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Minutes of General Body Meeting of IAS 2017

The Annual General body meeting of the Indian Arthroscopy Society was held on 13th Oct 2017 at 4.30 pm in the Hotel Marriot, Jaipur, Rajasthan.

The meeting was called by Dr. Arumugam. S, Secretary IAS, and was presided over by Dr. Sanjay Desai (President IAS) along with Dr. Prateek Gupta (Vice President), Dr. S. Samanta (Treasurer). A total of 77 IAS life members were present at the beginning of the meeting. Minutes of the GBM 2016, agenda of the GBM 2017 and the Audited balance sheet for the year 2016-17 were distributed to all the members. Due to lack of quorum, the meeting was adjourned for 30 min and reconvened at 5 pm with accepted quorum.

The proceedings of the meeting were as follows:

1.Minutes of the GBM 2016:

It was held at Hotel ITC Sonar, Kolkata and the minutes were already circulated to the members. As there were no queries, the minutes were approved by GBM. Proposed by Dr. Leonard Ponraj and seconded by Dr. Roshan Wade.

2.Presidential Address:

Dr. Sanjay Desai thanked all the members of the IAS for the opportunity given to him to serve as the president for two years. He briefly mentioned the history of the IAS, contributions by his predecessors and important events like Dr. Gopalakrishnan Fellowship and Dr. Patel's motor skill lab. He said the IASCON held at Mumbai was the turning point in the history of IAS as two very important projects were initiated from the savings of that conference namely Best Publication award and ACL & Bankart registry. Through the Best Publication Award many important articles published by IAS members in the international journals like Arthroscopy and Journal of Shoulder & Elbow were recognized.

He said the strength of IAS are its big numbers (close to 3000), English speaking members and the strong work ethics. Even though India is a growing giant we have not got the rightful place in the field of international arthroscopy. This is because of a lack discipline in data collection and the culture of not publishing.

He said the future of growth of IAS depends on three things: reducing the number of conferences (as there is dilution of quality and adds pardon to the industry), we should go international and we must publish or we will perish. To achieve this target, he quoted Hindu scripts which are in existent 1000 years before Christ which says only mankind has the right to choose and we should choose to achieve the target by concentration, consistency and collective endeavor. He further added "When two people make noise in rhythm it becomes music: when two surgeons works in rhythm the science becomes art". He congratulated the Jaipur team for an enjoyable conference and thanked all the members for giving him the opportunity.



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3. Secretary Report

Dr. S. Arumugam, Secretary IAS, read his report on IAS work and activities from April 1st, 2017 :

There were two EC meetings, one was online and other one was on 28th October, 2017 and informed the house of the decisions made in those meetings:

a). Guidelines for New Member Applications: –

Forms are available online through IAS website. Applicant should send scanned copies of their Orthopedic degree (M.S. Ortho., Dip. N.B. Ortho or D. Ortho). He informed this is necessary to improve the data base of the society. The office of the Secretary will then scrutinize the documents and approval for online payment will be given. 74 new applications were received and 54 were given the approval for payment. Dr. Dinshaw Pardiwala asked whether existing members should also upload their certificates. Secretary clarified that it was only for the new members.

b). Guide lines for affiliation of state units: –

As there were many queries for affiliation by the state units with IAS the following guide lines were proposed and approved by EC;

i) IAS will give affiliations to state units only. No city unit will be given affiliation by IAS.

They have to get affiliated with their respective state units.

ii) At least one third of members of state unit should be a Life member of IAS.

iii) ALL the office bearers of the state unit must be a Life member of IAS.

Proposed by Dr. Saurabh Mathur and seconded by Dr. Rajeev Raman.

c) Guide lines for IAS accredited Cadaver Lab & Course: –

As many cadaver courses are run all over the country, EC proposed new guidelines so that these courses will be standardized as below: –

i) The facility must have adequate quality cadavers and fully equipped arthroscopy stations.

ii) The faculty – delegate ratio must not be more than 1:3

iii) The course convener must send the course material beforehand to the delegates

iv) Minimum of 4 hours of cadaver time must be given to delegates per day.

