

By-Laws

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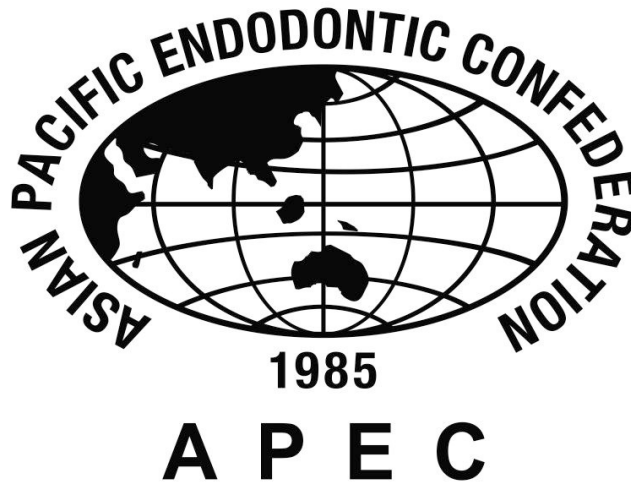
Asian Pacific Endodontic Confederation (APEC)

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PURPOSE OF THE BYLAWS

The Asian Pacific Endodontic Confederation, the Society/organization shall hereinafter the enactment of these By-Laws be referred to as “APEC”. By enactment of these By-Law the additional details of organization, operation of the activities and duties of APEC member countries and officers under the Constitution of the APEC are outlined.





ASIAN PACIFIC ENDODONTIC CONFEDERATION

CONSTITUTION

Article I - Name

The organisation shall be called the Asian Pacific Endodontic Confederation (hereafter referred to as the Confederation, or as APEC).

Article II - Address

The registered address of the Confederation shall be the Prince Philip Dental Hospital, 34 Hospital Road, Hong Kong or such other address as may be decided upon by the Council and approved by the Registrar of Societies in Hong Kong.

Article III - Objectives

1. To promote, develop and maintain high standards of endodontic research, teaching, and clinical practice in the Asian Pacific Region.
2. To cultivate and foster closer professional relationships between Endodontic Organizations, endodontists, dentists and other professional persons with an interest in Endodontics within the Asian Pacific Region.

Article IV - Membership and Privileges

1. There shall be five categories of membership:
 - i) Full
 - ii) Individual
 - iii) Affiliate
 - iv) Student
 - v) Honorary (including Honorary Life)
2. **Full Members (Society/Association members):**
 - i) National or other endodontic societies or associations from countries within the Asian Pacific

Region that have similar aims and activities to the Confederation shall be eligible to become Full Members of the Confederation but only one national society or association from each country will be eligible to join the Confederation. In countries where more than one society or association exists then only that society or association that has been duly recognised by, accredited by, or affiliated with that country's national dental or government body/agency will be eligible for membership of the Confederation and their application for membership must be accompanied by appropriate documentation to certify the recognition, accreditation or affiliation with that body/agency. If there is no appropriate body/agency in that country to give the necessary recognition, accreditation or affiliation then the Confederation's Council shall call for detailed submissions from the competing societies or associations and the Council shall decide by majority vote which society or association is the more suited one to be a member of the Confederation and to uphold the aims and help pursue the activities of the Confederation.

- ii) All fully subscribed members of each Full Member organization, as recognised by that organization's own constitution, rules and/or by-laws, shall automatically become members of the Confederation but they will not have individual voting rights.
- iii) Each Full Member organization shall be entitled to be represented by one Councillor on the Confederation's Council and each Councillor shall be eligible to be an Officer of the Confederation.
- iv) Each Full Member organization shall be entitled to one vote on the Confederation's Council and at General Meetings.
- v) Each Full Member organization shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership of the Confederation.

