

# Amendment No. 018 / 2021

The resolution was collectively proposed and accepted unanimously by the Board of Directors in its meeting on October 27, 2020. The resolution was then presented for the approval of members via email on February 8, 2021, which was accepted with majority consent. The resolution was thus ratified by General Members and was adopted with immediate effect.

## Section 3.1(e) of the Constitution:

Annual membership period is from Saraswati Puja to one day prior to following year's Saraswati Puja. A person or a family can apply for annual membership by paying the annual membership fee at the time of Saraswati Puja or any time up to Durga Puja of that year. Annual Membership status will remain in effect from the time of membership to the following Saraswati Puja. No proration in the annual membership fees will be allowed, i.e., full membership fee has to be paid regardless of timing of payment.

All officers: BOD and EC should renew their memberships during Saraswati Puja to keep their membership always good standing. Similarly, nominees and members should renew their membership during Saraswati Puja to be eligible candidates or vote in BOD election during Saraswati Puja

## Shall be replaced by:

i. Annual membership period is from Saraswati Puja to one day prior to following year's Saraswati Puja. A person or a family can apply for annual membership by paying the annual membership fee at the time of Saraswati Puja or any time up to Durga Puja of that year. Annual Membership status will remain in effect from the time of membership to the following Saraswati Puja. No proration in the annual membership fees will be allowed, i.e., full membership fee must be paid regardless of timing of payment.

ii. A member in good standing is the status assigned to a member of BAGA when the member has remained current on organization records by paying the membership dues (in person or online) on or before the Saraswati Puja day for that year. Accordingly, a member loses the good standing status for the year if membership due is not paid on or before the day of Saraswati Puja.

iii. All EC & BOD officers and all applicants/nominees must renew their memberships by Saraswati Puja to keep their membership always in good standing. All BAGA members should have paid 2 (two) consecutive membership dues to be eligible to vote in any BAGA election. For a BOD election on Saraswati Puja day, all members should renew their membership by Saraswati Puja of that calendar year to be eligible to vote.

