#### विरोध का समाधान करने की प्रक्रिया

- 11. (1) सदस्य यथाशीघ्र हित में विरोध का प्रकटीकरण करेगा।
- (2) यदि किसी सदस्य को यह संदेह है कि हितों में विरोध है या नहीं तो इसके लिए वह अध्यक्ष से निर्णय मांग सकता है।
- (3) यदि अध्यक्ष को यह संदेह है कि हितों में विरोध है या नहीं तो इसके लिए वह शासी बोर्ड से निर्णय मांग सकता है।
- (4) यदि अध्यक्ष या शासी बोर्ड, जैसा भी मामला हो, यह निर्णय करे कि हितों में विरोध है तो वह सदस्य या अध्यक्ष उस मामले के निपटान से अलग रहेगा।
- (5) अध्यक्ष या शासी बोर्ड, जैसा भी मामला हो, वह मामला किसी अन्य सदस्य या सदस्यों की किसी समिति को सौंपेगा।

## जनता द्वारा हितों में विरोध का उल्लेख करने की प्रक्रिया

- 12. (1) कोई व्यक्ति जिसके पास यह विश्वास करने का तर्कसंगत आधार है कि किसी सदस्य का किसी विशेष मामले में कोई हित है तो वह भौतिक साक्ष्य के साथ उसे सचिव के ध्यान में ला सकता है।
- (2) सचिव उपखंड (1) के अधीन किसी सदस्य के मामले में अध्यक्ष और अध्यक्ष के मामले में शासी बोर्ड के समक्ष विवरण प्रस्तुत करेगा।
- (3) अध्यक्ष या शासी बोर्ड, जैसा भी मामला हो, निर्णय करेंगे कि किसी सदस्य या अध्यक्ष का ऐसा कोई हित है जिसके द्वारा निर्णय प्रभावित होने की संभावना है।
- (4) यदि अध्यक्ष या शासी बोर्ड यह निर्णय करे कि हितों का विरोध है तो सदस्य या अध्यक्ष, जैसा भी मामला हो, उस विशेष मामले का निपटान करने से अलग रहेंगे।
- (5) अध्यक्ष या शासी बोर्ड, जैसा भी मामला हो, उस मामले को किसी अन्य सदस्य या सदस्यों की समिति को सौंपेगे।

## प्रकटीकरण का अनुरक्षण

- 13. (1) इस चार्टर के अधीन प्रकट की गई सूचना को गोपनीय रखा जाएगा और प्रकट नहीं किया जाएगा।
- (2) खंड (1) के प्रावधानों के होते हुए भी यह सूचना निम्नलिखित परिस्थितियों में केवल प्राधिकृत व्यक्तियों को प्रकट की जा सकती है जबकि:
  - क. संभावित या वास्तविक विरोध का समाधान करने के प्रयोजनों के लिए प्रकटीकरण आवश्यक हो; या
  - ख. सूचना प्रकट करने की कोई कानूनी या नियामक बाध्यता हो।
- (3) किसी सदस्य द्वारा किए गए प्रकटीकरण की संवीक्षा अध्यक्ष के प्राधिकार से उस सदस्य के दायित्वों के क्षेत्र का पूरा सम्मान करते हुए की जाएगी।
- (4) अध्यक्ष द्वारा किए गए प्रकटीकरण की संवीक्षा शासी बोर्ड के प्राधिकार से अध्यक्ष के दायित्वों के क्षेत्र का पूरा सम्मान करते हुए की जाएगी।
- (5) सचिव इस चार्टर के अधीन सदस्यों द्वारा किए गए प्रकटीकरण से संबंधित दस्तावेजों/रिकार्डों को रखेगा और उनकी अभिरक्षा करेगा।

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[विज्ञापन III/4/असा./403/16]

## INSOLVENCY AND BANKRUPTCY BOARD OF INDIA NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2017

Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Procedure for Governing Board Meetings) Regulations, 2017

**IBBI/2016-17/GN/REG007.**— In exercise of the powers conferred by section 192(1) read with section 240 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016, the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India hereby makes the following regulations, namely:—

## <u>Chapter I</u> Preliminary

#### 1. Short title and commencement.

- (1) These regulations may be called Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Procedure for Governing Board Meetings) Regulations, 2017.
- (2) These regulations shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

#### 2. Definitions.

- (1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:—
  - (a) "Board" means the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India established under section 188(1) of the Code;
  - (b) "Chairperson" means the Chairperson of the Board;
  - (c) "Code" means the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016;
  - (d) "Governing Board" means the Board of Members constituted under section 189(1) of the Code;
  - (e) "Member" means a Member of the Board and includes the Chairperson, appointed under section 189 of the Code:
  - (f) "Schedule" means schedule attached to these Regulations;
  - (g) "Secretary" means Secretary to the Governing Board designated under regulation 9(1) of these Regulations.
- (2) Words and expressions used and not defined in these Regulations but defined in the Code shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in the Code.