3. Individual Members:

- i) Individual Membership is open only to dentists resident in countries that do not have a national organization representing endodontics or whose national organization representing endodontics is not a member of the Confederation. Individual members must be dentists who are registered as such by the government dental registration authority in their country of residence and they must belong to at least one of the following groups:
 - a) Dentists who are registered by their government dental registration authority as a specialist endodontist;
 - b) Dentists whose practice consists of endodontics for at least 50% of their clinical time;
 - c) Dentists who are conducting, or have conducted, research in the field of endodontics, or have published scientific papers in dental journals in the field of endodontics;

Or

- d) Dentists who have received advanced education of at least two (2) years in the field of endodontics and have received a certificate of completion from an institution recognised by the government dental registration authority of their country of origin.
- ii) Individual Members will be entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership except their rights to vote and to hold office will be as follows:
 - a) Individual Members may elect from amongst themselves, one representative to the Confederation's Council for every ten (10) such Individual Members.
 - b) At no time shall the number of Councillors who represent Individual Members exceed half the number of Councillors representing Full Member organizations on Council.

4. Affiliate Members:

- i) Affiliate Members shall be individual general dentists, science-oriented persons or corporations with a genuine interest in endodontics and who are not eligible under any other category of membership.
- ii) Affiliate Members shall have all the rights and privileges of Individual Membership except they shall not be eligible to vote nor to hold office.

5. Student Members:

- i) Student Members shall be individual persons enrolled in a full time undergraduate or postgraduate university course in dentistry or endodontics provided they have been recommended to Council by one of their teachers.
- ii) Student Members shall have all the rights and privileges of Individual Membership except they shall not be eligible to vote nor to hold office.

6. Honorary Members and Honorary Life Members:

- i) Any Honorary Members and Honorary Life Members shall be selected on the basis of significant contribution to the field of endodontics and/or to the Confederation in attaining its objectives. Nominations may be made to the Council by any member of the Confederation. If necessary, Council may request documentary evidence of the nominee's contributions to endodontics and/or the Confederation to support the nomination.
- ii) Honorary Membership and Honorary Life Membership of the Confederation may be granted by a unanimous vote of the Council, subject to a two-thirds majority approval by the members present and eligible to vote at the next Biennial General Meeting.
- iii) Biennial General Meeting, or it may be conferred for Life, in which case the recipient will be known as an Honorary Life Member. The names of Honorary Members and Honorary Life Members will be announced and recorded at each Biennial General Meeting.
- iv) Honorary Members and Honorary Life Members shall have all the rights and privileges of Individual Membership except they shall not be eligible to vote nor to hold office.
- v) Honorary Members and Honorary Life Members shall be exempt from paying annual subscriptions.
- vi) Honorary Membership shall apply until the next Biennial General Meeting and then it may be renewed at each subsequent Biennial General meeting.

Article V - Election of Membership

1. Every candidate applying for Full, Individual, Affiliate or Student Membership shall complete an application form as may be prescribed by the Council from time to time. All applications shall be accompanied by the appropriate membership subscription fee for the first year of membership and by any other documentation required by this Constitution or by Council to assess the application.
2. A candidate for Full, Individual, Affiliate or Student Membership shall be elected to membership by a simple majority vote of the members of Council, and may alternatively be done by electronic communication in the period between Council meetings.
3. All members of the Confederation shall pay the appropriate subscription fee on a regular basis as prescribed by the Council in order to maintain their membership status within the Confederation.

Article VI - Termination of Membership

1. Any Member may resign by giving notice in writing to the Confederation's Secretary.
2. Any member whose subscription fee is in arrears for three months, and whose reason for the non-payment of this fee is not accepted by the Council, shall automatically forfeit membership in the Confederation and will be notified by the Secretary of the said termination.
3. Discontinuance of membership for reasons other than voluntary termination or failure to pay subscriptions, shall be by an action of the Council. The member whose membership is threatened shall be so notified by the Secretary and the member shall be entitled to appear before Council before any action is taken.

Article VII - General Meetings

1. Biennial General Meetings:

- i) Biennial General Meetings of the Confederation will be held at least every two (2) years at a place and a time determined by the Council.
- ii) The Agenda for each Biennial General Meeting shall include the following:
 - a) Confirmation of the Minutes of the last Biennial General Meeting and any subsequent Extraordinary General Meeting(s)
 - b) Matters arising from the Minutes
 - c) President's Report
 - d) Secretary's Report
 - e) Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements
 - f) Amendments to the Constitution, if any
 - g) Election of relevant Officers of the Confederation and ratification of Councillors
 - h) Election of Honorary Auditors
 - i) Election of Honorary Members and Honorary Life Members, if required
 - j) Announcement of all Honorary Members and Honorary Life Members
 - k) Resolutions, if any
 - l) Other business of which 14 days' previous notice in writing shall have been given to the Secretary.
 - m) Any other matter, subject to the President's approval, of which no previous notice has been given.
- iii) Notice of Biennial General Meetings shall be given in writing or electronic communication to all members of the Confederation by the Secretary at least two months before the date fixed for such a meeting.

