

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN UROLOGISTS

19.8.2000, VISHAKAPATNAM

Around 100 members attended the General Body Meet convened by the President Dr. K.M.K.Rao who welcomed the gathering. Dr. T.R.Murali, Hon. Secretary in addition to reading out the minutes of the last General Body Meeting at SRMC, Chennai, submitted his report for his two year's tenure. The National PG Training Programme which was conducted by the Hon. Secretary in February 1999 and 2000 were greatly appreciated by the postgraduates.

The Treasurer submitted his report and audited statement. He took the permission of the house to appoint Mr. Muthukaruppan as Auditor for ASU. Also he appraised the members regarding steps he is taking to register the Society.

Dr. Sunil Shroff Organizing Secretary of the ASU generously donated Rs. 50,000.00 towards the Society and requested a corpus to be made for the Best Video Prize which was yet unsponsored. It was decided not to accept money less than Rs. two lakhs as corpus for future awards from individual members.

Dr. Shivasankar, the Organizing Secretary of the 12th Annual Conference, with a visual presentation, outlined his grandiose plans for the conference in the 2nd week of July at Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. He proposed a pre-conference CUE which will include a live or video workshop.

Dr. N.Vijayasankaran and Dr. RM.Meyyappan were elected as the President - Elect and Hon. Secretary respectively as their nominations were unanimous.

Dr. Ilangovan was requested to continue as the Treasurer as he has proved to be of invaluable help to the Society being at Chennai. He will be able to co ordinate with the incoming Secretary, also from Chennai.

Prof. H.S.Bhat Oration 2001 will be rendered by Prof. K.Ravishanker. The topic for Khivraj Memorial Symposium was chosen as Continent Urinary Diversion and Prof. S.Varadarajan was chosen as Moderator by the house. The Convener of the Point-Counter Point Debate and Quiz Master for the Prof. Ravishankar Uroradiology Quiz for 2001 will be selected from Karnataka in consultation with Dr. RM.Meyyappan. Dr. Suresh Bhat, Kottayam was awarded the Prof. A.P.Pandey Traveling Fellowship. Dr. Natarajan, PG from Manipal received the Prof. Ravindranath Traveling Fellowship for year 2000 – 2001.

There was a lot of debate on the low turnout for the XI Annual Conference as compared to previous years. The only meaning full points which emerged were the increasing numbers of conferences and workshops all over the country in addition to long distances members have to travel to reach the conference destinations. A senior member,

Prof. P.Venugopal, felt the content of conferences should be improved and said all the workshops and conferences within the zone should have the sanction of the executive council of ASU. Many members felt the programme should be circulated long before the conference. An earnest attempt was made during the last two times. However since papers are sent much later than the scheduled date it is not possible to carry out this always.

Some members felt better marketing and announcements at least an year ahead of the conference. One of the members Dr. R.P.Rajan, SRMC, Chennai, suggested that the state conferences can be held in smaller cities while the South Zone which has close to 400 full members should be held in large metros for better participation. This is food for thought and debate.

There were some constitutional amendments proposed. Due to delay in postage many members did not receive the amendments. Hence discussion on amendments was postponed to the next meet.

Kerala will host the 13th Annual Conference in 2002. This was not discussed by oversight in the GB. However it is now routine practice for the state chapter (on this occasion, the UAK) to convene and inform the Executive Council about the venue and Organizing Secretary at the mid term meet at Nagpur during USICON 2001

14.7.2001, BANGALORE

Around 150 members attended the General Body Meet convened by President Dr. H.K.Nagaraj, who welcomed the gathering. Dr. RM.Meyyappan, Hon. Secretary in addition to reading out the minutes of last General Body Meet at Vizag, submitted the report of 2000-2001. Dr. M.Ilangovan, Hon. Treasurer submitted his annual report. He explained the difficulties and conventions to be followed in future regarding the change of the name of association. The General Body gave full consent for him to go ahead, in consulting with the Auditor with necessary things for the same.

Dr. Ramadoss, Organizing Secretary of 11th ASU, generously donated Rs. 40,000.00 towards the Association.

The procedure for the membership was discussed and postgraduates are requested to inform the Hon. Secretary's office once they are qualified. Meantime they will be considered as Associate members.

Dr. Eashwar Goud, Hyderabad was elected as the president Elect, unopposed, as his nomination was unanimous.

Dr. Ravinarayanan – Tamilnadu

Dr. Appu Thomas – Kerala

Dr. D.Ramesh – Karnataka

Dr. PVLN.Murthy - Andhrapradesh were elected as Council members from the floor

Report on 13th Annual Conference of SZ-USICON 2002, Calicut was presented by Dr. Hamza Thayil, Organizing Secretary, nominated by UAK for Calicut Conference. The dates for the 13th Annual Conference would be around second week of August as Kerala would experience a heavy monsoon during the month of July. The correct dates would be confirmed following the General Body of the UAK.

Prof. P.B.Sivaraman, Head of the Department of Urology, Madras Medical College, as Organizing Chairman would host the 14th Annual Conference of ASU 2003 at Chennai under the auspices of Department of Urology, MMC and Madras Urological Society.

Prof. H.S.Bhat Oration 2002 will be rendered by Dr. C.Nageswara Rao, Vijayawada which was unanimously accepted both by the Executive Council and Annual General Body. The topic for Khivraj Memorial Symposium was chosen as “Imaging in Urology – Recent trends” and Dr. Nitin S. Kekre was chosen as Moderator by the Executive Council and by the house. The Convener for Point-Counter Point Debate and Quiz Master for Prof. Ravishanker Uroradiology Quiz for the postgraduates 2002 will be selected from UAK in consultation with Dr. RM.Meyyappan, Hon. Secretary. The amendments proposed by Dr. K.M.K.Rao, Vishakapatnam and Dr. Joseph Thomas, Manipal were discussed in detail and were passed in the General Body with two changes.

If duly elected Council members fails to attend two consecutive Executive Council Meetings in a year he should forfeit his post and member may be elected again by the Executive Council/ General Body for the remaining term.

If any Hon. Member is elected as chairperson for any session if he fails to conduct the session by absenting himself without prior intimation, he shall not receive this honour for the next two years.

The services of the outgoing members of the Council Prof. N.Krishnamurthy, Ex. President, the Council members Dr. Dilip Javeli, Dr. KSN.Chary, Dr. M.Ramalingam and Dr. P.G.Antony were discussed, appreciated and thanked by the Association.

Prof. A.P.Pandey Past President of ASU initiated discussion on waiving registration charges for Senior Urologists. After discussion, the house suggested to bring this issue in the newsletter and response to be invited from the members.

10.8.2002, CALICUT

About 200 members attend the General Body Meeting at Kadavu, convened by Dr. N.Vijayasankaran who welcomed the gathering. Dr. RM.Meyyappan Hon.Secretary in addition to reading out of the minutes of last General Body Meeting at Bangalore, submitted Secretary's report of 2001-2002. Dr. M.Ilangovan, Hon.Treasurer, submitted his annual report and explained the difficulties, to change the name of Associations, the steps he had taken in getting things right for the same under extra-ordinary

circumstances, General Body has given full consent to extend the term of Dr. M. Ilangovan for one more year. Dr. R. Jeyaraman was elected as President-Elect, unopposed, as his nomination was unanimous. Dr. D. Ramesh was elected from as Hon. Secretary as unanimous choice. For his post of Council member Dr. R. Shivasanker of Bangalore was elected for the remaining 2 year period. The Venue of the 14th Annual Conference of ASU will be Chennai and it would be around 2nd week of July. Prof. P. B. Shivaraman presented his report of 14th Annual Conference and welcomed the gathering.

The venue of the 15th Annual Conference of ASU 2002 will be at Vijayawada and Dr. Venugopal, Vijayawada will be the Organizing Secretary for the Conference 2004.

