

## **Election Rules for Office Bearers of the Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics: 2024**

The Society, hereafter, means the Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics.

**Office Bearers of the Society.** President, Executive President, Vice President, Joint Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Council Member shall be the Office bearers of the Society and shall constitute the Executive Council of Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics. The Executive President, Vice Presidents, Executive Members, Joint Secretaries and Treasurer shall be elected from among the members of the Society by a secret ballot for a tenure of maximum of two consecutive calendar years with a provision to allow the present Executive Council to continue to function until new Executive Council takes over after expiry of the term with approval of the President.

1. **President:** Director General, ICAR shall deemed to be the Ex-officio President of Society as and when s/he occupies the said chair.

2. **Executive President:** There shall be one Executive President.

Keeping in view the dignity and reputation of the position, only renowned and active members taking interest in Society activities and also having long association with the Society as member shall be considered for the election to the position of Executive President. Members of the Society in active service and having association with Society for at least 25 years and occupying a rank higher than that of Secretary/Director of IASRI, would be eligible for election to the position of Executive President whereas for retired personnel who have association with Society for at least 25 years and having worked as Principal Scientist in ICAR or other Scientific organizations/Professor in the University/Joint Secretary in Government or equivalent would also be considered eligible for election to the position of Executive President.

3. **Vice Presidents:** There shall be four Vice Presidents. Out of the four positions of the Vice-Presidents, two shall be considered for continuation to the next tenure for the sake of continuity while other two shall be selected afresh every time. A candidate for Vice President should be a member of the Society for a continuous 20 (Twenty) years.

4. **Secretary:** Director, ICAR-IASRI shall deemed to be Ex-officio the Honorary Secretary of ISAS as and when he/she occupies the said chair.

5. **Joint Secretaries:** There shall be three Joint Secretaries. Two Joint Secretaries shall be from the headquarters of the Society (ICAR-IASRI Delhi) for facilitating day to day activities of the Society. Third Joint Secretary shall be from organizations outside IASRI headquarters for the purpose of better liaison and coordination with other organizations outside Delhi. In order to maintain continuity, only one of the two Joint Secretaries at Society headquarters (Delhi) shall be subjected to election every time.

A candidate for Joint Secretary should be a member of the Society for a continuous 10 (Ten) years.

6. **Treasurer:** There will be one treasurer. The candidate for the position of Treasurer shall be from any Delhi-based organization, other than IASRI and should be a member of the Society for at least five years.

The Treasurer shall keep accounts, receive and disburse money and operate accounts of the Society in the bank on behalf of the Society.

7. **Executive Council Members:** There shall be twelve positions of Executive Council members of the Society. Six of these positions may be filled afresh every time and the other six will continue for

other tenure. A candidate for Executive Council member should be a member of the Society for a continuous period of 10 years.

**Tenure:** The tenure of the Executive Council shall be of two years and not more than two consecutive terms be permitted for same position for the same person. The new Executive Council shall take charge of office on April 01.

### **Procedure of Election**

1. The election for office bearers of the Society shall be conducted by a Returning Officer nominated by the Executive Council. The Returning Officer shall not be a candidate for any position of the Executive Council.
2. A time frame for the entire election process (inviting nominations, dispatch of ballot papers, receipt of ballot papers, counting of ballots, etc.) should be worked out by the returning officer jointly with the Society office. The responsibility for inviting nominations to the available positions of Office bearers of Executive Council shall lie with the Returning Officer. The nominations duly proposed and seconded by members of the Society with the consent of the member whose name is being nominated (the person whose name is proposed should also be a member of the Society), should be returned to the Returning Officer by a specified date.
3. The nomination proforma should contain Name of Nominee, the Year of becoming Life Member, present designation/Last Designation held along with affiliation, whether in services or superannuated. The Proposer and seconder name, year of becoming life member, present designation/Last Designation held along with affiliation should also be included. It should also have acceptance of the nominee.
4. The Returning Officer shall scrutinize the nominations received for their validity.
5. The ballot shall contain the names and address of the contesting candidates duly numbered and signed by the returning officer.
6. After casting the vote, the ballot papers must be returned to the Returning Officer by the prescribed date to be indicated on the ballot paper. The ballots may be counted by the Returning Officer in the presence of at least two members of the Executive Council and the Contestants (optional). The members getting the highest votes will be declared elected.
7. In case of a tie, the immediate past Executive President will have the casting vote.
8. The result shall be announced by the Returning Officer.
9. In due course of time, efforts must be made to develop a procedure for electronic and digital voting for facilitating online election. The ballots may be generated online with proper authentication. If electronic means of voting are made available, then voting should be done through electronic means only and not through physical ballot paper.

### **Ex-Officio Nomination to the Executive Council**

The Director, Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute, New Delhi; Economic & Statistical Adviser, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, New Delhi and Chair, Editor Journal of the Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics will be the Ex-officio members of the Executive Council of the Society.