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THE VIJAYAWADA BRANCH OF INDIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION & BYE- LAWS

PART - I

1. **NAME** : The name of the Association is "**THE VIJAYAWADA BRANCH OF INDIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION**", hereinafter called the Association.
2. **OFFICE**: The office of the Association is in the I.M.A. building, Eluru Road, Vijayawada -2, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh State.
3. **OBJECTS** : The objects of the Association are :
 - (a) For the Members of the Association to group themselves and function as the local Vijayawada Branch of Indian Medical Association, which is Registered under the Act XXI of 1860 and in accordance with the rules of the said Indian Medical Association governing the branches thereof.
 - (b) The local area of the Association shall be the Municipal limits of Vijayawada and surrounding areas as determined by the Executive Committee of the Indian Medical Association.
 - (c) To promote and advance allopathic medicine and allied sciences and to promote improvement of Public Health and Medical Education.
 - (d) To maintain the honour and dignity and to uphold and safeguard the interests of the medical profession and to promote cooperation amongst the members thereof.
 - (e) To work for the coordination of various specialities in allopathic medical system.
 - (f) To undertake such of those activities, beneficial to the members and support the activities of the association.
4. **METHODS** : For the attainment and furtherance of these objects, the Association will carry on all its work and activities under the joint auspices of itself and the Bezawada Medical Association without prejudice to the rules and constitution of either of them and generally.
 - (a) Hold periodical meetings and conferences of the Members of the Association and the medical profession in general.
 - (b) Publish and circulate a journal or bulletin, which shall be the official organ of the Association.
 - (c) Maintain a Library, an Association Office and a Web Site.
 - (d) Publish from time to time, transactions and other papers embodying medical researches conducted by the members or under the auspices of the Association.
 - (e) Encourage Research in Medical and allied sciences with grants out of the funds of the Association, by the establishment of scholarships, prizes, or rewards, and in such other manner as may from time to time be determined by the Association.
 - (g) Conduct educational campaign among the people in the matter of Public health and sanitation by cooperating whenever necessary, with different public bodies working with the same object.
 - (h) Organize Medical corps for providing medical relief during epidemics and in times of emergency.

- (i) Consider and express its views on all questions and the laws of India or proposed legislation affecting public health, the medical profession or medical education and initiate or watch over or take such steps and adopt such measures from time to time regarding the same as may be deemed expedient or necessary.
- (j) Own, purchase, acquire property and manage, let, sell, exchange, mortgage or otherwise dispose off movable or immovable property of every description and all rights or privileges necessary or convenient for the purpose of the Association and in particular any land, building, furniture household or other effects, utensils, books, newspapers, periodicals, instruments, fittings, appliances, apparatus, conveyance and accommodation and when deemed necessary or desirable in the interest of the Association, sell, demise, let, hire out, mortgage, transfer or otherwise dispose off the same.
- (k) Erect, maintain, improve or repair any building for the purpose of the Association.
- (l) To raise money for the Association in such a manner as the Association may think fit and collect subscriptions and donations for the purpose of the Association.
- (m) To act as custodians of any benevolent fund or funds which may be contributed by members or others for assisting the necessities of deserving members and widows, children, other dependents of the deceased members subject to the provisions of clause II (Rules) to take any contributions out of the surplus assets or income of the Association from time to time to any such benevolent fund or funds.
- (n) Invest any money of the Association not immediately required for any of its objects in such manner as may from time to time be determined by the Association.
- (o) Do all such other things as are cognate to the objects of the Association or are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

"It is hereby provided and declared that the above objects of the Association and every other object for which the Association shall work will be consistent with the objects and Rules and Byelaws of the said Indian Medical Association and that whenever and wherever any inconsistency or any conflict shall arise between the Association and the said Indian Medical Association the Rules and Byelaws and directives and decisions of the said Indian Medical Association shall prevail.

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PART II

1. The members of the Association shall be considered to have grouped themselves into this local branch of The Indian Medical Association in Vijayawada and shall function as such branch of the Indian Medical Association in accordance with its Rules and Regulations.

All the members of the association will be members of the Bezwada Medical Association also without payment of any additional subscription.

