

## **Minutes of the General Body meeting of the Maharashtra state chapter of ASI, held on 6-2-2016, at Hotel sayaji, Kolhapur 7 pm – 8.30 pm.**

The Meeting was attended by 72 members

1. Meeting was called to order by the officiating President of the chapter Dr A. Quraishi. He handed over the charge to the chapter secretary Dr Roy Patankar for further proceedings.
2. There were no condolences.
3. The minutes of the last AGM held on 31-1-2015 at Nagpur were confirmed. Proposed by Dr Manoj Jain, seconded by Dr Dilip Gode. Passed unanimously.
4. Dr. Roy Patankar announced the best city chapter awards to Nagpur and Kolhapur surgical societies. He also announced the travelling fellowship award for the year 2016-17 to Dr. Rahul Lokhande for training in Moulana Hospital, Perintalmanna, Kerala. He also mentioned about the report of the 2015-16 award submitted by Dr. Rucha Jajoo for training in laparoscopic hernia surgery.
5. Treasurer Dr Aparna Deshpande presented the audited report for the year F Y 2014-15. Proposed by Dr Jaisingh Shinde, seconded by Dr Munot. Passed unanimously. Dr. Patankar informed that Dr Quraishi, organizing secretary, MASICON 2015 has already paid the mandatory Rs. 2, 42,000/- contribution to the state chapter and over and above will be contributing Ra. 1,00,000/- to the state chapter. He mentioned about annual increase of 10% in the mandatory amount to be paid by the organizers of the successive MASICON as per the constitution. He also announced the contribution of Rs.8,00,000/- by the family of Dr. Chitale and that from its interest a new travelling fellowship will be instituted from the next year. Although it was proposed to felicitate them, none of the members was available.
6. Nanded surgical society confirmed the venue for MASICON 2017 at Nanded with Dr. Umesh Bhalerao as organizing secretary and Dr Jamdade as the organizing chairman. They also made a presentation highlighting the preparations.
7. Dr Roy Patankar informed the house about the constitutional change made by the Association of Surgeons of India ( ASI) regarding the requirement for contesting for Governing Council (GC) membership. The new rule makes only those persons who have served as the elected member of the state chapter for at least one term, eligible to contest for the ASI GC. This makes all past presidents of the state chapter

ineligible, as the president is ex-officio – being the organizing secretary of the previous year MASICON. To address this new rule, he proposed that the President of the state chapter be considered as the elected President and this will be effective retrospectively for all the past presidents. This was proposed by Dr. Ram Mali and was seconded by Dr M Y Bapaye. Passed unanimously.

8. Dr Patankar informed about the complaint lodged by Dr Mahadeo Gharale regarding a paper in the best paper award section which was already presented at MASICON at Nasik and there by had violated the rule. The paper was therefore disqualified and the presenter is being barred from future participation in the best paper session of the MASICON.
9. Dr. Jaising Shinde raised the issue of the poster of the separate meeting of the women's wing and sought information about its status. Dr. Anjali Dawale said although her name figured in the poster, she was not aware of any such a meeting and it was without her knowledge. Dr Asha Jadhav mentioned the goal was to have the state women's wing in line with the ASI. Dr. J.S. Todkar informed that the ASI had approved the special women's wing to address special problems faced by women at work and as they have to balance between home and career. The women's wing had had a programme at ASICON 2015 . She informed that the meeting was planned in the earlier week and she herself had made the poster. Dr Asha Jadhav also claimed that she also did not know about the poster. Dr Abhay Dalvi informed that he has discussed the matter with the past president of the ASI and also with the ASI GC member Dr Kumkum Singh and that no constitutional rights have been bestowed on to this wing. Last two GBMs of the ASI have rejected the demand of having a special women's wing and that we treat women as equal. Women's wing cannot hold a meeting without the permission from the EC. Dr Varute said that Dr Todkar informed about the meeting and the poster just two days prior and Kolhapur Surgical Society and MASICON 2016 organising committee had nothing to do with it. Dr. J S Todkar apologized about the lapse and said that the purpose was only to make women surgeons aware. Dr Mali said that the women surgeons should write about their issues to the EC of the state chapter and the EC should address the problems and seek solutions. Dr Gode felt that this division was not in the interest of the association. Dr Jamdade said that the matter should be considered as the closed chapter. Dr Quraishi said that issue was that the meeting was called without the prior information of the EC.
10. Dr. Nadkarni raised the issue of having two inaugurations – one of the workshop and one of the main conference and why local city chapter president and secretary were not placed on the dais during the inaugural ceremony. Dr. Shinde explained

that the workshop is organized by the local city chapter and is not an official part of the MASICON conference and local organizers often choose to have a separate inauguration. Dr. Patankar explained the protocol. Dr. Gode and Dr. Kamat said that EC should discuss this issue. Dr Jadhav said that GB should know about the exact protocol. Dr. Patankar said that it is available on the website.

11. Dr Patankar handed over the charge to Dr Quraishi for further proceedings to select the venue for MASICON 2018. Presentations were made by Dr Borgaonkar for Aurangabad and Dr Kishor Adhyanthaya for Mumbai. Dr Quraishi asked for show of hands and observed overwhelming support for Mumbai. He requested withdrawal of bid by Aurangabad Surgical Society and a consensus decision. MASICON 2018 was entrusted to Mumbai Surgical Society. Dr. Adhyanthaya thanked the GB. Dr. Roy Patankar to be the Organizing Secretary and Dr. K. Adhyanthaya would be Chairman, MASICON 2018.
12. Dr. Patankar concluded the meeting with the vote of thanks to the chair and the members.