MEMBERSHIP

Eligibility:

7. Any person who has served in the Royal Indian Navy (the Indian Navy) and the Naval Reserves as a Commissioned Officer, is solvent and of a sound mind and has not been convicted by a Court of Law in a Criminal case, shall be eligible to become a member of the foundation.

Categories of Members:

- 8. There shall be the following categories of members of the foundation:
 - a. **Ordinary Members:** Any person who is eligible to become a member under Rule 7 above may become an member for life on payment by him/her of the subscription as may be specified from time to time.
 - b. **Honorary Members:** The Managing Committee may, at its discretion, invite eminent persons known to have interest in Maritime affairs or to have an important role in such affairs to become honorary members. Spouses of Naval Officers eligible under Rule 7, above may also become honorary members. Honorary Membership unless specified for a period will be for life. Such members shall not be required to pay any subscription for the membership and shall not be eligible to vote.

Cessation of Membership:

- 9. The membership of any person shall stand automatically terminated on his/her death or resignation.
- 10. The Managing Committee shall be entitled to terminate the membership of any person if a resolution is passed by it that the person has acted in a manner prejudicial to the aims and objects of the foundation. The membership shall stand terminated from the date specified in the resolution or from the date of passing the resolution if no such date is specified.
- 11. In addition, the Managing Committee may order the termination of the membership of any person if it is satisfied that :
 - a. He/She has been found to be of unsound mind by a court of law or
 - b. He/She has been convicted by a criminal court offence involving moral turpitude or He/She has been declared insolvent by a court of law

Re-Admission:

12. A person whose ordinary membership has been terminated or who has resigned may be required to pay the subscription again if his re-admission is approved by the Managing Committee/Executive Council of the Navy Foundation.

Appeal:

13. Any person whose application for admission or re-admission to ordinary membership has been turned down by the Managing Committee/Executive Council of the Navy Foundation or any member who finds himself/herself to be aggrieved by any order or action of the Managing Committee/Executive Council may apply to the governing council of the Navy Foundation giving full particulars of the case. The Governing Council may take such action on it as it may deem fit.

PATRONS:

14. The Managing Committee may invite any dignitary or person of eminence as it considers appropriate to be the Patron of the Chennai Charter