2. Rules 4 to 11 of the Rules of the Indian Medical Association in part II of its Constitution shall be deemed to have been incorporated in these Rules of the Association and these Rules of the Association shall be read and interpreted consistently with the Rules and Regulations of the said Indian Medical Association.

REGISTER OF MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION :

3. There shall be a Register in which names of all the Members of the Association shall be entered with their addresses.

ELIGIBILITY REGARDING MEMBERSHIP :

4. Any person possessing medical qualifications as defined in the Indian Medical Degrees Act, 1916 (Act VII of 1916) and duly registered under the Indian Medical Council Act as amended in 1956 in any one of the State Medical Councils, in India, will be eligible for membership.

CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP :

5. There shall be the following classes of Members :

(a) ORDINARY MEMBERS : to be admitted as under the rules.

SUBSCRIPTION : As mentioned in the Bye-Laws.

(b) LIFE MEMBERS :

- i) Any person qualified under Clause 4 of the Rules may be admitted as a Life Member of the Association by the Executive Committee on payment of fees as mentioned in the Bye-Laws. He/She will have all the privileges of the ordinary members without any further payment.
- ii) Any past or present member of the Association who has been elected as President of the Indian Medical Association (Central) be admitted as a Life Member of the Vijayawada Branch of Indian Medical Association and shall have all the privileges of any ordinary member without any further payment.

(c) HONORARY MEMBERS :

- i) The Association shall have the power to elect Honorary Members and to admit such members so elected to such privileges (other than voting right or holding office) as may from time to time be conferred on them.
- ii) Eminent people of Medical Profession are eligible to become Honorary Members.

The name of the Honorary Member shall be proposed by the Executive Committee of the Association.

(d) ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

A person who is already a member of the Indian Medical Association elsewhere, while in Vijayawada can be an Associate Member for a maximum period of 3 years.

Members will pay the subscription as mentioned in the bye-laws and will not be entitled to hold office or vote at any meeting. Vijayawada Branch of Indian Medical Association shall not be liable to pay any H.F.C. on account of Associate Members.

6. **PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS :**

Members of the Association shall enjoy all the privileges mentioned in the Constitution and the Bye-Laws of the Association.

7. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP :

Membership of the Association of a member, may be terminated in any of the following ways :

- (a) If he ceases to hold qualification as provided in Rule No. 4
- (b) On erasure of his name from any of the medical registers, due to misconduct and as a punishment.
- (c) He being found guilty by a Court of justice for any offence which involves moral turpitude.
- (d) If he submits his resignation by giving 30 days notice in writing to the Secretary and has paid all the claims of the Association against him.
- (e) By expulsion, as provided hereinafter under Rule No. 6
- (f) In the event of his becoming insane.
- (g) In the event of nonpayment of subscription for two consecutive half-years.

8. REMOVAL OF NAME ON THE GROUND OF UNDESIRABLE CONDUCT.

(a) If the conduct of a member be deemed, by the Executive committee prejudicial, to the interests of the Association or be calculated to bring the medical profession into disrepute, the Executive Committee may ask him to submit a written explanation of his conduct. In the event of the explanation being found unsatisfactory the member may be asked either to apologize or to resign from the Association. If the member is agreeable, his apology shall be given due consideration and it shall be sent to the Central Office, I.M.A. with a confidential note giving details of the case for future reference. In the event of the said member refusing either to apologize or to resign when asked to do so, a general body meeting of the Association shall be called to consider the case and at least seven days' notice of the meeting shall be given to the member concerned and he shall be given an opportunity to explain his conduct if he desires to do so. If, at the ordinary meeting 3/4th of the members present and voting, record their votes for the removal of his name from membership, the resolution shall be sent to the Central Office for confirmation and his name shall be removed from the Register of Members of the Association, only after receipt of such confirmation. In the meantime he shall be suspended from enjoying all the privileges of Membership. In the absence of the quorum the meeting shall be annulled. The member has a right to appeal to the Andhra Pradesh State Branch.

(b) READMISSION AFTER REMOVAL UNDER RULE NO. 7

A member whose name has thus been removed under Rule No. 6 may be readmitted after the expiry of two years or thereafter provided his application for re-enrolment is supported by the members of the Association testifying to his good conduct during the intervening period. He must also submit a written apology acceptable to the Executive Committee and also to the General House.

