

Extract of page 9 to 11 of the Memorandum of Association (MOA) /BYE-LAWS is given below:

HIGH POWER RESEARCH STEERING COMMITTEE OF NCSCM

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The High Power Research Steering Committee is as defined in the Memorandum of Association (MOA).

Membership of the HPSC: The membership, the number of members, and the chair of the HPSC shall be as defined in the MOA, and can be changed only by a resolution of the HPSC passed by a three-fourth majority in a meeting of the HPSC where all members are present and voting.

Terms of Membership: The terms of the Ex-Officio members of the HPSC, constituted herein above, shall be 3 years. The terms of the expert members of HPSC shall be decided on the basis of their individual capacity as eminent experts and their willingness to remain associated with the NCSCM.

Replacement or Filling of Vacancy: If a vacancy arises due to termination of the office by virtue of which an ex-officio member enjoys membership of the HPSC, such vacancy shall be filled in by a joint nomination of a similar office by the Chairperson and Co-Chairperson of the HPSC. If a vacancy arises among the expert members, the remaining expert members will together nominate another eminent expert in the theme of coastal and marine area management from India to fill up the vacancy.

Right of the HPSC members to remain members of the General Body: Any member of the HPSC, by virtue of their membership of HPSC, will automatically enjoy membership of the general Body of NCSCM. In the same vein, any ex-officio or expert member nominated against any vacancy in HPSC will, by virtue of their membership of HPSC, will similarly and automatically enjoy membership of the general Body of NCSCM.

Rights of a Substituted Member: Should any ex-officio member of the HPSC be unable to attend a meeting of the HPSC, the President shall be at a liberty to appoint his/her nominee as a substitute to take the place of the absent ex-officio member at that meeting of the HPSC. Such substituted member shall have all the rights and privileges of any member of the HPSC for that meeting only. The expert members shall attend all meetings of HPSC in their individual capacities; and no substitute shall be nominated either by the expert members themselves or by the President to attend the meeting on behalf of the absent expert member.

Powers and duties of President of HPSC: The Union Minister, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India shall be the President and Chairperson of the HPSC, and shall preside over all meetings of the HPSC.

- The President, HPSC may him/herself call, or by a requisition in writing signed by him/her, ask the SICOM Project Director to call, a meeting of the HPSC at any time and on the receipt of such requisition the SICOM Project Director shall forthwith call such a meeting;
- The President, HPSC on behalf of HPSC shall approve selection and recruitment of the Director of NCSCM, and will fix remuneration and define the powers and duties of the Director of NCSCM;
- The President, HPSC will enjoy such other powers as may be delegated to him by the HPSC. The President, HPSC in-turn can further delegate these powers to the Governing Council or the SICOM Project Director as s/he deemed fit.
- Create posts of various cadres required for the operation of the NCSCM and for the implementation of various research program and projects undertaken by the NCSCM with the staff pattern as approved by the General Body;
- HPSC shall do all such acts and things as may be necessary or incidental to carry out the objectives of the NCSCM or any of them. Provided that nothing herein contained shall authorize the HPSC to do any act or to pass any bye-laws which may be repugnant to the provisions hereof, to the powers hereby conferred on the HPSC, or which may be inconsistent with the objectives of the NCSCM;

Powers of the HPSC

Subject to the provisions of the Memorandum of Association and the rules and regulations, the HPSC shall have the powers to determine the scope, content, control and management of the research program and the associated activities of the NCSCM; and shall have all advisory, policy and planning powers to conduct the affairs of the NCSCM through it's the SICOM Project Director. All the duties, powers, function and rights, whatsoever, consequential and incidental to the carrying of the research and knowledge generation activities of the NCSCM shall supervised by the HPSC.

Functions of HPSC

In particular and without prejudice to the foregoing provision, the HPSC may

- Make, amend or repeal any by-laws relating to administration and management of the affairs of the NCSCM with the approval of the General Body;
- Set policy and programs consistent with the principles and objectives enunciated in the MoA of NCSCM;
- Consider and pass the Research Programs and consequent rolling budget estimates (5 year, 2 year budget estimates), placed before it by the SICOM Project Director and the NCSCM Director from time to time and pass it with such modifications as the HPSC may think fit for placing before the General Body for approval. Whenever there is a deficit in the budget, it will be approved after obtaining, the prior concurrence of the Government if the deficit is expected to be met by the Government. The annual budget and annual action plan may be approved by the Governing Council only in strict conformance of the approval of the longer term budget and research program of the HPSC;

- Advise the NCSCM in its interaction with the Union and State Governments, and such government agencies;
- Delegate powers, other than those of making rules, to the President of HPSC;
- Appoint committees, sub committees, expert panels, task force, working or study groups and boards, etc., for such purpose and on such terms as it may deem fit, and to remove any of them;
- Approve Joint Project Agreements with any International Partner Institution.
- The HPSC, through its President, shall approve selection and recruitment of the Director of NCSCM, and will fix remuneration and define the powers and duties of the Director of NCSCM;
- The HPSC shall approve selection and recruitment of the Division Chairs of the 6 (six) Divisions of NCSCM, and will fix remuneration and define the powers and duties of the Division Chairs of NCSCM;

High Power Research Steering Committee Meetings:

The HPSC shall ordinarily meet once every year provided that the Chairperson of the HPSC may whenever s/he thinks fit, direct the SICOM Project Director to call a special meeting. For every meeting of the HPSC a notice of not less than seven clear days specifying the place and time of the meeting and in case of special business, the general nature thereof shall be given to all members. But in case of emergency the Chairman may reduce the above period of notice to such number of days as he deems fit in the circumstances of the case. The HPSC shall meet at any place in India as deemed convenient to the President and members of the HPSC. Every meeting of the HPSC shall be presided over by the President. In the absence of the President, the other members present shall elect one among themselves, to preside over the meeting.