



INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGISTS

Minutes of 2024 AGM- Kodaikanal

The Annual General Meeting of IAOMP for the year 2024 was held on Saturday, 30th November 2024, 4.30 pm onwards in the Hotel Kodai International, Kodaikanal

The President Dr Puneet Ahuja called the meeting to order. The President welcomed all the life members of IAOMP and requested the secretary to start the proceedings as per the agenda.

Agenda 1:

The secretary informed the gathering that the agenda was to read and confirm the minutes of the Last AGM held at 30th National Conference of IAOMP – 4th Nov 2023, at Belagavi. He also told that he had circulated the minutes well in advance to the members and if all the members had read and approved it can be passed.

Agenda 2 :

Action taken on the minutes of the Last AGM held at 30th National Conference of IAOMP – 4th Nov 2023, at Belagavi.

The secretary read out the following actions taken

- The journal account has been merged with the IAOMP account and two signatories have been made mandatory to operate the journal account
- The audited accounts for the year 2023 have been passed in the convention EOGM at Pune.
- A committee has been formed for the family concern scheme

Dr Chaitanya babu requested for a clarification in the accounts section of the EOGM minutes. He requested to clarify regarding the travel expenses given to the past presidents and secretaries for travel to EC meetings which was mentioned in the accounts. EOGM minutes at Pune with the above suggestions the minutes were passed, proposed by Dr Vanaki and seconded by Dr Nainani.

The Secretary read the annual report enumerating the work done by the association through the period. The following is a summary of his report

These are the excerpts from his report -

The past year has captured several achievements and the association continues to expand and increase its activities with noble attempts to make a mark and uplift our fraternity in the best possible way. The Office was taken over by the newly elected president Dr.Puneet Ahuja and the office bearers on 5th November 2023 at BELGAVI

He congratulated Dr Mamta Reddy, Organising Chairperson and Dr Gargi Sarode, secretary for conducting and an outstanding 21th National PG Convention 2024 on 15th and 16th June 2024 at DY Patil dental college and Hospital, Pimpri, Pune Maharashtra with the theme of



“Embrace the Basics: A Timeless Approach to Excellence”. The convention was a two-day programme involving various didactic lectures and workshops. Eminent speakers invited from all over globe which enriched our young minds with latest topics on our domain and attracted a huge participation of 410 Faculty and student delegates.

IAOMP has always been a patron of providing maximum opportunities for our undergraduates and post graduates to learn through symposiums and seminars and that's why IAOMP sponsors for the National Continuing Dental education programmes every year in different parts of the country for easy reach of the students. The secretary enumerated the various CDE'S conducted under the aegis of IAOMP

- **Indira Gandhi Institute of Dental Sciences, Pondicherry** by Dr. Santa Devi in December 2023.
- **The KM Shah Dental College and Hospital, Vadodara** by Dr. Vandana Shah on 23rd February.
- **Kusum Devi Sunderlal Dugar Jain Dental College and Hospital, Kolkata**, organized by Dr. Jayanta Chattopadhyay on 24th February.
- **Babu Banarasi Das College of Dental Sciences, Lucknow** by Dr. Puneet Ahuja on 28th February.
- **Sree Anjaneya Institute of Dental Sciences, Kozhikode** by Dr. PM Sunil on 20th April 2024.

The secretary thanked all the organizing chairpersons on successful conduct of the programmes and workshops under IAOMP banner

He elaborated further on the enthusiastic and heartwarming nation-wide participation of numerous colleges celebrating the Oral pathologist's day on FEB 25th with complete willingness and enthusiasm. He exhibited the plethora of undergraduate and postgraduate academic events in a multitude of colleges

He then narrated the idea behind the India CAN TORCH program which is a nationwide community outreach program which tries to bring awareness about cancer and screening facilities to poor people. It started as a chain of programs in different colleges in ten different states of our country and instilled cancer awareness amongst the general population. He thanked the Various colleges which actively participate every year with the motto of “I Can You Can We Can India Can” which is well coordinated by the INDIA CAN organizers.

