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1. Introduction

The mission of the professional societies is primarily educational and informational. Their influence flows from their continuing and highly visible functions: to publish professional journals, to develop professional excellence, and to raise public awareness. Through their work, they help to define and set standards for their professional fields and to promote high standards of quality through publishing research Journals and other forms of recognition. For faculty members and researchers, it's important to network and expand their base of knowledge in order to bring new thought processes and insights into their respective area of professional interest. Joining a professional Society is one way to 'broaden the horizons' and gather new information to heighten the expertise about product design, trends and latest technical developments.

2. Benefits of joining Professional Societies:

- Promotes students activities
- Access to exclusive online resources / Education
- Networking opportunities
- Professional development/Recognition
- Discounted or free publications
- Priority registrations in seminars, conferences and similar events
- Support systems/mentoring relationships (including financial support/Grants)

3. Requirements

For various professional society memberships, the requirements and fee structures are different. These professional societies allow the Institution to open the student branches and chapters for student activities and often provide the financial support for few such activities. To open the student branch or chapter, the faculty and students needs to take the society memberships. As an example, for opening an IEEE student branch, the following are the requirements:

- Faculty membership: at least 02
- Student Membership: at least 12

For opening further IEEE student chapters (say PES Chapter), the requirements are:

- Faculty membership: at least 01 in IEEE
- Faculty membership: at least 01 in PES
- Student Membership: at least 06

Similarly for IEI Chapter, two faculty memberships and 20 student memberships are required. Likewise, other professional societies too have their own rules and regulations.

4. Financial Considerations

Every department is expected to run two student chapters and for the same purpose, it is proposed that -

100% amount of the professional society fee be reimbursed in the following two cases:

- A.** If the membership is annual, then the faculty must be some appointment holder in the student branch/chapter. There is no upper limit to the membership fee.
- B.** If the membership is lifetime, the following conditions shall prevail:
 - Limited to maximum of 3 faculty members per department calendar year.
 - The names shall be recommended by the respective Head of the Department.
 - Upper limit of 10,000/- for single society membership.
 - Only one membership per faculty may be reimbursed in a calendar year.
 - A gap of two years shall exist between two consecutive memberships for the same faculty.
 - Not applicable for faculty members on probation.

For up-gradation of membership, the rules as mentioned in point B shall follow.

5. Annual Budget Allocations

Maximum of 50,000 INR per department per calendar year may be budgeted towards memberships of professional societies.

6. Applicability

The above policy will be applicable with effect from the calendar year 2020.