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Guidelines for NASI-Chapters (working of chapters)

Purpose and Objectives

- To promote the objectives of NASI at the regional/state level by establishing Local Chapters.
- To expand outreach in scientific communication, popularization, and public engagement.
- To strengthen linkages between local scientific institutions, universities and NASI.
- To encourage young researchers, teachers, and students to participate in scientific activities.

GOVERNANCE OF THE CHAPTER

1. Constitution of the Local Chapter Committees will be:

Chairperson – Fellow of NASI

Secretary cum Treasurer – Fellow of NASI

Advisors (3) – Fellow of NASI

NASI Members, MNASc, (2)

Invitees (NASI Fellows-Max. 2). These may be Past NASI President, Secretary, or Treasurer; Past Chapter Chairperson or Secretary; NASI Distinguished Professor, Sr. Scientist, NASI Hon. Scientist, etc.

Tenure: Maximum of up to three years.

After three years, the Committee will need to be reconstituted, allowing existing members to continue for one more term or to bring in new members, as per the Committee's recommendation.

Annual Review to assess the active participation of Chapter committee members. Inactive members would be replaced. Members relocating to another zone must be replaced ASAP.

Financial Support

- NASI HQ may provide seed/annual grants (sum of Rs. 3 Lakhs) to support Chapter activities, subject to the availability of funds.
- Chapters may mobilize additional resources from local institutions, agencies, and sponsorships, with prior approval of NASI HQ.
- The Secretary/Treasurer shall maintain proper accounts, which must be audited annually and submitted to NASI HQ.

Account Management: Three options for the financial administration of the Chapters are recommended:

a. Separate Bank Account Mode

- A separate Chapter Account can be opened in a bank within the host institution/university.
- The account shall be jointly operated by the Chairperson and the Secretary of the Chapter as authorized signatories.
- The account should be fully KYC compliant and maintained in accordance with prevailing banking regulations.
- The Secretary (cum Treasurer) shall be responsible for maintaining proper accounts, records of receipts and expenditure and preparation of financial statements.
- The audited accounts, along with the utilization certificate, should be submitted annually to NASI Headquarters within the prescribed timelines.
- The NASI PAN card should not be used for this account.

b. Institutional Mode

- A project Account can be opened in the host institution/university.
- The account shall be operated by a local chapter member, belonging to the institute.
- The Secretary (cum Treasurer) shall be responsible for maintaining proper accounts, records of receipts and expenditure and preparation of financial statements.
- The audited accounts (*internal audit*), along with the utilization certificate, should be submitted annually to NASI Headquarters within the prescribed timelines.

c. Centralized HQ Mode

- In this option, Chapter finances will be administered directly by NASI Headquarters through dedicated sub-accounts maintained for each Chapter.
- Expenditures will be processed and released electronically by HQ, based on duly recommended and certified claims submitted by the Chapter Secretary along with supporting bills/vouchers.
- The utilization certificate and audit will be undertaken at HQ.

2. Activities of the Chapters

Chapters are expected to organize:

- Lectures, symposia, and workshops on contemporary scientific issues.
- Science communication and popularization programmes (schools, colleges, communities).
- Commemorative events (National Science Day, National Space Day, etc.).
- Capacity-building activities for young researchers and teachers.
- Outreach in line with National initiatives (Swachh Bharat Mission, Digital India, etc.).
- Any other activity assigned/approved by NASI HQ.

A comprehensive list of recommended activities will include:

- S&T Interventions: Awareness and Training – on Nutrition, Safe drinking water, Health & hygiene and on other topical areas. A mixed participation of rural and urban populations should be ensured.
- Lectures and Seminars by Scientists. The Foreign Secretary is to inform Chapters about NASI Foreign Fellows visiting India.
- Workshops and Training Programmes, especially on emerging areas
- Programmes for Popularization of Science and Technology, including Awareness Campaigns
- Collaborations with Local Institutions
- Skill Development, Innovation & Start-up Initiatives
- Special Programmes for Women & marginalized groups
- Health and Science Camps/Chaupals, especially in rural and semi-urban areas.

3. Annual Report:

The Chapter Secretary is required to submit an Annual Report to NASI by the first week of **April** every year, including proposed activities and budget estimates for the upcoming year, as well as budget requirements.

Common Reporting Format: A standardized reporting template for both activities and financial statements will be developed and shared with all the Chapters for adoption.

4. Performance Evaluation of Chapters

- Development of clear metrics/format to assess Chapter activity. Additionally, develop a matrix for evaluation, possibly by a committee established by the NASI President or Council.
- Chapters remaining inactive for three consecutive years will either undergo rejuvenation or closure.

5. Opening of New Chapter

- Opening a new Chapter is to be considered by the Council as per the Rules & Regulations upon receiving a request for opening the Chapter.

Eligibility for Establishing a Chapter

- The Fellows/Members may propose to open a Chapter in a State/Region where no NASI Chapter currently exists.
- The proposal must be formally supported by a minimum of 20 NASI Fellows/Members (preferably from the concerned State/Region).
- The proposal should clearly specify:
 - The justification for opening the Chapter in the region.
 - A preliminary plan of activities for at least the first year.
- The proposal will be placed before the NASI Council, whose decision regarding approval shall be final.