

SINDH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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INTRODUCTION:

It is proper place and time to put on record some very important and interesting facts on record. I am controversial figure of my Society and Literary circle. Reasons for it, are:

1. I am over busy in my work consisting of Creative work, Research, Collection and Documentation of Source-Material, Data and Information. Hence, cannot spare time for explanations, clarifications about myself.
2. Most of Scholars and writers cannot compete with me in quantity and quality of my work. Hence, they have adopted strategy of my character-assassination, undue criticisms and defaming me. It has brought bad name to me.
3. It has badly affected the reading and listening habit of those, who without any verification, have believed that I am controversial.
4. Love for history and requirement of my integrity never discouraged me and I have never stopped working hard.
5. The quantity and quality of my work has beaten record of so many writers and scholars. But, I have never found myself in position to get my work published. Hence the only option left for me is to publish my works on my website. May be some time my country-men visit this website and get valuable information for redesigning their personal and national concepts.

Here is my work on the Sindh Historical Society. When I was doing Ph.D, I did my level best to obtain, purchase and collect material. One day, I purchased a file of the Sindh Historical Society from Old Books Market. The File consisted of Correspondence made by Billimoria , between him and other literary figures besides, Learned Bodies of that time.

It paved way for more hunting for information. I went through so many Journals of the Historical Society and collected information on Who's Who of Society's Office-bearers and members. I also compiled a comprehensive list of members besides, selected a few Articles of my interest from the Journal of Sindh Historical Society.

My work on the Society is combination of compilation and research at the same time. It consists of:

1. Constitution and Bye-Laws of the Society.
2. Alphabetical list of members ,
3. Councils, Office-Bearers and members of the Managing Committees.
4. Who's Who of Members,
5. Correspondence,
6. Annual Reports,
7. Coordination and Cooperation with other Learned Bodies,
8. Index/List of Important Papers read in literary sittings,
9. Selection from Papers published in the Journal of the Society

Rules and Bye-laws of the Sind Historical Society

I. Name

1. The Society shall be called "The Sind Historical Society."

II. Objects

2. The object of the Society shall be to promote research in the history of Sind and to record the results of such research. The main branches of the Society's work shall be as under:—

- (a) History and Geography
- (b) Archaeology, Numismatics and Epigraphy.
- (c) Anthropology and Folklore
- (d) Ethnology, Folklore and Literature

3. The Society shall establish a Museum and a Library for the use of its members, consisting of Manuscripts, Magazines, Histories, Voyages and Travels, printed official records of Government, Journals of Historical Societies containing articles on Sind History and other works on Sind History.

and relevant literature on the topics mentioned above in para 2

III. Membership

(1) Classes of Members

4. The Society shall consist of (i) Patrons, and Members, of two classes, namely paying and non-paying. The paying members shall be (ii) Ordinary and members; (ii) Life Members; the Non-paying Members shall be and (iii) Honorary Members.

Patrons —

(i) Patrons

(i) Persons paying Rs. 100/- or more shall be the Patrons of the Society.

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(ii) Life-member — persons paying Rs. 100 or more shall be

(iii) Life-member of the Socy

(III) Ordinary Members - Persons paying an annual subscription, or more as determined by the Council year after year, shall be the ordinary members.

(IV) Honorary Members - Persons of eminence interested in the ordinary members.

(3) Election of Members

(a) ORDINARY MEMBERS

6. Candidates for ordinary membership shall be proposed by one, and seconded by another member. Their names shall then be submitted to the Council, after it has first been ascertained from the candidate himself that he is desirous of becoming a member.

7. At the next meeting of the Council the names of these candidates shall be submitted for election. No candidate shall be declared elected unless there be a majority in his favour.

8. The election of a member shall become effective only after he has paid his first subscription.

(b) HONORARY MEMBERS

9. Honorary membership shall be confined to persons, distinguished for their knowledge of those subjects which the Society investigates.

10. Names for Honorary membership shall be proposed by one, and seconded by another member of the Council. Such members shall be elected at a meeting of the Council. No candidate shall be declared elected except by a majority of two-thirds of the total number of the Council.