Prof. H. S. Bhat Oration 2003 will be delivered by Dr. Augustine Komaranchath, Kerala which was unanimously accepted both by Executive Council and Annual General Body. The topic for Khivraj Memorial Symposium was chosen as “Problems and Solutions in Upper Tract Endo Urology” – Dr. George P Abraham, Kerala was Chosen as Moderator both by Executive Council and house. The Convener for Point-Counter Point Debate and Quiz Master for Prof. K. Ravishankar, Uroradiology for postgraduates 2003 will be selected from Madras Urological Society and Department of Urology, Madras Medical College in consultation with Dr. D. Ramesh, Hon. Secretary.

The Travel Grants and Fellowships were discussed. The General Body suggested the donors to increase the Corpus Fund and if not feasible, the General Body suggested to reduce the prize money. The new office bearers are requested to take note of it and regarding the “sanmac” deposits, Treasurer was suggested to take concrete and legal steps.

The list of new members was read and approved by General Body. The services of the outgoing members, Dr. K. M. Krishna Rao, Ex-President, Dr. R. M. Meyyappan, Hon. Secretary were discussed, appreciated and thanked.

12.7 2003, CHENNAI

The Annual General Body Meeting of ASU for the year 2003 was held at Bay View Resorts, Chennai on 12th July at 6. 30 pm. About 225 members attended the meeting, which was chaired by the President Dr. Eashwar Goud who welcomed all the members.

The minutes of the previous General Body Meeting held at Calicut were passed and Dr. D. Ramesh the Hon. Secretary read out the report for the year 2002-2003. Dr. Ilangovan the Hon. Treasurer submitted the annual financial statement, which was accepted and passed by the members.

Dr. G. K. Venkatesh from Bangalore and Dr. Pitchai Balashanmugam from Chennai were unanimously elected as the President-Elect and Treasurer respectively. The 15th Annual Conference of the ASU was allocated to be held at Vijayawada during the

second weekend of July 2004. Dr. C.Nageswara Rao, the Chairman of the Organizing Committee and Dr. Prashanth Kumar, the Organizing Secretary invited the members to attend the conference along with their families. The 16th Annual Conference would be held at Bangalore with Bangalore Medical College as the hosts. Dr. G.K.Venkatesh was selected as the Chairman and Dr. Rathkal C.S. as the Organizing Secretary.

Prof. H.S.Bhat Oration for the year 2004 was awarded to Dr. A.V.S.Reddy. Dr. Joseph Thomas was chosen to be the Moderator for the Khivraj Memorial Symposium and topic chosen was “Management of Early Cancer Prostate“.

Issues regarding the prize money for the various Awards and Fellowships were discussed. Dr. Venkatesh Krishnamoorthy from Bangalore contributed Rs. 10,000.00 towards Prof. A.P.Pandey Traveling Fellowship and Dr. C.L.Ashok Kumar enhanced the corpus for the poster prize by Rs. 10,000.00. Dr. Ravindranath announced a contribution of 15,000.00 towards the corpus for the Dr.Ravindranath Travel Fellowship. Dr. Sivaraman and Dr. Thanikachalam also announced a contribution of an additional Rs. 20,000.00 towards the Prof. Ravishankar Uroradiology Quiz Prize. An amount of Rs. 1,00,000.00 was presented on behalf of Bangalore Urological Society from the profits of the Bangalore Conference with a request to institute prizes for the two best Video Papers to be named as “Bangalore Urological Society Video Prizes” carrying an amount of Rs. 2,500.00 and Rs. 1,500.00 respectively. This was accepted and passed by the General Body.

The list of new members were read out and approved by the General Body and the services of the outgoing Council Members were appreciated. The General Body appreciated and thanked the services of Dr. M.Illangovan the Hon. Treasurer for the steps he had taken to get the Association registered. The President concluded the General Body Meeting by thanking all the members for their cooperation.

10.7. 2004, VIJAYAWADA

The Annual General Body Meeting of ASU was held at Hotel Manorama on 10th July at 6.30 pm. The meeting was chaired by the President Dr. R.Jeyaraman who welcomed the members.

The minutes of the previous General Body Meeting held at Chennai was passed. Dr. D.Ramesh, the Hon. Secretary presented the Annual report for the year 2003-2004. The Treasurer’s report was circulated and presented by the President in the absence of the Treasurer who had met with an accident and had communicated to the Council about his inability to attend the meeting. The financial statement was accepted and passed by the members.

The Council was reconstituted with the election of new office bearers. Dr. R.Shivashankar was elected unanimously as the President Elect. The following members were elected unanimously as Council members - Dr. Suresh Bhat from Kerala, Dr. Joseph Philipraj from Karnataka, Dr. Sanjay Sinha from Andhra Pradesh and Dr. G.Devakannan

from Tamilnadu. An election was held for the post of Hon. Secretary which was contested by Dr. H.Krishna Moorthy from Kochi and Dr. Keshavamurthy R. from Bangalore. Dr. Keshavamurthy R was elected as the Honorary Secretary.

The 16th Annual Conference of the ASU was allotted for Bangalore during the 2nd weekend of July 2005. Dr. G.K.Venkatesh, the Organising Chairman and Dr. C.SRatkal the Organizing Secretary invited all the members to attend the conference along with their families. The 17th Annual Conference was decided to be held at Kerala and the Urological Association of Kerala would inform the Council regarding the venue.

Prof. H.S.Bhat Oration for the year 2005 was awarded to Dr. B.T. Sampath Kumar from Bangalore. Prof. P.B.Sivaraman was chosen to be the Moderator for Khivraj Memorial Symposium for the year 2005 and the topic chosen was “Management of BPH”. A corpus amount of Rs.2.5 Lakhs was donated by Dr. Mahesh Desai from the proceeds of the Millennium International Urology Conference to institute a National Fellowship for a member from the South Zone. The guidelines for the selection was recommended and the Council suggested modifications to these recommendations and authorized the Honorary Secretary to communicate with Dr. Mahesh Desai to enable the Association to implement the Fellowship in the forthcoming year

Prof. P.B.Sivaraman, the Chairman of the 14th Annual Conference at Chennai donated a sum of Rs. 1,00,000.00 from the proceeds of the Chennai Conference. The General Body appreciated this gesture. The list of new members was read out by the Secretary and was approved by the General Body. It was also decided to update the member’s directory and addresses.

The General Body appreciated the services of the outgoing Council Members and the Hon. Secretary. It was suggested to include the outgoing Secretary as an Ex-Officio member from the next year. Since this had to be proposed as a constitutional amendment it was decided to include it as agenda at the next Annual General Body Meeting. Till then it was suggested that the out going Secretary be called in as a special invitee to the Council. The President concluded the meeting by thanking all the members for their cooperation.

9.7.2005, BANGALORE

The General Body Meeting of Association of Southern Urologists was held at NIMHANS Convention Centre on 9th July 2005 at 5 pm. The meeting was chaired by Prof. G.K.Venkatesh, President ASU, who welcomed the members.

The General Body paid respect to two of their members who expired in the previous year. Prof. M.S.Rajashekar, Retd. Prof. and HOD of Bangalore Medical College and Dr. Manohar Shetty, young Urologist from Udupi. The AGM authorized the Secretary to send condolence message to the bereaved families on behalf of the Association.

The minutes of Annual General Body Meeting held at Vijayawada was passed.

Dr. Keshavmurthy R, Hon. Secretary read out the report for the year 2004-2005. This was accepted and passed by the members.

Dr. Pitchai Balshanmugam read out the Treasurer report for the year 2004-2005 with financial year ending 31st March 2005. The Treasurer highlighted that the accounts were streamlined and separate corpus formed for MIUC fellowship and Prof. H.S.Bhat Oration were set aside and interest accrued would be utilized for the awards. The General Body appreciated the contribution of Rs. 75,000.00 as additional corpus for Prof. H.S.Bhat Oration which was contributed by students and family of Prof. H.S.Bhat. The rest of the corpus money for the awards would be clubbed into single fixed deposit. The Treasurer informed the AGM that the application and formalities for obtaining the IT exemption has been initiated; it would take a few months to obtain sanction of IT exemption. The Treasurer report was passed by the General Body.