The secretary informed the house that On behalf of the association, he took part in the IDA - National collaborative workshop 2024 which was conducted to execute the launch of guidelines and policies across various disciplines of dentistry to ensure standardization across the field. The workshop was conducted in collaboration with stakeholders which included ministry of health and family welfare Government of India, Dental council of India, Dental colleges of India, IDA state branches, State Dental Councils, and State health



Ministries. The workshop aimed to outline the roles and responsibilities of the stakeholders and also to roadmap the procedure code system as per international standards to make a significant difference in improving the oral health in the country

IAOMP always willingly associates itself with other branches of our profession to enable its members gain knowledge from every other field both national and international. These collaborations depict innovation and goodwill with varied fraternities wanting to be associated with us and also elevates our sprit of research and knowledge

The secretary highlighted the various integral knowledge partners this term -

- 2nd international head Neck Oncology with esthetics conference at SRILANKA held on April 26 and 27th 2024
- The members also actively took part and contributed to the success of the second edition of the SEGI – IAOMP symposium 2.0 where many of our senior faculty members were invited to deliver lectures to the Malaysian students.
- We were also knowledge partners with the 21st National Triple O Symposium, SCB Dental college and Hospital, Cuttack, Orissa on 8th to 10th March.
- We join hands with the world dental conference to be held at Bali Indonesia on December 14,15, 2024
- 3Rd international Head Neck Oncology with esthetics conference, to be held at Katmandu NEPAL on April 26 and 27th 2024

The secretary urged the young faculty and students to gain knowledge both at both national and international level as IAOMP has created a lot of gateways and opportunities.

He then enumerated the various tasks taken up during his tenure of last 6 years

- The IAOMP life member registry was handed over with particulars of mere 300 members. Now it stands tall almost complete with comprehensive easily accessible details of 1400 life members
- Creating public awareness about oral cancer and its importance of early detection was always a vision of our association. The INDIA CAN torch program was initiated at AMRITSAR SIX YEARS AGO and glowing bright till date. This was the right initiative which blossomed before COVID, but was rightfully reinitiated post the dormant COVID time.
- The Association was also **successfully registered at Chennai** under the **Society's act** which is due for renewal now. New pan card to IAOMP was done. It was a tedious process which was successfully carried out. He thanked Dr. Sushmitha ex-president for encouragement and guidance during her tenure.
- A day of celebration to respect and remember our profession, the **ORAL PATHOLOGIST DAY** was **instigated for the first time** in the history of IAOMP and it became an opportunity to display the honour and passion of our fraternity and also



an opportunity to spread the enthusiasm and scope of oral pathology to the undergraduates

- The 2018 – 19 income tax issue which was a huge errand in front of us was resolved flawlessly and in the process helped us gain a profit of 1.76 lakhs
- The Association's greatest step forward in this tenure was the initiation of the **care and concern scheme**. He thanked whole heartedly Dr Gururaj who was instrumental in sowing the seed for this wonderful humanitarian Initiative. He also thanked president Dr Puneet Ahuja for constant support and encouragement towards the scheme's inauguration.
- Another milestone achieved during this period of six years was the creation of The National Registry of Oral Diseases, and integrating with the association website for collection of data from colleges across the country. He thanked Dr. Radhika Bhavle and her team for their relentless hard work. He said that the Creation of registry is a milestone in any fraternity and requested all the life members to understand the working mechanism and add their inputs from their regions to create an massive invincible Indian data.
- The next major job done was bringing in the new constitutional **AMENDMENTS** in the byelaws which were accepted and successfully updated and released in the website. He thanked Dr. Alka Kale madam for her significant contribution towards amendment of byelaws. He also thanked Dr Gururaj for his support during the process.

Agenda 3: To Adopt and ratify audited accounts for the year 2023 – 24

Dr SRK Nandan informed the forum with happiness that the association has received immunity for the penalty which was previously issued by the IT office, Government of India for nonpayment of taxes for the year 2018 - 2019. He said this was possible due to the efforts and support past treasurer Dr Nainani and from Dr Sandhu family from Amritsar who were never short of advices and help whenever needed. Dr SRK Nandan also read out the statement of immunity issued by the Income Tax department Government of India.