(c) Any one, ceasing to be a member of the Association shall not, nor shall his representative, have any claim upon, or interest in the assets of the Association excepting in so far as he may have made any advances towards the funds of the Association. But nothing in this clause shall prevent the Association from realizing any dues from a member at the time of his ceasing to be a member.

9. ASSOCIATION YEAR

The Academic year of the Association shall be from first of October to 30th of September.

10. FINANCIAL YEAR OF ASSOCIATION:

The Financial year of the Association will commence from first of April.

11. All the properties and assets of the Association now existing and to be acquired in future shall be vested in the executive committee of the Association.

12. FINANCE AND PROPERTY

The income and the property of the Association, whensoever derived, shall be applied towards the promotion of the objects of the Association as set forth in these rules of the Association and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly, or indirectly, by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to the members of the Association and the Bezwada Medical Association provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment of remuneration in good faith to any officer or servant of the Association or to any member of the Association, or other persons in return for

any services actually rendered to the Association nor prevent the payment of interest on moneys borrowed from any members or other persons.

13. The necessary money for payment of the H F C shall be drawn out of the funds and paid to the secretary of the I.M.A.. A.P. State as and when required.
14. The books of Accounts shall be kept at the Registered office of the Association or at such other place or places as the Executive Committee thinks fit, and subject to any reasonable restriction as to time and manner of inspection that may be imposed by the Executive Committee, they shall be open to the inspection of members of the Association.
15. **SUBSCRIPTION.**
 - a) Subscription, as fixed by the Association, is to be paid by all the members of the Association promptly at the beginning of the Financial Year.
 - b) If a member proceeds abroad, he shall pay the subscription during the period of his absence.

16. **MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION**

The executive authority of the Association shall vest in the Executive Committee.

17. **COMPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

- (a) The Executive Committee shall consists of 15 elected members plus the retiring President and the Retiring Secretary as ex-officio members and the Office Bearers of the Association. State Working Committee Members and Central Working Committee Members of our Branch will be Special Invitees.
- (b) The Association will have the following office bearers elected by the General Body.

OFFICE BEARERS :

1. PRESIDENT
2. PRESIDENT ELECT
3. VICE-PRESIDENT
4. HONORARY SECRETARY
5. HONORARY JOINT SECRETARY
6. HONORARY TREASURER

Note: President elect succeeds the President.

SPECIAL INVITEES TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President can invite special invitees to the Executive Committee meeting, but they will not be having voting right.

18. **ELECTION OF THE OFFICE BEARERS AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS :**

- (a) The election shall be held at the Annual General Body Meeting in the month of September every year.
Members having arrears shall not have voting right or can contest any election.
- (b) The term of the Office Bearers and the Executive Committee is for one year.
- (c) The election procedure will be as mentioned in the Bye-Laws.

19. **POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The executive committee shall be the Executive authority and as such shall have the power to carry into effect the policy and programme of the Association as laid down by the Association and shall remain responsible thereto. The Executive Committee shall have the right ;

- (a) To make regulations and issue instructions for the proper working of the Association and for the maintenance and administration of the Association room, Library and Properties and for the organisation and maintenance of its publications.
- (b) To appoint Committees, Sub-Committees, Ad-Hoc Committees and standing committees as and when necessary. The Honorary Secretary shall be the Convener of all such Committees.

