



CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AHMADI MUSLIM SCIENTISTS (AAMS)

1. Definitions

- 1.1 “Association” means the Association of Ahmadi Muslim Scientists.
 - 1.1.1 “Ahmadi” refers to a member of Jama’at-e-Ahmadiyya.
 - 1.1.2 “Member” means an Ahmadi who *is* a member of the Association.
 - 1.1.3 “Executive Committee” means the National Executive Committee of the Association.
 - 1.1.4 “Executive Member” means a member of the Executive Committee.
 - 1.1.5 “Hadhrat Khalifa-tul-Masih” means the Successor to the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), who is the Head of the worldwide Muslim Ahmadiyya Community whose headquarters are in Rabwah, Pakistan, and who is duly elected by Majlis Intekhab Khilafat in accordance with the rules for the election of Khilafat in the Ahmadiyya Community and to whom all Ahmadis owe allegiance as envisaged by the teachings of Islam.
- 1.2 The Association shall be named as “Association of Ahmadi Muslim Scientists, USA.” and its sphere of activities shall extend to U. S. A.
- 1.3 It shall be considered as an affiliated entity of Jama’at-e-Ahmadiyya USA and shall work under the supervision and guidance of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih (successor of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him)).
- 1.4 The headquarters of the Association shall be at the National Head Quarter of Jama’at Ahmadiyya in USA.
- 1.5 The National Amir of Jama’at-e-Ahmadiyya, USA, shall be the patron of the AAMS, USA . He shall exercise all such powers as delegated to him by Hadhrat Khalifatul-Masih.
- 1.6 It is purely a professional Association having no political interests whatsoever.

2. Aims, Objectives and Responsibilities

2.1 Aims And Objectives

- 2.1.1 To Probe new areas of research in the light of the guidance provided by the Holy Qur’an.

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- 2.1.2 To interpret and correlate scientific research in the light of the Holy Qur'an and to substantiate the Qur'anic Truth.
- 2.1.3 To find out ways and means to utilize scientific knowledge for the service of mankind.
- 2.1.4 To help the Jama'at in such a way so that it may benefit from the latest advancements in science and technology.
- 2.1.5 To promote general interest in science and technology amongst the Jama'at, specially the youth. Also to keep the Jama'at up to date about the latest scientific developments.
- 2.1.6 To infuse in its members, the spirit of extreme devotion, dedication, honesty, truthfulness and hard work and to seek light and guidance of Allah in all personal and professional matters.
- 2.1.7 To serve as an advisory forum for the Jama'at to receive professional advice when needed.
- 2.1.8 To create awareness about the understanding of the present frontiers of knowledge in different fields of science and technology amongst Ahmadi scientists and ultimately to provide a network of Ahmadi scientists across various disciplines in the scientific fields.
- 2.1.9 To provide a platform for Ahmadi scientists to exchange information and views on current scientific issues and to assist them in the acquisition of latest knowledge.
- 2.1.10 To support talented Ahmadi scientists to become leaders in their respective specialized fields.
- 2.1.11 To introduce Young Ahmadi scientists to new areas of research & scientific development.
- 2.1.12 To promote such research which may improve, regulate, facilitate and augment the economic life of the Ahmadis and others.
- 2.1.13 To provide through its members, guidance to the young scientists for selecting appropriate fields of research and studies.

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2.1.14 To encourage the members to write scientific articles of general public interest in Jama'at's publications and to keep the community updated about current scientific developments.

2.1.15 To undertake other measures to further the aims and objects of the Association.

2.2 Responsibilities

2.2.1 AAMS shall promote communication among various members by:

2.2.1.1 Publishing a newsletter periodically which may include activities of the association, the achievements of its members, list of publications and other significant news about the AAMS.

2.2.1.2 Publishing yearly report of the activities of the association.

2.2.1.3 Arranging periodically, meetings, seminars and exhibitions.

2.2.1.4 Preparing a directory of members annually, which may include the following information:

- 2.2.1.4.1 Name of the member.
- 2.2.1.4.2 Date of birth.
- 2.2.1.4.3 Correspondence Address.
- 2.2.1.4.4 Telephone/Fax number(s).
- 2.2.1.4.5 E-Mail address.
- 2.2.1.4.6 Educational and professional qualification together with the institutions.
- 2.2.1.4.7 Field of interest.
- 2.2.1.4.8 Distinctions (if any).
- 2.2.1.4.9 Significant achievements
- 2.2.1.4.10 Brief description of the research activities.

2.2.2 AAMS shall provide necessary guidance to Ahmadi Science Students in choosing appropriate subjects at different levels of their education.

2.2.3 AAMS shall promote and encourage Ahmadi youth to get education in various scientific fields.

2.2.4 Members of the AAMS shall exchange scientific information among themselves and help each other by providing useful information.

