



Constitution of the Bangladesh Academy of Pathology

The Bangladesh Academy of Pathology Bylaws was formally proposed and accepted on December 7, 2012.

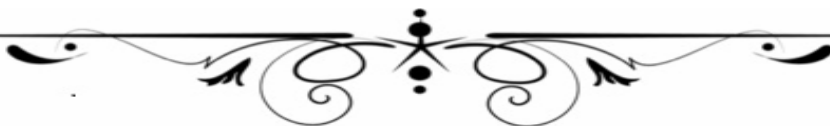
Chapter I

Section 1: Name

*The name of the organization shall be **Bangladesh Academy of Pathology**.*

Section 2: Objectives

- i. To promote the knowledge and skill of the histopathologists.*
- ii. To uphold the interest of histo and cytopathologists.*
- iii. Convocate meetings, congresses, lectures, seminars, workshops to disseminate latest information related to histopathology.*
- iv. Foster education in histopathology in different institutions.*
- v. Promote initiativeness for affiliation by International Academy of Pathologists (IAP) and other organizations.*





Chapter II

Section 1: Membership

The Academy shall consist of three categories of members

- a. Regular member*
- b. Junior member*
- c. Emeritus member*

1. Membership consists of the following categories: Regular members, Junior members and Emeritus members. These classes shall be defined in the Bylaws.

2. Election to regular membership shall be by the executive committee. Each applicant shall be sponsored by two founder members of the Academy till annual general meeting of 2013 and by two regular members, onwards. Election of junior membership and emeritus membership shall be by the approval of the Executive committee. All the applications will be scrutinized by the credential committee which will be formed by the EC.

Membership criteria


1. Regular Members shall consist of those who possess (a) M.Phil. (Pathology), or MD (Pathology) or FCPS (Histopathology) or a equivalent or higher degree in histopathology, that has been equalized and recognized by BMDC,

and

Are actively involved in providing histopathology service or teaching. Membership criteria is subjected to amendment if required for IAP affiliation.

2. Junior Members shall consist of those who possess the degree of MBBS or equivalent degree as recognized by BMDC and are actively engaged in formal training in histopathology, or attending a post graduate . Junior Membership shall be limited to the period of formal training, not to exceed five (5) years, at which time this membership shall automatically terminate.

3. Emeritus Members shall consist of those who have been in good standing in the Academy and who have attained the age of 65 or who have retired from gainful employment as histopathologists. This is by invitation and approval by EC. No subscription will be required. There is no provision for life membership.





Section 1: Membership (continued)

4. The annual membership dues of the BAP has been fixed at Taka 1000 by the executive committee, which shall be payable in advance, and shall include a year's subscription including a journal of the BAP and annual fee

for International Academy of Pathologists Members delinquent in payment of dues for two years will be dropped from membership at the discretion of the Executive Committee. Dues shall be payable as follows: Regular members will pay the application or registration fee of Taka 10,000 (Taka Ten thousand) plus the yearly fee of Taka1000. For the first year i.e. 2012 the registration fee of Taka 10,000 will include the yearly membership fee. Junior Members shall pay only the yearly fee not the application fee. Junior members will receive the journal by subscription but will not vote or hold office. Emeritus Members will receive the journal but will not vote or hold office in the BAP, but may be appointed to the committees.

At the first official meeting of 27th January 2012 the histopathologists who sponsored the formation of BAP and applied to the working group shall be designated as founder members. They will be incorporated as regular members at the annual general meeting of 2013, and the designation 'founder member' will be abolished henceforth.

Section 2: Application for membership

Applicants for all classes of membership shall be submitted to the EC by the general secretary. If majority of quorum of the EC votes in favour of the applicant, then the name will be presented in the next regular meeting. Election of membership requires three fourths affirmative vote in favour of membership by the membership present at the regular meeting. If the application is refused the applicant may resubmit the application at the next general meeting.





Chapter III

Section 1: Officers

President

President Elect

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Immediate past President

Composition of the executive committee

The executive committee consists of a set of 20 councillors, who will be nominated and elected by the vote of regular members. The office bearers will be elected by the vote of the councillors. Any regular member can seek nomination for councillors. For the first time, a voter will have to cast vote for 20 councillors of which 10 will be zonal (maintaining zonal quota) and 10 will be general non quota. The office bearers will be elected by the vote of the councillors. The office bearers will serve a period of 2 years. The president will become the past president and the president elect will become the president. From the next two years, 18 councillors will be elected. Eight councillors will be re elected from 18 councillors (excluding president and past president) and 10 will be elected new. These 10 councillors will be elected from zonal quota as follows: 2 from zone A (Bogra-Rajshahi-Rangpur-Dinajpur), 1 from zone B (Khulna-Barisal), 2 from zone C (Chittagong-Comilla-Sylhet-Cox's Bazar), and 5 from zone D (Dhaka-Mymensingh and Faridpur). From this group of 18 councillors president elect, vice president, general secretary, treasurer will be elected and the rest of the councillors will act as EC members. Any office bearer can be elected for a consecutive second term but not more than that. If not re-elected as General Secretary by the councillors, the general Secretary will become ex-officio and serve for one more term.

The immediate past president will be the chairperson of the nominating committee for a given term of two year.



Section 2 – Tenure of officers and councillors

1. *The term of office of the president shall normally be two (2) calendar years. A person will not be eligible for a second term as president after having previously served in that capacity for a full term.*
2. *The past-president should normally hold office for two (2) years after completing tenure as president. The president-elect should hold office for two (2) years prior to assuming office as president.*
3. *The terms of office of secretary and treasurer should normally be for two (2) years.*

Chapter IV: Meetings:

The BAP shall meet not less than two times yearly the time and place being selected by EC. The last meeting will be the annual meeting.

Chapter V: Academic activities:

Two main activities in a year

- I. A teaching program targeted to trainee and young pathologist recommended by EC on a selected topic*
- ii. An annual scientific meeting on a topic of current interest or new frontier in development of histopathology and slide seminars*

Chapter VI: Quorum

Quorum of the general meeting: 10 percent of regular members.

Quorum of the EC: Six members

Chapter VII: Fiscal year and dues

January to January. Annual membership renewal fee Taka 1000.

Chapter VIII: Amendments:

Constitutions and by laws can be amended at any regular meeting by three fourths vote of regular members present at any regular meeting. All proposed amendments must be submitted to the membership at least one month prior to the meeting at which it is to be considered.



The constitution of the Bangladesh Academy of Pathology is formally accepted today the 7th December 2012 by the following signatory founder members at Dhaka, Bangladesh.