- (c) To represent any matter in which, they consider the interests of the Association or the Medical Profession are affected before the Government or other public bodies or any properly constituted authority and court of law.
- (d) To consider applications for membership, resignation of members, suspension of members and the question of taking such disciplinary action as it may deem fit against any members for misconduct, wilful neglect or default.
- (e) To write off, the whole or part of the unrealisable arrears of subscription of members or other outstanding dues of the Association or its publications, if considered desirable.
- (f) To appoint or remove salaried officers and servants of the Association.
- (g) To consider all matters and make necessary recommendations as far as possible to the Association.
- (h) To give effectual release and receipts for all moneys payable to the Association or claims against the Association.
- (i) To deposit the funds of the Association in any Nationalised bank or banks and make withdrawals from time to time for meeting the expenses for running the business of the Association.
- (j) Recommend to the General Body amendments and alterations of rules as they may deem necessary or convenient for the proper conduct and management of the affairs of the Association.
- (k) The Executive Committee shall cause true account to be kept of all sums of money received and expended by the Association and of all matters in respect of which such receipt and expenditure take place and of the assets, credits and liabilities of the Association.
- (l) To fix the date of the annual General body meeting and pass the Honorary Secretary's report and the Accounts.
- (m) At the Annual General Body Meeting every year the Executive Committee shall lay before the Association, an income and expenditure account and balance sheet as duly audited by the Auditors, and including the Auditor's report therein containing a summary of the assets and liabilities of the Association. The audited report and income and expenditure account and balance sheet with the Auditor's report shall be sent to every member at least 7 days before the Annual Meeting.

20. TERM OF THE OFFICE BEARERS AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE :

The term of the Office Bearers and Executive Committee is for one academic year. They shall continue to hold office till the new office bearers are installed.

21. TERMINATION OF THE OFFICE BEARERS AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE :

- (a) By a special general body meeting for which a regular notice given three weeks before by at least 1/3 of the members. The quorum for the meeting should be 30% of enrolled members. The resolution should be passed by 2/3 members attending the meeting.
- (b) By Voluntary Resignation.

22. POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT :

- (a) President of IMA shall also be the President of BMA.
- (b) The President shall be the Chairman of all meetings of the Association or its Executive Committee. The President shall in the case of equality of votes, has casting vote. The President shall regulate the meeting and his ruling on all constitutional points of procedure of holding and conducting the meetings shall be binding on the members. The President also shall have powers whenever he thinks necessary of calling meetings of the Executive Committee and all general meetings.
- (c) The President at his discretion may nominate any member as Chairman for any Scientific session. The President will be the member Ex-officio of all committees. The President can invite any member of the Association to be present in any meeting of the Executive Committee. The invited member will have full right for discussion in the meeting but will have no right to vote in the meeting of the Executive Committee to which he is invited.

- (d) The President can also invite any non-member for any Executive Committee Meeting for the benefit of the Association, as and when necessary.

23. DUTIES OF THE VICE - PRESIDENT :

The Vice-President shall perform the duties or exercise all powers of the President in his absence either from the meeting or from the station.

24. DUTIES OF THE HONORARY SECRETARY :

- (a) The duties of the Hony. Secretary shall include all matters which are entrusted to him by the Executive Committee or by the President and in particular, serving the notices of the meetings, passing vouchers for payments of bills against the Association and other expenses according to the budgeted provision or according to decision of the Executive Committee including salaries of the staff and establishment expenses and examining the accounts of the Treasurer every month. The Hony. Secretary shall obtain a statement of account from the Treasurer every month and after examining the same shall have it placed before the meeting of the Executive Committee with his report.
- (b) The Secretary shall be in charge of the general management of the Association.
- (c) He shall prepare the annual report and present it to the annual general body meeting, after obtaining the approval of the executive committee.
- (d) He will be the member convener of all the committees, subcommittees and ad-hoc committees of the Association.

25. DUTIES OF THE JOINT SECRETARY :

The joint secretary will assist the honorary secretary in his duties and act as Honorary Secretary in his absence.

26. DUTIES OF THE HONY. TREASURER :

- (a) The duties of the Honorary Treasurer shall include collection of dues of the association from the members, depositing money received by him in the bank or banks. He shall keep true and complete accounts of all the receipts and the matters in respect of which such receipts and payments take place and also of the assets and liabilities of the Association.
- (b) He shall get the accounts audited and present them to the executive committee for approval 15 days prior to Annual General Body Meeting.

27. MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE :

- (a) A meeting of the Executive Committee shall be called by the Honorary Secretary in consultation with the President.
- (b) The Executive Committee shall meet at least once every month, to examine the accounts and for the conduct of all current business of the Association.
- (c) A special meeting will be called within a week by the Hon. Secretary on a written requisition signed by at least 1/3rd members of the Executive Committee.
- (d) A written notice of no less than three days shall be sent by the Honorary Secretary to all members of the Executive Committee for any meeting of the Committee except in emergency. Such notice shall, state the agenda of the meeting.
- (e) No business shall be transacted in any meeting of the Executive Committee unless quorum is present.

