and to operate the same on behalf of the society, or to delegate one or more persons to do so.
 - l. To enter into all such negotiations and contracts, and to rescind and vary all such contracts and to execute and do all such acts, deeds and things in the name of and on behalf of the society as they may consider expedient for or in relation to any of the affairs of the society.
 - m. To determine who shall be entitled to sign on the Society's behalf bills, notes, receipts, acceptances, endorsements, cheques, contracts, documents, deeds, conveyances, transfer forms, affidavit, counter affidavits, defences, etc, on behalf of the society.
 - n. To fix and vary the subscriptions and the rules for membership of the society from time to time and to decide all questions relating to the membership of the society.
 - o. To do all acts, deeds, and things as may be necessary, conducive, suitable or incidental to carry out or for attainment of the objects or any of them of the society and to conduct of the affairs of the society.
 - p. To delegate all or any of its powers with authority to sub-delegate all or any of its powers to such persons or persons as the Bureau may from time to time decide.
12. A person shall cease to be a member of the Governing Council (Bureau) and or of the society in any one of the following events:
- a. If he resigns his post.
 - b. If he is requested by a majority of the other members of the Governing Council (Bureau) to resign.

23. No member or members, officer or officers of the Governing Council (Bureau) of the Society shall be individually liable for any loss arising in the administration of the funds or the property of the society unless such loss happens by or through his or their fraud, wilful default or negligence.
14. Any additions, alterations or omissions in the Rules and Regulations of the society shall be effected by a resolution of the society by 2/3rd of the members of Governing Council (Bureau) in person or by proxy and entitled to vote at the general meeting of the society duly convened. So far as concerns the alterations extensions or abridgements in the purposes of the society, the provisions of section 12 of the Society's registration act shall apply.
15. Any number not less than 3/5ths of the practising members present at the meeting convened for the purpose may determine whether the society shall be dissolved forthwith or at any future time as agreed upon, provided 3/5ths of the life members of all centres present at the meeting convened for the purpose so recommend.
16. If on the dissolution of the society there shall remain after satisfaction of its debts and liabilities any property not impressed with any trusts agreed between the society and the donor or donors the same shall not be paid or distributed amongst the members of the society or any of them but shall be given to some other society or institution working for the same or similar objects as those of the society or any of them, and it should be determined by votes or not less than 3/5ths of the practising members present and entitled to vote at the meeting for the purpose or in default thereof by the Principal court of the original jurisdiction of district in which the office of the society is situated.

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