Bylaw 1:

Article VII 1 (iii): Notice of Biennial General Meetings shall be in writing and may be sent either by post or electronic communication to all members of the APEC by the Secretary *at least one month* before the date fixed for such meeting.

- iv) At least one month before the Biennial General Meeting, the Secretary shall circulate to all members the following:

Bylaw 2:

Article VII 1 (iv): At least two weeks prior to the Biennial General Meeting, the secretary shall circulate to all the members by electronic/other means the following:

- a) The Agenda for the Meeting
 - b) Minutes of the previous Biennial General Meeting and of any subsequent Extraordinary General Meeting(s)
 - c) President's Report
 - d) Secretary's Report
 - e) Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements
 - f) Proposed amendments to the Constitution, if any
 - g) Resolutions, if any
 - h) Call for Nominations and send out Nomination Forms for Officers of the Confederation.
- v) Any Member who is eligible to vote may submit to a Biennial General Meeting a resolution or proposed amendments to the Constitution, provided notice in writing is given to the Secretary at least one month before the Meeting.

Bylaw 3:

Article VII 1 (v): Any Member who is eligible to vote may submit to a Biennial General Meeting a resolution or proposed amendments to the Constitution, provided notice in writing is given to the Secretary at least two weeks prior to the Meeting.

- vi) The quorum for Biennial General Meetings shall be one fifth of the total number of Members who are eligible to vote at such a meeting.
- vii) If a Councillor cannot attend the meeting, he/she may nominate a proxy by informing the Secretary in writing at least seven days prior to the Biennial General Meeting.
- viii) Voting shall be by a show of hands unless a secret ballot is deemed to be necessary by the Meeting.
- ix) A resolution or motion shall be deemed to be carried if a simple majority of the eligible voting Members present at the Meeting vote in its favour, unless otherwise stated in the Constitution or Bylaws.
- x) In the absence of the President, the President-Elect shall chair the Meeting. If both are absent, then the next most senior member of Council shall chair the meeting.
- xi) In the event of a tie the Chairperson of the Meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to his/her original vote.

2. Extraordinary General Meetings:

- i) The Council may at any time and for any specific reason call for an Extraordinary General Meeting.
- ii) The Council shall call for an Extraordinary General Meeting if a request for such a meeting is made in writing to the Secretary by not less than one third of the total number of Members who are eligible to vote at such a meeting.
- iii) The Council shall fix the date, time and venue for the Meeting no later than one month after the receipt of such a request.
- iv) Notice of the Extraordinary General Meeting shall be given in writing by the Secretary to all members of the Confederation at least three weeks before the meeting and such notice shall include an Agenda and indicate the purpose of the Meeting.
- v) The quorum for Extraordinary General Meetings shall be one fifth of the total number of Members who are eligible to vote at such a meeting.
- vi) The Meeting shall be cancelled if the number of Members present is insufficient to constitute a quorum.
- vii) No Extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened for the same purpose until a period of at least one month has elapsed.
- viii) The Meeting shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures laid out in Article VII Clause Paragraphs (vii) to (xi) of this Constitution.

Article VIII - Council of the Confederation

1. The Confederation shall be managed by a Council, the members of which, apart from the President and Councillors, shall be elected at each Biennial General Meeting and will consist of the following, in order of seniority:
 - i) a President
 - ii) a President-Elect
 - iii) a Secretary
 - iv) a Treasurer - but this position may be combined with that of the Secretary, if the majority of eligible voting members present at the Biennial General Meeting so decide when electing Officers of the Confederation for the ensuing biennial period. and
 - v) Councillors. Each Full Member organization may be represented by a Councillor nominated by their respective organizations and ratified at the Biennial General Meeting. In addition, there may be one Councillor for every ten (10) Individual Members but at no time shall the number of such representatives exceed half the number of representatives of Full Member organizations.

