

Minutes of 26th Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of IAOMP, 2017

Venue: Mayfair Lagoon and Convention Centre, Bhubaneswar.

26th National Conference of IAOMP

Date: 18th November 2017

Hon. Secretary welcomed the gathering and collared the Hon. President. Hon. Secretary enquired the house if there any clarifications on minutes of previous EC meeting and actions taken. The house had no queries and hence the minutes were proposed by Dr.Rajiv Desai and seconded by Dr.K.Ranganathan.

Dr.Gadiputti Sridhar recalled the discussion on job creation in EC meetings and enquired about actions taken by the Hon. President on this regard. Hon. President replied that action has already been taken and that as per DCI regulations for MDS (2017), required number of senior lecturers has already been increased. Hon. Secretary also emphasised that the process started 3 years back and has reached the present level. Hon. Secretary's report was proposed by Dr.Vinod Kumar and seconded by Dr.Ravi Prakash.

Dr.Lalith enquired about the funding provided by the association head office for National Conferences. Few members insisted that the interest for the international conference conducted by Dr.K.Ranganathan at ITC Grand Chola, Chennai in 2016 can be considered as profit. Hon. Secretary replied that this conference was an international event involving huge budget and suggested that if house agrees the association can provide interest-free loan for the upcoming conferences. Hon. President insisted to decide the upper limit upto which it is interest free. Dr.Radhika Bhavle added to it suggesting to decide also on a deadline for returning the amount. Following discussion, the fund amount was decided as:

5 lakhs - International conference of IAOP

2 lakhs - National conference of IAOMP

1 lakh - Postgraduate Convention of IAOMP

It was also decided to accept the interest paid by Dr.K.Ranganathan as profit for the association and not as interest. Dr.Govind Rajkumar enquired the criteria for designating a conference as international for which the chair replied that those organised under IAOP banner are considered international.

Dr.Ganvir raised the issue on what action would be taken if the amount was not returned to the head office on time. Hon.President requested the house for suggestions for which Dr.Venkat suggested that post-dated cheques can be collected by the head office from the organisers.

Regarding Postgraduate Convention 2018, Hon. Secretary announced that earlier the association had decided to stop conducting PG conventions as there were no volunteers to organise it following Dr.Vandana's withdrawal of her proposal. Hon. Secretary also informed

that subsequent to the last EC meeting, Dr.Thamizhchelvan from Chennai had expressed his interest to conduct PG Convention in 2018 at Faculty of Dental Sciences, Sri Ramachandra University. Hon. Secretary informed that the proposal can be accepted if the house agrees and requested Dr.Thamizhchelvan to detail the gathering about the proposal. Dr.Thamizhchelvan announced that the proposed dates are June 23,24 or June 30 and July 1 and that the tariff would be Rs.3500 including accomodation for first 350 registrations. He also added that if the registrations exceed 350, the registration tariff would exceed to Rs.4500. Finally, it was decided to allot the 2018 National PG Convention of IAOMP to Sri Ramachandra Dental College, Chennai.

Regarding 2018 National Conference, Hon. Secretary informed the house that a proposal was received from Dr.Puneet Ahuja two years back. Due to unavoidable circumstances, he was unable to take up the conference and referred a second person for it. Following the discussions and approval by the Executive Committee, the second person also refused to take up the conference. Hon. Secretary explained that inspite of his numerous calls to various members, there were no takers for the conference. At that moment, Dr.Shaleen Chandra showed interest and moreover he was from the same locality as Dr.Puneet Ahuja. Hence, the head office decided to allot the 2018 National Conference to Dr.Shaleen Chandra. Hon.President enquired for common consensus and asked Dr.Shaleen Chandra to narrate on his preparations for the conference.

Dr.Shaleen Chandra explained the tariff, agenda and various details of the conference. Dr.Lalith raised a query on how Dr.Shaleen Chandra could come up with a tariff and other arrangements before getting it approved from the office bearers. Dr.Shaleen Chandra apologised for his mistake.

Dr.K.Ranganathan insisted that 2014 proposal letter cannot be accepted on technical grounds. He advised that the office bearers should declare to the house that there are no takers for 2018 conference and if nobody volunteers, then it can be allotted to Dr.Shaleen Chandra. He also emphasized that its only an advice and that the Hon.Secretary and Hon.President has to take a stand on it. Dr.B.V.Ramana Reddy suggested to give a week time for fresh proposals following which decision can be taken by the executive committee. Hon. Treasurer Dr.Nainani suggested that it should be decided on that day itself. Hon. President decided to give 1 hour time for the house to submit new proposals and that if nobody volunteers, it can be given to Dr.Shaleen Chandra.

In any other matters, it was announced that two proposals have been received for 2019 National Conference, one from Dr.Simarpreet Virk Sandhu and the second from Dr.Ganvir. Hon. Secretary informed that since Dr.Ganvir's proposal was not according to the format prescribed by the association, it stands rejected. Hon.Secretary also announced that since Dr.Simarpreet was not physically present for the AGM, her proposal was also rejected. Dr.T.T.Shivakumar expressed his interest to host the 2019 conference at Kerala. Hon.President finally declared that if anybody submits the proposal for 2019 conference by first EC meeting to be held on 19.11.2017, it will be considered and accepted. Hon.Secretary declared that all decisions taken in the EC meetings were ratified in AGM.