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2.2.5 AAMS shall encourage scientists to write articles for transmission through MTA and to publish in different Ahmadiyya News papers and journals.

3. Membership Requirements

3.1 Science post graduates, persons affiliated with some research institute, with research experience in any of the following disciplines can become members of the AAMS:

- 3.1.1 Natural Sciences;
- 3.1.2 Physical Sciences;
- 3.1.3 Biological Sciences;
- 3.1.4 Earth Sciences;
- 3.1.5 Space Sciences; and
- 3.1.6 Mathematics.

3.2 Students who are studying in post graduate courses can become affiliated members of the association.

3.3 Research technicians with any graduate degree can become student members of the Association.

3.4 The executive committee may reject the enrollment of a person on the ground of inadequate educational qualification.

3.5 The executive committee may reject the enrollment of an applicant, expel or suspend any member of the Association for reasons to be recorded and the decision of the committee shall be final.

3.6 Membership Dues:

3.6.1 Rate of subscription shall be decided by the executive committee who may revise it as and when deemed necessary. Initially it is as follows:

Regular members: \$25.00 per year

Student members: \$10.00 per year

3.6.2 Honorary Membership

Honorary membership can be conferred by the executive committee upon a scientist or a technologist who has distinguished himself in his profession and is considered helpful in promoting the objectives of the association.

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3.6.3 Life Membership

Life membership of AAMS may be granted to members on receipt of application from members after the fulfillment of requirements as set forth by the executive committee and after paying the requisite fee.

3.6.4 Financial Year

The financial year of the Association shall be from July 1st of a year to June 30th of the following year.

4. **Executive Committee**

To carry out the work of this association, there will be an executive committee comprising the Office Bearers and a fixed number (to be decided by the members in Annual General Meeting) of Executive Members.

The Office Bearers and the Executive Members will be elected in the general body meeting (Annual General Meeting). Every member shall have one vote.

5. **OFFICE BEARERS**

5.1 The Association shall have the following Office Bearers:

- 5.1.1 President
- 5.1.2 Vice President
- 5.1.3 Secretary General
- 5.1.4 Finance Secretary
- 5.1.5 Publication Secretary

6. **Election of Office Bearers and Executive Members:**

6.1 Office Bears and Executive Members will be elected every three years in general meeting of the Association, to be held, preferably, at the time of Annual Convention of Ahmadiyya Community in Islam.

6.2 The Secretary General will inform the members regarding the election, the time, date and place of general body meeting, etc.

6.3 The nomination proposals for the Office Bearers and the Executive Members shall be called during the general body meeting, however, these can be sent in advance also to Secretary General.

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- 6.4 Each Office Bearer/Executive Member shall be “proposed” by an eligible voter and “seconded” by another eligible voter.
- 6.5 The voting shall take place by show of hands.
- 6.6 For the purpose of election, the quorum shall be a minimum of 25% of enrolled members. If the meeting is postponed due to non achievement of quorum, then there will be no restriction of quorum in the following meeting.
- 6.7 All members who have paid the AAMS dues during the current Financial year, will be eligible to vote.
- 6.8 The election shall be supervised by the Patron of the Association or his nominee.
- 6.9 The result of the election shall be subject to the approval of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih.
- 6.10 In case, an Office Bearer or Executive Member’s seat is vacated during the tenure, the Executive Committee shall, with the approval of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih, have the power to fill it by appointment till next election.

7. **Meetings of the Executive Committee**

- 7.1 The meeting of the Executive Committee will be held at least two times in a year.
- 7.2 Secretary General will issue a notice of a meeting along with its agenda at least 30 days in advance.
- 7.3 An emergency/urgent meeting of the Executive Committee may be held at a shorter notice.
- 7.4 The quorum for Executive Committee meeting will be 25%.

8. **General Body Meetings**

- 8.1 There shall be a general body meeting of the Association every year. In this meeting a report on the activities of the Association, financial report with an audited balance sheet along with proposed budget for next year and any other proposals approved by the executive committee shall be presented for approval.

When due, elections shall also be held in these meetings.

- 8.2 An extra ordinary General Meeting of the general body may be called by the President when deemed necessary.

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9. **Majority Decision**

9.1 The decision in the Executive Committee and General Body shall be by a simple majority. In the case of a tie the President can exercise a casting vote.

10. **Minutes of the Meetings**

10.1 It shall be the responsibility of General Secretary to record the minutes of the meetings of Executive Committee or General Body who will also present them in next meeting.

11. **Property and Funds**

11.1 A record of the property, assets, income and expenditure of the Association shall be maintained in the manner approved by the Executive Committee.

11.2 The bank account of the Association shall be operated under the joint signatures of President and one of the following office bearers.