#### Chapter II Businesses

#### 3. Governing Board Businesses.

- (1) The Governing Board shall transact the following businesses:-
  - (i) Regulations to be made under section 240;
  - (ii) Annual Accounts and Audit under section 223;
  - (iii) Annual Budget under section 228;
  - (iv) Annual Report under section 229;
  - (v) Delegation of Powers under section 230;
  - (vi) Operations Manuals for various activities;
  - (vii) Timelines for Disposal of various activities;
  - (viii) Expenditures above Rs.5 crore;
  - (ix) Location of Office Premises;
  - (x) Number and categories of employees and their compensation;
  - (xi) Accommodation for Chairperson and Whole Time Members under Rule 12 of the IBBI (Salary, Allowances and other Terms and Conditions of Service of Chairperson and members) Rules, 2016;
  - (xii) Any other as may be specifically required by the Governing Board from time to time;
  - (xiii) Any other as may be brought before the Governing Board from time to time; and
  - (xiv) Any other as may be required under any law for the time being in force.
- (2) The business shall be transacted, as far as possible, in meetings of the Governing Board:

**Provided** that a Member may attend a meeting through video conferencing:

**Provided further** that wherever considered necessary, a business may be transacted by a resolution passed by circulation of an agenda to the Members:

**Provided further** that a resolution passed through circulation of the agenda to the Members shall be placed before the next meeting of the Governing Board for ratification.

## Chapter III Meetings

#### 4. Convening of Meetings.

(1) There shall be at least four meetings of the Governing Board in a year and at least one meeting in each quarter.

- (2) The Chairperson or in his absence, any other Member nominated by the Chairperson in this behalf, may convene the meetings of the Governing Board.
- (3) Any three Members may require the Chairperson to convene a meeting of the Governing Board at any time and the Chairperson shall convene the meeting of the Governing Board accordingly:
  - **Provided** that if the Chairperson is not available, any three Members may require the Secretary to convene the meeting of the Governing Board.
- (4) The meetings of the Governing Board shall be held at such times and places in India as may be specified in the notice convening the meeting.
- (5) The meetings of the Governing Board shall ordinarily be held at its head office:
  - **Provided** that the Governing Board may also hold meetings at its other offices or at any other place in India, whenever, in the opinion of the Governing Board, it is expedient to do so.
- (6) The Chairperson or if he is unable to attend the meeting of the Governing Board, for any reason, any other Member chosen by the Members present at the meeting, shall preside over the meeting.

#### 5. Notice.

- (1) Not less than seven days' notice shall ordinarily be given of each meeting of the Governing Board and such notice along with agenda papers shall be sent to every Member ordinarily seven working days in advance at his usual address in India or by e-mail, as furnished by him to the Board:
  - **Provided** that if an urgent meeting of the Governing Board is required to be convened, seven days' notice may be dispensed with by the Chairperson subject to the condition that Members get sufficient notice to enable them to attend the meeting.
- (2) No business other than that for which the meeting has been convened shall be transacted at a meeting of the Governing Board, except with the permission of the Chairperson.

#### 6. Quorum.

- (1) Five Members, if the Governing Board has eight or more Members, and three Members, if the Governing Board has less than eight Members, shall constitute the quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of the Governing Board.
- (2) All businesses which come up before any meeting of the Governing Board shall be decided by a majority vote of the Members present and voting and in the event of an equality of votes, the Chairperson, or in his absence, the Member presiding, shall have a second or casting vote.

## 7. Leave of absence.

The Governing Board may grant leave of absence to a Member not present in the meeting and such leave of absence shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

#### 8. Minutes of the meeting.

- (1) The Boardshall cause the minutes of all the proceedings to be maintained in the books kept for the purpose which may be in the form of binders containing loose leaves, duly numbered.
- (2) A copy of draft minutes of the proceedings of each meeting of the Governing Board shall be circulated as soon as possible for confirmation by the Members.
- (3) The confirmed minutes shall be signed by the Chairperson or the Member presiding at the succeeding meeting, and taken on record thereafter.