Bylaw 4:

Article VIII 1

- vi) Education Committee: The officers of APEC shall appoint the Education Committee members for one term. A person who has been councillors of the Confederation for at least one term shall be deemed eligible for the post of Chairperson of such committee.
 - vii) International Outreach Committee: The officers of APEC shall appoint the International Outreach Committee members for one term. A person who has been councillors of the Confederation for at least one term shall be deemed eligible for the post of Chairperson of such committee.
 - viii) Research Committee: The officers of APEC shall appoint the Research Committee members. A person who has been councillors of the Confederation for at least one term, and who has had research experience, shall be deemed eligible for the post of Chairperson of such committee.
2. The Immediate Past President shall be a non-voting *Ex Officio* member of the Council for the term following the completion of his term of office as President, unless he is otherwise elected to another Office or as a Council member.
3. The President, President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer shall be collectively referred to as the Officers of the Confederation whilst the other members of the Council shall be known as Councillors. When a Councillor is elected as an Officer of the Confederation, he/she will vacate his/her position as Councillor, and his/her Endodontic organization will be eligible to appoint a new Councillor to fill the vacant position.

Bylaw 5:

Article VIII 3

The President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer and Chairpersons, Education Committee, International Outreach Committee and Research committee shall be collectively referred to as the Officers of the Confederation whilst the other members of the Council shall be known as Councillors. When a Councillor is elected as an Officer of APEC, he/she will vacate his/her position as Councillor, and his/her Endodontic organization will be eligible to appoint a new Councillor to fill the vacant position.

4. Nominees for the post of President and Secretary should have been a member of the Council previously.

Bylaw 6:

Article VIII 4

Nominees for the post of President and Secretary should have been a member of the Council previously. No person shall be nominated for more than one post by the member societies.

5. Each Council shall hold office for a two-year term until the next Biennial General Meeting. All members of the Council shall be eligible for re-election at each Biennial General Meeting, except the President and the President-Elect who will automatically succeed to office as the Immediate Past President and President respectively.
6. One representative of each Full Member organization shall be nominated as Councillor to the Council by their organization, and then ratified by a simple majority vote of eligible voting members at each Biennial General Meeting. Nominations must be signed by the President (or his nominee) of the national Endodontic organization and should be on a form provided by, and submitted to, the Secretary of the Confederation prior to each Biennial General Meeting at which the election will take office. If the nominated representative is not approved by a majority vote of members at the Biennial General Meeting then that Full Member shall be asked by the Confederation's President to nominate another representative who must be approved by a majority vote of the incoming Council.
7. A group of ten (10) Individual Members from countries whose national endodontic societies or associations are not members of the Confederation may nominate a representative for election to Council and this nomination must be ratified by a simple majority vote of eligible voting members at each Biennial General Meeting. Nominations must be signed by all ten nominating Individual Members and each of these nominating members will only be eligible to nominate one such representative. The nominations must be presented on a form provided by, and submitted to, the Secretary of the Confederation prior to each Biennial General Meeting at which the election will take place. Representatives of Individual Members elected under this Paragraph may become Officers of the Confederation provided they have been elected to such a position by a majority vote of eligible members at each Biennial General Meeting.