Dr SRK Nandan also informed that henceforth the last date of payment would be July 31 st for the IAOP account and September 30 for the IAOMP account. Hence he said that hereafter the payments and submissions of the IT every year, would be before the annual conference of IAOMP, as per Income tax act and its extensions for financial year or Assessment year whichever is relevant.

The AAATI1125Q PAN CARD because having very less amount in the account and not being used much if the house agrees with this it will be closed after Scrutiny of 2019-20 IT notice gets cleared.

Chaitanya sir asked why there is still one two pan cards as last year it was informed that it was merged as one. Dr Nandan answered that as long as the scrutiny for 2019 – 20 is there, the older pan card with the older name cannot be closed and there is no fault in that as it is two pan cards is different names and this will be closed by 31st march 2025. Dr Sivapada sundharam questioned that though the names and addresses may different but the body is one and whether it is not an offence to hold two PAN cards for the same association? He said legally two things needs to be done – 1. We have to apply to the ROC to close the association name, submit three years IT statements and then it



will be closed which will be done in Mumbai as per Income tax department communications as Scrutiny of FY 2019-20 is under process.

The President Dr Puneet Ahuja informed that March 2025 the complete closure of the IAOP old account would be done by the new elected body. This will be based on income tax department communications & appeals by IAOP.

Dr Nandan presented the audited accounts for A.Y 2024-25 on the screen. Dr Chaitanya insisted to display the split up of the travel expenses for Rs 1,60,000 as asked in the Pune EOGM. Dr Nandan informed that they were travel expanses of the office bearers for the Varanasi OOO conference, expenses incurred during travel to Mumbai for sorting out the account closures in various banks @Mumbai and PG Conventions and Belgaum conference travel expenses. Dr Chaitanya wanted to know what expenses were met for RS 72000 for one meeting for which Dr SRK Nandan informed that those were Mumbai Travel expenses and will inform the detailed split up looking at the Ledger. Dr Veerendra asked what was the Treasurer – Editor convention Registration Charges mentioned in the accounts displayed. Dr SRK told that the byelaws permit the treasurer and editor to avail the registration charges from the association for the convention; for which Dr Veerendra said it is not mentioned anywhere in the Byelaws. Dr Veerendrakumar said, the current byelaws in the website mentions these as privileges for the President and the secretary and not for the editor and the treasurer. Dr Nadeem the honorary Secretary mentioned that it was there in the previous byelaws and since it was not there in the new byelaws. the issue was discussed in the EOGM and brought about as an amendment and not yet inserted to the new byelaws in the website, Dr Alka kale Madam, who instrumental to bring about all the changes and amendments in the byelaws in the previous tenures after monumental work and discussions being done, told that though this is not there, byelaws cannot be amended frequently and can be done once in a period of three years only. This particular Treasurer – Editor, convention Registration Charges which was not there in the present current new byelaws was discussed in the EOGM approved and ratified also. Dr Chaitanya questioned that since this was a feature available in the previous byelaws why it is not mentioned in the new byelaws. Dr Kale informed that the same point was discussed and ratified and accepted and will soon be updated in the website too. Dr Kale mentioned that such pointers of absence in clarity could have been given at the time when amendments were being done and when the byelaws were available on the website for members to go through and give their suggestions and opinions and pointing them now does not help in anyway. Dr Nadeem informed the forum that it will be rectified in the Current Byelaws.

Dr Chaitanya babu asked about Rs 72000 shown in the accounts shown against gifts and momentos in a period of one year. He requested for the complete split up of the expenditure and Dr SRK Nandan and Dr Nadeem said the split up is available. To the question of Dr Chaitanya why the split up is not shown to the life members the treasurer said all these years there has been no precedence to show the complete split up in the AGM and the complete details can be viewed anytime by anybody at auditor or treasurers office with the permission of the EC in presence of Hon.secretary IAOMP.

Dr Nandan also informed the forum that as per income tax laws it is important to spend 85% of the amount that is being collected that annual year and if-not utilised, 30% of tax has to be paid and TDS will be levied. So, the expenditure has been according to the norms as per the byelaws and the IT requirement. Dr Nandan and the Dr Nadeem requested Dr Chaitanya to view the Ledger that same day after the AGM, where all the details and split up has been written black and white.



