



Indian Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathologists
Minutes of the Extraordinary General Body Meeting
(EOGM) on Revision of Constitution and By-laws

Date: 14 June 2025 Venue: KSD Dental College, Kolkata

The Extraordinary General Body Meeting (EOGM) of the Indian Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathologists (IAOMP) was convened on 14 June 2025 at Kusum Devi Durgalal Dental College, Kolkata. The meeting was held to review and finalize the revised Constitution and By-laws of the Association, following the special resolution passed in the last AGM held at Kodaikanal on 30.11.2024 and the discussions at the first Executive committee meeting on 01.12.2025.

The President, Dr. Srinivas Vanaki, called the meeting to order and requested the Secretary, Dr. Gururaj, to proceed with the agenda. The Constitution Committee chaired by Dr. Alka Kale madam presented the compiled draft with inputs from constitution committee members Dr. Ajay Banerjee, Dr. Suresh Babburi, Dr. Punith Abuja, and all office bearers. The proposed changes were discussed in detail, **page by page**, as circulated earlier among EC members and uploaded on the official website for members' suggestions and opinion.

Suggestions received from several members, including **Dr. Sasidhar Singaraju, Dr. Lalit Prakash, Dr. Usha Hegde, Dr. Mandana, Dr. Bhuvan Nagpal, Dr. Govind Rajkumar, Dr. Virendra Kumar, Dr. Vijaywadhwan, and Dr. Sabarinath T.R.**, were specifically brought forward for discussion.



Membership Classification and Privileges

The section was discussed in detail. The mode of becoming a member was clarified to be a one-time life membership with a fee of ₹5000. The annual renewal clause was deleted. The classification of members was presented in tabular form, including student and associate members. Privileges were revised to include digital access to the Journal instead of printed copies. All agreed that these changes reflected current practice.

Removal of Member Clause

The clause on removal of members for non-payment of dues was deleted since life membership now involves a one-time payment. Members completing post-graduation are eligible to become life members. It was agreed that there is no scope for automatic removal due to non-payment.

Parallel Association and Disciplinary Actions

The clause on 'parallel associations' was explained with legal interpretation. It was clarified that the association does not prohibit members from joining other organizations unless such activities are detrimental to IAOMP's aims or cause confusion or division among members. Legal advice confirming the validity of this clause was obtained under the Societies Act. The definition of 'parallel association' was read out and accepted.

Advisors and Executive Committee

It was reiterated that the post of Advisor is to be offered to Past Presidents or senior members with over 15 years of active service. The role of the Executive Committee (EC) and the attendance requirement were discussed. EC members must



attend at least 75% of EC meetings and register for IAOMP conferences or conventions. Non-compliance may lead to disqualification from contesting for five years.

During the discussion, a few members raised queries regarding the **eligibility criteria for contesting Executive Committee (EC) positions**. It was clarified that those wishing to contest for the EC must have attended at least one of the previous **Annual General Meetings (AGMs)** within the past two years.

The rationale behind this requirement was explained. Attendance at AGMs helps members understand the functioning of the Association and enables them to contribute meaningfully if elected. It was noted that, in several instances, few members apply for EC positions, and after being elected, they neither attend EC meetings nor actively participate in the Association's activities.

It was also observed that some members seek EC posts primarily for institutional purposes, such as **NAAC inspections**, and thereafter remain inactive. To ensure genuine involvement and accountability, it was suggested that candidates for EC positions should have attended at least **two or three National Conferences**, including a minimum of **one AGM within the preceding two years**.

These points were discussed in detail, and the members present agreed that the eligibility criteria should encourage meaningful participation and sustained commitment towards the growth and objectives of the Association.

Eligibility Criteria for President-Elect

The house discussed the eligibility in detail. It was confirmed that the President-Elect must be a member in good standing, must have attended at least five IAOMP conferences/conventions and five AGMs (one in the last two



years), and must have served as an EC member for at least two terms. Preference will be given to those who have held official positions such as Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Editor. These points were unanimously accepted.

Finance Committee and Conference Accounts

The tenure of the Finance Committee was fixed at two years. It was emphasized that financial operations should involve only the Treasurer, Secretary, and President as authorized signatories. Discussion ensued regarding the use of IAOMP's PAN card for conferences. It was resolved that all conferences must either use IAOMP's PAN card with prior permission or operate under institutional PAN cards with proper TDS compliance. From April 2025 onwards, the use of the association's PAN card for conferences will be mandatory. It was also decided that PAN and Aadhaar details of all members should be collected for compliance with the Registrar of Societies. The auditor's recommendation to create a centralized Union Bank account linked to IAOMP's PAN card for all conference transactions was accepted.

Arbitration and Legal Provisions

The clause on arbitration was discussed extensively. It was agreed that an Arbitration Committee will be constituted by the Secretary whenever disputes arise. All disputes must first be reported to the Secretary before approaching any legal forum. The phrase was revised to state: 'No member shall approach any legal firm or court of law bypassing the Arbitration Committee.' It was further agreed that the



Association shall bear legitimate legal expenses incurred by office bearers on official matters.

Annexures and New Programs

The Family Concern Scheme, Student Exchange Program, and UG Convention guidelines were included as annexures. The student exchange program will operate through mutual consent between institutions, with the IAOMP providing travel assistance. UG Conventions will be conducted zonally (North, South, East, West), with a maximum of four events per year. Each approved event will receive ₹25,000 as seed money. These proposals were accepted.

Formation of State Chapters

The formation of IAOMP State Chapters was discussed and approved. It was agreed that state chapters will function strictly under the central IAOMP Constitution and By-laws, ensuring uniformity and adherence to the Association's objectives. Guidelines for state chapter operations will be appended to the Constitution.

Conclusion

The Constitution Committee confirmed that all modifications were reviewed with legal consultation and are consistent with the Societies Registration Act. The revised draft will be uploaded on the IAOMP website for members' review and presented for formal ratification during the forthcoming Annual General Meeting at Ghaziabad.



The President appreciated the efforts of the Constitution Committee and all members for their valuable contributions, constructive discussions, and support in finalizing the revised Constitution and By-laws. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Hon. Secretary Dr. N. Gururaj to the Chairperson Constitution committee Dr. Alka kale and the members present.



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Hon. Secretary IAMP.

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