Dr. RM.Meyyappan from Chennai was unanimously elected as the President Elect. There were no applicants for the post of Treasurer. The General body approved the proposal to continue Dr. Pitchai Balshanmugam for one more term.

The list of New members enrolled with the Association were read out which was approved by the General Body. 21 new Life Members and 19 new Associate Life Members were enrolled.

The 17th Annual Conference of ASU is scheduled to be held in 2006 at Thiruvananthapuram. Dr. Syam K. Ramesh presented the report and welcomed the members to attend the conference at Thiruvananthapuram. The dates would be informed to the members once it is finalized. The General Body discussed regarding the delegate fee and approved the hike in the delegate fee which was fixed as Rs. 1,500.00 for delegates and 750.00 for Post Graduate students

The 18th Annual Conference of ASU will be hosted by Coimbatore with Dr. Ramalingam as the Organizing Secretary.

Dr. Prashanth Kumar presented the report of the 15th Annual Conference at Vijayawada. He presented a cheque of Rs. 1,00,000.00 to the President as the proceeds of the conference at Vijayawada.

Dr. Jeyaraman R. from Chennai proposed that Chennai would host the USICON 2008 as it was turn of Tamilnadu to host the USICON. The General Body unanimously approved his proposal.

Dr.V.N.Moni from Calicut was awarded the Prof. H.S.Bhat Oration for the year 2006. Dr. T.V.Narayana Rao from Rajamundry was awarded to moderate the Khivraj Memorial Symposium at Thiruvananthapuram in 2006. The topic of the Symposium

selected was “Management of Long Term Sequelae of Posterior Urethral Valves”. The General Body approved this unanimously.

The Hon. Secretary tabled the proposed amendment to the ASU constitution which was sent to the members earlier.

Existing: Rule 13 Under The Heading Council

The council of the association shall consist of:

Office bearers elected as per Rule 11, two immediate past presidents and 4 members elected in the Annual General Body meeting from the list of suggested nominations submitted representing each state of South India.

Amendment Unanimously Approved by the General Body

The Council of the Association shall consist of:

Office bearers elected as per rule 11, immediate past president and past secretary and 4 members elected in the Annual General Body meeting from the list of suggested nomination submitted representing each state of South India.

The issue of hike in the Life membership fee of ASU was raised

Dr. Srithar from Chennai had submitted the proposal for hike in the membership fee which was deliberated at the Council Meeting and placed before the AGM for discussion. The Secretary and the Treasurer felt that due to escalating costs and the inflation it was justifiable to hike to the membership fee to Rs. 2,000.00. The Treasurer informed that the membership fee had not been hiked since 1996-1997 and most of the state chapters and city chapters had membership fee which was more than the ASU. Dr. H.Krishna Moorthy from Kochi objected to the hike as it would be unjustifiable to charge Rs. 2,000.00 for new members as they would have just finished post graduation. Dr. Nitin Kekre from Vellore was of the opinion that the membership fee should be collected annually and those who would not pay would not be on the rolls. The Secretary informed the difficulty to keep track of the dues as we still do not have a permanent office and staff to monitor this. Legally it would be difficult to enforce as the present members were all Life Members.

Dr. N.Krishnanmurthy after debating this issue, proposed that the hike to Rs. 2,000.00 be placed before the AGM for approval which was approved by the General Body and it would be applicable for fresh applicants. This was seconded by Dr. Shivashankar R.

The meeting concluded with the President thanking all the members present in the General Body.

15.7.2006, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Annual General Body Meeting was held on 15 July 2006 at Hotel Mascot, Thiruvananthapuram.

The meeting was presided by Dr. R.Shivashankar, President, Association of Southern Urologists.

The General body paid respects to Dr. Jeyasekaran, Surgeon from Nagercoil who passed away. Dr. Nalini Venugopal, wife of Prof. P.Venugopal passed away after a brief illness. The General Body stood in silence to pray for the departed souls. The General Body authorized the Secretary to send the condolences to the bereaved family.

Meeting was called to order. Sufficient quorum was found to conduct the General Body. Dr. R.Shivashankar, President welcomed the members to the Annual General Body Meeting at Thiruvananthapuram.

The minutes of the previous General Body Meeting at Bangalore was approved unanimously by the General Body which was proposed by Dr. Nitin Kekre and seconded by Dr. Ganesh Gopalkrishnan.

Dr. R.Keshavamurthy, Secretary, ASU read out the Annual report of the activities of ASU for the year 2005-2006. The report was passed which was proposed by Dr. D.Ramesh and seconded by Dr. T.R.Murali. There was discussion regarding the rules of MIUC traveling fellowship. It was decided to approach the donors of the traveling fellowship to explore any possibility in the modification of the rules.

The Secretary informed the General Body that Dr. Devaprasath Jeyasekaran had proposed to contribute an additional sum of Rs. 1,50,000.00 for the Ideas and Innovations Award in the name of his father Dr. Jeyasekaran and a Gold medal would be given as award every year from the interest accrued. The General Body approved this and appreciated the gesture of Dr. Devaprasath.

Dr. Pitchai Balashanmugam, Treasurer tabled the audited statement of accounts for the year 2005 - 2006 which was printed in the newsletter. The Treasurer report was passed unanimously which was proposed by Dr. G.K.Venkatesh and seconded by Dr.Sanjay Sinha.

The Secretary read out the list of new members enrolled for the Life Membership and Associate Life Membership which was approved by the General Body.

Elections were held to the posts of President Elect, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of ASU. The Secretary informed the General Body that for the post of President Elect, Dr. T.R.Murali from Madurai was the only applicant and it was found valid by the Returning Officer. Dr. T.R.Murali was elected unanimously which was approved by the

General Body. For the post of Hon. Secretary, Dr. Pitchai Balashanmugam was the sole applicant which was found valid and he was declared elected unanimously. For the post of Treasurer Dr. Ravikumar from Chennai was the sole applicant and the General Body approved his nomination. The General Body ratified these elections and congratulated the newly elected members.

Dr. C.S.Ratkal, Organising Secretary of SZUSICON 2005 placed the accounts before the General Body and presented a cheque of Rs. 1,25,000.00 as the profit from the last SZUSICON at Bangalore. The draft was received by Dr. R.Shivashankar.

Dr. Raveendran Nair announced that the accounts of USICON at Kochi had been finalized. The share of the profit to ASU of Rs. 1,53,000.00 was handed over to President, ASU.

Dr. Ramalingam, Organizing Secretary of SZUSICON 2007 at Coimbatore made a brief presentation of the conference at Coimbatore and welcomed the members to Coimbatore for SZUSICON 2007.

Dr. O.Ramesh, Secretary of APSOGUS informed the General Body that APSOGUS would host the SZUSICON 2008. He informed the AGM that the place would be decided and communicated to the Secretary.

The Orator for the Prof. H.S.Bhat Oration for year 2007 was awarded to Prof. S.Varadarajan from Chennai.

The moderator for the Khivraj Memorial symposium for the year 2007 was awarded to Prof. A.S.Albert from Kottayam. The topic for the Symposium is "Ejaculatory Dysfunction".

The Secretary informed the General Body that the students and well wishers of Prof. P.B.Sivaraman have proposed to donate a corpus of Rs. 3,00,000.00 to name the guest lecture as Prof. P.B.Sivaraman Endowment Lecture. This was deliberated in the Council Meeting and the General Body approved this and it would be instituted from the coming year.

Dr. Mallikarjuna Reddy from Hyderabad was of the opinion that the ASU should elect the two members to the Council of USI unanimously henceforth. Dr. Sanjay Sinha and others felt that it would not be fair to do this as the voting for election to the Council of USI is at national level. The General Body resolved to continue with the current practice of elections.

Dr. R.Shivashankar thanked all the members and concluded the Annual General Body Meeting.

14.7.2007, COIMBATORE

The meeting held at PSG Institute of Medical Sciences & Research, Coimbatore was presided by Dr. RM.Meyyappan, President, South Zone Urological Society of India.