Dr Chaitanya questioned about the TDS late filing fees of Rs 30000 mentioned in the audited accounts. Dr Nandan explained that December 2023, a huge amount of 19 lakhs had to be paid to the journal publisher Wolter Kluwer. A penalty of Rs 30000 was paid for the accumulated TDS of Journal. Treasurer explained that whenever journal bills are raised by the publisher while paying we have to certain amount as TDS to IT department. Dr Nandan answered that he obtained permission for that in the December ONLINE EC and then only paid the amount

Dr Chaitanya pointed to the loss of Rs 1,36000 in the last year and wanted to know the details. It was explained by Dr Nandan to the forum as excess of expenditure over income due to the journal of oral and maxillofacial pathologist, A sum of Rs 1,36,000 showed as excess as the previous year's amount was paid in this annual year. Dr Nandan said that amount was expenditure of the journal not excess of expenditure.

Agenda 4: To ratify the approved projects discussed and passed in the EC meetings

i. The APC (Article Processing Charges) which were increased

Dr Nadeem presented the revised charges on the screen for the forum to go through and also informed that because of these the increased charges that it was possible to publish three issues a year and make a profit of Rs 4,60,000.

Dr Sivapada Sundaram conveyed that the association should not intend to make any profit from the journal and instead of making profit it should aim to cut down the article processing charges and make it free of cost. He requested the issue to be discussed in the EC meeting and further to ratify the decision here in the AGM. Dr Nadeem answered by saying that when the journal was running in loss, it was decided in the previous AGM and after having exclusive meetings with the publisher the present article processing fee has been decided. Dr Sivapadasundaram opined that the decision of increasing the APC should be ratified in the AGM and not just be a decision of EC. Dr Chaitanya also said that any financial related decisions should be ratified in the AGM and not be a decision of the EC. Dr Sivapadasundaram also suggested that we are a non-profit organisation hence we are not aiming at making profit out of members money, hence urged to utilise the surplus fund available in the journal publishing and also reduce the membership fees of new members. Dr Nadeem said all his suggestions would be noted down and discussed by the newly elected body and all these valuable suggestions would be forwarded to the new editor. He also told that the present decision of increasing the APC was done to meet the increasing journal publishing rates and it was done during a period of Interim/ temporary editorship period and increase was done with the approval of the EC. Dr Ramakant Nayak told that the article publishing charges were raised after approval by the EC because if it was not raised the head office would have had to pay the charges to Wolters Kluwer. Dr Ramakant Nayak informed the forum the brief history of head office contribution from Rs 50000 a year to five lakhs a year and in the year 2022-2023, 8 – 9 lakhs were being given extra to compensate for the insufficient funds for the journal. He also pointed out that the journal publishing charges increased tremendously over the last five years and to make it self-sufficient, the charges were increased only by RS 1000 and not drastically and now the journal is self-supporting. Dr Nadeem also pointed out that despite the increase in the article processing charges, our journal publishing charges are much lower when compared to the other associations and we also give the authors many options multiple options like black and white plates, lesser number of pages etc. Dr Chaitanya too suggested that since 85% of the income of that annual year should be utilised as previously mentioned by Dr Nandan, that can be done towards journal publishing without increasing the APC. The Honorary Secretary Dr Nadeem





informed that the suggestion has been taken down and will be handed over to the newly elected team for further discussion. He also strongly asserted that whatever changes in the charges are made it has to be ratified in the AGM before implementation which is strictly a rule in the byelaws.

Dr. SivapathaSundaram again pointed out that the association is a non-profit organisation and its not correct to mention that by increasing the APC a profit was achieved. Dr Veerender pointed out that the profit was made because the journal was non printed version and the it was a surplus of 4,60,000 achieved this year because of the non-printed version. The usage of the word 'profit "was yielded and usage of word "surplus" was acknowledged

President Dr Puneet Ahuja called for approval and Ratification of the increased APC by the house and said that if the house approves it the new APC will be henceforth be charged, else the earlier charges will be henceforth in perusal. Dr Sivapathasundaram and Dr Chaitanya conveyed their dissent and suggested that the journal allowance may be increased from the association money. Dr Puneet Ahuja asked for the house to suggest the amount to be given by the head office to journal. Dr Rajiv Desai suggested that the APC may not be increased for IAOMP members and could be hiked only for the non IAOMP members. Dr Alka Kale suggested to form a committee which includes members like Sivapathasundaram and Dr Chaitanya and look into the intricacies, discuss with the publishers directly and then decide on the APC for IAOMP and non IAOMP members and also contribution from the association annually. Dr Alka Kale suggested that may Sivapathasundaram be a part of the committee and may he choose the members required for effective functioning of the committee

