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29 July 2025

To:

**Mr. C. Badri**Life Member,
Cyber Society of India (CySI)

### Subject: Clarification on Election Notification – Regarding Designation of Vice Presidents and Floor Nomination

Dear Mr. C. Badri Greetings to you.

Thank you for your continued interest in upholding the democratic process and statutory compliance in the functioning of the Cyber Society of India.

With reference to your letter addressed to the Election Officer dated 24 July 2025, I wish to place on record the following clarifications after careful review of the Bye Laws and precedence established in earlier elections, specifically the 2011 Election Notification (No.Election/1 dated 02-08-2011) and the clarification issued by then President Mr. S. Balu on 25.07.2019:

#### 1. Designation of Vice Presidents (Senior and Junior)

As per Clause 23 of the Bye Laws (Conduct of General Meetings), the Senior Vice President is not elected separately, but is designated among the two elected Vice Presidents based on seniority criteria—age first, followed by membership number.

"...such seniority shall be determined first by age and then by the membership number as per records in the register of members of the society."

This practice has been consistently followed in all past elections (including in 2011, 2013, and 2019). The 2011 election notification explicitly called for two Vice Presidents without distinguishing between Senior and Junior roles at the time of election. The seniority is determined post-election as per the Bye Law for the purpose of presiding over meetings, only when the President is absent.

Hence, the Election Officer's call for nominations for two Vice Presidents is in full compliance with the Bye Laws and established precedent.

#### 2. Regarding "Floor Nomination"

The provision for Floor Nomination is not a deviation. In the 2011 Election Notification (Clause 7), it was clearly stated:

"Where the number of nominations received is less than the number of posts or no nomination has been received for any post, the Election Officer can accept floor nomination before commencement of the election at the venue as stated above and conduct the election."

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This clearly establishes precedent and legitimacy for floor nominations in exceptional cases. This clause has remained consistent in spirit to ensure the smooth conduct of elections and to avoid vacancies in office-bearer positions due to lack of nominations.

Therefore, the Election Officer for the 2025-27 term is fully within the framework of Bye Laws and past practices by including the provision for Floor Nomination.

#### Conclusion

It is evident that the current Election Notification (Election/1/2025) is well-aligned with both:

- The Bye Laws of CySI as published and filed in 2011, and
- The established practice as seen in earlier elections (notably in 2011 and reaffirmed in 2019 by the then President).

We appreciate your vigilance and spirit of constructive engagement in ensuring adherence to rules. Your queries have given us an opportunity to reiterate and document these precedents for the benefit of all members and to uphold transparency in the election process.

Warm regards,

Sincerely,

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