## 9. Secretary.

- (1) The Chairperson shall nominate a senior officer of the Board as Secretary to the Governing Board to keep custody of common seal, register of attendance of the meetings, agenda, minutes book, and other documents/records etc. pertaining to the meetings of the Governing Board and of Committees thereof.
- (2) The Secretary shall arrange meetings, record minutes and generally ensure that these regulations are followed.

## Chapter IV Charter of Conduct

## 10. Member not to participate in meetings in certain cases.

Every Member, who is directly or indirectly concerned or interested in any business coming up for consideration at a meeting of the Governing Board, shall, as soon as possible, after the relevant circumstances have come to his knowledge, disclose the nature of his interest at such meeting and such disclosure shall be recorded in the proceedings of the

Governing Board and the Member shall not take part in any deliberation or decision of the Governing Board with respect to that business.

**Explanation:** The expression "directly or indirectly" referred to in this regulation shall include any concern or interest of a Member either by himself or through his relatives within the meaning of definition of section 2(77) of the Companies Act, 2013 or by reason of being a partner or director of that concern.

#### 11. Obligation of a Member to give information of disqualification.

- (1) A Member shall, as soon as possible, inform the Board if he becomes subject to any of the disqualifications specified in section 190 of the Code.
- (2) The Board shall inform the Central Government, if it comes to the notice of the Board that any Member has attracted any of the disqualifications referred to in sub-regulation (1).

#### 12. Declaration of fidelity.

- (1) The Chairperson and every Whole Time Member, before entering upon his duties, shall take an Oath of Office and Secrecy, in the format given at Schedule I.
- (2) Every Member, before joining upon his duties, shall sign a Charter of Conduct confirming his allegiance to the highest standards of ethics and integrity, in the format given at Schedule II.
  - Provided that the Members already in office shall sign the Charter within two months of the Regulations coming into force.

## Chapter V Contracts

#### 13. Manner and form in which contracts may be executed.

- (1) Any contract on behalf of the Board may be made in writing signed by a Member, Officer of the Board or any other person acting under its authority, express or implied and may in the same manner be varied or discharged.
- (2) Any document connected with any contract may be signed and verified on behalf of the Board by any Officer authorised by the Chairperson.
- (3) All contracts made according to the provisions of this regulation shall be valid and binding on the Board.

#### 14. Affixation of Common Seal.

The Common Seal of the Board shall not be affixed to any instrument except in pursuance of a resolution of the Governing Board and in the presence of at least one Member who shall sign on such instrument in token of his presence and such signing shall be independent of the signing of any person who may sign the instrument as the executor.

## Chapter VI Miscellaneous

## 15. Power to regulate procedure in certain circumstances.

In a situation not provided for in these Regulations, the Governing Board may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, determine the procedure in a particular case.

#### 16. Effect of any irregularity of procedure.

No act or proceedings of the Governing Board shall be invalid merely by reason of any irregularity in the procedure of the Governing Board not affecting the merits of the case.

## 17. Meetings of Committees.

- (1) Subject to sub-regulation (2), these regulations shall apply mutatis mutandis to the meetings of Committees of the Governing Board.
- (2) Fifty percent of Members of the existing strength of the Committee shall constitute quorum for meetings of the Committee.

## 18. Relaxation.

The Governing Board may relax any of these regulations in case of exigencies warranting such relaxation.

## SCHEDULE I [See regulation 12 (1)] Oath of Office and Secrecy

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(Oath to be administered by Hon'ble Minister / Secretary to Ministry of Corporate Affairs in case of Chairperson and by Chairperson in case of any other Member)

# SCHEDULE II [See regulation 12 (2)] Charter of Conduct for Members of Board

This Charter aims to ensure that the Board conducts in a manner that does not compromise its ability to accomplish its mandate or undermine the public confidence in the ability of Member(s) to discharge his responsibilities.

#### Definitions.

- 1. In this Charter, unless the context otherwise requires,-
  - (i) "family" means spouse and dependent children below 18 years of age.
  - (ii) "conflict of interests" means any personal interest or association of a Member, which is likely to influence the decision of the Board in a matter, as viewed by an independent third party.
  - (iii) "regulated entity" means an Insolvency Professional, an Insolvency Professional Entity, an Insolvency Professional Agency, or an Information Utility.
  - (iv) "Whole Time Member" means a Whole Time Member of the Board and includes the Chairperson of the Board.
- 2. Words and expressions used and not defined in this Charterbut defined in the Code shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in the Code.

