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Minutes of Meeting of Governing Council, IAPSM held on 17th April 2022

First Governing Council (GC) meeting of newly elected IAPSM 2022-23 was held as per the schedule under the chairmanship of the President IAPSM Dr. Harivansh Chopra.

Date: 17th April 2022

Time: 11:00 AM

Venue: Online mode via Zoom platform

The Zoom link and agenda of the meeting was circulated by Dr. Purushottam Giri (Secretary General) to all GC members through official WhatsApp group GC IAPSM 2022-23.

Following members attended the meeting:

1. Dr. Harivansh Chopra (President)
2. Dr. A. M. Kadri (President Elect)
3. Dr. Uday Narlawar (Vice President)
4. Dr. Suneela Garg (Immediate Past President)
5. Dr. Purushottam Giri (Secretary General)
6. Dr. Pankaj Bhardwaj (Chief Editor, IJCM)
7. Dr. Meenal Thakare (Joint Secretary)
8. Dr. Manish Rana (Treasurer)
9. Dr. Anmol Gupta (Executive Council Member, North zone)
10. Dr. Rakesh Bahl (Executive Council Member, North Zone)
11. Dr. Pradeep Aggarwal (Executive Council Member, North Central Zone)
12. Dr. Shaili Vyas (Executive Council Member, North Central Zone)
13. Dr. Parul Sharma (Executive Council Member, West zone)
14. Dr. Ankit M Seth (Executive Council Member, West zone)
15. Dr. Varun Gaiki (Executive Council Member, South Zone)
16. Dr. Joy Bazroy (Executive Council Member, South Zone)
17. Dr. Abhik sinha (Executive Council Member, East Zone)
18. Dr. Lisa Sarangi (Executive Council Member, East Zone)

Both Dr. Neelam Anupama Toppo and Dr. Vishwambhar Puri Goswami, Executive Council Members, South Central Zone, could not attend meeting.



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Dr. Purushottam Giri (Secretary General) commenced the meeting and welcomed all the newly elected esteemed GC members. The meeting was chaired by the President Dr. Harivansh Chopra and the outset; he congratulated the newly elected committee members. Dr. Chopra in his opening remark shared that together will have to take the association to newer heights. He then requested Dr. Purushottam Giri to facilitate agenda wise the proceedings of the meeting.

Following agenda was discussed and approved in the meeting.

1. Self-introduction by all newly elected members:

Dr. Purushottam Giri opened up with the agenda and requested all members to introduce themselves in brief. All newly elected members introduced themselves starting from President, President Elect, Vice-president, Immediate Past President, Secretary General, Joint Secretary, Treasurer, Editor-in-chief and all region wise GC members.

2. SOPs for National / State Conference / Seed Money for Conference:

Dr. Harivansh Chopra mentioned that there is need to have a SOPs for national conferences. Also he suggested that GC members should be involved and aware of what is happening at national conference and in conference of their states. Also it is suggested that seed money can be given by IAPSM for national conference only.

Dr. Uday Narlawar mentioned the problems that he faced during conduction of National IAPSMCON2022 in Nagpur. He mentioned that announcing the dates well in advance, opening an account, GST related issue make it difficult to do the activities without seed money. Seed money should be issued 6-8 months prior by the headquarter and can be returned after the conference is over in time bound manner say within 15 days.

Dr. Purushottam Giri invited comments, and Dr. Uday Narlawar mentioned that as no guidelines were available for the conference days, but there is a need to have SOPs for activities to be carried out during preparatory phase of the conference. Strict RBI guidelines make it difficult to open an account in the name of organization. Moreover guidelines for preparations for the conference are not there.

Dr. Pradeep Aggarwal suggested GC to have a committee for SOPs, and have an online meeting. Dr. Rakesh Bahl seconded Dr. Pradeep Aggarwal.



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Dr. Harivansh Chopra suggested that President, Vice-President, Secretary General, President Elect, Chief Editor and Dr. Pradeep Aggarwal, Dr. Shaili Vyas, Dr. Varun Gaiki and Dr. Parul Sharma can form a committee for SOPs. It is resolved that SOPs committee for IAPSM National Conference consist of the above mentioned members. The seed money can be part of SOPs.