11.2.1 General Secretary

11.2.2 Finance Secretary

President may authorize any other member of the Executive Committee to sign on his behalf.

11.3 In case any additional funds are required for the activities of the Association, the President may, with the approval of Executive Committee, invite additional contributions or donations from the members.

11.4 It is the responsibility of Finance Secretary to keep proper records of income and expenditure and get the account audited every year before Annual General Meeting.

11.5 The Executive Committee will ensure that the funds of the Association are applied solely towards the promotion of the ~ms and objectives of the Association.

11.6 It will be the responsibility of the Executive Committee to keep a separate bank account under the title “Association of Ahmadi Muslim Scientists, (country.....)”, and to ensure that all funds are deposited in the said bank account and expenditure is called out therefrom.

11.7 If upon the dissolution of the Association, there remain any property/assets, including any cash, it shall become the ownership of the National Jama'at Ahmadiyya and any deficit will be made-up by the members themselves.

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12. Duties of Office Bearers

12.1 Duties of the President

12.1.1 The President is the administrative head of the association.

12.1.2 All the secretaries and other elected members of AAMS shall work under his guidance and supervision.

12.1.3 He shall preside over the executive committee and general body meetings.

12.1.4 He shall sign the minutes of the proceedings of the executive committee.

12.1.5 He shall have authority to examine all the records maintained by all members of the executive body.

12.1.6 He shall submit annual report to the National Amir of Ahmadiyya Community in Islam.

12.1.7 He shall submit an annual report of the AAMS's activities to Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih.

12.2 Duties of the Secretary General

12.2.1 He shall notify members of the convening of the executive body meetings one month in advance.

12.2.2 He shall notify all members of the AAMS about the general body meeting one month in advance.

12.2.3 He shall carry out correspondence as desired by the President.

12.2.4 He shall obtain reports from other members of the executive committee and present to the President.

12.2.5 He shall assist the President in preparation of the annual report of activities of the association.

12.2.6 He will keep an updated list of the members of the AAMS.

12.2.7 He will prepare and publish (with the help of publications secretary) a directory of the members annually giving qualifications, field of interest and a brief description of the research activities of the members etc.

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12.2.8 He shall keep a record of all the correspondence and activities of the AAMS.

12.2.9 He shall keep record of:

- 12.2.9.1 Property of AAMS
- 12.2.9.2 Annual account and auditor's report.
- 12.2.9.3 He will keep an updated list of members of the association who are qualified to participate in the association's elections.
- 12.2.9.4 He shall also perform other duties assigned by the President.

12.3 Duties of the Finance Secretary

12.3.1 He shall keep account of all collections.

12.3.2 He will make sure that funds from the AAMS bank account are withdrawn only by signatures of President and any of the following office bearers:

- 12.3.2.1 General Secretary
- 12.3.2.2 Finance Secretary

12.3.3 At the end of each quarter he shall forward a statement of all collections and expenditures to the President.

12.3.4 The financial year of the association shall commence on the 1st day of July and end on the 30th day of June.

12.3.5 He shall prepare an income and expenditure budget two months before the beginning of the financial year.

12.3.6 He shall arrange collection from members on a regular basis and deposit the collected amounts in the AAMS's bank account.

12.3.7 He shall issue receipts of membership dues etc. to members. He shall also maintain a complete record of all receipts issued.

12.3.8 He shall get accounts audited at least once a year by the auditor.

12.3.9 At the end of the financial year he shall forward an annual income and expenditure statement to the President. He will present the financial report at the annual General Body meeting.

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12.4 Duties of the Publications Secretary

- 12.4.1 He shall prepare a brochure that will outline the objectives of the AAMS. He will get the brochure approved by the executive committee before publishing it.
- 12.4.2 He shall undertake publication of AAM's newsletter.
- 12.4.3 He shall involve talented members of the association in writing articles for the newsletter.
- 12.4.4 He shall arrange an exhibition at the annual convention of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam that shall display charts depicting activities of the association and publications by the AAMS and its members.
- 12.4.5 He shall display literature and information about the achievements by the members at the Annual Convention of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam.
- 12.4.6 Before publication of any material in the newsletter he shall get approval from the President of AAMS.
- 12.4.7 He shall be responsible for collecting and compiling AAMS's history.
- 12.4.8 He will assist the General Secretary in preparation and publication of the directory of the members.

13. Amendment in the Constitution

- 13.1 The constitution may be amended, if:
- 13.1.1 Two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the members present at the general body meeting agree to do so; and
- 13.1.2 These amendments are approved by Hadhrat Khalifatul-Masih.

14. Over All Control

- 14.1 This Constitution and any change thereof subsequently will be subject to approval of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih.
- 14.2 The word of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih will be above the constitution and its bye laws and will be binding on all members of the association in all respects.

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