

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of Maharashtra Chapter of ASI held on 6th February 2025 at Kolhapur

The Executive Committee Meeting of the Maharashtra State Chapter of the ASI was held on 6th February 2025 at Kolhapur as per the notice executed by the Hon Secretary dated 7th January 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Ajay Punpale.

The following Members were present : Dr Ajay Punpale hon MASI President, Dr Mahesh Malu vice president MASI, Dr Sachin Naik hon Secretary, ,Dr Sanjay Ghate Treasurer MASI , Dr Sanjay Kolte IPP MASI, Dr Anand Kamat Jt secretary, Dr Pramod Shinde GC ASI , Dr Siddharth Dubhashi GC ASI, Dr Vikas Jain , Dr Niranjana Agarwal, Dr Ravindra Khot, Dr Sachin Jamma, Dr Prachi Mahajan, Dr Rajendra Singh Arora, Dr Prafulla Pradhan, , Dr Snehal Fegade, Dr Nikhil Chauhan, Dr Amol Deshpande, Dr Anil Heroor, Dr Nandkishore Katore, Dr Upendra Talathi , Dr Vijay Kanase

The leave of absence was granted to, , Dr Rajendra Ganeriwal and Dr Rajendra Shinde GC ASI , Dr Deepak Gugale who had informed the office of their inability to attend .

Special invitee : -----

1. Welcome by Honorary Secretary Dr. Sachin Naik

Honorary Secretary Dr Sachin Naik welcomed President MASI Dr. Ajay Punpale, Treasurer MASI Dr. Sanjay Ghate and all the members of EC and ASI GC members.

Hon. Secretary Dr. Sachin Naik, collared President MASI Dr. Ajay Punpale with Presidential Medallion and he requested the President to call the meeting to order. President called the meeting to order.

Discussions:

Condolences : Hon Secretary Dr Sachin Naik informed about the sad demise of the following members:

Dr V N Shrikhande Dr.Ishtiaq Mahmood Shekhani. Dr Sameer Gandle Dr Rajesh Hiralal kaku Dr Subodh Pandit, Dr Ramchandra Taware, Dr A T Kambale.

The house observed one minutes silence in respect to the departed souls.

Minutes of the last EC Meeting by Secretary were circulated in the mail.

Minutes of the EC meeting at Gondia were confirmed by Dr Sachin Jamma, Dr Nikhil Chauhan

Honorary secretary Dr Sachin Naik informed the house about

Dr. Siddharth Dubhashi, Dr. Pramod Shinde, Dr. Rajendra Shinde, and Dr. Rajendra Ganeriwal were elected as Governing Council Members from Maharashtra. Congratulations.

EC seat from the region Bhandara + Chandrapur + Gondia + Gadchiroli + Wardha would be vacant as Dr Vikas Jain would be taking the position of Joint Secretary . The new EC from this

region as unanimously decided by that region and informed to MASI by Dr Vikas Jain was Dr Novhil Brahmkar and was confirmed by EC MASI

Dr. T.E. Udawadia Oration by ASI headquarters.

This inaugural oration, delivered by **Dr. Pradeep Chowbey** at Agra, explored the captivating topic of **“Artificial Intelligence and Robotic Surgery – Promises and Perils.”**

Satara surgical society new city chapter approved and installed

Best City chapter award for 2024 25 was declared to

Academic : Association of surgeons Nagpur

Social : Association of surgeons Nagpur

It was decided that any city branch gets award at national level then it should not be considered for state award for that year.

Travelling fellowships

MASI has been steadfast in its commitment to academic excellence. Every year, MASI awards two prestigious traveling fellowships, named after **Dr. V.R. Chitale** and **Dr. K.C. Gharpure**, with a remuneration of ₹50,000 for each fellow upon completion.

This year, we celebrate:

- **Dr. Madhuri Jain Gore** from Zen Hospital, who completed the Dr. K.C. Gharpure Traveling Fellowship, receiving training at GEM Hospital, Coimbatore, from October 2nd to October 15th, 2024.
- **Dr. Vivek Salvi**, who completed the Dr. V.R. Chitale Traveling Fellowship under the guidance of **Dr. Suryaprakash Bhandari**, focusing on advanced endoscopy techniques, including ERCP, from November 28th to December 19th, 2024.

