CONSTITUTION OF THE NORTH EASTERN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION (NEEA)

I. The name: The name of the society shall be the North Eastern Economic Association (NEEA), hereinafter referred to as 'Association'.

II. Address: The registered office of the Association shall be in the Department of Economics, Gauhati University Guwahati-781014 and operational office in the city of Guwahati in the state of Assam.

III. Area of operation: Study and research on socio-economic problems and issues with emphasis on the NE region of India.

IV. Objects: The Association shall be a non-political, non-partisan voluntary organization of academic nature having the following objects:

(i) to undertake , promote, coordinate and collaborate in the study of socio-economic problems and issues with emphasis on the NE region of India;
(ii) To provide a common platform for interaction of ideas and exchanges of experiences among the scholars.
(iii) To contribute in promoting an atmosphere conductive for research through dissemination of information and knowledge; and
(iv) To contribute in promoting technical competence for teaching and research in economics and allied disciplines.

V. Activities: These objects shall be sought to be achieved by:

(i) Undertaking, organizing, promoting, coordinating and collaborating in studies /researches in socio-economic problems and issues;
(ii) Holding periodic conferences, seminars, symposia, discussions etc;
(iii) Publishing books, reports, booklets, monographs, papers and summaries of papers, either separately or collectively, in a periodical which may be issued under the auspicious of the Association;
(iv) Cooperating and collaborating with other institutions, societies and bodies having similar objectives;
(v) Taking all such lawful steps as are incidental, necessary and conductive for the attainment of the aforesaid objects.

VI. Membership:

(a) Categories: The Association shall have the following categories of membership Viz. Founder member, General member, Life member, Donor member, Honorary member, Associate member and institutional member.

i) Founder member: All persons present in the meeting convened on 19-2-1997 for formation of the association shall be the founder members.

ii) General member: Persons other than the founder members whose names are entered as members in the roll of members at the time of applying for the registration of the Association and those admitted as members subsequently during the year on payment of annual subscription shall be the general members.

iii) Life members: persons paying a specified amount at a time or in installment shall be the life members.

iv) Donor member: Subject to the approval of the general Body, person / institution donating a specified amount and above for a specified period may be admitted as donor member.

v) Honorary member: Subject to the approval of the General Body, honorary membership may be conferred to the persons of eminence with outstanding contribution in the field of economics and allied subjects.
vi) Institutional member: Subject to the of the approval of the General Body, any public body subscribing to the objects of the Association may be admitted, on such conditions as may be specified in each case, as institutional member.
vii) Associate member: postgraduate level students of economics and allied subjects may be admitted, on application, as associate member.

b) Eligibility: persons /institutions interested in the field of economics and allied fields subscribing to the objects of the Association shall be eligible to apply for membership. Only individuals are eligible to become life member.
c) Subscription: The General, Institutional and the Associate members shall have to subscribe an amount specified for each category from time to time for every accounting year. The accounting year of the Association is from 1st January to 31st December. The founder members and life members shall subscribe a specified amount at a time or in installments once for all. Honorary members have to pay no subscription. Donor members shall have to donate a specified amount or above for a specified duration.
d) Rights: Only the Founder, General and Life members shall be entitled to all the rights and priviledges of the Association including the right to contest, vote and hold office. Donor, Institutional, Honorary and Associate members shall enjoy the right to attend and participate in General Body meeting and Conference without having the right to vote, contest for and hold office. Institutional members shall be entitled to send one representative to the general body meeting and Conferences, but the said representative shall not, in that capacity, be eligible to contest for or hold office, cast vote and become life member.

Members in default of payments of membership fee or any other dues to the Association shall lose the right to contest and vote.

e) Expulsion/Termination: Any member whose subscription falls in arrears for two consecutives years shall cease to be members. The membership may be restored only on payment of such sum as may be determined by the Executive committee in each case.

Subject to the approval of the General Body, Executive committee may suspend / terminate the membership of any persons /institutions whose conduct is found to be detrimental to the interest of the Associations or whose goes against the rules and regulation of the Association or whose goes against the rules and regulations of the Associations may be expelled.

VII. Fund:
(a) Collection: The fund of the Association shall be raised by way of subscription, fees, donation, grants financial assistance etc provided such offerings from whatever sources are not inconsistent with the objects of the Association.
(b) Control: The Executive Committee, with the Treasurer as the custodian, shall look after and control the fund of the Association. The Bank account of the Association shall be opened by the Treasurer jointly with the Secretary.
VIII. General Body: The General body of the Association shall consist of all bonafide members' belongings to different categories excluding the honorary members.

