

The Minutes of the Annual General Body Meeting
Of the Association of Surgeons of India
(Maharashtra State Chapter)
(8th February, 2014 – 5.00 pm)

The Annual General Body Meeting was held in Hall 'A', Dr. Kashinath Ghanekar Natyagruha, Thane, on 9th February, 2013, during the 36th Annual Conference of Maharashtra State Chapter of ASI.

Dr. Jaisingh Shinde, President of State Chapter, in the Chair, called the meeting to order. He welcomed all the delegates to this prestigious annual conference. He also mentioned that non members can also attend the general body meeting, however, they should be abstained from voting in case any resolution is put to voting.. He congratulated the organizing Secretary and team for putting up an excellent scientific program and superb operative workshop for the delegates. He then requested Dr. Roy Patankar to take over the proceedings.

CONDOLENCES

Condolences were offered to Dr. Vikram Marwa and Dr. P.H.Soni from Nagpur. Since both the surgeons were from Nagpur, Dr. Patankar requested Dr. Quraishi to say a few words about these surgeons.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST AGM held on 9th February, 2013 at Nashik. Dr. Roy Patankar read out the minutes. With one correction of Dr. Patil as President of Kolhapur Surgical Society instead of Dr. Varute, the minutes were passed. Proposed by Dr. Shahapurkar. Seconded by Dr. Manoj Jain.

Next year instead of 9, we will have 15 EC members. This has already been displayed on our official website. All city chapters were requested to have consensus and send names for EC embers.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Dr. Shivpuje informed that the audited report of 2012-13 has been displayed on the website. Hence no copies of report are being circulated. Members inquired about profit and loss account Dr. Shivpuje was requested to give a slide presentation of account since every one was interested in profits. He promised to have slide presentation in next year. He in the mean time gave detailed account of expenses incurred and finally reported a profit of Rs.3,17,979. There was a big applause. Dr. Patankar requested all city chapters to contribute towards State Chapter. The report was then approved.

Proposed by Dr. Manoj Jain.

Seconded by Dr. Shahapurkar.

Dr. Patankar informed the house the Oration delivered by Dr. Arun Jamkar was well received. He also announced the Best City Chapter Awards. Best City Chapter Award (Social) was given to Kolhapur Surgical Society and Best City Chapter Award (Academic) was bagged by Thane Surgical Society. He also announced the K. C. Gharpure Travelling fellowship has been awarded to Dr. Nitin Gothwal of Bhusawal for the year 2014. Dr. Ashok Dhonde of Sangli had completed his fellowship in 2013 and submitted the report to Secretary's office. A travelling fellowship amount cheque of Rs.10000 and a certificate was awarded to Dr. Ashok Dhonde.

CONFIRMATION OF LOCATION OF MASICON 2015.

MASICON 2015 will be held at Nagpur. Dr. Patankar informed that we already have 86 early bird registrations. He requested Dr. Quraishi to give briefing about the MASICON 2015 at Nagpur. The Nagpur MASICON would be more delegate centric and more care would be taken of faculty as well as delegates. Dr. Jaising Shinde expected large number of delegates in Nagpur.

INVITING BIDS TO HOLD MASICON 2016.

Two venues are for consideration – one is Kolhapur and another is Nanded. Dr. Patankar requested Dr. Varute to give a small presentation about Kolhapur bid since the presentation was already given in previous EC meeting. Dr. Varute gave presentation with new additions and urged to vote for Kolhapur to host MASICON 2016. Nanded team was also invited to give a presentation about the infrastructure and plan for hosting MASICON 2016 in Nanded. Dr. Anjali Dawle with her colleague gave a presentation about the historic city of Nanded and the infrastructure and manpower available. She also brought to the notice of house that last MASICON was held in 2005 and requested the house to give an opportunity to welcome delegates to Nanded in 2016. After some discussions Dr. Patankar put it to vote. It was decided to put on record that since Kolhapur withdrew from MASICON 2015, it was given to Nagpur. Similar in 2015 AGM, Nanded may get good support for MASICON 2016. After some discussion Dr. Jamdade graciously withdrew bid for Nanded MASICON 2016 and MASICON 2016 was given to Kolhapur.

Dr. Patankar read out an email received from Dr. Asha Jadhav regarding constitution revision for compulsory representation by ladies on EC. At least two ladies members should be on the EC and can have voluntary cooption. Dr. Patankar informed that when we have increased representation from 9 to 15, there is better chance to get elected. Dr. Dalvi informed that there was long time demand from female surgeons. Dr. Shahapur remarked that the existing ladies on the GC Dr. Jayashree Todkar and Dr. Jyotsna Kulkarni were always by merit and not by reservation. The selection should not be by reservation but be by merit. It was then decided to have 2 female representatives on GC and the cooption of two posts be done at the beginning of the term. Constitution needs to be amended accordingly.

DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS

Dr. Patankar informed that Dr. Pramod Shinde is working on preparing and publishing the directory of members. This will include ASI as well as non ASI members. He requested all to give photograph and details. He also informed that we hardly have 50-60% data. For sending invitations of any academic activity, we do not have data of members with us. Hence we have been working on the directory and requested again

to give details and photograph. He also said that the publisher will contact city chapter office bearers to get this data. Please respond to them. We expect the directory to be published by 15th July. Dr. Dalvi suggested that the soft copy of the directory should be kept in the ASI office in Pune. Any change in mobile number, address should be informed to the office where changes could be made in the soft copy. There are lot of surgeons in Maharashtra who still are not members of ASI and there are some surgeons who are members of ASI but not listed with Maharashtra State Chapter. City chapters should take initiative to update the Maharashtra State chapter directory.

K.C.GHARPURE TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP

The fellowship amount of Rs.10000 is very much inadequate considering the expenses involved in travelling etc. It was therefore suggested to increase the fellowship amount from Rs.10000 to Rs.20000. This was unanimously agreed by the house. Proposed by Dr. Abhay Dalvi. Seconded by Dr.Varute.

An issue of increasing membership of MASI was discussed. It was brought to the notice that post graduates who pass out are still not become members. Dr. Patankar requested Dr. Abhay Dalvi and Dr. Jyotsna Kulkarni to take up the issue of Best State Chapter award in the GC. Dr. Dalvi and Dr. J. Kulkarni were requested to follow it up in the next GC. Dr. Patankar again requested all the members that any activity conducted by any city chapter must be informed to secretary's office within one month so that it could be informed to ASI head quarter which could be considered for State Chapter award.

In meeting at Hyderabad, Dr. Roy Patankar, Secretary, objected to entire state contribution to go to Uttarakhand and said we would contribute only Rs.10/- per member. ASI wanted to donate amount to Uttarakhand to overcome natural calamity. GC members from Maharashtra volunteered to contribute Rs.10 per members. In the subsequent GC meeting, all other states followed our suggestion. ASI was requested to clear all dues.

There are many orations framed by ASI. There have been problems, confusion and misappropriation in allotting orations to speakers. There have been instances of one surgeon applying for six different orations hoping to get atleast oration irrespective of his area of interest. There has been no transparency in selecting orators. Dr. Dilip Gode had received four applications for scrutiny of which two were incomplete. There are no specific guidelines for selecting orators. We have to identify surgeons from each area in our region, collect their Biodata and two photographs and send to ASI HQ. Maharashtra would then automatically receive orations to our state. This would bring in complete change in ASI. Considering this, we must pursue with ASI HQ to give money to State Chapter to meet these expenses.

Dr. Patankar asked members if there is any other issue for discussion.

Dr. Roy Patankar thanked all the delegates for their attendance in large number and making the MASICON – 2014 a great success.

Dr. Roy Patankar
Secretary,
Maharashtra State Chapter of ASI

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF MAHRASHTRA STATE
CHAPTER OF A.S.I. HELD ON 06/02/2014 AT DR. KASHINATH GHANEKAR
NATYAGRUHA, THANE**

The Executive Committee meeting of the Maharashtra State Chapter of the A.S.I. was held as per the notice executed by the Hon. Secretary dated 15th January, 2014.

The meeting was called to order by the President Dr. Jaisingh Shinde.

Following members were present :, Dr. Jaisingh Shinde, Dr. Roy Patankar, Dr. Abhay Dalvi, Dr. Pramod Shinde, Dr. Vijay Shivpuje, Dr. Aparna Deshpande,. Dr. Prakash Shahapurkar, Dr. Manoj Jain, Dr. Pravin Munot, Dr. Umesh Agrawal, Dr. Bhaskar Musande, Dr. A. M. Quraishi, Dr. N. Saileswar, Dr. Jyotsna Kulkarni,, Dr Dr. Jayhashree Todkar, Sunil Nalavade, Organizing Secretary, MASICON 2014.

Following members were absent : Dr. Siddharth Dubhashi Dr. Dilip Gode.
Dr. Jaisingh Shinde welcomed all the EC members He then requested Secretary to start the proceedings of the meeting.

Dr. Roy Patankar read out the minutes of last EC meeting held on 5.1.2014. Dr. Patankar requested Dr. Pramod Shinde to brief the EC members about the progress of preparation of Members Directory.