Dr Rajiv Desai questioned and opened the discussion as to how much of the corpus may be utilised for the journal every year and suggested may be 10% can be used. Dr Nadeem explained that 10% of the membership fees should be utilised for the journal; but since the new membership entries are very low in the present days, the association has been supporting the journal every year with increasing amounts of money with 3.5 lakhs upto last year and so committee was requested to be formed headed by Dr Sivapadasundaram deliberate on the above discussed points revert back with the necessary suggestions to take it forward

Dr Veerender pointed out that the bye laws states that all the members should receive the physical copy of the journal and since from this cycle soft copies are being sent the necessary change has to be brought about in the journal. He reiterated that the new byelaws should be loaded on to the website as early as possible

Dr Alka Kale proposed that the committee should be formed as soon as possible and those decisions needs to be circulated to all members through emails and get approval and then the new decision can be applied. It was also accepted that since the current raised APC charges have been put forward to the authors it will continue to be in perusal till the next issue (oct dec) issue comes out. In the mean while the new committee formed for journal finance will bring out the final recommendations.

It was also suggested to use an online poll on the website to get the life members approval for the APC charges as an alternative to circulating through email and getting the approval

ii. **To have a separate conference account**

This was suggested by the EC during the previous EC meet at Lucknow Since usually the organising committee usually faces a problem with the PAN card when opening a conference or a PG convention account. So it was suggested to have a separate conference/ convention account which is passed on to the next organising team of a conference or a convention. The



suggestion was unanimously accepted as proposed by Dr Veerendra and seconded by Dr Aravind. It was also informed by the president that the treasurer would also be one of the signatories / parts of the conference/ convention account.

Dr Rajiv Desai suggested to increase the number of CDE programmes per year and the house unanimously consented to increase to eight IAOMP CDEs (in comparison with the present 4)

iii. Presentation of the organiser of the upcoming PG convention at Kolkata

The Honorary secretary invited Dr. Jayanta Chattopadhyay organising secretary of the upcoming 22nd PG convention at Kolkata organised by the KSD JAIN dental college. Dr. Jayanta Chattopadhyay heartily welcomed the delegates to the city of Calcutta and presented the details of infrastructure, speakers and scientific program tariff and accommodation. Dr Veerendra requested for the split up to be shown as to how the tariff of Rs 6200 was reached.

The next PG convention was unanimously accepted to be held at Kolkata organised by the KSD JAIN dental college.

Dr Ramana Reddy posed a question to the house and the president as to whether there is a proper protocol in place to allot the conferences and conventions

The president answered by saying that there is no written procedure given in the byelaws and elaborated the procedure that was being followed now. He said that the colleges were asked to give Bids for the taking up organisation of IAOMP annual conference and PG convention for which they fill a form and submit along with it the resources they have which make them capable of taking up the event. Once the BID is received the Organising head from that college is invited to come and present the details in the EC meeting where the EC members decide whom to give and then it is approved. Dr Ramana reddy requested the president to inform the house how many bids were received for 2025 conference and convention. The President answered that for the 2025 PG convention there was one bid by Dr Jayanthu and for the Annual IAOMP conference 2025 he said there were three bids one by Dr Nilesh Pardhe , Nagpur, Dr Devisharanshetty from ITS dental college, Ghaziabad and from Dr VishnuDas Prabhu from Yenapoya dental college Mangalore. Dr Ramana reddy questioned whether all the colleges were called upon to the EC meeting to present their details and whether the merits and demerits of the above-mentioned venues were discussed. Dr Puneet Ahuja answered that its not the prerogative of the head office to invite any bidder to an EC meeting to come and present regarding the conference/ convention. He also said that there was no communication from Dr Nilesh Pardhe after the initial bid through an application and Dr VishnuDas Prabhu was not present during the PG convention at Pune for the presentation in the EC meeting and he also reiterated that the head office did not invite the third bidder also to come and present I the EC meeting. Dr Venkata ramanareddy told that it is the duty of the President and the secretary to invite all the bidders to the forthcoming EC meeting give them the date and venue to come and present, discuss on the merits and demerits of all the venues, and then decide the venue for the conference/ convention. President told the house the EC members saw the presentation of whoever presented during the EC meeting and decided the venue. Dr Ramana Reddy said that when they conducted the conference in 2009 and convention in 2011 the protocol of inviting all the applicants were followed, all the applicants did their presentation in the EC meeting, the merits and Demerits were recorded and finally the conference or convention was allocated. He concluded by saying that the protocol which was followed since many years has not been followed this time. Dr Rajiv Desai read out the byelaws regarding the conference allotment and Dr Nainani and Dr Rajiv





