

CONSTITUTION OF THE NAGALAND ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION

I. Nomenclature: The name of the Association shall be Nagaland Economic Association, hereafter referred to as NEA, and shall be registered under the Indian Society Act, 1860.

The office of the NEA shall be at the Department of Economics, Nagaland University, Hqrs: Lumami – 798627, Zunheboto, Nagaland.

II. Objectives: NEA shall have the following objectives:

- (i) Endeavour to initiate Research and Consultancy activities and disseminate knowledge, which will further the developmental process of the State.
- (ii) The NEA shall hold a minimum of one conference biannually.
- (iii) Organize seminars on contemporary economic issues and impart trainings and workshops on research and teaching.
- (iv) Undertake publications to disseminate the outcome of the research studies.
- (v) The NEA shall co-operate with local, regional and national Economic Associations to promote the interest of the Association.

IV. Vision: NEA is a professional association, a non-political, non-Governmental, and non-profit organization which shall serve as a forum for articulation of economic and other development issues. It is a membership based advocacy platform with the mission to contribute to the economic development of Nagaland through promotion and advocacy of sound economic policies.

V. Membership: Any person with Graduate/Post Graduate Degree in Economics and other allied discipline, and subscribing to the objectives and vision of the Association shall be eligible for its membership. This may also extend to any institution, subscribing to the objectives and vision of the Association.

VI. Membership Subscription Fee Categories

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| 1. Individual : | (i) Annual: | Rs.500 and
Rs.200 (for students & Scholars). |
| | (ii) Life : | Rs. 5,000
Rs.1000 (for Scholars & Students) |
| | (iii) Donor: | Rs.25,000 |
| | (iv) Patron | Rs. 50,000 |
| 2. Institutional: | (i) Annual : | Rs. 5000 |
| | (ii) Donor: | Rs. 25,000 |
| | (iii) Patron: | Rs. 50,000 |

Note:

- (i) *The fee structure of the various membership categories shall be subjected to change from time to time, which shall be decided by the General Body of the Association, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.*
- (ii) *In case of Donor members, both individual and institutional, the membership tenure shall be of 5 years. In case of Patron members, the same shall be for 10 years.*
- (iii) *Institutional members would comprise of Colleges, Universities, Economic Associations and Research Bodies, Libraries, Government and Non-Government Agencies interested in any specialized field of Economics.*
- (iv) *Donor and Patron members would include any individual or institutional member contributing the prescribed fee of the Association.*

VII. Bodies of the Association

The Association shall have the following bodies:

1. Executive Committee (EC)
2. General Body (GB)

VIII. Term of Office

The term of office of the Executive Committee shall be for two (2) years, and shall be eligible for re-election for a second term.

IX. Composition of Executive Committee

The Executive-Committee shall comprise of the following members:

1. President (1)
2. General Secretary (1),
3. Treasurer (1)
4. Executive member: 18 members

Depending on the need of the association the executive can co-opt more members in the executive.

The President and Treasurer should be preferably from the same place in order to ensure smooth functioning of the Association.

X. Quorum for Executive Committee Meetings

1. The Executive Committee shall meet as and when required.
2. The quorum for the Executive Committee meeting shall be 50% of the total members. In the case of emergencies, 33% of the total members shall be the required quorum.

XI. Role and Functions of the Executive Committee

1. It shall manage the affairs of the Association in order to ensure smooth execution of the programmes of the Association and to achieve its objectives.
2. It shall function under the overall guidance and resolutions of the General Body.
3. It shall endeavor to have proper linkage with the local and national Economic Associations.
4. It shall make all necessary arrangements for the proper election of its office bearers.
5. Prepare agenda of the meeting of General Body and
6. Decide the themes and Venue of the Biannual Conference.

XII. Election of the Office Bearers and Executive Committee Members

1. The Office bearers and Executive Committee members shall be elected by the General Body of the Association during its Biannual Conference.
2. In order to conduct the elections of the Office bearers and Executive Committee members, an Election Committee shall be constituted by the General Body of the Association. This Election Committee will consist of an Election Officer and three (3) other members. The Election Committee will cease to function on completion of the election.
3. In case no members file nominations for a/any post(s) of office, nomination shall be done through consensus from amongst the members present in the General Body meeting.
4. In case the General Body nominates a person in absentia, his/her consent must have been obtained before hand or, if it has not been done so, the person concerned should consent to his/her election before being handed over the charge of the office.

XIII. Role and function of the Office Bearers

1. President:

- a) Shall conduct day-to-day affairs of the Association and shall be assisted by the Executive Committee and the General Body.
- b) Call and preside over meetings of the General Body, the Executive Committee, and other meetings of the Association. He/she shall direct the General Secretary for taking necessary steps in such matters.
- c) Operate the accounts of the Association jointly with the Treasurer of the Association.
- d) Represent the Association to all the bodies and events.
- e) To give casting vote on any matter to be decided in the event of tie at the time of GBM, and Executive Committee meeting or any other meeting of the Association.