8. Voting will be by a simple majority vote. Each member of the Council will be eligible to have one vote. If there is a tie, the President, or in his absence the Chairperson of the meeting, will have the casting vote. Members of Council will be eligible to submit their vote in writing to the Secretary prior to any meeting which he is unable to attend or they may vote by proxy with appropriate delegation of power to another Council member provided the Secretary has been informed in writing at least seven days prior to the Council meeting.
9. The Council may formulate rules, including By-Laws and standing orders, to regulate all matters not provided for in the Constitution, and to do all such things necessary for attaining the objectives of the Confederation, provided such rules, By-Laws and orders shall not be inconsistent with or in contravention to this Constitution.
10. The Council may raise funds, accept donations and receive aid as necessary to promote its objectives.
11. The Council may establish sub-committees as necessary.
12. If a casual vacancy occurs amongst the Councillors, and this position was held by a representative of a Full Member organization, then the Full Member organization shall be asked to nominate a replacement. Replacement representatives must be accepted by majority vote of the remainder of the Council and any such replacement shall hold that position on Council for the remainder of the term of the person being replaced. A vacancy amongst the Councillors elected by Individual Members may be left vacant till the next Biennial General Meeting.
13. If a casual or other vacancy occurs amongst the Officers of the Confederation, then the next most senior Officer shall automatically succeed to the vacant office until the next Biennial General Meeting and the Council shall elect another Officer from amongst the Councillors to fill the resultant vacant office until the next Biennial General Meeting.
14. If a vote of no confidence is passed against the Council at an Extraordinary General Meeting, the Council shall immediately resign and the Meeting shall proceed to elect new Officers of the Confederation.
15. If the Council should resign *en bloc*, its resignation may only be accepted at an Extraordinary General Meeting which has been called for this purpose and the Meeting shall then proceed to elect new Officers of the Confederation.
16. A Council elected in accordance with Paragraphs 13 and 14 of this Article shall hold office for the remainder of the term of office of the Council it replaces.

Article IX - Powers and Duties of the Officers of the Confederation

1. The **President** shall:

- i) Be responsible for the overall management and activities of the Confederation.
- ii) Take the Chair at all meetings of the Confederation and the Council.
- iii) Have the right to call meetings of the Council.
- iv) Be one of the signatories of the Confederation's bank account as prescribed in Article X, Clause 6 of this Constitution unless he has nominated another member of the Council for this duty and the Council has approved this action.
- v) Prepare and present a President's Report at each Biennial General Meeting.
- vi) Prepare and circulate, in conjunction with the Secretary, a regular newsletter to all members of the Confederation in order to keep the membership informed of the Confederation's activities and meetings.

Bylaw 7:

Article IX 1

- vii) Shall appoint the Chairs of the APEC committees for his/her term.

2. The **President-Elect** shall:

- i) Become familiar with the role and responsibilities of the President and automatically succeed to the office of President at the next Biennial General Meeting following his election to office as President-Elect.
- ii) Act for the President in his absence.
- iii) Succeed to the Chair of any Biennial General Meeting, any Extraordinary General Meeting or Council meeting in the event that the President is absent.
- iv) Succeed to the office of President if it falls vacant and he/she shall hold such office for the remainder of the term of office of the President being replaced, in addition to his/her own term of office.

3. The **Secretary** shall:

- i) Be responsible for calling all meetings approved by the President and the Council
- ii) Keep minutes of all Biennial General Meetings, Extraordinary Meetings and Council meetings
- iii) Conduct and maintain full records of the correspondence of the Confederation, the Council and the Officers of the Confederation.
- iv) Prepare a Secretary's Report for each Biennial General Meeting and submit it for approval of the Council prior to circulation to members
- v) Be responsible for all material assets of the Confederation and assist the Treasurer in his responsibility for the financial assets of the Confederation
- vi) Maintain, in conjunction with the Treasurer, an up-to-date register of all members of the Confederation
- vii) Assist the President with the production and circulation of a regular newsletter to all members.

4. The **Treasurer** shall:

- i) Be responsible for the conduct of the financial affairs of the Confederation as prescribed in Article X of this Constitution
- ii) Be one of the signatories of the Confederation's bank account as prescribed in Article X, Clause 6 of this Constitution
- iii) Be responsible for the preparation of a Budget with the approval of the Council
- iv) Accept all monies paid to the Confederation and be responsible for the collection of all subscriptions and issue receipts thereof
- v) Keep accounts of the Confederation in an appropriate manner
- vi) Pay all monies received into an account approved by the Council in the name of the Confederation except such amounts as may be decided by the Council to be held as Petty Cash
- vii) Disburse such funds on the order of the President or the Council whichever is applicable
- viii) Prepare and present a Treasurer's Report at regular intervals as prescribed by the Council
- ix) Prepare and present a Treasurer's Report and the Statements of Accounts and submit them to the Council and to each Biennial General Meeting
- x) Maintain and submit to Council each year, in conjunction with the Secretary, a list of all members indicating their subscription status.

