**ELECTION**

**Dr.K H Sathyanarayana Rao**

1. Election Officer shall be appointed by the State Council from among past Presidents / Vice-Presidents /Secretaries of Karnataka branch or erstwhile KT Branch of IADVL.
2. Secretary and Senior Joint –Secretary shall be Retuning Officer & Joint Returning Officer.
3. Election shall be held annually for the following posts of office bearers:

President Elect: One

Vice-Presidents: Two

Joint Secretaries: Two

 Executive Committee Members : The number of EC members to be elected as in the

 constitution be modified as the maximum number is not mandatory

 number.

**Of the EC members, there will be one member from each zone who will also be called as Zonal coordinators. Their job will be to coordinate activities in the zone, conduct zonal quiz, one zonal subspeciality meeting under the banner of Karnataka branch and submit a report for MIDCUTICON and CUTICON KN**

Election for the posts of Secretary and Treasurer shall be held once in two years.

1. Election shall be held by calling nominations from the floor of the Annual General Body Meeting.
2. A candidate’s nomination has to be proposed by a life member of the Karnataka branch of IADVL and has to be seconded by another such member.
3. The proposed candidate must be eligible for the specific post and willing to contest and take up the post, if elected.
4. The proposed candidate as well as the two proposers must be physically present in the house.
5. If there is only one valid nomination for a given post, it shall be taken as unanimous election to the specific post.
6. If the number of candidates proposed is more than one for the post concerned, or more than the number of posts available, voting shall be held.
7. Voting shall be by show of raised hands; but if found necessary by the house, it shall be by secret ballots.
8. President elect shall assume the post of President during the subsequent association year. By convention, if there are no other valid nominations, sitting office bearers shall assume the next higher post during subsequent association year after completion of their tenure, subject to approval by the AGB: Joint Secretary 2 > Joint Secretary 1 > Treasurer > Secretary > Vice-President 1 > Vice-President 2 > President Elect.
9. By convention, an experienced senior member, who has not held any official post in the Karnataka branch of IADVL in the past, but is otherwise eligible, is nominated to the post of Vice-President on alternate association years. This is subject to approval by the AGB.
10. President and Vice-Presidents shall not be eligible to contest for a second term.
11. All disputes in connection with the election process shall be resolved by an arbitration committee appointed by the state council, consisting of three past Presidents / Vice-Presidents of Karnataka branch or erstwhile KT branch of IADVL.
12. The provisions under this SOP are subject to amendments and review by the AGB.
13. Number of EC members required as per the constitution shall be treated as the maximum number allowed. If it is not possible to elect that number from the floor of the house by nomination, then the executive committee can be allowed to appoint at their discretion.