(a) Meeting: The G.B. shall meet at least once in a year. The time, venue and agenda of the meeting shall be determined by the Executive Committee and not less than 28 days notice shall have to be served to the members.

The Executive Committee may, however, convene special/emergent General meeting whenever necessary. Such meeting may also convened on requisition of not less than two-third of the bonafide members.

(b) Quorum: One third of the bonafide members shall form the quorum for Annual G.B. meeting .For requisitioned GB meeting , two-third of the bonafide members shall from the quorum.

(c) Functions: The businesses to be transacted in GB meeting includes election of office bearers (biannually), consideration and the approval of the annual budget, reports and accounts; review of activities of the preceding year; ratification of special/emergency actions of the Executive Committee including framing/modification of by-laws etc, if any; consideration of duly placed proposal for amendment of the constitution, if any and other relevant matters .

IX. Executive Committee (EC): The Executive Committee shall consist of the Executive president, two Vice president, Secretary, two joint Secretaries, Treasurer and 10 members. The outgoing Executive president and Secretary shall be ex-officio members. The EC shall have the power to co-opt members as and when deemed necessary.

(a) Functions: Subjects to the overall superintendence, control and guidance of the GB, the EC shall exercise all powers of the Association and do all such activities as may be exercised and done by the Association and are not required to be done by the GB.The Executive Committee shall have the power to frame by-laws, rules and regulations of the Association subject to the approval of the Genaral body; prepare and present annual budget and accounts; prepare programme of activities; have custody and manage assets and properties of the Association; regulate expenditure and spend funds,appoint staff as may be required and regulate their service condition;appoint experts; committees,sub-commitees etc whenever requirsd; regulate rights and previledges of the members and take action against any members /staff who violates the rules and regulations and do all such lawful steps as may be necessary, incidental for the management of the Association.

(b) Office bearers:

i) President: The president shall address, preside over Conference, and conduct the proceedings of the Conference.

ii) Executive president: The Executive president shall exercise supervision over the day to day work and activities of the Association under the general guidance of the EC, preside over the GB and EC meetings and give effect to the resolutions passed from time to time .All contracts, suits and documents requiring signature of any members to bind the Association shall be executed by the Executive president.

iii) Vice presidents: The Vice president shall assist the president and Executive president in all matters and perform all such activities as entrusted upon from time to time.

iv) Secretary: The Secretary, in consultation with working president, shall convene all meetings, look after the correspondence, records etc and discharge such duties as may be prescribed in the by-laws framed from time to time or assigned by the EC.

v) Joint Secretaries: The Joint Secretaries shall assist the Secretary in all matters.

vi) Treasurer: The Treasurer shall sign, endorse, negotiate or otherwise deals with the accounts, funds and investments. The Treasurer shall receive all subscribtions, donations and other funds, maintain accounts, stock book of assets and properties and jointly operate with the secretary of the bank accounts of the Association.

c) Election: The members of the EC shall be elected in the bi-annual meeting of the GB from amongst the founder, life and general members through secret ballot on one-man-one-vote basis. The election shall be conducted by the committee constituted for the purpose. Only bonafide members not in arrears of in payments of subscription etc are eligible to contest for office. The new Executive in it's first meeting shall elect the president for one next conference.
d) Terms of office: The members of the EC/shall hold for a term of two years and shall be eligible for re-election.
e) Precedure for re-election: The procedure for re-election will be same as that of election.
f) Meetings: The EC shall meet at least four times a year. There shall be no upper limits to the number of EC meetings.
g) Quorum: The quorum for EC meeting shall be formed by 7 members. No quorum shall be required for adjourned meetings of both EC and GB.
IX). Audit: The accounts of the Associations shall be audited by a qualified auditor appointed by the EC every year.
X). Amendment of the constitution: The constitution of the Association may be amended by a resolution passed by two-third majority of the bonafide members present and voting in a meeting convened for the purpose.
XI). Legal Procedure: As per provision laid down in the Section 6 of the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860, the Associations may sue or may be sued in the name of Executive president of the Association.
XII). Dissolution: If necessary, the Association may be dissolved by a resolution passed by three-forth of the bonafide members present in the meeting convened for the purpose. Consequent upon such dissolution, Whatever property remains after meeting the debts and liabilities, shall be handed over to any society/ or any Associations having similar objects as per provision laid down in section 13 and 14 of the Societies Registration XXI of1960.

The General Body meeting of the North- Eastern Economic Association held in the afternoon on 9th April 1998 in Guwahati during the first conference of the Association approved the amendments in the draft Constitution and adopted the amended Constitution with effect from 9th April 1998.

Sd/- Atul Goswami
Executive president, NEEA

Sd/ - Gopal bordoloi
Secretary, NEEA