The meeting was called to order. Sufficient quorum was found to conduct the General Body Meeting at Coimbatore.

The minutes of the previous General Body Meeting Held at Thiruvananthapuram was approved unanimously by the General Body was proposed by Dr. G.K.Venkatesh and seconded by Dr. Ramesh.

Dr. K.Pitchai Balashanmugam, Secretary of ASU read out the activities of ASU for the year 2006-2007. The report was passed which was proposed by Dr. Shivasankar and seconded by Dr. Keshavamurthy.

Dr. S.Ravikumar, Treasurer tabled the audited statement of the accounts for the year 2006-2007 which was printed in the news letter. The Treasurer's report was passed unanimously which was proposed by Dr. D.Thanikachalam and seconded by Dr. N.Srithar.

The Secretary read out the list of new members for the Life membership and the Associate membership which was approved by the General Body.

Elections to the post President Elect and Council members was held. The Secretary informed the General Body that for the post of President Elect Dr. D.Ramesh from Bangalore was the only applicant and it was found valid by the returning officer Dr. T.R.Murali President Elect of ASU. Dr. D.Ramesh was elected unanimously which was approved by the General Body. For posts of Council members there were only one application from each state - Dr. K.Thiagarajan for Tamilnadu, Dr. C.Mallikarjuna from Andhra Pradesh, Dr. Chandrasekar Ratkal from Karnataka, Dr. H.Krishna Moorthy from Kerala and their nominations were approved. The General Body ratified these elections and congratulated the newly elected members.

Dr. Syam K Ramesh, Organizing Secretary of SZ - USICON 2006 presented a cheque of Rs.1,30,000.00 as the profit from last SZUSICON held at Thiruvananthapuram. The draft was received by Dr. RM.Meyyappan.

Dr. O.Ramesh, Organizing Secretary of SZ-USICON 2008 at Tirupathy made a brief presentation of the conference at Tirupathy and welcomed members to Tirupathy for SZ-USICON 2008.

Dr. Ali Poonawala, Secretary of Karnataka Urology Association informed the General Body that Karnataka would host SZ-USICON 2009. He informed the General Body that the venue would be decided at the Annual KUACON and communicated to the Secretary.

The Orator for the Prof. H.S.Bhat Oration would be Dr. K.M.Krishna Rao. Vishakapatnam.

The moderator for the Khivraj Memorial Symposium for the year 2008 was awarded to Prof. N.Vijayasankaran from Madurai. The Topic was Posterior Urethral Injuries.

Prof. K.Ravishankar Uroradiology Quiz will be conducted by Dr. P.V.L.N.Murthy from Hyderabad.

Prof. N.Krishnamurthy Point Counter Point Debate was awarded to Dr. Rajagopal from Hyderabad.

Prof. P.B.Sivaraman endowment guest lecture was awarded to Dr. A.K.Hemal from New Delhi.

Prof. Joseph Thomas proposed a separate session for Dr. N.Sethuraman Best Paper Award. After detailed discussion, the General Body decided to have a separate session. The General Body decided to form a committee to frame the rules and regulations for Dr. N.Sethuraman Best Paper Award.

Dr. D.Thanikachalam proposed that the duration of the annual conference may be extended to two days instead of the present 1 ½ days. But after elaborate discussions, the General Body felt that the conference should be held only for 1 ½ days.

Dr. D.Thanikachalam proposed that the Clinicopathological Conference may be named after Dr. Nalini Venugopal but it was not accepted.

Dr. RM.Meyyappan thanked all the members and concluded the session

12.7. 2008, TIRUPATI

38 members attended the meeting. The meeting was called to order by the President Dr. T.R.Murali. The house paid homage to 2 of its members, Dr. V.Subramanian and Dr. Kamalakanthan who died recently. Dr. RM.Meyyappan remembered the former, while the latter was remembered by Dr. Thanikachalam in their condolence speech. The President remarked the progress made by the Society in the last few years. The minutes of last AGM was passed. Hon. Secretary's Annual Report (2007-2008) was passed. Hon. Treasurer's Annual Report (2007-2008) was also passed, subject to the Auditor finalizing and signing the audited statement of accounts. Dr. Nerli presented a report of SZ-USICON to be held at Belgaum in July 2009. The house suggested that proper conveyance including chartered flights be arranged for the attending delegates. Dr. H.Krishna Moorthy briefed the facilities for conduct of SZ-USICON at Thrissur in 2010.

The following Office Bearers of Association of Southern Urologists were elected for the year 2008 - 2010

Dr. Ramesh D, Bangalore - President (for 2008-2009)

Dr. Pitchai Balashanmugam, Chennai - President Elect (for 2008-2009)

Dr. H.Krishna Moorthy, Kochi - Hon. Secretary

Dr. S.Ravikumar, Chennai - Hon. Treasurer

Since Dr. H.Krishna Moorthy resigned from his post as Council Member to accept the post of Hon. Secretary, Dr. Syam K Ramesh from Thiruvananthapuram was elected as Council member from Kerala for the next 2 years.

The following decisions were also taken.

Dr. Ravindranath Travel Fellowship 2008-2009

Dr.Ravi, Post Graduate Student, Department of Urology, Madras Medical College, Chennai

Prof. A.P.Pandey Travel Fellowship 2008-2009

No Applicants

MIUC Travel Fellowship for alternate years

No Fellowship for 2008-2009

Khivraj Memorial Symposium 2009

Moderator: Prof. Jeyaram Reddy, Osmania Medical College, Hyderabad

Topic: GUTB

Prof. H.S.Bhat Oration, 2009

Orator: Dr. Srithar, Bangalore

Prof. P.B.Sivaraman Endowment Guest Lecture, 2009

Dr. Rupin Shah, Mumbai (subject to his concurrence)

Prof. K.Ravishankar Uro-Radiology Quiz, 2009

Quiz Master: Dr. Keshavamurthy, Bangalore

Prof. N.Krishnamurthy Gold Medal for Point-Counter Point Debate, 2009

Moderator: Dr. Prakash Prabhu, Mysore

The names of 30 new members were approved by GB and they were admitted as members of the society.

The following amendments to bye laws were approved by the GB unanimously:

a. The activities of the association would be purely charitable in nature and not motivated for profit.

b. The funds of the institution would be utilized only towards the objects and no portion of it would be distributed in any manner to the trustees or persons defined in section 13(1) (c) of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

c. The benefit of objects would be available to the general public irrespective of cast, creed, religion or sex.

d. Not more than 5% of the income of the society/trust/institution would be applied for any religious purposes or given to religious institutions.

The suggestion of Dr. Venkatesh Krishnamurthy to enroll non medical personnels (such as MSc Microbiology, Nurses, Biochemistry Graduates etc) as members of the society was discussed in detail. It was decided not to enroll this category of research workers as members of Association of Southern Urologists presently. However they may be permitted to attend the Annual academic meetings and be co-author for papers presented during the conference. They will also not be eligible to present papers during the Conference.

Hon. Treasurer briefed the house regarding the suggestions of Auditor & Income Tax Commissioner for registering the society under Charitable Trusts Act. The amendments suggested by Auditor in this regard were approved by General Body. For the purposes of submitting papers / documents with the Registrar of Societies / Income Tax Authorities, any one of the following is authorized to affix his/her signature:-

1. President
2. President Elect
3. Honorary Secretary
4. Honorary Treasurer

Finally the President thanked all members for attending the meeting.