5. The **Councillors** shall:

- i) Perform any duties as may be directed by the Council or its Officers
- ii) Attend Council meetings and assist the Officers of the Confederation with their duties
- iii) Do all things possible to promote the Confederation and to assist the Confederation with achieving its objectives.

Bylaw 8:

Article IX

6. The **Education Committee** shall:

- i) The Education Committee will be responsible for the advancement and development of endodontic education throughout all nations in the Asian pacific region.
- ii) The Education Committee will also endeavour to determine and assist with the development of special educational needs of the Confederation's Member Societies/Associations.
- iii) The Chairperson Education committee shall be allowed to form a team to implement and execute the ideas and work with approval from the President of the Confederation.
- iv) The Chairperson Education committee shall facilitate the requests from other member countries for APEC to be partner in their national events.
- v) The Chairperson Education committee shall attend all Council meetings as a non-voting member, and also receive all official reports submitted to Council in order to be fully aware of all aspects of functioning of APEC.
- vi) The outgoing Chairperson shall share all information and materials relating to the Committee to the succeeding chair to facilitate the smooth transition of duties and responsibilities and shall forward all other permanently valuable documentation to the APEC Archives.

Bylaw 9:

Article IX

7. The **International Outreach Committee** shall:

- i) The International Outreach Committee shall help increase societies exposure to APEC and improve APEC presence in all countries of Asia and the Pacific region in order to facilitate the betterment of the endodontic specialty and encourage new APEC memberships.
- ii) The Chairperson International Outreach Committee shall approach all endodontic societies the Asia and the Pacific region, in order to facilitate them in their efforts to improve their organizations and endodontic standards,
- iii) The Chairperson International Outreach Committee shall help establish endodontic societies or associations in countries which do not have such societies as also countries where endodontics remain under the governance of other societies like restorative/conservative societies. The main function is to facilitate in improving endodontic standards and representation in these countries.

- iv) The Chairperson International Outreach Committee shall help improve endodontics in countries where it is underrepresented. This will entail involvement in the academic process in these countries.
- v) The Chairperson International Outreach committee shall attend all Council meetings as a non-voting member, and be aware of all aspects of APEC activity through receipt of all official reports submitted to Council.
- vi) The outgoing Chairperson shall share all information and materials relating to the Committee to the succeeding chair to facilitate the smooth transition of duties and responsibilities and shall forward all other permanently valuable documentation to the APEC Archives.

Bylaw 10:

Article IX

8. The **Research Committee** shall:

- i) The Research Committee shall be responsible for constituting various research grants for the members of member country societies.
- ii) The Chairman, Research Committee in consultation with the President APEC shall decide the names & amount for the various research grant.
- iii) The Chairman, Research Committee shall constitute a sub-committee of the President, President Elect and Immediate past president, if required with some other appointed members, to scrutinize the applications for the grant and this committee shall finalise the recipient.
- iv) The Chairman, Research Committee shall provide a written report to the officers of APEC prior to the BGM outlining the Committee's activities and achievements throughout the preceding year.
- v) The Chairman, Research Committee shall adopt rules for its own government, in consultation with the committee, provided such rules are not inconsistent with the APEC By-Laws or with any other rules adopted by the APEC.

Article X - Subscriptions and Financial Management

1. The annual subscription fees for Full, Individual, Affiliate and Student Members shall be determined by the Council.
2. Honorary Members and Honorary Life Members shall not be required to pay subscription fees.
3. Annual subscriptions shall be due in the first three months of the financial year.
4. The financial year shall begin on the 1st April and end on 31st March.
5. The Treasurer shall open and conduct a bank account in the name of the Confederation as the Council may direct and he shall deposit therein all monies received except as prescribed in Article IX Clause 4 Paragraph (vi) of this Constitution.
6. In addition to the Treasurer, the President or one other member of the Council as prescribed in Article IX Clause 1 Paragraph (iv) of this Constitution shall also be a signatory to the Confederation's bank account but this authority is only to be used in the absence of the Treasurer or if the Treasurer is unable to carry out his duties at any time.