Dr. Rakesh Bahl said that seed money will be a kind of temporary loan and has to be returned mandatory within 15 days after conference over.

Dr. Uday Narlawar mentioned that it is absolutely essential, to start the conference website, printing of brochures, as registration starts late. So, seed money has to be issued well in advance, otherwise faculty and PGs have to contribute.

Dr. A.M. Kadri suggested to keep in mind pros and cons and while developing the SOPs about seed money. He also suggested that a penalty clause to be kept, if the seed money is not returned in stipulated time. He said that a guideline is already there and we can build SOPs on it. State chapter can give seed money for state conference as being practices in the Maharashtra state.

Dr. Varun Gaiki submitted that young leader's conclave too needs seed money but how will they return it can be an issue, Dr. Shaili Vyas mentioned that youth conclave should be given seed money and they had no money to give away prizes.

It is decided that the committee has to consider on all these issues and it should submit the report within 30 days.

3. Strengthening of State chapters:

Dr. Harivansh Chopra mentioned that in very few states, that state chapters are active like Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka etc. He asked to bring all functional chapters on one platform and those having more than 50 members to form a formal chapter. Dr. Purushottam Giri said that it is his priority agenda too.

Dr. Varun Gaiki suggested that there should be someone from outside to supervise and expedite this activity along with GC members.

Dr. Harivansh Chopra said that Rajasthan has no chapter in spite of many attempts. Dr. Uday Narlawar said that all states have adequate number of members to form a chapter and initiative should come from the state.

Dr. Purushottam Giri said that there is lack of initiative, so national body has to support along with their respective zone EC members.



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Dr. Rakesh Bahl said that they have North Zone chapter, Himachal and Punjab Chapters, but not for Chandigarh and Haryana. Dr. Pankaj Bhardwaj informed all that Rajasthan is trying hard, but not able to do it, elected members should take the lead. Dr. Chopra mentioned that one representative from each state should be involved in the process. Dr. Meenal Thakare enlisted the names of states and zones having their chapters.

Dr. A M Kadri informed all that we have 16 chapters but activities are not sustainable. In Rajasthan, local dynamics couldn't make it possible to make a chapter having a PAN Card, formal registration for existing chapters are few hurdles. Kerala shows no consistency in South, COVID too affected activities, EC members should be made responsible and some neutral member from national headquarters can help. Registrar General does not allow the name IAPSM and other committee may have to be formulate to deal with these issues as it is cumbersome process and needs money. If IAPSM cannot be used as initial then state chapter can start their name as for example "APSM Maharashtra Chapter". State chapter name should be last.

4. Membership Drive/ Database Updating:

Dr. Purushottam Giri said that state-wise database has to be updated. Dr. Harivansh Chopra suggested that filtering can be used and Dr. Manish Rana can do it, list can be sent to him. We need a platform with 2000 bulk e-mails, may have to buy bigger platform.

Dr. Manish Rana informed all that state-wise database was updated last year, can be shared. We can take legal support for registering state chapters and local state chapters, PAN Card can be used for national conference.

Dr. AM Kadri mentioned that the registration fee is increased to Rs. 5000/- from 1st April 2020. Out of this Rs.1000/- is to be given to State chapters with registration and PAN number. We should motivate all the state chapter and get themselves registered. This will give a legitimate status, stability and sustainability to the chapters.

Dr. Shaili Vyas shared some challenges in membership drive, PGs ask about the advantage of becoming members, how to sort out, they are not convinced with advantages somehow. During the TB Quiz a condition was kept that only IAPSM members can participate, such mechanism works.

Dr. Chopra suggested that non-members registration fees should be Rs. 2000/- more than IAPSM life members for national conference and Rs.1000/- more for state level conference and it should appear in first row of the table for registration fees.



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Dr. Ankit Seth said that in all conferences, workshops should have discounted rates for members and drive only if more registrations together like 5 or more. Dr. Manish Rana added that with such practices, people will always expect discounted rates or drive. As Rs.5000/- is not a huge amount for life membership.

Dr. A.M. Kadri mentioned that increased number of activities like PG activities and other activities shows that association is working. So, this practice is beneficial for the association and must sustain and rather improve.

