

Amendments to Bangla O Biswa Constitution

Amended October 23, 2015

Article 2. The Membership

Section 01: The membership shall be open to any person, 18 years and older, who is interested in the Associations activities and is prepared to abide by the constitution and pays the membership due annually.
Membership year is July 1st to June 30th of the following year.
Membership is annual and all members will have to pay the annual membership dues by the 11th month of the membership year.

Section 02: There shall be three categories of membership: **(i) Life**
(ii) individual, (iii) Family, and (iv) Student.

Section 03: Life Membership is a honorary award. It shall be awarded with 25+ years of active Bangla-O-Biswa membership, support and event participation. All Life members are voting members.

Section 04: All individual, family and student members who have been annual members for at least two times in the last 5 years,including the current year and have actively participated in at least one major event every year in the last 5 years,shall have voting rights in the election of the Executive Committee

Article 6. The General Body Meeting

Section 04: The **voting** members of the General Body shall have the power to elect the Executive Committee, dissolve the Executive Committee , make specific recommendations to the Executive Committee and , change provisions of this Constitution

Section 05: The Quorum of the General Body Meeting shall consist of one third of the active members. Simple majority vote of all present in the meeting shall be used for the passage of all transactions. However the amendments to the Constitution and the motion to dissolve the Executive Committee shall require an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the **voting** members of the Association. Further, the motion to

dissolve the Executive Committee shall not have voting by proxy or absentia ballot.

Article 7. The Elections

Section 03: The quorum for the election shall be 1/3 of the active members. If the General Body Meeting fails to achieve quorum, the election of office may be completed through the consensus of the members present at the meeting. **Only voting members defined in Article 2 of the constitution will be allowed to vote in the elections**