2. General Secretary:

- a) Shall convene the meetings of the Executive Committee and the General Body on behalf of the President.
- b) Prepare agenda of the meeting in consultation with the President and Executive Committee.
- c) Maintain records of the minutes of all the meetings.
- d) Correspond with other Associations, Organizations and individuals on advice of the President.

3. Treasurer:

- a) Shall maintain the accounts of the Association.
- b) Operate the bank account jointly with the President.
- c) Shall present the accounts of the Association in the General Body meeting every year at the end of the term.

XIV. Composition and Functions of the General Body

1. The General Body shall consist of all the members of the Association.
2. It shall be the supreme body of the Association. It shall be responsible for decision-making, and shall advise the members of the Executive Committee in the running of the Association.
3. It shall elect the Office Bearers and members of the Executive Committee.
4. It shall appoint the Election Committee for the conduct and supervision of elections.
5. It shall nominate the Audit Committee for auditing the accounts of the Association. Audit should be done at least 2 months before the end of the tenure. No office bearers shall be a member of the Auditing.

6. All members of the Association shall participate in the deliberations of the General Body.
7. The GB shall adopt the Annual report and audit statement of Accounts of the Association for the previous year.
8. To amend the constitution of the Association, following due procedure.
9. To decide on the matters pertaining to the overall functioning of the Association.
10. Eligibility of Voting:
 - (i). All life members shall have the right to vote and hold official positions in the Association.
 - (ii). An annual member shall be eligible for voting provided he/she has been a member (with renewal) for at least two consecutive years.

XV.a. Impeachment of the Office Bearers

1. In case of extraordinary circumstances, 1/4th members can submit a written representation to the President/General Secretary for convening a meeting of the General Body of the Association.
2. The special circumstances required for impeaching the Office bearers shall be based on the following conditions:
 - (i) Failure to function to the expectation of the Association.
 - (ii) Functioning against the interest and spirit of the constitution of the Association.

XV.b. Termination of Membership

1. If activities of any member of the Association, after due process of inquiry by a specific committee constituted by the executive committee, are found harmful to the Association, his/her membership shall be liable to be terminated.
2. The Executive Committee may by resolution, expel the member from the Association or suspend the member from membership of the Association if, after considering the complaint and any submissions made in connection with the complaint or on recommendations of the specified committee, it is satisfied that the facts alleged in the complaint have been proved and the expulsion or suspension is warranted in circumstances. The resolution shall state the grounds on which it has based its decision.
3. The member will also be given the opportunity to state his/her cause in person or in writing, or both before the Executive Committee meeting which will consider the appeal.
4. The members present in the aforesaid meeting will then decide on the appeal of the member. Such decision of the Executive Committee shall be final and binding.

XV.c. Resignation

1. If the President of the Association, Treasurer and any Executive Committee member wishes to resign, he/she shall submit his/her resignation letter to the General Secretary, who shall forward it to the Executive Committee directly. In case the General Secretary has to submit his/her resignation letter, he/she shall submit it to the President of the Association.
2. These resignation letter/s will be considered in an extra ordinary convened meeting of the Executive Committee (if the regular Executive Committee meeting is not scheduled in the immediate future) and shall be accepted only if the Executive Committee members present approve of the same by a simple majority.

3. The concerned office bearer is also free to withdraw his/her resignation on his/her own, before it is approved by the Executive Committee.

XVI. General Body Meeting (GBM)

1. The General Body shall meet once biannually, generally at the time of the biannual conference of the Association and at such times as convened by the General Secretary in consultation with the President.
2. If a meeting of General Body with requisition is required; GBM may be called with requisition as when required. Such requisitioned meeting may be called by the General Secretary in consultation with the President, if at least 5% of the total members of the Association request for the same, in writing to the President, specifying the issue/s to be discussed.

XVII. Amendment of the Constitution

1. This can be moved by 1/4th (25%) of the members by submitting a formal written request with signatures of the members proposing to this effect to the President or the General Secretary. The Secretary will circulate the same to the Executive members and the observations of the Executive Committee shall be forwarded to the General Body.
2. A Constitution Amendment Committee shall be constituted by the General Body and Amendments thereof to be passed/adopted by the General Body shall require the affirmative vote of not less than 2/3rd of the members present of the General Body.

XVIII. Bank Account of the Association

1. The funds of the association shall be kept in account of a nationalized bank.
2. This shall be jointly operated by the President and the Treasurer of the Association.
3. All transactions shall require the signatures of both the President and the Treasurer.
4. A bank account may be opened or closed with the permission of the Executive Committee.