Desai said that the most important criteria is the presence of the bidder during the AGM to present the details in front of the entire house. Dr Gururaj said that the person who has made the bid need not be an EC member so it is prudent to send an invitation henceforth to come and present in the subsequent EC meetings and if needed this has to be added in the byelaws. The president said If the house agrees the incoming committee can consider the bid by Dr Vishnudas Prabhu, Yenapoya Mangalore. The house unanimously disagreed to it and wanted the process to start from the beginning of application to the head office giving equal chance to everybody for the year 2026. Dr Radhika Bavle also put forward her opinion that IAOMP has been a close-knit family and conference should be allowed to be hosted from all region of INDIA and IAOMP must encourage the idea of conference to be hosted in small places where two colleges can join hands to host a conference or a convention and hence everybody gets their chances equally.

It was agreed by the president and secretary that an invitation be sent to all the bidders to come and present in the subsequent EC meeting and the oversight was apologised for.

The honorary secretary called upon Dr Devisharan Shetty, principal, ITS Dental college and Hospital, Ghaziabad, the host of the upcoming 32nd IAOMP annual conference to come upon the dais to present the details. Dr Devisharan Shetty, came up and thanked the EC for giving them the opportunity for hosting the 32nd IAOMP annual conference and presented in detail the facilities, infrastructure dates, tariff and accommodation that his organising team had put forward for the 32nd IAOMP annual conference. The dates proposed were November 14,15,16 of 2025. Dr Chaitanya opined that since the conference is happening in the college and the participants have to travel a long way from the airport and people need to spend separately for accommodation too, he requested the registration tariff to be reduced. Dr Devisharan Shetty obliged and consented to reduce the tariff as much as possible. He also agreed to provide accommodation for Postgraduates within the campus at a subsidised rate. Dr Gururaj wanted to know the protocol to appoint a conference secretary for the conference. The president answered that the conference secretary for the annual conference will be decided by the incoming executive committee. For the PG Convention the byelaws clearly says that the honorary secretary is the conference secretary.

Dr Nadeem informed the house that he has received few recommendations to modify byelaws in the role of editor, treasurer, advisors and member of good standing, international coordinator, etc. He informed the forum that he would circulate a mail regarding this with the recommended changes to all the life members and receive their replies and take it forward from there. Dr Alka Kale also suggested any other suggestions regarding the byelaws are also welcome. It was suggested that this matter first be discussed in the EC and then discussed in the AGM.

ANY OTHER MATTERS:

Dr Gururaj Narayana Rao requested the forum to pass on a resolution regarding the discussion they had on OPMD. He requested a small protocol to be submitted to the ministry of health for ratification. The Honorary secretary suggested Dr RV Subramanyam and Hazare sir to form a committee and help to take this request forward.

Dr Alka Kale also put forward Dr Vijay Wadhwans name to begin a youtube channel in the name of IAOMP. Dr Rajiv Desai also suggested competitions for PG students and Staff where reels/ videos regarding IAOMP can be sent and association give away prizes for good ones. The proposal was noted and the incoming committee will take it up.