Dr. Abhik Sinha added that sometimes PGs cannot register as life member but are interested in participation. In such case a membership undertaking of 6 months can be taken from candidates.

Dr. Purushottam Giri added that once they register during their PG tenure, they become life members only after they complete their postgraduation.

Dr. Varun Gaiki suggested that we can draft benefits of life membership of IAPSM and post it on website and other suitable platforms. It was concluded that membership fees will continue to be Rs 5000/- only.

Dr. Pankaj Bhardwaj stressed for associate membership for candidates from other disciplines, rules can be relaxed, like Indian Academy of Pediatrics is already doing. We can encourage and get members from other disciplines.

5. Constitutional Amendment:

Dr. Harivansh Chopra addressed that there are some discrepancies in the Constitution and there are newer initiative to be included in the constitution.

A committee should be formed to see the things like eConnect, Intuitional Ethics Committee of IAPSM included in the constitution. We should have a futuristic view so that our future office bearers and members are aware of each and every development and provisions in the association. Governing Council should be informed always about every slightest change or development.

Dr. AM Kadri said that role of the newly created post of the President Elect to be included, as it could be completed due to sad demise of Dr. V. K. Srivastava, whom the task was assigned. It should be also included as a part of the terms of reference (TOR) of the committed.

Dr. Purushottam Giri asked all members to read the IAPSM Constitution carefully in coming 15 days.

It is resolved that the committee consist of President, President Elect, Secretary General, Joint Secretary, Chief Editor, Dr. Rakesh Bahl, Dr. Ankit Seth, Dr. Anmol Gupta and Dr. Lisa Sarangi to be formed. Committee will be sharing the report in a month period.



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6. Formation of various committees:

Dr. Harivansh Chopra suggested to keep this agenda for the next meeting. Due to the time constrain all members agreed and it is decided to keep the agenda during next meeting.

7. eConnect to have wider reach and representation:

Dr. Harivansh Chopra suggested to keep this agenda for the next meeting. Due to the time constrain all members agreed and it is decided to keep the agenda during next meeting

8. Multicentric interventional study by IAPSM:

Dr. Harivansh Chopra suggested to keep this agenda for the next meeting. Due to the time constrain all members agreed and it is decided to keep the agenda during next meeting.

9. Any other agenda/ issue with permission of chair:

Dr. Harivansh Chopra invited queries / concerns from members. Dr. Uday Narlawar asked about IAPSM PG Quiz, directions for conducting a quiz. Dr. Chopra asked to refer to the minutes on the website, Dr. Kadri mentioned that minutes are there, any views from members can be sent to Secretary General who will approve the minutes in next meeting. Dr. Chopra said that we will take up this in next meeting.

Dr. Parul Sharma raised concern about funds in observation of various health related days, allocation of funds from IAPSM to departments should be there.

Dr. Chopra mentioned that last year books distributed by IAPSM, there is no issue with funds, prizes can be distributed, and individual colleges cannot get funds as such. Dr. Varun Gaiki suggested that we keep some amount as token entry amount from students like 50 Rs, NSS funds etc. Dr. Chopra said that we can do that.

One meeting of GC per month is the intention for addressing various issues. Dr. Purushottam Giri said that according to feedback from few committee members, it is not possible for all GC members to attend a meeting every month looking into their departmental, institutional and other assignments.

Dr. AM Kadri suggested to have 2 days meeting in physical and earlier may be before the month of September probably in August month. Monthly meeting may not be possible for all members to join. Increase the frequency of meetings may be once in 2 months.



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Dr. Purushottam Giri suggested to have a physical GC meeting in August 2022 probably in Delhi. Dr. Meenal Thakare suggested to have meeting once in 2 months and in between also if there is some urgent matter/ agenda. Dr. Chopra said that Quorum for the meeting should be a part of Constitution. Dr. Rakesh Bahl requested to have a meeting once in 2 months and as and when needed.

It was decided that both committees i.e. Committee for SOPs of National/State Conference/Seed money for conference and Constitution Amendment committee will submit the reports within one month to Secretary General.

Lastly, Dr. Purushottam Giri thanked one and all for having a good detailed deliberation and productive discussions. Meeting ended after thanking the chair.

With warm regards,

Dr. Harivansh Chopra
President

Dr. Purushottam Giri
Secretary General