v) The facility must conduct at least 4 workshops per year to be accredited as cadaver lab

vi) IAS will depute an IAS member as an inspector and one of the faculty

vii) IAS will promote the event through its website

viii) IAS will give the preference to the applicants for its fellowship programs to who have finished IAS accredited cadaver course

ix) The cadaver lab will pay 20% of the delegate fee as the accreditation fee

x) IAS will provide delegate & Faculty certificate for the course online and the same can be downloaded after completion of feedback form

Dr. Dinshaw Pardiwala wanted to know the benefits of the accreditation of the cadaver lab by IAS. Dr. S. Arumugam explained that by this process there will be a standardization of teaching in cadaver lab and the scientific content will be sent by IAS. Dr. Samantha said the completion certificates will be issued by IAS. Dr. Sanjay Desai added that by accreditation the cadaver labs will get recognition and credibility.



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Dr. Manish Maheswari said cadaver lab has to pay 20% delegates fee and bear the cost of faculty sent by IAS but IAS is not guaranteeing the number of delegates to the course so it's not fair. Dr. Sanjay Desai responded that these guidelines are with the interest of IAS as the top most priority. He also added that IAS needs to be powerful and dynamic organization so collection of 20% delegate fee is very reasonable. Dr. Manish Maheswari asked why can't IAS collect the fee and give the cadaver lab the necessary fund to organize the course. Dr. Sanjay Desai replied that it is not mandatory for the cadaver lab to get the accreditation by IAS and it is purely optional.

Dr. Pratap Kumar said the quality of cadavers are good in very few centres in the country and in other places the quality is very bad. He suggested whether IAS can interact with MCI or other regulatory bodies to improve the quality of cadavers in all centers. Dr. S. Arumugam replied that MCI has no jurisdiction on the quality of cadavers and its purely depends on individual cadaver lab and their respective state government. Dr. S. Arumugam further added that this precise reason why IAS wanted to bring in these guidelines. Dr. Prateek Gupta said if a cadaver lab is accredited by IAS then we can sure of the good quality of the cadavers.

Dr. Deepak Goyal appreciated the initiative and emphasized that IAS should be the regulator of the arthroscopy cadaver courses in the country. The proposal was approved by GBM, proposed by Dr. Pratap Kumar and seconded by Dr. Sachin Tapasvi.

4. Audited balance sheet for year 2016-17:

Dr. S. Arumugam invited Dr. Roshan Wade to present the audited balance sheet for the year 2016-17 as he was the secretary during that period. Dr. Roshan Wade informed that IAS had 84 Lakhs rupees in Fixed deposit and 24 lakhs in current account. The issue regarding loss of 29 Lakhs rupees of IASCON2015 shown as the liability in the balance sheet of IAS was cleared as organizing secretaries of IASCON2015 have given the undertaking that they would be responsible for those loss. Dr. Deepak Goyal reminded that the membership fee collected should be treated as seed money and not to be used for running expenses of the society. The audited balance sheet is passed by GBM.

5. Ratifying new members.

32 new members are approved and ratified as life members of IAS.

6. IAS Fellowships:

Secretary informed that the Dr. Gopalkrishnan fellowship for the year 2017 was successfully completed by Dr. Pulak Sharma at Sports Injury Center, NewDelhi and he was given the Dr. Gopalkrishna Fellowship award.

For 2018 there are 13 applicants for Dr. Gopalakrishnan fellowship and 18 applicants for IAS-CASM fellowship. Selection Committee Headed by Dr. David Rajan (Gopalakrishna Fellowship) and Dr. Anant Joshi (CASM Fellowship) scrutinized the applications selected the following candidates:

Dr. Gopalkrishnan Fellowship:

- Dr. Gangavarapu Sridhar
- Dr. Vijayan Balakrishnan

CASM Fellowship

- Dr. Rajesh Bhalla
- Dr. Moazzam Jah
- Dr. Sandesh Manohar



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7. Best Publication award.

Secretary announced that 1st Prize is awarded to Dr. Sundararajan for his paper “Medial Open Wedge High Tibial Osteotomy for Varus Malunited Tibial Plateau Fractures” in the Journal of Arthroscopy and prize of Rs. One lakh was handed over. 2nd Prize was awarded to Dr. Anant Kumar Singh for his paper “Does Magnetic resonance imaging appearance of supraspinatus muscle atrophy change after repairing rotator cuff tears?” in the Journal of Shoulder & Elbow Society.