The quorum shall be 1/3rd members of the executive committee. In the absence of quorum the meeting shall stand adjourned to another date decided by the president.

28. GENERAL BODY MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION :

There shall be three kinds of meetings ;

- (i) Annual General Body Meeting
- (ii) Emergency / Special General Body Meeting and
- (iii) Requisition General Body Meeting

[I] ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING :

1. The Annual General Body Meeting shall be held once in the calender year generally in the month of September.

QUORUM :

The Presence in person of at least 1/4th of total number of members on rolls, or a minimum of 30 which ever is less shall constitute a quorum for the Annual General and Requisition General Body Meetings.

The business to be transacted at the Annual General Meeting shall be :

- (a) Honorary Secretary's report
- (b) To adopt audited accounts of the preceding financial year (to be presented by the Hony. Treasurer)
- (c) To appoint auditors for the next year.
- (d) To sanction the budget for the ensuing financial year (to be presented by the Hony. Treasurer)
- (e) Election of Office Bearers and Executive Committee Members, Election of State Council Members, Central Council Members, FBS Council Members, PPWS Council Members and I.M.A. College of General Practitioners Vijayawada Sub- Faculty Governing Body.
- (f) To consider any other business that may be laid before the meeting by the Executive Committee, provided the Hony. Secretary has given notice of such business to the members seven days before the meeting.
- (g) To consider any other proposal or proposals by a member or members provided the proposed has given seven days notice in writing there of, clearly stating his or their proposal or proposals to the Hon. Secretary, who will place it before the Executive Committee which in turn places it before General Body Meeting with its recommendations.
- (h) To fix a date for the anniversary function and installation of new Office Bearers and E.C. Members
- (i) The address of Retiring President.
- (j) Address of incoming president.
- (k) A notice of 14 days shall be necessary for the Annual General Body Meeting. All such notices may be given either by letter posted to the address of every member as registered with the Association or by circulating notice to them individually.
- (l) The president can adjourn the General Body Meeting in the absence of quorum or for any other reason and reconvene the meeting after 1 hour with the same agenda at the same venue for which no quorum is needed.

[II] EMERGENCY / SPECIAL GENERAL BODY MEETING:

President shall convene an Emergency general Body Meeting under the following circumstances :

- (a) Natural calamities
- (b) When there is a threat to the members of the Association in any form.
- (c) Any other situation which the President feels necessary.
- (d) No quorum is necessary for Emergency/Special General Body Meeting.

[III] REQUISITION GENERAL BODY MEETING:

It shall be open to 1/4th of the members on rolls to requisition the meeting of the Association to consider any specific subject fixing the date, time and place. The members shall be given 10 days notice. The Secretary shall issue the meeting notice within 48 hours of the receipt of the requisition failing which the signatories for the requisition shall issue the notice for the General Body Meeting.

29. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Elections shall be conducted according to the Bye-Laws.

30. POWERS OF THE GENERAL BODY :

General Body is Superior. It shall have the power of supervision and control on the working of the Executive Committee.

31. Every matter submitted in a General Body Meeting shall be decided by show of hands and the declaration by President of the result will be binding. If, however, twenty members or 1/4th of the members present demand, a poll shall be taken in such a manner as the President directs and the result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded. In the case of votes being equal either on show of hands or at a poll, the President will have a casting vote.

32. Constitution may be altered or amended by the votes of not less than 2/3 of the members present at the General body meeting or Special General Body meeting of the Association called for that purpose.

Whenever a difficult situation arises due to the absence of specific law to guide the deliberations of the Association, the rules and regulations of the Central I.M.A. Delhi, on that particular issue shall apply.

Certified that this is a correct copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Association. - Constitution Revision Committee.

33. BYE-LAWS

The Society under its constitution shall frame byelaws for smooth functioning of the Society.