11.07.2009, BELGAUM

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. D.Ramesh. The members stood up in silence in remembrance of the sad demise of a senior member of the society, Dr.Venkitachala on 15 Nov 2008. The Minutes of the last AGM held at Tirupathi, Hon.Secretary's Annual Report 2008 — 2009 and Hon. Treasurer's Annual Report 2008 —2009, all published in the Newsletter were unanimously passed by the General Body. Dr. P.V.L.N.Murthy from Hyderabad was elected as the President Elect for 2009 - 2010. The following decisions were also taken

Prof. V.Ravindranath Travel Fellowship 2009 -2010

Dr. Kamalesh Kumar Maurya, Kochi

Prof. A.P.Pandey Travel Fellowship 2009 – 2010

No Applicants

MIUC Travel Fellowship 2009 – 2010

No Applicants

Prof. H.S.Bhat Oration 2010

Orator: Prof. Appu Thomas, Kochi

Prof. P.B.Sivaraman Endowment Guest Lecture 2010

Speaker: Prof. N.P.Gupta, New Delhi

Khivraj Memorial Symposium 2010

Moderator: Dr.R.B.Nerli, Belgaum

Topic: Vesico-Ureteric Reflux

Prof. N.Krishnamurthy Point Counter Point Debate 2010

Moderator: Dr. Suresh Bhat, Kottayam

Prof. K.Ravishankar Uro-Radiology Quiz 2010

Quiz Master: Dr. Vinod K.V, Thiruvananthapuram

The efforts of the Hon. Secretary for publication of SZ-USI Hand book were lauded by

the General Body. The Hon. Secretary informed the house that the Hand book and a Membership Certificate will be sent to all members by post.

The list of new members was approved by the General Body. The requests for change of membership status of Associate Members to Full Members were also approved by General Body.

The Budget for 2009 — 2010 was proposed and suggestions for spending the anticipated surplus amount of Rs. 1 Lakh were sought. After various deliberations, it was decided to invite applications from members for partial financial assistance for conduct of the following academic/ charity activities

1. Conduct of CUE under the aegis of SZ-USI. A maximum of Rs. 40,000.00 will be given by the Association, as partial financial assistance.
2. Free/ subsidised treatment of poor Urology patients as part of any Workshops/ Medical Camps etc
3. Publication of brochures, booklets, educational materials etc for the benefit of patients suffering from urological illnesses.

The applications should be submitted to the Hon. Secretary before 30 October 2009 and subject to approval of the executive Council, the amount will be reimbursed before 31st March. 2010. It was also decided not to utilize the money for enhancing the prize moneys instituted in the names of various personalities.

The audited accounts report of SZUSICON 2008 held at Tirupathi was not presented, since the organizing secretary, Dr. O.Ramesh was not present during the General Body Meeting. However a cheque of Rs. 50,000.00 was handed over as part of the proceeds of the conference through Dr. Pitchai Balashanmugham. The Hon. Secretary was entrusted to write a letter to Dr. Ramesh requesting him to submit the accounts immediately.

Dr. Darwin Therattil presented a video clipping of the arrangements being made for conduct of SZUSICON 2010 at Thrissur. Due to the anticipated heavy monsoon rains in Kerala during the month of July, the organizing committee was permitted to reschedule the Conference in August 2010.

The General body approved the request of Prof. Jeyaraman from Madras Medical College to conduct SZUSICON 2011. However the venue and the organizing committee should be decided in the TAPASU and the ASU should be informed about the details soon.

There was a discussion on the inconvenience caused due to rescheduling of Scientific Programme of SZUSICON 2009 and the poor standard of some of the scientific programmes like CPC. The Hon. Secretary informed the house that the members had not sent adequate materials for CPC inspite of several requests and there were no one willing to discuss the case. The case was selected at the last minute and the Organizing Secretary (Dr. Shrishailesh) gracefully volunteered to discuss the case, inspite of his busy schedule. The Scientific Programme was also rescheduled with the concurrence of the Executive Council for the convenience of majority of members, who found it difficult to commute to their respective places from Belgaum at the end of conference and hence wanted to leave earlier. The President informed the house that Scientific Programmes would not be rescheduled at any cost for

the benefit of a few members only and only under special circumstances, the change had to be made this time.

The house thanked Dr. D.Ramesh for his meritorious services as President of ASU for 200 - 2009.

Dr. D.Ramesh thanked the house and adjourned the meeting.

7.8.2010 THRISSUR

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Pitchai Balashanmugam. The members stood up in silence for a minute as token of respect to the departed souls of four of their members namely Dr. Kuriakose, Dr. Jayaseelan Mathias, Dr. Thanikachalam and Dr. Sankaralingam.

The President briefly informed the house regarding the progress made in the Society's activities in the last one year and urged everyone to have active participation in the future endeavours.

The minutes of the last AGM held at Belgaum published in the September 2009 issue of Newsletter was unanimously passed. The Hon. Secretary's annual report published in the July 2010 issue of Newsletter was also passed unanimously. The Hon. Treasurer presented the audited statement of accounts for the financial year ending March 2010, which was also passed by the house.

The Hon. Secretary informed the house that the following nominations were received by him for the various posts of office bearers of the ASU

President Elect: Dr. K.S.N.Chary, Guntur, Dr.H.Krishna Moorthy, Kochi

Hon. Secretary: Dr. R.B.Nerli, Belgaum, Dr.Arun Chawla, Manipal, Dr.Ravikumar S, Chennai

Hon. Treasurer: Nil

Council Members

Kerala: Dr. Darwin Therattil, Thrissur

Tamil Nadu: Dr. Avudaippan, Tirunelveli,

Dr.Krishnasamy Kannan, Tiruchi

Karnataka: Dr. Mohan A, Bangalore

Andhra Pradesh: Dr. Mallikarjuna Reddy, Hyderabad

All nominations were in order.

Since Dr. K.S.N.Chary already withdrew his nomination before the AGM

Dr.H.Krishna Moorthy was elected as the President Elect of ASU.

Dr.Ravikumar expressed his willingness to withdraw his nomination for the post of Hon. Secretary.

Dr.Darwin Therattil, Dr. Mohan A and Dr.Mallikarjuna Reddy were elected as Council Members unopposed.

Dr.Mohan A proposed the name of Dr. Ganesh Kamath of Chennai for the post of Hon. Treasurer, seconded by Dr. P.V.L.N.Murthy. Dr. Kamath expressed his willingness and hence was elected as the Hon. Treasurer.

Since there were multiple nominations for the post of Hon. Secretary and Council Member from Tamil Nadu, it was decided to conduct elections for the same with Dr. P.V.L.N.Murthy as the Presiding Officer. The ballot polling was held during the AGM. Dr. Mohan A and Dr. Mallikarjuna Reddy also helped the Presiding Officer.

The following Honours/ Awards/ Prizes were finalised at the AGM

Prof. V.Ravindranath Travel Fellowship 2010-2011

Dr. Naveen H.N., Bangalore

Prof. A.P.Pandey Travel Fellowship 2010-2011

No Applicants

Prof. H.S.Bhat Oration 2011

Orator: Prof. P.B.Sivaraman, Chennai

Prof. P.B.Sivaraman Endowment Guest Lecture 2011

Speaker: Prof. Rajesh Ahlawat, New Delhi

Khivraj Memorial Symposium 2011

Moderator: Dr. Syam.K.Ramesh, Thiruvananthapuram

Topic: Lasers in Urology

Prof. N.Krishnamurthy Point Counter Point Debate 2011

Moderator: Dr. Avudaippan, Tirunelveli

Prof. K.Ravishankar Uro-Radiology Quiz 2011

Quiz Master: Dr. Muthulatha, Chennai

The names of the new members applied for full and associate members of ASU were read out by Hon. Secretary and the house approved the same.

Hon. Secretary proposed the budget for 2010-2011 which was discussed and passed unanimously. The secretary informed the house that Rs. 1 Lakh was given to SZUSICON 2010 as part of academic activities of the society. The house also agreed to hand over Rs. 50,000.00 to Dr. C.S.Ratkal for conducting live workshop at Institute of Nephrourology, Bangalore as per his request, wherein free treatment will be provided for the poor and needy patients. This would be considered as part of charity activities of the society.

The arrangements for conduct of SZUSICON 2011 at Chennai were highlighted by Dr. Meyyappan. The proposed venue was Mahabalipuram and dates were 8,9,10 July 2011. The tariffs would be same as SZUSICON 2010. The house expressed their 38 | SOUTHZONE USI HAND BOOK 2012 consent for the same and wished all the best to the organising team.