11. Honorary members shall be entitled to all the privileges of ordinary members, and shall pay no subscription.

(4) Resignation and Reinstatement of Members

12. A member may at any time resign on giving written notice to the Secretary but unless such notice reaches the Secretary before the 1st of January, he shall be liable to pay the subscription for the current year.

13. A member who has ceased to be a member of the Society under Rule 16 shall be liable on reinstatement, to pay the subscription for the year in which he ceased to be a member, and any previous arrears due from him.

IV. Subscriptions

14. The annual subscription for the ordinary membership of the Society shall be Rupees 6/- and the subscription for the Life membership of the society shall be Rupees 100/- and upwards. *or more as determined by the Council year after year.*

15. The subscription shall be due on election, and thence forward on the 15th January each year. Subscription paid in October, November and December shall entitle a member to continue as a member till the end of the next year.

16. No fractions of annual subscription shall be accepted. No new member shall be entitled to exercise any of the privileges of membership until he shall have paid his subscription.

17. When a member's subscription becomes three months overdue he shall forfeit his right to receive a copy of the Journal. Any member whose subscription is six months overdue shall receive a notice of the amount due; and if the arrears be not paid within three months from the date of such notice he shall cease to be a member of the Society.

IV Council

(1) Constitution and election of the Council

518. At each Annual General Meeting, the Society shall elect a Council to manage the affairs of the Society.

618. The Council shall be elected from among the members of the Society and shall consist of a President,

a Vice President, an Honorary Secretary who will also be the Treasurer, a Joint Secretary, a Librarian and not less than five and not more than seven other members.

720. The Council shall have the powers to fill up the vacancies that may occur during the year.

(2) Meetings of the Council

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21. The Council shall meet from time to time and at least once in three months to transact the business of the Society and 5 members shall form a quorum at such meetings. *a special meeting may be convened at a*

922. In the absence of the President and Vice President, the meeting shall elect its own President.

10. A member absenting himself from 3

V Officers

(1) President

23. The President shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for one year. He shall be entrusted with the general supervision of the affairs of the Society and shall preside at all meetings when present. He may delegate all or any of his powers to the Vice President.

(2) Vice President

24. The Vice President shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for one year. He shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President and exercise such rights as may be delegated to him by the President.

(3) Honorary Secretary and Treasurer

25. The Honorary Secretary who shall also be the Treasurer, shall be elected at the Annual General Meetings of the Society and shall hold office for one year. He shall summon and attend all meetings, record minutes of the proceedings and conduct the

every day

correspondence ~~of~~ the Society. He shall receive all money on behalf of the Society and account for the same. He shall make all payments on behalf of the Society. He shall make no payments exceeding Rs. 25/- without the previous sanction of the Council and shall report the payments of sums not exceeding this amount to Council for confirmation. ✓

(4) Honorary Joint Secretary

26. The Honorary Joint Secretary shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for one year. He shall assist the Honorary Secretary in the management of the Society.

(5) Librarian

27. The Librarian shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for one year. He shall be in general charge of the Society's Library, and assist the Secy in the publication and distribution of the journal & other literature.

VII Meetings

28. The meetings of the Society shall be of ^{two} three kinds namely Ordinary, Annual and Special.

29. The Ordinary Monthly Meetings shall be held at least once in every month. Such meetings shall be held for reading and discussing papers and notes; but and any other business which, the President or in his absence the member occupying the chair, may consider expedient to bring to the notice of the Society, may be transacted at such meeting. The subject or subjects of the paper or notes to be read at such meetings shall be notified to the members through the local English newspapers or by post or circular, a week previous to the date thereof. in advance

30. The Annual General Meeting shall as far as possible be held in the month of January with a

fortnight's notice for the purpose of (1) hearing and passing the Annual Report and the Annual statement of Accounts of the Society. (2) Election of officers and members of the Council and such other business as may be brought before the meeting. The quorum for a general meeting shall be of 15 members or 1/5 of the total number of members, whichever is less.