## Charter in addition to other provisions.

3. This Charteris in addition to the provisions of section 193 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016, the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Salary, Allowances and other Terms and Conditions of Service of Chairperson and members) Rules, 2016, and the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Procedure for Governing Board Meetings) Regulations, 2017.

## General principles.

- 4. (1) A Member shall take all steps necessary to ensure that any conflict of interests to which he may be subject to does not affect any decision of the Board.
- (2) A Member shall disclose his interests which may conflict with his duties.
- (3) A Member shall not exploit to his personal advantage, any personal or professional relationship with regulated entities or any employee of such entities.

#### Outside or private activities.

- 5. (1) A Whole Time Member shall not hold any other office of profit.
- (2) A Whole Time Member shall not engage in any other professional activity, which entails receipt of salary or professional fees.

## Conflict in respect of agenda.

6. (1) A Member, who is directly or indirectly interested in any business coming up for consideration at a meeting of the Governing Board, shall disclose the nature of his interest at such meeting.

(2) A Member shall not take part in any deliberation or discussion of the Governing Board with respect to such business except to the extent of professional advice if sought by the Governing Board.

#### Members not to hear or decide in certain cases.

7. No Member shall hear or decide any matter where he has a conflict of interest.

## Availing services of regulated entities.

8. A Member shall disclose if he or his family has any dispute in respect of product or services availed from a regulated entity.

#### Acceptance of gifts.

- 9. (1) A Whole Time Member shall not accept any gift by whatever name called, to the extent possible, from a regulated entity.
- (2) A Whole Time Member shall hand over the gift, if he receives any and the value exceeds Rs.5000, to the IBBI.

#### Other disclosures.

- 10. A Member shall disclose the following:
- a) any post, other employment or fiduciary position which a Member holds, or has held in the past 5 years in connection with any regulated entity;
- b) any other significant relationship, including a professional, personal, financial or family relationship held in connection with a regulated entity.

## Procedure for managing the conflict.

- 11. (1) A Member shall disclose a conflict of interests at the earliest possible opportunity.
- (2) A Member shall seek determination from the Chairperson if he has a doubt whether there is a conflict of interests or not.
- (3) The Chairperson shall seek determination from the Governing Board if he has a doubt whether there is a conflict of interests or not.
- 4) If the Chairperson or the Governing Board, as the case may be, determines that there is a conflict of interests, the Member or the Chairperson shall refrain from dealing with the particular matter.
- (5) The Chairperson or the Governing Board, as the case may be, shall assign that matter to another Member or a Committee of Members.

## Procedure for public to raise conflict of interests.

- 12. (1) Any person, who has reasonable ground to believe that a Member has an interest in a particular matter, may bring the same with material evidence to the notice of the Secretary.
- (2) The Secretary shall place the details received under sub-clause (1) before the Chairperson in case of a Member and before the Governing Board in case of Chairperson.
- (3) The Chairperson or the Governing Board, as the case may be, shall determine if the Member or the Chairperson has an interest which is likely to affect the decision by him.
- (4) The Member or the Chairperson, as the case may be, shall refrain from dealing with that particular matter if the Chairperson or the Governing Board determines that there is a conflict of interests.
- (5) The Chairperson or the Governing Board, as the case may be, shall assign that matter to another Member or a Committee of Members.

#### Maintenance of disclosures.

- 13. (1) The information as disclosed under this Charter shall be kept confidential and shall not be disclosed.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions in clause (1), the information may be disclosed only to the authorised persons in the following circumstances where there is:
  - a. a requirement for disclosure for the purposes of managing potential or actual conflicts; or
  - b. any legal or regulatory obligation to disclose the information.
- (3) The disclosures by a Member may be scrutinized under the authority of the Chairperson with due regard to Members' areas of responsibility.
- (4) The disclosures by Chairperson may be scrutinized under the authority of the Governing Board with due regard to Chairperson's responsibility.
- (5) The Secretary shall keep and maintain custody of documents / records pertaining to any disclosure made by Members under this Charter.

Dr. M. S. SAHOO, Chairperson [ADVT III/4/Exty./403/16]