Dr. P.V.L.N.Murthy expressed his willingness to conduct SZUSICON 2012 at Hyderabad under an organising committee decided by APSOGUS. The house agreed to this.

The progress of arrangements made for conduct of USICON 2012 at Bangalore was not presented as there was no one from the organising committee during AGM.

The venues and dates for the forthcoming state chapter meetings were also not informed since the organisers of the respective meetings were not present during AGM.

The Hon. Secretary informed the house that Dr. R.B.Nerli, organising chairman of SZUSICON at Belgaum had handed over a cheque of Rs.25,000.00 as part of the surplus amount of the conference. The Secretary passed on the cheque and the audited statement of accounts to the Hon. Treasurer. The house thanked Dr. Nerli for his gesture.

The elections and counting of votes were over and the President announced the names of the office bearers who won the elections:

Hon. Secretary: Dr. R.B. Nerli, Belgaum

Council Member from Tamil Nadu: Dr. Krishnasamy Kannan, Tiruchi

The house congratulated the newly elected office bearers of the society and also thanked the outgoing office bearers for their meritorious services to the society. Dr.Mohan appealed to the house to request Dr. Ravikumar, the outgoing Treasurer to render his services to the society for the completion of the registration process of ASU, which he has been pursuing. The house joined Dr. Mohan in this appeal and Dr.Ravikumar expressed his willingness to help at times of need.

Finally the President thanked all members for attending the AGM and for their valuable suggestions. The meeting was adjourned at around 6.15 PM.

09.07. 2011 MAMALLAPURAM

The meeting was called to order by Dr. PVLN Murthy, the President. The members stood in silence for 2 minutes as a token of respect to the departed soul of Prof. H.S Bhat. Dr. Ganesh Gopala Krishnan spoke in tribute of the doyen of Urology. The President briefly informed the house regarding the progress made in the society activities in the last one year and urged everyone to have active participation in future endeavors.

The minutes of last Annual General Body Meeting held at Thrissur was unanimously passed.

The Hon. Secretary's report was also passed unanimously.

Hon. Treasurer presented the audited statement of accounts for the financial year ending March 2011.

The Hon. Secretary informed the house that only one nomination was received by him for the post of President Elect, namely Prof. K.S.N Chary, Guntur. Hence he was elected as President Elect of ASU.

The following Honours/awards/prizes were announced

Prof. H.S Bhat oration 2012 – orator – Dr. K.S.N Chary, Guntur

Prof. P.B Sivaraman Endowment Guest Lecture 2012 – Dr. Kalyan Sarkar, Kolkata

Khivraj Memorial symposium 2012 – Moderator – Dr. Ramalingam M, Coimbatore

The names of new members applied for full & associate membership were read out by the Hon. Secretary & the house approved the same.

13.07.2013, MYSORE

The meeting was called to order by the President Dr.KSN Chary

1. **Obituary** – A minutes silence was observed condoling the death of Dr.S.R Narayanan member from Tamilnadu
2. **Opening Address by the President** – Dr.Chary welcomed the members of the General Body. He thanked his team members of the ASU Council for the effort and support for various schemes starting with the first Mid Term Meet in Chennai in September 2012. He highlighted the following - discussion on the Constitution, introduction of amendments and resolutions, updating the directory, accelerating the membership drive, launching of the ASU website and finalising the Scientific Program for the Annual Meeting and the ASU workshop on Best Practices in Urology
3. **Approval of Minutes** of the 23rd Annual General Body Meeting at Hyderabad. The minutes earlier circulated to members in the Newsletter and posted on the website was passed proposed by Dr.H.Krishna Moorthy and seconded by Dr.A.Mohan
4. **Hon.Secretary's Report** for the year was delivered by Dr.Ganesh Kamath. Copies of the report were circulated to the members and posted on the website as well. The report was passed – proposed by Dr.Mallikarjuna and seconded by Dr.Pitchai Balashanmugham
5. **Hon.Treasurer** Dr.C Illamparuthi read out the Treasurer's report. The audited statement of accounts for the year was earlier circulated and also posted on the website. Special mention was made of the corpus donations from the Organising Committee of the 22nd Annual Meet at Chennai of Rs.3 Lakhs, and USICON 2012 Bangalore of Rs. 25 Lakhs. The report was passed- proposed by Dr.AVS Reddy and Seconded by Dr.D.Ramesh
6. **Approval of New Members-** A record number of 125 New Member Applications were received and scrutinized by the Council and placed before the GB. The new members list displayed and posted on the website earlier was approved.
7. **Awards for the year 2013** was read out as follows –
Prof.HS Bhat Oration – Dr. G.K Venkatesh, INU – Bangalore
Prof. PB Sivareman Endowment Guest Lecture – Dr. Hemanth Tangaonkar,
Tata Mem. Hosp. Mumbai
Khivraj Memorial Symposium – Dr. A Mohanan, Bangalore
Topic – Molecular Medicine – Applications in Urology
Dr. N Krishnamurthy Point/Counter Point debate – Dr. Ananth Kamath, Blore
Dr. K Ravishakar – Uro Radiology Quiz – Dr.Vasudevan, S- Trivandrum
MIUC fellowship – No applications
Dr. Ravindranath Travelling Fellowship – Dr. Shivakumar V – INU Blore
Dr. A P Pandey Travelling fellowship – No applications
8. Budget for the year 2013 – 14-
 - Financial Assistance for Academic activities of the zone
 - Grant of Rs 50,000/- for Peediatric Urology Workshop at Bangalore to be conducted by Dr. R B Nerli in November 2013

- Grant of Rs 50,000/- for Pre conference workshop at SZUSICON 2014 – Dr. H Hrishnamurthy – Org Secy.
- A repayable advance of Rs 50,000/- towards pre conference Workshop at SZUSICON 2014
- A repayable advance of Rs 3,00,000/- as seed money for the SZUSICON 2014 Conference
- Grant of Rs 50,000/- towards conduct of workshop on flexible scopy of the Urinary Tract Workshop – Dr. Ilampurath, Govt Royapettah hosp. – Chennai
There was some discussion regarding the number and quantum of grants and partial financial assistance and profit sharing from the proceeds. It was decided that all such workshops and meeting to be conducted under the aegis of the ASU should follow framed guidelines addressing the following issues –
- Format of applications to be submitted to the Council about the meeting/workshop
- Quantum of financial support and its nomenclature – seed, grant and partial financial assistance
- Audited statements to be submitted & profit sharing of the proceeds

9. Academic Programs for the year 2013- 14

- Mock exam by the USI – applications from 2 Academic centres in the South was submitted to the BOE. The BOE urged the zone to decide on the centre and submit the same before September 2013
- Pediatric Urology Workshop under the aegis of ASU to be conducted by Dr. R B Nerli at Belgaum on 16th & 17th November 2013
- Mid Term Workshop termed – ‘ASU – Prof HS Bhat Mid term Workshop’ was approved by the council to be conducted from the interest generated out of the corpus donation from USICON 2012 proceeds. The GB approved the inaugural event would be organized by Dr. Ganesh Kamath in Chennai on November 24th, 2013. Members applauded the effort to showcase this event as a model CME without financial support from Industry and also raised the possibility of enhancing this corpus through member contributions. It was decided to issue notification inviting contributions on the website as well as Newsletter
- Flexibles in Urology – Workshop – March/April 2014, Chennai to be conducted under the aegis of ASU. Details of this workshop was to be decided by Dr. C Ilamparuthi and Dr. Ganesh Kamath

10. Financial Report on the 23rd Annual Conference of ASU at Hyderabad –

Dr. PVLN Murthy presented a summary of the accounts and gave a cheque of Rs 11.60 lakhs. He also proposed that a sum of Rs 3 lakhs would be donated towards the proposed Dr. Nalini Venugopal CPC.