Bylaw 11:

Article X

6. In addition to the Treasurer, the President and/or the President-elect shall be signatory to the Confederation's bank account, but this authority is only to be used in the absence of the Treasurer or if the Treasurer is unable to carry out his duties at any time.
7. All cheques shall be signed by the Treasurer but the alternative signatory described in Clause 6 of this Article may sign cheques in the absence of the Treasurer or if the Treasurer is unable to carry out his duties at any time.
8. The Council shall be empowered to invest or deposit any surplus funds as it deems fit.
9. The accounts of the Confederation shall be audited at the end of the financial year by the Honorary Auditors.
10. The income of the Confederation, however derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objectives as set out in Article III of this Constitution.

Bylaw 12:

Article X

11. APEC shall maintain a website and bear the cost of hosting, designing and maintaining the same. The President of APEC is empowered to appoint any person from the Council for performing this function.

Article XI - Amendments to the Constitution

1. Amendments to the Constitution shall only be made at a Biennial General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting that has been specifically called for the purpose of amending the Constitution.
2. Such amendments shall be circulated to all members of the Confederation at least one month prior to their presentation at the Biennial or Extraordinary General Meeting at which the amendments will be discussed and voted upon.
3. Such amendments shall be passed only if two-thirds of the total number of Members eligible to vote and present at the Biennial or Extraordinary General Meeting vote in favour of the amendments.
4. No amendments shall come into effect without the prior sanction of the Registrar of Societies in Hong Kong.

Article XII - Dissolution

1. The Confederation shall not be dissolved except with the consent of not less than two-thirds of the eligible voting members of the Confederation and only after voting at a Biennial General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting that has been called specifically for the purpose of deciding upon dissolution. Members must be informed of the proposed resolution for dissolution of the Confederation according to Article VII of this Constitution.
2. Notice of dissolution shall be given within seven days of the dissolution to the Registrar of Societies in Hong Kong.
3. If upon dissolution of the Confederation and after payment of all debts and liabilities there remain any assets whatsoever then these assets shall be distributed amongst those Confederation members who were fully subscribed financial members at the time of dissolution of the Confederation. These assets shall be distributed proportionally according to the subscription fees paid by the members in the financial year during which the dissolution occurs.

Article XIII - Employment

If necessary, the Confederation may take on employees whose employment, discharge and salaries shall be decided by the Council.

Article XIV - Debts and Liabilities

The debts and liabilities of the Confederation to persons other than members shall be determined in accordance with the general principles of the law of agency.

Bylaw 13:

Article XV- APEC Scientific Congress.

1. AEPC Scientific Congress

APEC Scientific Congress shall be held every two years along with Biennial General Body meeting.

2. Aims and objectives of APEC Congress

- i) Promote the standard of endodontics and endodontology throughout the Asian pacific region.
- ii) Provide a forum for the dissemination of endodontic knowledge and related topics.
- iii) Promote fellowship amongst members of the dental and endodontic profession.
- iv) Showcase the latest materials and technology at associated trade displays.

3. Name of the conference and logo

- i) The name of the conference shall be in the format. 20th, 21st APEC Scientific Congress.
- ii) The Logo of APEC shall be prominently displayed on the website and promotion material.

4. Language

The language of the APEC Congress shall be English. The local Organizing committee shall make arrangements for translation in local language, if required.

5. Structure of the Congress

The Congress shall, to the extent possible, adopt the following structure of its program / event:

- i) Opening ceremony.
- ii) Scientific program.
- iii) Accompanying Persons/ spouse programs.
- iv) Trade exhibition
- v) Other social events including a Welcome Reception and Gala Dinner.
- vi) Optional pre- and post-Congress tours
- vii) Hands on workshops

6. Speakers of the APEC Congress.

- i) The local Organizing committee shall invite speakers of International repute to the congress.
- ii) Each member country shall nominate a country speaker for the congress. The country representative speaker is entitled for complimentary registration and entry to all social events.
- iii) The Local organizing committee shall also make arrangements for the delegates and students to make scientific presentations.
- iv) The Local organizing committee shall take a consent from the speakers for video recording of the event. APEC and local organizing committee shall not be held responsible in case a delegate has recorded any portion of the lecture.