Bye-Law 1. Amendments to the Constitution:

- a) Executive Committee may recommend any amendment provided they give at least 30 days clear notice to the members of the Association before the General Body Meeting.
- b) Any member may propose an amendment giving a minimum of 30 days notice before general body meeting. The proposed amendment shall be in writing and duly recommended and signed by at least 10 members.
- c) Any amendment to constitution shall be approved by 2/3 majority of members present at the special general body meeting.
- d) All the proposals shall be in writing and shall be routed through Hon. Secretary.

Bye-Law 2. Amendment to Bye-Laws :

- a) The Executive Committee may recommend amendments to byelaws giving 30 days clear notice to the members before the Special General Body Meeting.
- b) Any member may propose an amendment giving a minimum of 30 days notice before general body meeting. The proposed amendment shall be in writing and duly recommended and signed by at least 10 members.
- c) Quorum is set as for General Body.
- d) Simple majority is enough to accept the amendment of Bye-Laws.

Bye-Law 3. Subscription :

- a) The General Body decides the subscription of members from time to time.
- b) At the time of the approval of the amended constitution, the subscription structure is as follows :

Life member	:	Rs. 5,000/-
Life Member (Couples)	:	Rs. 7,000/-
Ordinary Member	:	Rs. 500/-
Ordinary Member (Couples)	:	Rs. 700/-
Associate Member	:	Rs. 300/-

Bye-Law 4. Eligibility to various Offices:

- a) Past Presidents are not eligible to contest for the post of President-Elect again. However under extraordinary circumstances the General Body may decide to over ride this clause.
- b) No member shall hold more than one office.
- c) President-Elect must have been a member of good standing for a minimum period of 8 years and served at least once as Executive Committee Member.
- d) Vice-President, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer must have been members of good standing for at least 5 years and served at least once as Executive committee Member.
- e) Rest of the office bearers and members of Executive Committee shall be members of the Association for at least 3 years

Bye-Law 5. Tenure for Various Offices :

- a) All members of the Executive Committee are eligible for re-election for another term.
- b) Vice-Presidents are not eligible for re-election for the same post.
- c) This rule shall not apply to the Hon. Secretary and treasurer.

Bye-Law 6. Election Procedure :

- a) The Hony. Secretary shall invite nominations for election of office bearers 30 days before the Annual General Body Meeting.
- b) The proposals must be received on or before the date specified by the Secretary.
- c) The date for withdrawal of the nominations will be decided by the Secretary.
- d) The proposals must be proposed and seconded by two members and should be accepted by the candidate by affixing his signature on the proposal form.
- e) President shall constitute an Election Commission of 3 members. One of them will be Chief Election Officer and also the Returning Officer. The decision of Commission is final.
- f) All the members in good standing are eligible for voting.
- g) Voting, if required shall be by secret ballot.
- h) In case there is voting, candidate shall be present at the time of election.
- i) In case of a tie, casting vote of the President will decide the result.
- j) In case of no valid applications for any post, Floor Nomination shall be accepted.

Bye-Law 7. Academic Events :

- a) All academic courses of continuing medical education on behalf of I.M.A. shall be presided by the President.
- b) No member of the Society shall arrange a programme overlapping with the dates of the CME/Conference of the society.
- c) News Letter shall be published at least twice a year. Expenditure will be met from the Association either by payment or by advertisements.

8. Bye-Law 8. Orations and Awards :

- a) For all the Orations and Guest Lectures, speakers shall be decided by IMA Executive only.
- b) The speaker should have done outstanding work in his speciality.
- c) For every Oration, there shall be an Oration Committee comprising the President, President-Elect, Hony. Secretary and a representative from the Donors.
- d) Rules for any New Orations/Awards to be instituted are laid down in Bye-Law 9.

e) Rules for Existing Orations and Awards :-

1) Dr.Yellapragada Subba Rao Memorial Oration.

Instituted in the year 1952. M/s.Lederle Laboratory had accepted to sponsor this Oration. The oration is to be conducted Biennially on the Anniversary Day. The expenditure for organizing the oration shall be shared by the Association and Lederle Laboratories.

