

International Hepato Pancreato Biliary Association (Indian Chapter)

Minutes of the General Body Meeting

Held at Hotel Renaissance, Mumbai 6 to 8 pm, 11 January 2014

Chair: Dr R A Sastry, President IHPBA, Indian Chapter

Members Attended:

Dr Sadiq Sikora, Dr A Supe, Dr Wasif Ali, Dr Md Ibrarullah, Dr Madhusudan Modi, Dr M Sahoo, Dr Chirag Desai, Dr KS Patel, Dr Shailesh Shrikhande, Dr Prasad Wagle, Dr VK Kapoor, Ramesh Ardhanari, Jugal Agarwal, Abhay Dalvi, Haresh K Shah, PP Varty, C Khandelwal, Nitin Pawar, SS Bhalerao, Anil Agarwal, Adarsh Choudhury, SK Mathur, Vijay Borgaonkar, Sudeep Shah, PP Shinde, S Sadsivam, Roshan Shetty, H SenGupta, Rupesh Mehta, Hitesh Chavda, V Sitaram, KS Patel, M Sahoo, Chetan Kantharia, Jagdish Kothari, D Chhabra, Anand Bharthan, Kalpesh Jani, Tanveer Majeed, and few members who were not able to sign the attendance sheet.

1. The president called the meeting to order. The meeting had to be reconvened after one adjournment because of lack of quorum.
2. Condolence:
 - Dr.Ramesh Ardhanari announced the untimely demise of Prof.N.Rangabashyam, the doyen of GI Surgery in India on the 14 July 2013.
 - The House stood for a minute in silence to pay homage to the departed soul.
 - Resolution:
 - i. The House unanimously passed a resolution acknowledging the immense contribution of Prof.Rangabashyam to IHPBA as a Past President and offering condolences to the bereaved family.
 - Action: A copy of the condolence resolution to be sent to the family of Prof.Rangabashyam
3. Secretary's Report:
 - Dr.Sadiq Sikora, the Secretary of IHPBA (India) presented the Annual Report where he highlighted the activities of the Association. The single theme meeting on Biliary Diseases held at Patna by Dr.C.K.Khandelwal was well-attended and appreciated. The Certificate course was successfully conducted at JIPMER, Pondicherry by Dr.Biju Pottakkat and it was very much appreciated by the candidates with several new additions as Hands-on-sessions using newer technology.
 - Approved unanimously
 - Action: to be incorporated in to Association Records
4. Minutes of the last General Body meeting
 - Minutes were circulated.
 - Dr.V.K.Kapoor suggested that the minutes may be circulated electronically at the earliest after the General Body Meeting. The suggestion was accepted
 - Passed unanimously
 - Action: to be incorporated into Association Records
5. Induction of new Members and Membership fee

- 32 new members approved by the Executive committee were presented. With the induction of new members the total membership of the Association was announced to be 565.
- The proposal of the Executive Committee that the life membership fee may be raised from the existing Rs.5000 to 10000 was presented to the house.
- After a discussion an increase of Rs.2500 was accepted
- It was also proposed to issue Electronic Certificate to all the members
- Resolutions: Unanimous
 - i. Resolved to induct 32 new members to the Association. (List appended)
 - ii. Resolved to increase the Life Membership fee from the existing Rs.5000 to Rs.7500
 - iii. Resolved to issue Electronic Certificates to all the Members of the Association
- Actions:
 - i. Member list to be updated
 - ii. Necessary changes to be made in the Application form with the new Membership fee
 - iii. A format for Electronic Membership Certificate to be formulated and certificates issued to all members

6. Education Research Foundation

- The role of Education and Research Foundation was discussed. Dr A Supe and Dr SK Mathur commented on the genesis of the TERF and all appreciated the contribution of the Foundation and agreed that there is a mutually beneficial relationship with TERF with full support of activities of IHPBA. It was decided that however, more clarity was required in terms of functioning and relationship of TERF and IHPBA Indian chapter and this needs to be reviewed and clarified to the GB.
- Resolution: Unanimous
 - i. The house recommends that while the independent nature of TERF as an Educational Foundation may be maintained, the relation between the Foundation and the Association needs to be defined in a better manner and documented.
- Action:
 - i. The matter needs to be discussed with the Foundation and clearly defined in a memorandum of understanding.