7. Invited Guest

- i) The local organizing committee shall invite the President or the nominee from other International endodontic organizations like of IFEA, AAE & ESE. They shall be entitled for complimentary registration, accommodation and entry to all social events.
- ii) The President of APEC is entitled for the airfare by economy class, complimentary registration, accommodation and entry to all social events. The spouse of the President is entitled for complimentary registration, accommodation and entry to all social events.
- iii) Officers of APEC are entitled for complimentary registration, accommodation and entry to all social events.
- iv) All the council members shall be invited to all social events complimentary.

8. Venue country of the congress:

The conference shall be held on rotation basis in the following three (3) regions by the geography. The new countries joining APEC may be placed in appropriate region by the officers of APEC. The regions may be reorganized if required in the BGM with a prior notice.

- Region A: Australia, Hongkong, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Philippines, USA
- Region B: Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Singapore, Thailand
- Region C: Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, UAE

9. Bid for the congress:

- i) Bids shall be invited by the secretary of APEC along with the notice of BGM.
- ii) Bids of the conference shall be invited by the secretary of APEC 4 years in advance.

- iii) The bids may be submitted by the member countries who have no previous dues, to the secretary of APEC at least 15 days before the Biennial General Meeting.
- iv) The Bids may be sent by only those member countries who fall in the region where the conference is proposed to be held.
- v) In case of more than one bid, voting shall take place. Voting will be by a simple majority vote. Each member of the Council will be eligible to have one vote. If there is a tie, the President, or in his absence the Chairperson of the meeting, will have the casting vote. Members of Council will be eligible to submit their vote in writing to the Secretary prior to any meeting, in case they are unable to attend, they are also permitted to vote by proxy with appropriate delegation of power to another Council member provided the Secretary has been informed in writing at least seven days prior to the Council meeting.
- vi) In case there is no bid received from the allocated region in time, the Secretary of APEC shall have the liberty to invite the bid from the next region. The secretary of APEC shall inform all the other member countries of the next region at least 7 days in advance. If the secretary fails to receive a bid from that region too, he shall call for the bids from the next region during the Biennial General Meeting.
- vii) The congress shall move to the next region; in case no country has applied for the bid in time. The next turn for participation in the bid shall accrue only by rotation.

10. Bid document:

The bid documents shall necessarily have the following along with other details:

- i) Letter of intent from the member country society agreeing to the rules and regulation of APEC regarding the congress. The member country shall also agree not to hold any other parallel event during that year.
- ii) Details of the Local Organising Committee.
- iii) Proposed dates & Venue details. The congress shall preferably be held in the first half of the year between Jan and June.
- iv) Details, if the bid is supported by and Govt. ministry/agency
- v) Expected financial Profit from the congress.
- vi) Details of all previous dues paid.
- vii) Logistic details (Venue, availability of the hotels, air connectivity etc.)
- viii) Letter from the Chairperson of the Local organizing committee, in case they win the bid the

event shall be insured.

- ix) Details of the professional conference organizer to hold the event.
- x) Expected registration fees. In case registration fees is more than fee prescribed at the last congress, it has to be approved by the council.
- xi) List of previous conference organized with delegate numbers.
- xii) Details of weather, currency name and exchange rate.
- xiii) Details of the political stability and any visa restriction if any, in that country.

The bid document should be submitted in PDF form to the Secretary 15 days in advance to the Secretary. The same document shall be shared in hard/soft copy to the Council before the Biennial General Meeting. The bid will have to be presented during the Biennial General Meeting in power point/similar software to the Council.

11. Profit of the congress:

The member country should agree to pay AUD 5000 or 40% of the profit whichever is more to APEC. The Confederation is not liable for any financial losses incurred during organizing such conferences. The profit shall be settled with in a period of 8 months after the congress is over.

12. Cancellation policy:

In case any member country is not able to hold the conference due to any unavoidable reason, they need to inform the Secretary at least 2 years in advance. Failure to do so will result in a liability of AUD 5000, payable to the Confederation as penalty. However, the officers of the confederation have the discretion to completely / partially waive off this amount.

The Secretary after being duly informed about a member country's inability to hold the conference shall invite the other member countries of that region to send their bids and the officers of the APEC can decide on it.