Dr. Deepak Goyal questioned why studies were done abroad that too since the second author was selected for the award as it will not encourage research in India. He also said it was not necessary that we should present the award every year and if no suitable application then the prize money can remain with IAS. Dr. Aashis babulkar said if it is published as first author we can still consider for the award as it was raising Indian flag in the international arena of arthroscopy. Dr. Sanjay Desai said the logic behind this decision was if any IAS member from anywhere in the world was motivated to publish we should support that effort. But he further added that if members at large feel that the award should be restricted to the studies done in India then that will be enforced. Dr. Vivek Pandey said environment for data collection at international centers was different than Indian centers so the award should be restricted to studies done in India. It was decided henceforth the Best Publication award will be given to studies done in India only.

8. IASCON2016 report.

Dr. Samantha presented the audited report of the IASCON2016. He reported that total receipt was Rs.2,90,58,879.86 and financial loss of Rs.16,89,000. He further added that the loss would be absorbed by the Organizing team. Dr. Deepak Goyal said the IASCON were reporting financial loss for last two consecutive years and we need to spend more time on this to introspect whether we are heading in correct direction.

Dr. Sanjay Desai suggested Bi-annual conference as an option as all important international societies were having biannual conference. So voting by raising hand for and against biannual conference was carried out. Dr. Roshan Wade was requested to count the votes. 31 members voted for bi-annual conference and 39 members voted for Annual conference. Hence GBM decided against biannual conference as an option for IASCON.

Dr. Sheryas suggested that gala dinner should be avoided in future. Dr. Mannas suggested that rooms for the faculties free of the cost should be avoided. Dr. Roshan Wade informed that it was already discussed in the previous GBM that it was purely an option by the organizing team. Dr. Gourav suggested that IAS should prescribe the guidelines to the organizing committee to cut down the expenditure. It was decided that there is no need for guidelines regarding lunches, dinner, etc., during IASCON and those are purely the choice of the organising team.



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Dr. Vikram Sharma said the GBM decision of no arthroscopy conference two months before and after the IASCON was not implemented this year. He pointed out that IAS could not enforce their decisions and this will not protect the interest of IAS. Dr. Samantha responded that IAS has dealt with this issue very firmly and a very strong objection letter was sent by Dr. Arumugam (Secretary) to the Dr. Pushpinder Bajaj (organising secretary) on this matter. Dr. Sanjay Desai said the punishment for such acts (as decided by the previous GBM) was not to invite the organising secretary of such conference as a faculty for next two annual conference of IAS and that will be enforced.

Dr. Arumugam pointed out that reason for loss was that number of delegates attending the conference has been not more than 500 even though we have nearly 3000 members.

Dr. Nithish Shaw pointed out that so many faculties were not attending and their rooms were paid which leads to loss. Dr. Bhasin insisted that if a faculty accepted for the lecturer and didn't turn up then he should not be invited for the next year.

Dr. Deepak Goyal mentioned that the poor management was the reason for the loss of the conference. He pointed out that Rs.3 crores was a lot of money to end up as a loss. One delegate from Abudhabi said he has registered for the Elbow & wrist arthroscopy workshop but when he arrived he was told the workshop was cancelled and there was no proper reply from the event managers (Vama events) or from the organising team. Dr. Sunderraj mentioned the communication to the faculties were done through the event management which was not correct and the organising team should directly communicate with the faculties and for such a poor management the event management company were paid huge amount of money i.e., Rs.65 Lakhs. Dr. Roshan Wade clarified that this amount was paid during Kolkata conference for which Vama events were not the event management company. Dr. Samantha explained they got 3 quotes and the company with the least quote was chosen. The delegate from Abudhabi wanted to know what was the punishment for the poor management by event managers during IASCON. Dr. Sanjay Desai replied that decision was up to the organising team who hired them. Dr. Vikram Sharma and his organising team expressed their regret for the short fall in the communication and the inconvenience caused to the delegate and the faculties.