Dr Ramakant Nayak pointed out that the 25% concession in the registration and accommodation charges for IAOMP emeritus members and members above 65 years of age was not followed since it was suggested in the Trivandrum conference. So he suggested that an extra column may be added in the registration fee column for senior emeritus members

Dr Ramakant Nayak further said since the post graduate students who finish and pass out are very reluctant to register for the conference due to employment issues and other financial reasons, he suggested to maintain the registration fees on par with the postgraduate students for 3- 5 years as the AGM decides. Hence, to enable fresh pass outs to register for the conference, house accepted that for two years after a post graduate student passes out, their registration fees for the annual IAOMP conference or the convention will remain on par with the postgraduate registration amount. The Matter was proposed by Dr Gururaj Rao and seconded by Dr RV Subramanyam. It was also proposed by Dr Rajiv Desai that the passing MDS certificate be checked before the registration of this category is done to avoid any misuse the provision. This proposal was decided to be done for a period of two years

Dr Radhika Bavle suggested an online version where for a stipulated amount of money the students/staff can attend online only the scientific agenda. But most seniors including Dr Rajiv Desai opined that, such an option will deviate the crowd and most of the staff and students will start attending the conference online which will minimize the in-person participation.

The Honorary Secretary called upon the election officer Dr Venkateshwara Rao to conduct the elections. The Election officer read out the process –

1. He had received a total of 36 Nominations within the specified date and time for the posts of one president elect, one secretary, one treasurer, one editor, two vice presidents, one joint secretary, one web master and 20 EC Members
2. The scrutiny of the applications was done in the presence of the Honorary Secretary, the President, The Treasurer along with two observers Dr Vinod Kumar and Ajay Banerjee
3. For the post of president elect (1 post) there were two nominations 1. Dr Nadeem Jddy and 2. Dr Ramakant Nayak. Scrutiny of the applications revealed that the Nomination of Dr Ramakant Nayak was found to be invalid, the reason being – as per clause 17, eligibility Criteria for nomination as president elect 3C which reads the candidate should be in the EC for 5years and one term in the past two years. The second nomination of Dr Nadeem Jddy was found to be Valid but Dr Nadeem Jddy withdrew his Nomination.
4. For the post of Honorary secretary – one post – one nomination was received of Dr Gururaj and was found to be Valid
5. For the two posts of vice president – 2 nominations were received – both the nominations of Dr Vishnu Das Prabhu and Dr Umesh Chandra Prasad was found to be valid
6. For the one post of treasurer – one nomination of Dr K Lalith Prakash Chandra was received and was valid nomination
7. For the one post of webmaster, 2 nominations were received Dr Pradakshina Vijay is valid and Dr Kiran kumar K nomination is Invalid – reason – 75% attendance not obtained for the previous terms EC meetings



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8. For the post of Joint Secretary – one nomination of Dr Govind Rajkumar was received and on scrutiny it was found to be invalid - reason - clause 17 – mode of election of office bearers - any member can propose/ second for a single nomination only
9. For the one post of editor – three Nominations were received – Dr M Aravinda Babu, Dr Vijay Wadhwan and Dr P Jayanthi – all three nominations were found to be valid.
10. 24 nominations were received for the 20 EC MEMBER posts. Nominations were received from Dr Namratha N Patil, Dr H Prasad, Dr S Leena Sankari, Dr R Karthikeyan, Dr Maya Ramesh, Dr Lavanya C, Dr Sharada T Rajan, Dr Satish Muthukumar, Dr Aadithya B Urs, Dr Dipto De, Dr Jayanth Chatopadhyay, Dr TR Sabarinathan, Dr KT Mahesh, Dr YohithapPrabhunath, Dr Satish Yadav, Dr P Swethasri, Dr J Dinakar, Dr Ravikanth Manyam, Dr Bhushra Anjum, Dr Prem Karthick, Dr Sai Krishna, Dr Sahana Ashok, Dr Jagdish Prasad Rajguru. Of the 24 nominations received, the Nomination of Dr Sahana Ashok was invalid, the reason being – clause 17 – mode of election of office bearers - any member can propose/ second for a single nomination only. The Nomination of Dr KT Mahesh was invalid – not physically Present, Dr Jagdish Prasad Rajguru and Dr Dinakar have voluntarily withdrawn their Nominations. So, for the 20 posts of EC Members only 20 nominations remained. So, there would be no election for the post of EC Member.
11. The election would now happen for the post of the editor and for President Elect since both the nominations were found to be invalid.

