

# CONSTITUTION

[Preamble, Articles & Byelaws]



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# **CONSTITUTION OF THE BANGLADESH SOCIETY OF ULTRASONOGRAPHY**

As Approved by Vote of Membership  
31 March 1989; Dhaka

## **First Annual General Meeting**

### **P R E A M B L E**

Whereas the Diagnostic Medical Ultrasonography has been introduced in the field of Medical Diagnosis since Late Sixty's and in Bangladesh, Ultrasonography was first introduced in 1980.

Whereas Ultrasonography had undergone dramatic improvement since its introduction in Bangladesh and increasing number of Doctors got themselves involved in this field.

Whereas the Doctors working in this field, deemed it necessary to form a Society of their own in the year 1988 under the name of "The Bangladesh Society of Ultrasonography".

Whereas the Bangladesh Society of Ultrasonography, drafted and adopted a Constitution in the First Annual General Meeting of the Society held on 31 March 1989 in Dhaka.

Whereas the Society deemed it necessary to further amend the Constitution and the Executive Body of the Society after due deliberation has drafted certain necessary amendments and accepted by the General Body at Fifth Annual General Meeting held on 9 July 1993, Seventh Annual General Meeting held on 23 June 1995, Twelfth Annual General Meeting held on 4 February 2000, Twenty Third Annual General Meeting held on 18 March 2011 and Thirty Third Annual General Meeting on 8 October 2021.

Now, therefore, the Bangladesh Society of Ultrasonography at the Thirty Third Annual General Meeting held on 8 October 2021 in Dhaka approves, enacts and gives ourselves this amended Constitution with immediate effect.

## ARTICLES OF THE CONSTITUTION

### ARTICLE-I: NAME

The Name of the Organization shall be known as “The Bangladesh Society of Ultrasonography”. In short it will be known as BSU.

### ARTICLE-II : COMMENCEMENT, OFFICE & TERRITORY

The Time of Commencement of this Society shall be 31 March, 1989. The Registered Office of the Association shall be located in Dhaka. The Association shall comprise the Entire Territorial Area of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh.

### ARTICLE-III : MONOGRAM



### ARTICLE- IV: EXECUTIVE BODY

The management of the Society shall be vested in an Executive Body composed of 21 (twenty-one) Elected Members as in ‘A’ and Ex-Officio Members as in ‘B’ as follows:

#### **A. Elected Members:**

President	1
Vice-President	3
Secretary General	1
Treasurer	1
Joint Secretary	2
Scientific Secretary	1
Publication Secretary	1
Education Secretary	1
Members	10

#### **B. Ex-officio Members:**

All Past Presidents  
Immediate Past Secretary General  
Director of the Bangladesh Institute of Ultrasound in  
Medicine & Research

If any Ex-Officio Member is elected under the category ‘A’, his Ex-Officio Member position will remain vacant and will not be fulfilled by extra members.

#### **ARTICLE-V : MEMBERSHIP**

Membership shall be granted to any person with the qualification established in Article VI and who can satisfy the Executive Body that they have a bona fide interest in the use of medical ultrasonic apparatus; or in research of a clinical, scientific or technical nature which is directed towards the furtherance of the objects of the Society.

#### **ARTICLE-VI : MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS**

- A. **General Member:** A candidate for membership must fulfill the following criteria: (1) Medical Graduate like M.B.B.S or equivalent Registered or Registrable to Bangladesh Medical and Dental Council, (2) Individual, independent and full time practice in clinical Medical Ultrasonography for a period of at least two years or full time teacher in Medical Ultrasonography for a period of at least two years. Annual membership fee will be decided by the Executive Body. General members have all the obligations and privileges including the right to vote.
- B. **Associate Member:** Shall be medical or non-medical personnel related to diagnostic medical ultrasound or members of commercial organization. Associate Membership fee will be decided by the Executive Body. Associate Members shall have the obligations and privileges of General Members except the right to vote.
- C. **Life Member:** Any General Member completing two years as General Member may be enrolled as Life Member by the Executive Body. Life Membership fee will be decided by the Executive Body. Life Member is like that of General Member.
- D. **Fellow:** May be bestowed upon by the Executive Body of the Society on a Life Member of the Bangladesh Society of Ultrasonography, who has contributed in a most distinguished way to the field of Medical Ultrasound and to the Bangladesh Society of Ultrasonography.
- E. **Honorary Fellow:** May be bestowed upon by the Executive Body of the Society on a Foreign National, who has contributed in a most distinguished way to the field of Medical Ultrasound and to the Bangladesh Society of Ultrasonography.
- F. The Members who are already enrolled as Members of the Society on or before June 23, 1995 shall remain as valid members subject to the other Articles Byelaws of the Constitution.

#### **ARTICLE-VII: POLICY**

The Society shall be non-profit, non-political. No part of any net earnings shall incur to the benefit of any individual Member.

#### **ARTICLE-VIII: AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to this Constitution may be made by two third of the Members voting, following proper notification as established by the Byelaws of this Constitution.

#### **ARTICLE-IX: GENERAL BODY**

The Society shall have a General Body. Every Member of the Society shall be the Member of the General Body. The General Body is the highest body of the Society. The General Body shall meet at least once each year.