Dr. Sachin Tapasvi pointed out that as per the previous GBM decision there should be a Best Paper session in the scientific program and he asked why it was not in the final program even though the preliminary brochure had mentioned it. He suggested that IAS executive committee should be involved in planning the scientific program and choosing best free paper award. Dr. Arumugam S replied that the IAS was not involved in planning the scientific program and the organising team has planned the scientific program on their own. Dr. Deepak Goyal insisted that Best Paper session should be mandatory. Dr. Sanjay Desai said hereafter free papers will be invited by the organising team and the IAS will select few papers from them for the Best Paper session and also will appoint a jury to select the best among them during IASCON. He also insisted that the Best Paper session will be held in the prime time during the IASCON.



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9.Preparation for IASCON18:

Dr. Gopinath. P and his team presented a power point presentation about the venue, scientific program, international faculties and other aspects of the conference. He said they will take important points from the discussion on IASCON2017 and invited everyone to attend the conference.

10.Selecting the venue for IASCON19:

Secretary reported that 2 bids were received from Indore and Mumbai. Indore was selected as the venue for IASCON 2019 by vote of hands. The organising team headed by Dr. Manish Maheshwari thanked IAS for the opportunity given to them.

11.IAS Editors Report:

Dr. Sandeep R Biraris, Editor informed that IAS Journal was approved in EC last year (October 2016) at Kolkata and passed unanimously by GBM. It would be an Online journal initially with 3 issues in a year. He said steps would be taken to make it indexed as early as possible. He requested the support of IAS members as editorial board members, reviewers as well as authors. He further mentioned that Publication it would be an open access journal. There would be no publication processing charge for the members of IAS (At least one author should be IAS member), but non IAS members would be charged publication processing charge of Rs. 3000/- upon selection of article for the publication.

Dr. Gopinath insisted that we should not collect money for publishing an article then it would be regarded as predatory journal and that was not good for IAS as it would bring down the impact factor.

Dr. Dinshaw Pardiwala insisted that before starting a journal we should have adequate scientific materials in hand for the next few years so that the journal will not be stopped in between. If we start and for some reason if we stop then it would be a disaster. Dr.Gopinath pointed out that stopping the journal would lead to litigation.

Dr.Karthik Selvaraj said normally the editor would take care of the newsletter and the Editor-in-Chief should be a senior member with a lot of experience in publishing & research.

Dr. Sanjay S Desai summarized the discussion and said that the journal of the IAS would be an online and open access journal. It would have an Editor-in-Chief an honorary and voluntary post. Applications for the post Editor in chief would be invited and selected by EC within 3 months



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12.Election results:

Dr. Bhasin, the election officer declared the result of election 2017. Total of 562 members voted online and 103 members voted on-site for the post of Vice president and editor.

For the post of Vice-president, the winner was Dr. IPS Oberoi. For the post of Editor, the winner was Dr. Rajeev Raman. For two post of Executive Member Dr. Ashish Anand and Dr. Kapil Dev Garg were selected without an election

Dr.Samantha appreciated Dr.Arumugam’s efforts in conducting the online election in a very smooth and efficient manner. It was decided to conduct only online election from next year.

13.Other than Agenda:

Members wanted to know the status of access to online Arthroscopy Journal. Dr.Roshan Wade said during the tenure of Dr.Nicholas Antao & Dr.Sachin Tapasvi the access was arranged with the support of Smith & Nephew. Dr. Arumugam.S further added that due to poor patronage of this facility by the members the industry withdrew its support. He further added efforts were being made to get the online access to the Arthroscopy Journal for the members.

Dr.Pratap Kumar wanted to know if there was any standard nomenclature for the state units. Dr.Arumugam clarified state units would be accredited as per the guidelines approved in GBM..

Dr.Deepak Goyal informed that the Asian Cartilage Society would be conducting its conference in 2020 in India and requested the support of IAS. It was decided the said conference would be endorsed by IAS and the date should not be in the two-month window period of IASCON. Dr.Deepak Goyal wanted to know the dates of IAS in that year. Dr.Arumugam.S clarified that annual conference of IAS always would be conducted in first week of October every year. Dr.Deepak Goyal thanked for the support and said the Asian Cartilage conference would be conducted in December 2020.

Dr.Sanjay Desai handed over the medallion to the incoming president Dr.Prateek Gupta. Dr. Arumugam.S clarified that the tenure of the existing EC was till March,2018 and Dr.Sanjay Desai would continue as the President until then.

President Dr Sanjay Desai and Secretary Dr. Arumugam S thanked all members for attending GBM.