31. A Special Meeting, may be convened at any time by the Council, or upon the written requisition of at least ~~10~~ 7 members. A ~~fortnight's~~ ^{three days'} notice of the time when and the object for which such Special Meeting is to assemble shall be sent by post to every member of the Society. No business other than that contained in such notice shall be transacted thereat. ~~Six~~ ^{seven} members shall form a quorum at such meeting. In case of a want of quorum at such meeting the members present at the meeting shall adjourn the meeting to a convenient day, not earlier than a week and not later than a fortnight after the original day on which the meeting was called. At such adjourned meeting even if there be no quorum all the business for which the original meeting was convened shall be transacted. A fresh notice of such adjourned meeting shall be sent to every member of the Society.

32. The voting shall be taken by a show of hands. In the case of an equality of votes, the casting vote of the Chairman of the meeting shall decide the question before the meeting.

33. A member shall have the right to introduce visitors at monthly meetings of the Society. Visitors shall not have any rights.

VIII. Committees and Editorial Board

31. The Council shall have the power to appoint committees whenever necessary.

35. The Council shall in the beginning of every year elect from amongst themselves an editorial board of three members who shall be responsible for the editing and publishing of the journal ~~any other literature~~.

XIX. Auditing

36. The Society shall elect an auditor at the Annual General Meeting who shall hold office for one year.

37. The Council shall cause proper accounts to be kept and audited; statement of audited accounts shall be placed in the Annual General Meeting.

XX. Publications of the Society

38. The Society shall from time to time publish a periodical journal, which shall contain a record of the proceedings and transactions of the Society, the papers and notes received at the monthly meeting, notices of books and articles contributed for publication in the journal.

39. The Society may undertake any other publication on the subjects mentioned in Rule 2.

XXI. Depositing of money

40. All payments made to the Secretary and Treasurer shall be deposited in the Bank fixed by the Council, and shall be credited to an account which shall be kept in the name of the Secretary and Treasurer and shall be operated upon by the Secretary and Treasurer for the time being.)

41. All membership subscriptions and donations shall be credited to capital account and shall be

invested in Government Promissory Notes, or in Bonds issued under the authority of the Government of India. Such Securities shall be invested in the name of the President of the Society as a fixed deposit and the interest only shall be utilized.

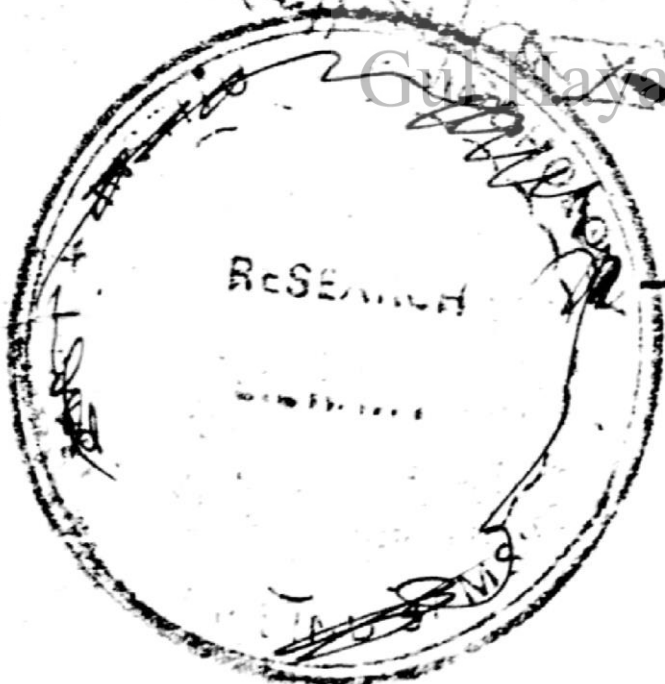
XII. Journal

X { 42. The Society shall publish a Journal, from time to time, which shall be called "The Journal of the Sind Historical Society."

43. The Journal may contain matter already read to the Society, reports of discussions of new matter as mentioned in Rule 38.

44. Every member of the Society shall be entitled to receive a copy of the Journal free of cost.

✓ 45. Contributors shall be entitled to receive 25 off-prints of articles contributed by them.



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