11. Report on the arrangements for the 25th Annual Conference of ASU – SZUSICON 2014 at Kochi.

Dr. H Krishnamoorthy, ORG SECY presented to the GB the special arrangements for an eco friendly – no frills, go green Silver Jubilee Conference were being made and invited members to avail of discounted registration. He announced the Annual Meeting of UAK would be held on the morning of 8th August followed by the Pre Conference workshop and the Annual Meeting of ASU on 9th and 10th

12. Venue for the Annual Conference of ASU-2015

President Dr.Chary explained to the house that as per rotation it was turn the turn of APSOGUS to host the 2016 ASU Annual Meeting, however as the APSOGUS was hosting the USICON that year they had made a request to ASU Council to allow them to host SZUSICON 2015 instead and request TAPASU to conduct the SZUSICON 2016. This was accepted by the Council and also agreed by TAPASU Council represented by Dr.C.Gauthaman, Hon.Secretary and supported by Dr.Ravindranath, President TAPASU. APSOGUS informed the house they would finalise the venue and inform after their Annual State Meeting in Vijayawada

13. Election of Office Bearers- The following candidates were declared elected unopposed

President Elect-Prof.Thiyagarajan, Villipuram

Council Members-

Dr.V.Rajagopal –AP

Dr.Arun Chawla- Karnataka

As there were no nominations from Kerala the same was asked from the floor of the house- Dr.Ginil Kumar was proposed on the floor of the house by Dr.Joseph and seconded by Dr.Krishna Moorthy. He was declared elected as Council Member representing Kerala. The retiring officer Dr.Keshavamurthy announced the results of the ballot for the member representing Tamilnadu- Dr.Nitin Kekre, Vellore

14. State Council Secretaries presented their report on the State level academic activities. As well as the dates, venue of the forthcoming Annual Meetings. These details will appear in the Newsletter as well as on the website

15. Amendments and Resolutions- A discussion followed on the issues previously circulated to the members and the following emerged

Amendments-Tenure of Council Members reduced to 2 yrs – was unanimously approved, however will come into effect only from 2015 onwards, as it has to be registered as a constitutional amendment and minutes approved at the next GBM
Ex Officio status to State Council Presidents – Members advised this was already adopted 10 yrs back but subsequently not included in the handbook. Discussion on the floor of the house from Council Secretaries and Presidents of yester years ensued and it emerged that this was passed by the GB earlier, but not registered with the Registrar of Societies. Hence this requires repeat approval. This amendment was approved by the GB.

Include Lakshadweep in the geographic definition of ASU jurisdiction. It was approved by the GB.

Resolutions and Decisions:

Treasurer post to be available to members outside Chennai – Approved by the GB and included as By-Law in the Constitution – Proposed by Dr.Ramesh and seconded by Dr.Mohan

Typo Error in the existing bank account 'Association of Southern Urology' to be corrected as Association of Southern Urologists. Unanimously approved.

Naming of CPC Proceedings after Dr.Nalini Venugopal – agreed by the GB after approval by the Council. It was accepted the named CPC would be held on alternate years and the interest proceeds of the corpus would be used to facilitate the discussant.

Acceptance of the annual 'ASU-Prof.H.S.Bhat Midterm Workshop'. Unanimously approved by the GB and the details of its conduct as resolved by the Council would be posted on the website.

One man one post: Following a circular from the parent body USI to disallow any USI member from contesting a post at the national level if he holds a post in any state level or zonal council. As this resolution was defeated in the USI, it was decided by the ASU GB to drop this resolution.

Renaming the ASU as South Zone Chapter of USI. On repeated requests from the USI, vigorous discussion followed and the following emerged at the GB. Renaming is an arduous and long legal issue involving approval by the GB, dissolution of the Association, transfer of assets and reapplying to Registrar of Societies. ASU remains part of mainstream USI. Being the registered zonal body, it should retain this identity. SZUSICON appended by the year will be used as the annual conference title as well as for banking purposes for the event. GB resolved this renaming issue will not be discussed again.

Electronic form of communication – it was agreed henceforth the primary mode of communication from Hon Secretary would be only email. As the cost of print and post was considerable, it was accepted that henceforth the official messages and newsletters would be in e-form.

16. Any other issues:

Members objected to industry sponsored sessions during the non-plenary sessions and after some discussions, it was agreed that the following to be passed as resolutions.

1. No industry sponsored session will be allowed parallel during the conduct of academic sessions
2. Hon. Secretary supported by his scientific committee is empowered to restrict the number of papers and extend the duration of the non-plenary academic sessions if deemed necessary, after informing and coordinating with the organising committee during the pre-conference inspection visits.
3. Industry sponsored sessions will be allowed only before or after academic sessions, after obtaining prior consent of the Hon. Secretary.

The President thanked the members of the GB for actively participating and for constructive suggestions

09.07.2014, KOCHI

In the Chair: Dr R. Keshavamurthy, President – Association of Southern Urologists

1. The President called the meeting to Order after confirming adequate Quorum. The Agenda, which had been duly circulated to members, was then gone through item by item. The President observed that an agenda item – Appointment of the Auditor for the year – had been inadvertently left out. He sought the permission of the house to include the same. Dr A. Mohan, seconded by Dr Mallikarjun Reddy, proposed the inclusion of the additional item in the Agenda. The members unanimously approved of the same.

2. There were no obituary references to be recorded.

3. The President welcomed the members, and thanked them for the support given to him, his team and the Association throughout the year. He expressed his happiness that the Association was growing, and that a variety of academic activities had taken place in the year gone by. He also expressed appreciation that the State chapters, too, had been growing and had organised good academic activities for the benefit of members. He expressed his gratitude to the Hon. Secretary Dr Ganesh Kamath, Hon. Treasurer Dr Ilamparuthi, President Elect Dr Thiyagarajan, immediate Past President Dr K S N Chary and members of the executive council for their commitment and hard work throughout the year.

4. The Hon. Secretary had circulated the minutes of the 24th Annual General Body Meeting held in Mysore earlier. There were no objections or modifications brought forth by the members. The minutes were passed as approved. Proposed by Dr N. M. Reddy, Seconded by Dr Vijayasankaran

5. The Hon. Secretary read out his report of the activities for the year, and presented salient features of the Associations performance. He expressed happiness that besides the regular meetings, a fully selffinanced Inaugural ASU- Dr H.S. Bhat Mid-term Workshop and Public awareness programmes (by the APSOGUS, KUA & UAK) were conducted during the year. He also shared that making membership of the ASU mandatory as a precondition for presenting papers at the ASU conference resulted in a significant increase in the membership numbers. He also informed the members that the Council represented by the Secretary and Treasurer engaged with Registrar of Societies to meet some deficiencies regarding compliance and were able to obtain the registration certificate of the Association. There are some more pending jobs with the Registrar which hopefully will be sorted out in the coming few months and make our Association fully compliant. Some of the other initiatives taken by your Council include the following - fully functional Website, making mandatory all official communication with Members including Newsletters in electronic format as per the resolution passed in the Mysore GBM, correction of Member contact deficiencies and updating with new members and release of a special Silver Jubilee commemorative T shirt. As there were no points of disagreement or clarification pending, the Report was put to vote and passed. Proposed by Dr Joseph Philipraj, Seconded by Dr Laxman Prabhu.

6. The Honorary Treasurer had circulated the Audited statement of Accounts for the year. The members accepted the accounts. The treasurer read out his report and presented the budget allocation for the year 2014 -15 and, after a brief discussion, the same was unanimously accepted. Proposed by Dr D. Ramesh, seconded by Dr R Jeyaraman.

