

Dear Members,

The following resolutions were passed by the General Body of the All Odisha Tax Advocates Association(AOTAA) at its Annual General Body Meeting held on the 7th of November, 2021 at 9.30 am at Hotel Kamlesh Continental, Angul. The meeting was chaired by President Shri Uttam Kumar Behera. There was quorum as per the provisions enshrined in the Bye Laws of the AOTAA.

1. It was resolved that if members of AOTAA face any issues/problems relating to their professional activities, they should first seek the help of the Vice Presidents and Asst. Secretaries of their Zones and if the problems are not sorted out, they can approach the Working Secretary detailing out the entire facts by e-mail wherein the discussions with the local authorities and their correspondences must be stated and copies of all correspondences should be attached. If the concerned Vice President/Asst. Secretary do not attend to or respond to their requests within one week of the receipt of their request, then they can inform the same to the Working Secretary. All requests to the Vice President and/or Asst. Secretary should be sent through WhatsApp/E-mail. There should be no oral requests. The request should not be of general in nature and should contain the specific case of an individual dealer. The complaints of a general nature, which would affect all the members, should only be sent to the Working Secretary.

2. It was resolved that the Managing Committee is hereby authorised to amend the bye laws of AOTAA by incorporating various procedures for conducting of elections, expanding the membership base and other rules for the better working of the Association. The amendments should be placed before the Managing Committee and once approved will be deemed to be approved by the General Body.

3. It was resolved that a Disciplinary Committee should be formed at the earliest. The rules for the same should be drafted and placed before the Managing Committee and once approved by the Managing Committee will be deemed to be approved by the General Body. The President and General Secretary should be the ex-officio members of the Disciplinary Committee. All orders of the Disciplinary Committee will be full and final and cannot be modified by the Managing Committee and all the disciplinary action as suggested by the Disciplinary Committee should be acted upon within two weeks of it being passed by the Managing Committee. The members of the Disciplinary Committee should be nominated from the General members of the AOTAA. The members so nominated should elect the Chairman. The total number of the members of the Disciplinary Committee should be five including the President and the General Secretary and the members should be senior members of the Association having been advocates with at least 30 years of professional experience. The rules and regulations of the Disciplinary Committee should be drafted and placed before the Managing Committee and once approved by the Managing committee will be deemed to have been approved by the General Body.

4. It was resolved that the Admission Fees for new members be increased to Rs. 1000/- (Rupees One Thousand) Only.

5. It was resolved that the membership will now have a LIFE MEMBER in addition to a GENERAL MEMBER and a PATRON MEMBER. The Life Membership fees would be a sum of Rs.5,000/- apart from the admission fees of Rs. 1,000/-. Once a LIFE MEMBER pays the Admission Fees of Rs. 1,000/- and admitted as a Member he will only have to pay Rs. 5000/- for life and no further payment will be required to be made by him throughout his life. If for some reasons he is expelled from the AOTAA, then his life membership also comes to an end. If he wants to rejoin and is admitted afresh, then he will have to start applying afresh and has to go through all the processes of becoming a member accordingly. His earlier Life Membership status will not be renewed. On receiving a complaint against a member the Managing Committee will deliberate on the same and take a decision as to whether the matter can be referred to the Disciplinary Committee or not. This decision has to be taken on the basis of voting. Once the Managing Committee refers a matter to the Disciplinary Committee, then the order of the Disciplinary Committee becomes full and final and the Managing Committee will only see that the order is acted upon. It cannot be modified or amended under any circumstances. Once a case is referred to the Disciplinary Committee by the Managing Committee, the member/members against whom the complaint has been lodged will be kept under suspension. If the said member or members are members of the Managing Committee or any other sub-committee, then they will not be allowed to join or remain present in any of the official meetings of the AOTAA including the meeting of the Managing Committee till the Disciplinary Committee takes a final decision in the matter. The Disciplinary Committee will give its final report within three months from the date it receives the reference from the Managing Committee.

6. It was resolved that the Managing Committee will now have seven Vice Presidents, fifteen Assistant Secretaries , twelve Executive Members including Co-opted Members.

7. It was resolved that the Managing Committee is authorised to fill up the vacant posts in the Managing Committee but the decision of the President in this regard will be final. The Managing Committee will also reorganise the Zones and see that each Zone is properly represented. There will be no Co-opted Executive Members in the Managing Committee and the bye laws to be amended accordingly.

8. The new members to the Managing Committee were selected from amongst the members of the General Body and the said list of members constituting the Managing Committee will be shared very shortly.

Bibekananda Mohanti

General Secretary.

Angul, Dated the 7th November, 2021.