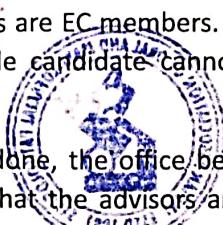
Dr Veerender kumar asked if the nomination can be done on the floor. Dr Chaitanya said that the reason for rejecting the nomination of Dr Ramakant Nayak was not being in the EC even once in the past two terms, but he claimed that Dr Ramakant Nayak was a part of the Advisors team in the past two years which is also considered as a part of EC, their names are in the letterhead of the association, and he said that it is the advisors who take all the Important decisions of the EC . He also opined that all the advisors are very important part of the EC, they are EC members and they have all rights of an EC member including the right to vote. There Dr Chaitanya claimed that stating this reason Dr Ramakant Nayak's nomination cannot be rejected. The election officer said that as per the byelaws, advisors are not listed as office-bearers of IAOMP. The election officer reiterated that the disqualifications of the nominations were done completely on the basis of the byelaws of IAOMP.

Dr Chaitanya proposed the name of Dr Ramakant Nayak on the floor along with Dr Veerender. The election officer said that a candidate whose nomination was rejected as invalid cannot be renominated on the floor and if done all the other rejected nominations can also be claimed again. So, he said, renominating an invalid nomination will not set good precedence for the future.

Dr Puneet Ahuja said that the Clause in the byelaw which says that for the post of the president elect one has to be an EC member at least once in the past two years needs to be removed because the clause stringently eliminates the opportunity of all the senior members to contest for the post of the president elect.

Dr Jayantho Chatopadhyay said at this moment for this election the present byelaws need to be followed and before the nominations whatever rules were there in the byelaws would be still applicable. The core decision which has to be taken now is whether advisors are EC members. If so, Dr Ramakant Nayak's nomination becomes valid; if not, then an ineligible candidate cannot be nominated on the floor also.

Observer Dr Ajay Banerjee said, the previous day when the scrutiny was done, the office bearers were present, that time itself president or the secretary could have told that the advisors are EC



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members and made the nomination valid. Dr Puneet told that the point whether advisors are EC members is not upfront clear and now is open for interpretation.

The Election officer said that he was well aware of what is there in the byelaws and much concerned about the rules stated in the byelaws and not about what is not there and what is to be interpreted by the house.

Dr Ramakant Nayak stood up and conveyed to the house that what the election officer has done is the right thing and has interpreted the bye laws correctly and since his taking over as president elect will set a wrong precedence of not abiding by the rule of the association byelaws. So, he announced that he will gracefully takeback his nomination and let the proper protocol be followed. Dr Ramakant Nayak congratulated the Election officer for doing a wonderful job with sincerity and abiding by what the byelaws say.

Dr RV Subramanyam, Dr Radhika Bavle both names were proposed on the floor for the post of president elect, but were considered ineligible as they were nor in the EC last two terms.

It was suggested by Dr Susmita Saxena that Dr Nadeem's nomination is valid and though he has withdrawn if he accepts, he can take over as President elect. The Election officer also informed Nadeem that if he withdraws his Withdrawal, his nomination would become valid and he can be chosen as President elect.

After discussions, the election officer announced that Dr Nadeem has accepted to withdraw his withdrawal hence as a onetime measure Dr Nadeem who has a valid nomination has been elected for the post of President Elect.

The Election Officer read out the rules for the election. The president called out that meeting was adjourned for the election and post the election the meeting would be officially adjourned.

Further, election for the Post of Editor was vigilantly conducted by the election officer under supervision.

Resolution Passed in the Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) held at Kodaikanal

The Hon. Secretary placed before the General Body the need for a comprehensive revision and rectification of the existing Byelaws of the Association. After due discussion, the General Body unanimously resolved as follows: "It is resolved that the Bylaws of the Association be taken up for review, correction, and amendment in the coming year. The Hon. Secretary, along with the Constitution and Byelaws Committee, shall prepare a draft of the proposed modifications, circulate the same among members well in advance, and place it before the next AGM for consideration and approval." This resolution was passed unanimously and recorded accordingly.

With this the President adjourned the meeting.



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