

Approved Tour Guides' Association, Madras. ®

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Dear Narendra Singh,

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We are in receipt of your email dt.03.10.2013 along with the attached copy of the minutes of the meeting (hand written) on 28.09.2013 and the contents noted. **At the outset we take objection to the proposed contentious Amendments being considered.**

In your Email dt.03.10.2013 you have mentioned that "We had taken up constitutional amendments as intimated and allowed under the provisions of the Bye laws of Societies Registration Act, 1860". **We are very sorry to say that you are misleading all the affiliate units with incorrect statements, as you have not complied with the provisions of the said Act. The main issues are:**

a) The meeting held on 28.09.2013 cannot be considered to be a meeting as per the provisions of S.12 of the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (hereinafter the said Act) , to amend the bye-laws.

b) The procedure for carrying out any amendments as per the said Act viz.

[i] The Governing Body should send a proposal to all members of the society in writing (legibly) or printed form intimating the existing provisions to be amended. (eg.)

Existing	Proposed
Bye Law – 4	
Annual Subscription of Rs.3,000/-	To increase the Annual Subscription to Rs.5,000/-
Introduction of New Bye Law	
Non-existent	Any Unit which is not represented by a minimum of three (3) members, that Unit cannot participate in the election process of TGFI during the convention.

[ii] The notice to all the members as per latest membership register should be sent by special messenger or by regd. post.

[iii] The Amendments should be discussed at length in the specially convened meeting and the General Body should pass the resolution by three - fifth majority of the members of the society present and should be recorded.

[iv] In the subsequent general body meeting the resolution of the previous meeting should be confirmed.

It is unfortunate that none of the above guidelines of the Societies Registration Act, 1860 have been complied with.

c) The illegible scanned copy of the minutes of the meeting sent across by you is only informative and at best an implied notice. This cannot be considered to be a notice under S.12 of the said Act.:

d) None of the proposed amendments discussed at the meeting is in the interest of the affiliate members of TGFI. It is clear that the Affiliate associations are being given the go by.

e) It is observed that only 3 of the 8 Executive Committee members of TGFI were present at the meeting held at Agra on 28.09.2013. This obviously could be due to financial constraints, health or personal reasons of the said office bearers. When this could happen to the elected Representatives of TGFI, how can you expect the Affiliate units to compulsorily attend at least one of the two GBM besides AGM? Our season is short lived and you can't expect the Affiliate members to forego their Guide assignments, spend money and attend meetings.

Any meeting to be convened specifically for amending the existing bye-laws should be held only at the time of the TGFI Annual convention, when all the Affiliate Units would be present in full strength. Till such time the provisions of the existing bye-laws should continue.

The Executive committee of ATGA, Madras opines that TGFI has to address the following issues immediately

- a) The Ministry of Tourism advertising for more RLGs
- b) Refresher course
- c) Renewal of Guide Identity card
- d) IATO members utilizing the services of unapproved personnel as Guides against the Code of Best practices signed between TGFI & IATO. etc

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- a) each unit should compulsorily attend one GBM
- b) to increase the affiliation fee from Rs.3000/- to Rs.5000/-
- c) less than 100 members one vote and more than 100 members two votes
- d) units, not represented at the TGFI Convention with 3 members lose their voting right
- e) the immediate past president be a member of executive committee with voting right
- f) creating four new post of Regional Vice Presidents
- g) TGFI wanting to interfere in the functioning of the affiliate associations

Yours faithfully

P. Asoka. President. ATGA, Madras.