The MASI EC has selected this year’s fellows with great diligence:

- **Dr. Gayatri Sabane** from GMC Nagpur is awarded the **Dr. K.C. Gharpure Traveling Fellowship**
- **Dr. Akshay Chaudhari** from Jawhar, District Palghar, Maharashtra, is awarded the **Dr. V.R. Chitale Traveling Fellowship**.

Dr Agarwal asked about the ways of sending information for application for the travelling fellowships , Hon . Secretary answered about website and city chapters group where the information was given well in advance.

The **MASI State Quiz**, held on November 16th, 2024,

Twenty-two teams from across Maharashtra participated, with the event hosted at Seth G.S. Medical College, Mumbai, **Dr. Sameer Rege** and his team. The results were:

- **Winners:** Grant Medical College and Sir J.J. Group of Hospitals, Mumbai
 - **Dr. Aukshan Deolankar**

- **Dr. Manarth Chhowala**
- **Runners-Up: SVNGMC, Yavatmal**
 - **Dr. Anmol Bhamhani**
 - **Dr. Pooja Bhangale**

1st paper prize at asicon Agra in state category was bagged by Dr Prashant Channevar.

ASI HQ meeting on 26th Jan 2025 :

1. About state chapters of ASI not having separate PAN, and Registration
2. Constitutions shall be in accordance with the ASI , any change has to be informed and approved by the EC ASI.
3. Surgeons day to be celebrated on 15th June and surgeons week on 2nd week of June every year. This can be done with various activities and further details would be given by ASI HQ

Amendments in the election process : President Dr Ajay Punpale suggested following amendments which were discussed in the GBM at MASICON Nashik 2024.

- Any ASI member for 5 years residing in Maharashtra can contest elections for executive member of MASI from the area he is been domiciled with permanent address. (this address should be the same in the ASI register before declaration of the elections).
- To be eligible to contest for Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary's post, and Organizing secretary of MASICON (As he becomes President eventually , he should also complete at least one term as EC member) one should have at least completed one term as EC member of MASI. However EC members were in favour of removing the clause of being an EC member for at least one term.
- ASI member from Maharashtra can apply for multiple posts with duly paid money, however can contest for only one post, hence requires to withdraw his/her nomination before the withdrawal date. Any member can contest for only one post and would get disqualified if one fails to withdraw before deadline.
- Proposed next election would be on digital format so that many members can exercise their right to vote. The election officer appointed by the MASI President along with election committee would ask for applications for the vendor, check credentials of the vendor and put forth in front of EC Committee and get approval from the EC- MASI before finalizing the vendor for the same.
- Applications of the vendors with negative credentials or involved in faulty affairs should not be considered for the elections process.
- If any post remains vacant after the last date of filing, the MASI President and EC would coordinate with the local surgical societies and few nominations can be invited from that area with extension of the filing date only for that area so that single elections can be conducted online before GBM.
- Any faculty not delivering his/her scientific commitment without valid reason and any delegate/faculty involved in unruly behavior should not be allowed for next three masicons.

Scientific program for MASICON Kolhapur :Dr Anand Kamat informed that the changes suggested at Gondia were incorporated.

Suggestion to give some presentation to the city chapter presidents/ secretaries was discussed.

Online assessment of free papers and posters were done for the first time this year on 1st Feb 2025 and went well. Dr Anil Heroor suggested to allow few to have a podium ppt presentation for experience.

Dr KC Gharpure oration: The local organizing committee suggested name of Dr Suraj Pawar as Dr Shahapurkar informed his inability to accept the oration due to health issues which was informed to the EC

Dr G.M. Phadke oration: Dr Satish Dharap

Confirmation of the location for Masicon 2026 at Gondiya , Dr Vikas Jain Org Secretary briefed the EC about venue (MIET campus),theme , registration fees (Kept same as previous Masicon)

MASICON bids for 2027 were received from

Ch Sambhajinagar ,Nanded , Nagpur , Thane , Mumbai , Solapur

President Dr Ajay Punpale suggested a zonal distribution of Masicons and a sub committee to be formed.

Any other matter with the permission of the chair

Mail regarding the celebrations of the Golden Jubilee Masicon 2028 at Pune was received by the Masi office and was discussed . EC approved to put it in the GBM on 8th Feb 2025.

New logo of MASI was discussed and a few changes were suggested by Dr Mahajan and Dr Agarwal.

Dr Sanjay Ghate Hon. Treasurer proposed the vote of thanks.