7. Finances of the Association

- The President and Secretary emphasized the need for augmenting the resources of the Association and how we are missing on the share from the Association's conference profits. The Executive Committee's proposal that the Organizing Committee of all Conferences should pledge to pay the Association 10% of the total Registration amount collected or 50% of the profit, whichever is more was put before the House.
- Extensive discussion took place about the quantum of money to be collected, the problem of TAN, the service charges etc.
- Resolution: Unanimous
 - i. It was resolved to appoint a committee with Dr.Rupesh Mehta as the convener and Dr.S.K.Mathur and Dr.Shinde as members with a mandate to

1. Formulate a contract format to be signed before a conference is accepted to be organized.
 2. Recommend the most appropriate manner of sharing the finances/ profits by the organizers with the parent Association keeping the legalities of statutory taxes and the responsibilities of their payments in mind in consultation with Chartered accountants/Tax consultants
 3. Submit the report within three months
 - ii. It was resolved to follow the recommendations forth with the approval of the Executive Committee
 - Action:
 - i. Appointment of the committee and follow up
8. Web site:
 - The Secretary explained how efforts are on to revamp the web site with the provision of facility for electronic voting on the site and how he and the President have been working with the vendors.
 - After a discussion of the various web activities that are possible it was decided to request Dr.Senthilnathan to take up this responsibility.
 - Resolution: unanimous
 - i. It was resolved to revamp the web site with facilities for online voting and other academic web enhancements
 - ii. It was resolved to appoint Dr.Senthilnathan to head the web committee, form his own team and suggest other academic web enhancements forming his own working team for the purpose and working in tandem with the President and the Secretary
 - Action:
 - i. Appointment of Dr.Senthilnathan as convener of the Web Committee with the above mandate and follow up.
9. Constitution Committee:
 - The President informed that the Executive Committee has approved the appointment of the Constitution Committee with Dr.Avinash Supe as the President with the following members. 1.Dr.Ramesh Ardhanari, 2. Dr.Rupesh Mehta, 3. Dr.Puneet Dhar, and 4. The President and 5. Secretary as ex officio members.
 - Resolution: unanimous
 - i. It was resolved to constitute the Constitution Committee with Dr.Avinash Supe as the President with the following members. 1.Dr.Ramesh Ardhanari, 2. Dr.Rupesh Mehta, 3. Dr.Puneet Dhar, and 4. The President and 5. Secretary as ex officio members. The committee is mandated to look in to all the clauses of the constitution, compare with those of sister organizations and recommend the amendments required
 - Action:
 - i. Appointment of Constitution amendment Committee
10. Annual Conference 2016
 - Resolution: Unanimous
 - i. It was resolved to approve the bid of Dr.Chirag Desai for Ahmedabad to be the venue for the forthcoming Annual Conference of IHPBA (India) in 2016
11. Mid-term meetings/updates
 - Resolution:

- i. Resolved to accept the requests for the following CMEs/updates during 2014-15
 1. Dr.Omar Shah, Srinagar – Pancreatic diseases in May 2014
 2. Dr.Ibrarullah, Bhubaneshwar – Biliary diseases – date to be announced
 3. Dr.K.S.Patel, Ahmedabad – Acute Pancreatitis – April 2014
 4. International update, Kathmandu, Nepal
12. Certificate Course
 - Resolution:
 - i. It was resolved to approve the following two requests for conducting the Certificate Course during 2014-15
 1. Dr.Peush Sawhney, AIIMS Aug/Sept 2014
 2. Dr.Ramesh Ardhanari, Meenakshi Mission Hospital, Madurai
13. Appointment of EC Member South Zone
 - Resolution: Unanimous
 - i. It was resolved to appoint Dr.Ramesh Ardhanari whose name was proposed as the Executive member from South Zone
14. President Elect
 - The President apprised the house of the fact that the election for the post of President Elect during the last general body meeting ended in a tie and could not be resolved because of the constitutional lacuna. Dr.S.K.Mathur proposed that both should be considered elected and after a discussion it was agreed that both will share the term – Dr.Rupesh Mehta first followed by DrC.K.Khandelwal
 - Resolution: Unanimous. Proposed by: Dr.S.K.Mathur, Seconded by: Dr.Abhay Dalvi
 - i. It was unanimously resolved that as a onetime solution to the tie that resulted after the election for the President Elect last year, both the contestants may be deemed elected and Dr.Rupesh Mehta will take over the office of President first (2015-16) followed next year by Dr.C.K.Khandelwal (2016-17).

The General Body Meeting was then adjourned.

Dr.Sadiq Sikora

Secretary, IHPBA (India)