2) Dr.T.V.S. Chalapathi Rao Memorial Biennial Oration :

Instituted in the year 1991. The expenses for this Oration shall be shared equally by the Association and Dr.T.V.A.S. Sarma, S/o. Late Dr.T.V.S.Chalapathi Rao

3) Dr. Cap. C. Venkaiah Memorial Oration:

Instituted in the year 1989. This Oration shall be conducted every year. M/s.Fytokem Formulations deposited an amount of Rs.15,000. The company gave an undertaking to pay the expenses over and above the interest accrued from the above deposit.

4) Dr. Major K. N. Rao & Dr. T. Srinivasan Memorial Oration:

Instituted in the year 1991. An amount of Rs.10,000/- was deposited by Dr.N.S.Das, immediate past president of IMA Vijayawada, with the State IMA at Hyderabad. Dr.P.S.Bhaskar Kumar has donated Rs.10,100/- towards this oration. This oration will be conducted every year under the auspicious of the State and local branches of IMA.

5) Dr. Bobba Dharma Rao Memorial Oration:

Instituted in the year 1989 by the old students of Dr.Dharma Rao, then principal of Kakathiya Medical College, Warangal. The Oration is to be conducted every year in the month of August. The expenses will be borne by Dr.Bobba Dharma Rao Memorial Trust.

6) Annual Pediatric Guest Lecture

Instituted in the year 1991. the IMA & IAP Pediatric Guest Lecture is conducted every year. An amount of Rs.50,000/- was deposited for this lecture by IAP, Krishna Dist. Branch.

7) Annual Orthopaedic Lecture

An amount of Rs.10,000 was deposited by the Vijayawada Orthopaedic Club. The Guest Lecture may be conducted as a part of any CME program in the year.

8) Dr. P. S. Giri Memorial Award

This award is meant for the General Practitioners. An Essay competition has to be conducted biennially on a subject decided by the Executive Committee and the Award is given for best Essay.

The Hony. Secretary shall invite the members to participate in the competition and announce the date before which the written essays have to be submitted.

The essay shall not exceed 10 pages of A4 paper in type with double spacing on single side.

A panel of Judges shall be constituted by the executive committee to evaluate the essays and announce the award.

The award shall be presented during IMA Anniversary Function.

9) Dr. Kasinathuni Nageswara Rao Pantulu Memorial Gold Medal :

This Award has been instituted by Dr.Chaganti Suryanarayana Murthy.

This award is for the best Clinical Case Presentation in the Clinical Meetings of IMA. Best Clinical Case is selected by the Committee appointed by the EC. To be eligible for this award, the member who is presenting the case has to send the abstract of the case before / on the day of the clinical meeting to the Secretary.

The award shall be presented during IMA Anniversary Function.

10) Dr. Uppalapati Venkata Ratnam Memorial Oration:

Instituted in the year 2003. An amount of Rs.1,50,000/- was donated by the family members of Late Dr.U.Venkata Ratnam to conduct an annual oration in his memory.

11) Dr. Uppalapati Venkata Ratnam Memorial Award:

Instituted in the year 2003 by the student of Dr.U.Venkata Ratnam. A Gold Medal will be presented for 'Best Clinical Case by a Postgraduate Doctor'. An initial contribution of Rs.10,000/- was made by Dr.S.Rama Krishna.

12) Dr.Sirivella Narasimha Rao Memorial Annual Refresher Course for General Practitioners:

Instituted in the year 2003. An amount of Rs.1,50,000/- was deposited by his son Dr.S.Krishna Mohan for the Refresher Course.

Bye-Law 9. Guidelines for Instituting Future Orations and Awards:

1. Any Oration shall be in the memory of any distinguished personality in medical profession and it shall be instituted on acceptance by the IMA executive committee.
2. The institution of an Oration shall be proposed by at least 5 members of IMA Vijayawada.
3. To institute an Oration, a minimum amount of Rs.1,50,000/- has to be deposited with IMA Vijayawada . For a Biennial Oration the deposit shall be Rs.75,000.
4. If an Oration is to be instituted by a Corporate Body, the minimum amount to be deposited shall be Rs.10,00,000/-
5. A representative of the donors shall be member of the Oration committee.
6. If any new Award is to be instituted, an amount of Rs. 1,00,000/- has to be deposited with IMA, Vijayawada.

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