ELECTION FOR THE YEAR 2018

Hon.Secretary requested the election officer Dr.Shrinivas Vanaki to take over. Dr.Shrinivas Vanaki thanked IAOMP for having entrusted on him the responsibility of conducting the elections. The election officer announced the details of available posts and the nominations received:

1. President Elect: 1 post (1 application)
2. Vice President: 2 posts (8 applications)
3. Joint Secretary: 1 post (3 applications)
4. EC members: 20 posts (27 applications)

Dr.Veerendra Kumar was unanimously elected for the post of President Elect. Elections were announced for posts of Vice President and Joint Secretary. Out of 27 applications for the post of EC members, 3 were rejected due to physical absence of the applicants. Application by Dr.Bhale Rao was rejected as it was sent through email. Hence, there were 23 applications for 20 posts. Dr.Lalith emphasised that there were 22 EC members last year and requested the head office to make it 23 this year and elect all the applicants. After discussion, it was declared that all 23 applicants were elected for the post of Executive committee members.

Following members were declared elected in elections held at XXVI National conference of IAOMP 2017, Bhubanewar:

President elect : Dr.Veerendra Kumar

Vice Presidents: Dr.Govind Rajkumar

Dr.Ruchi Bhuyan

Hon.Joint Secretary: Dr.Nadeem Jeddy

E.C.Members: Dr.Anjali Narwal

Dr.Ajay Benarji

Dr.Ajit Khadam

Dr.Aravindha Babu

Dr.Dipto De

Dr.Fahad Mansoor S

Dr.Sasidhar Singaraju

Dr. Geetha Sharma

Dr.Hema Suryavanshi

Dr.Jagdish P Rajguru
Dr.K.Sireesha Sundargiri
Dr.Lalith Prakash Chandra
Dr.Madhura MG
Dr.Moni Thakur
Dr.Mala Kamboj
Dr.P.Chandrashekhar
Dr.Radhika T
Dr.Sujatha R
Dr.Shalini Gupta
Dr.Shyam NDV Naga
Dr.Thamizhchelvan
Dr.Umesh Chandra Prasad
Dr.T.T.Shiva Kumar

Meeting resumed after elections. Hon. Secretary thanked the election officer Dr.Shrinivas Vanaki for meticulously conducting the elections. Hon.Secretary also insisted that the elected office bearers should attend the EC meetings regularly. Hon.Secretary announced that the guidelines will be formulated, approved and displayed on the website and should be strictly followed.

Hon.Secretary suggested that the term for Joint Secretary can be extended for 2 years similar to the term for Secretary and Editor. He informed that if the house agrees, it can be amended. Dr.Vijay Wadhwan enquired if it is possible to have two joint secretaries for which the house disagreed. There were suggestions that individuals who have served as EC members for 2 or more years should not be permitted to contest again for the post of EC member. Hon.Secretary replied that a committee will be constituted to create criteria for IAOMP elections. Dr.K.Ranganathan also suggested that the post of webmaster is not in the constitution. It was accepted unanimously to reform the bylaws of the association and make necessary amendments.

Hon. President addressed to the house that Dr.Shaleen Chandra has put in great effort for the conference and requested the house to decide about allotting the 2018 National Conference to him. He requested the house to consider it as an appeal from the chair. Dr.Ajay Benarji replied that nobody was aware about the cancellation of allotment of 2018 conference and

that if they were aware they would have applied. Dr.Ajay Benarji requested the chair to provide a fair chance to everyone.

Hon.Secretary announced that the chair has received two proposals after 1 hour time provided. They were from Dr.Shaleen Chandra and Dr.Ajay Benarji of Telugu Oral Path Association. Hon.Secretary requested both the members to brief the house on their proposals and asked the house to take a decision. Dr.Ajay Benarji proposed that the venue would be a 5 star property at Amaravathi. He informed that accomodation would be charged based on categories: Category A (750 pax; Rs.3500-Rs.4000), Category B (800 pax, Rs.2500), Category C (750pax, Rs.1000). Dr.Ajay Benarji emphasised that Telugu Oral Path Association is an independent society and that is a positive point on his side. The tariff announced was Rs.7500 for faculties and Rs.6500 for students (without accomodation). Hon. President enquired if the tariff will escalate for which Dr.Ajay Benarji replied that this is the maximum amount and probably there could be a reduction in the tariff if possible but never an escalation. Dr.Shaleen Chandra also briefed on his proposal and announced the tariff as Rs.5000 for faculties and Rs.4000 for students and that the accomodation will be provided in a 5 star venue.

Hon.Secretary explained to the house that the conference allotment letter was given to Dr.Shaleen Chandra only based on moral grounds but was not approved by the Executive Committee. Hon.Secretary also clarified that the letter stands invalid at the present scenario and requested Hon.President to make a final decision on this issue. Dr.Rajiv Desai expressed his consent for this and said that President is the highest authority and that the house is ready to accept his decision.

Dr.K.Ranganathan emphasised that the Hon.President must exercise extreme care in making the decision and also should come out with an unbiased solution. Hon.President proposed three possible solutions:

1. Allow Dr.Shaleen Chandra to conduct 2018 National Conference
2. To take a decision on the new proposal by Dr.Ajay Benarji
3. Cancel both proposals, head office to directly take charge and conduct the 2018 conference

Hon.President concluded that the final decision will be taken on this issue in the upcoming first EC meeting to be held on 19.11.2017. The decision was proposed by Dr.K.Ranganathan and seconded by Dr.Venkat Ramana Reddy. The meeting was adjourned.