# **BYELAWS OF THE CONSTITUTION**

## **Section-1: Purpose**

- A. To advance and to utilize the science of Ultrasound in the field of medicine.
- B. To give volunteer medical assistances to the distressed people.

## **Section-2: Functions**

- A. To present scientific papers, to carry on educational activities and to discuss professional problems.
- B. To distribute a Newsletter and or Journal to the members and to other interested persons.
- C. To establish and enunciate high standard of education and training and to implement them through the Society directly or by establishing an educational institution of the Society.
- D. To affiliate other Educational Institutes dedicated for the education and development of diagnostic ultrasound within the boundaries of Bangladesh.
- E. To expand educational opportunities.
- F. To co-operate with professional external organization or agencies as may be necessary to maintain continued progress and growth of the Society.

## **Section-3 : Policies**

The name of the Society or its officers in their official capacities shall not be used in connection with a commercial company or for other than regular functions of the Society. No commercial enterprise nor any person shall be endorsed by it.

## **Section-4: Organization Year**

Organization year shall be a calendar year from January to December

## **Section-5: Election**

Executive body shall be elected bi-annually by the General Members in an Annual General Meeting.

## **Section-6: Term**

The Executive body shall serve for a term of two years, or until their successors have been elected.

## **Section-7: President**

The President shall preside all meeting of the Society. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all working sub-committees.

## **Section-8: Vice President**

In the absence or inability of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of President. In the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents, Executive Body Meeting should be presided over by an Executive Body Member selected by the Members of the Executive Body present.

### **Section-9: Secretaries**

#### **A. The Secretary General:**

The Secretary General shall call all the meetings after consultation with the President. The Secretary General shall plan and perform all activities in favour of Executive Body. He shall keep current register of members. He shall submit annual report of organization activities in Annual General Meeting. After expiration of the term he shall hand over all papers, record books and other properties to the successor. Secretary General shall be the ex-office members of all the working sub-committees. Secretary General shall have the authority to spend up to Taka 500.00 in his own discretion subject to approval of next EB meeting.

#### **B. The Joint Secretaries:**

The Joint Secretaries shall help the Secretary General in conducting executive work of the Society. The Joint Secretary shall act as Secretary General in absence of later.

#### **C. The Scientific Secretary:**

The Scientific Secretary shall plan and arrange scientific activities of the Society i.e. seminar, continuing medical education, etc.

#### **D. The Publication Secretary:**

The Publication Secretary shall plan and publish journal bulletin, doctor's information, patient's information, etc.

#### **E. The Education Secretary:**

The Education Secretary shall plan and arrange organized course of the society like "Certificate in Clinical Ultrasonography" course, etc.

### **Section-10: Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall keep the account of the Society. He shall place proposed budget and account in AGM for approval. The Society shall have a Bank

Account and any money collected in favour of the Society shall be deposited in the Account. The Bank Account shall be operated by the Treasurer along with either Secretary General or President.

### **Section-11: Quorum**

A quorum for an Annual General Meeting shall consist of at least 20% of total members. Quorum for an Executive Body meeting shall be 7 [seven].

### **Section-12: National Conference**

The Executive Body shall arrange a National Conference once in a year.

### **Section-13: Standing Committees**

The Executive Body shall form 'Committees' to facilitate the work of the Society as deemed necessary.

#### **Section-14: Amendments**

Any amendments to the constitution shall be proposed by the Executive Body and shall be adopted by Two-third majority of the voting Members present in Annual General Meeting. An individual Member can place amendments to the Executive Body and after proper ratification the Executive Body may place it in Annual General Meeting.

#### **Section-15: Membership**

- A. **General Member:** After satisfying the Article V and Article VI a candidate may apply for membership in a prescribed form supplied by the Society. A member of the Society will propose while another Member will second the application. A standing committee named "Membership Committee" will invite, scrutinize, recommend and send the application to the Executive Body.
- B. **Life member:** A General Member after completing two years as General Member may apply for Life Membership in a prescribed form supplied by the Society. The Executive Body may confirm Life Membership.
- C. **Fellow:** Election of Fellow shall be based on the following criteria:  
1) Scientific or clinical research in medical ultrasound, 2) Significant contribution to the literature of ultrasound, 3) Outstanding services as teacher in Ultrasonography, 4) Outstanding service as clinician in Ultrasonography, 5) Active contribution to the activities of the Society. Eligible Members shall be nominated by one member of the Society who will supply supporting papers. Members shall not be eligible for nomination until they have completed five years as a member of the Society. A standing committee named "Fellowship Committee" will invite, Scrutinize, recommend and refer the application to the Executive Body. Fellowship fee will be decided by the Executive Body.
- D. **Honorary Fellow:** Election of the Honorary Fellow shall be based on the following criteria:  
1) Foreign National, 2) Scientific or clinical research in medical ultrasound, 3) Significant contribution to the literature of ultrasound, 4) Outstanding services as teacher in Ultrasonography, 5) Outstanding service as clinician in Ultrasonography, 6) Active contribution to the activities of the International Organizations and the Bangladesh Society of Ultrasonography. Eligible Members shall be nominated by the "Fellowship Committee" and will refer to the Executive Body.

#### **Section-16: Dissolution**

Four-fifth majority of the Members in an Annual General Meeting can dissolve the Society. All of its assets remaining after payment of its obligations shall be donated to the organizations who are organized and operated exclusively for scientific and educational purposes.

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