Dr. Pramod Shinde informed that the MOU has been signed between the MASI and Publisher. Publisher will give 100 directories free of cost to the Association. MOU states that the data of the members will not be handed over any outside agency without the consent of the EC. If this is violated, then the publisher will be liable for legal action and it will be the responsibility of the publisher. Soft copy of the data to be provided by the publisher to the MASI. Dr. Patankar informed that we do not have directory of members where we could have members exact data, while many other associations have their members directory. The directory will contain ASI as well as non ASI members. Dr. Shahapurkar suggested whether we can entrust the responsibility to members to collect information of surgeons in their region. There are many surgeons who do not attend the conference and obviously we do not have their details. EC

assured that all EC members would strive to collect the data of surgeons in their region. It was decided to get photograph also along with the other details of members. Dr. Patankar informed that Dr. Abhay Dalvi raised objection for state chapter e-voting in GC meeting.

Regional Activities : Dr. Dalvi requested all the members to conduct as many activities in their region/city and submit the report to the Secretary with one month. Secretary would then forward it to the ASI HQ. So when the issue of Best Chapter Award comes, we have full proof information we have conducted so many activities and the report has been sent to ASI HQ on such and such dates.

Dr. Abhay Dalvi brought to the notice of EC members that there are many eminent surgeons in Maharashtra out of which very few have delivered orations at ASICON level. He requested to please forward an application with a photograph to the Secretary nominated by two members along with an abstract of talk.. In all there are 12 oration in different speciality. If their names with application are sent to ASI HQ, automatically, Maharashtra State Chapter will start getting orations. There are instances of orators delivering oration on the subject where they have not done any work in that speciality. He informed the house the points to be discussed in the next GC meeting in Chennai – He has sent guidelines about the points and marking criteria.

Since Dr. Roy Patankar and Dr. Pramod Shinde would be going to attend the GC meeting in Chennai in End February 2014, he sought approval of the EC for air fair to both of them about Rs.12000 each. EC unanimously agreed to this.

Next MASICON 2015 is scheduled at Nagpur from 12-15 February.

Dr. Patankar requested all EC members to encourage residents to apply for K.C.Gharpure Traveling fellowship. In view of previous fellows expenses on travelling, Dr. Patankar suggested increase in fellowship amount from Rs,10000 to Rs.20000. All EC members approved this.

Best City Chapter Award

Dr. Patankar informed that we have received three applications from Kolhapur Surgical society, Nagpur Surgical Society and Thane Surgical Society. After discussion,

Best City Chapter Award (Academic) was given to Kolhapur Surgical Society and Best City Chapter Award (Social) was given to Thane Surgical Society.

State Chapter award issue was discussed. Last year Tamil Nadu received the Best Chapter Award. Dr. Patankar requested Dr. Jayashree Todkar as GC Member to find out how much points Tamil Nadu got which helped them to bag the State Chapter Award inspite of Maharashtra State Chapter having many activities to their credit.

Instituting Life Time Achievement Award was discussed. Dr. H.S.Bhanushali and Dr. Pujari's names were suggested. Since there is no precedence, it needs to be discussed in net EC meeting. State body will decide who to get this award. If this award has to be instituted it has to be taken up in next General Body meeting and needs to be approved. Thane Surgical Society wants to felicitate Dr. Bhanushali and Dr. Pujary with this Life Time Achievement Award this year. Dr. Dalvi said if Thane Surgical Society want to confer this award, we have no objection. But if Thane Surgical Society wants Maharashtra State Chapter to announce it during the MASICON, this needs to be discussed and put to vote whether we should allow TSS to felicitate dr. Bhanushali and Dr. Pujari during MASICON. EC members were not in favor of this. Dr. Musande said let them do it at the Society level but not on this MASICON platform. Let it not be an official ceremony of the State Chapter. Dr. Dalvi said felicitation is different and conferring Life Time Achievement Award is different. He suggested that this can be done after conference dinner. After some discussion it was decided to frame rules and criteria in next EC meeting. EC members to frame guidelines for Life Time Achievement Award and to be discussed in next EC meeting. Next year will be 25th Dr. G.M.Phadke Oration. Dr. Pramod Shinde, Dr. Jaisingh Shinde and dr. Abhay Dalvi will frame the guidelines for Life Time Achievement Award. No Life Time Achievement Award will be given by State Chapter at present.

Dr. Agarwal informed that the surgeons from remote areas are not aware of newer operative techniques. He inquired whether CDs and videos of such techniques could be made available for these surgeons as teaching aids. Dr. Dalvi informed that the eminent faculty is ready to come to remote areas if few cases or operative workshops could be arranged. Such programs would help to increase the standards of operative procedures in remote areas.

Dr Dalvi pointed out that in the workshop schedule, neither the operating faculty's names were announced nor were printed in the program. Two objections were raised by him - Live surgery was to be transmitted from Somaiya Hospital which was cancelled, but no intimation was sent by the Secretary/office bearers.

The meeting then ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Roy Patankar and members proceeded for lunch.

(Dr. Roy Patankar)

Hon. Secretary,

Maharashtra State Chapter of A.S.I.