SL NO.	TITLE/CATEGORY OF EXPENSE	ALLOCATION	DATE	REMARKS
1	PRINTING OF MEMBER DIRECTORY 2014	RS.65,000	SEPT/OCTOBER 2014	ADVANCE PAID
2	SILVER JUBILEE COMMEMORATIVE SOUVENIR	RS.3,30,750/-	SEPT. 2014	ADVANCE PAID
3	DISTRIBUTION / COURIER OF DIRECTORY & SOUVENIR	RS.60,000/-	SEPT/ OCT. 2014	
4	AUDITOR FEE	RS 10,000/-		
5	GRANT FOR OUTREACH PROGRAM	RS.50,000/-	MARCH/APRIL 2015 CHENNAI	ORG. BY DR GANESH KAMATH/DR ILAMPARUTHI (CARRY OVER FROM 2014)
6	GRANT FOR FLEXIBLES IN URO WORKSHOP	RS.50,000/-	MARCH/APRIL 2015 CHENNAI	AS ABOVE, (CARRY OVER FROM 2014)

The President proposed that the services of the present Auditor be continued. This, too, was unanimously accepted after. Proposed by Dr Pitchai Balashanmugam, seconded by A. Mohan.

7. The Secretary read out the new members' names totalling 85 in number, and the General Body approved their membership. President related the efforts to correct innumerable deficiencies present in the 2012 Member directory and sought the permission of the GB to approve the completion and release of the 2014 Member Directory by current Hon. Secy. Dr Ganesh Kamath who has already submitted the drafts for printing. The House accepted the proposal and during this discussion, members also proposed that the Members' Directory be made interactive and placed on the website. This was accepted and GB accepted the resolution to henceforth stop printing the Directory and Handbook and make the same available to Members online.

8. The following awards were recommended by the council for the year 2015: a. Prof H.S. Bhat Oration: Dr Syam K Ramesh, Trivandrum b. Prof P B Sivaraman Endowment Guest Lecture Dr Aneesh Shrivastava, Lucknow c. Khivraj Memorial Symposium Moderator: Dr Suresh Bhat, Kottayam. Topic: MRI in Urology – Current perspectives & guidelines.d. Prof N Krishnamurthy point-counterpoint debate Moderator: Dr Sanjay Sinha, Hyderabad e. Prof K Ravishankar Uro-radiology Quiz Quiz Master: Dr A V M C Raju, Bhimavaram f. Travelling Fellowships i. A P Pandey Travelling Fellowship: Dr Ranjit Shetty, Mangalore ii. Dr Ravindranath Travelling Fellowship: Dr Arun Kumar, Chennai Dr A. Mohan shared with the General Body an omission that had occurred during the Khivraj Memorial Symposium – the contribution of the Khivraj family was

not formally acknowledged, as is the practice. He had personally apologised to Dr C. Chinnaswamy, who was instrumental in obtaining the endowment for this symposium, for this omission. He requested that the General Body place on record in the minutes the Association's gratitude to the Khivraj family. The General Body accepted this, and recorded its gratitude to the Khivraj family.

9. Proposed Academic activities for the year a. Dr H S Bhat Mid-term CUE: on 23rd November 2014, at Kochi Venue: IMA House. Organiser: Dr Sanjay Bhat Topic: Vesical Dysfunction – Womb to Tomb. b. Outreach program (carry forward from 2014) – Workshop on Urology equipment maintenance & handling Date – March/April 2015 Venue – Chennai Organiser – Dr Ganesh Kamath c. Workshop on Flexibles in Urology (carry forward from 2014) Date – March/April 2015 Venue – Chennai Organiser – Dr Ganesh Kamath/Dr Ilamparuthi

10. Dr K.M. Madappa presented the financial report of the 24th Conference of the ASU held at Mysore in 2013. He expressed his happiness that the conference was well received by the delegates. He also expressed happiness that the Scientific Programme was the largest at any ASU conference so far. He presented a cheque for an amount of 1/3 of the net Surplus of Income (Rs.29 lakhs) over Expenditure incurred for the conference. The President & members thanked him for the same.

11. Arrangement for ASU 2015: Dr Subba Rao Chodisetty, Org. Secretary presented a video showing the arrangements for the organisation of the conference. He informed members that the dates would be 11th & 12th of July 2015. A workshop and the APSOGUS meeting on 10th July 2015 would precede the conference. The venue would be NOVOTEL - Vishakapatnam. He welcomed members to attend the same in large numbers. He also announced that the tariffs for registration would be announced soon.

12. Venue for ASU 2016: Dr Gauthaman, Secretary of the TAPASU, announced that Pondicherry would be the venue for the conference in 2016, and it would be conducted under the aegis of the Pondicherry city chapter. The Organising Secretary & Venue would be decided in due course. Dr Keshavamurthy informed the members that President Elect would inspect the venue before it is finalised.

13. Election of Office Bearers: Dr.K. Thiyagarajan, President Elect who was the returning officer had presented the names of the new Office bearers to the President: a. President Elect: Dr A. Mohan, Bangalore (as Dr Krishnaswamy Kannan had retired in his favour) b. Hon. Secretary: Dr H. Krishnamoorthy, Kochi c. Hon. Treasurer: Dr Chengalvaroyan, Chennai Dr. Shivashankar & Dr. Vijayasankaran shared their concern that despite being the largest Zonal body, none of the young members were coming forward to shoulder the Council activities and previously served member is applying for a further term for the office of the Hon.Secretary. They urged the younger generation to come forward to take on responsibilities.

14. Reports of the State Chapters were presented by Dr Arun Chawla (KUA), Dr Pitchai Balashanmugam (TAPASU), Dr A V C M Raju (APSOGUS) and Dr Ginil Kumar (UAK) 15. Amendments & Resolutions:

- The Constitutional Amendment pertaining to the inclusion of Andaman & Nicobar into ASU was accepted as proposed by the Council. It was pointed out that the official name of Pondicherry had been changed to Puducherry and the same was adopted. Proposed by Dr Ashok Pandit, Seconded by Dr A. Mohan.

3b - The amendment pertaining to the addition of another State chapter to ASU as a consequence of bifurcation off erstwhile Andhra Pradesh into

Telengana & Andhra Pradesh. The President informed the members that the members from the two regions of AP would meet and convey their decision to the ASU after the GBM of APSOGUS in November 2014. This amendment was dropped for the time being and would be reviewed based on the outcome of the GB of APSOGUS. The amendment related to the same matter on the constituents of the ASU council members representing various states (12 – a) was similarly put on hold.

15 c-f - The amendment to include preparatory measures for e-voting in the form of having a cut-off date of 12 weeks before the date of the Annual General Body meeting was passed. The Secretary would circulate the list of candidates 6 weeks in advance. Electronic voting 2 weeks before the Annual GBM would be supplemented by onsite voting after elaborating the procedure on the Website. These were unanimously accepted after discussions. Proposed by Dr Meiyappan, seconded by Dr Pitchai Balashanmugam.

16. Dr Krishnamoorthy had sent a note for inclusion of a proposal for abolishing certain awards in view of the poor returns from the endowments. Dr. Keshavamurthy informed the house that a formal discussion was not being allowed on technical grounds as the notice of this proposal had not been given within the period of notice that the constitution mandated. He was however sharing this with the house for their reflection so that a decision could be taken at the next AGBM. Dr H Krishnamoorthy proposed that the awards and prizes for which the existing corpus was unable to sustain the awards be abolished after the donors had been intimated accordingly. Dr Keshavamurthy said that the council had discussed this and felt that it would be too drastic to bring this about immediately, and the council had suggested that this matter be formally revisited.

17. There were no communications from members regarding any issue that they wished to place for discussion at the GBM.

18. Dr Ganesh Gopalakrishnan, from the floor, proposed that a permanent establishment with a secretariat be set up to manage the secretarial work. Dr Keshavamurthy informed him that the Executive council was seized of the matter, and a decision would hopefully be taken in the coming year.

19. Dr. Vijayasankaran inquired if whether the higher number of the ASU members would translate into more members in the USI Council. The President pointed out that the USI constitution had limited the membership to two council members from each zone.

20. Dr Vinod brought out certain matters pertaining to the “Know Your Customer” advice from Reserve Bank in respect of account holders, and attention must be paid to the requirements. The President agreed that the incoming council would take this up with the Auditor.

21. Dr Meyyappan discussed some points pertaining to some members seeking to contest a second time for an office, especially after reaching the highest post in the ASU Council, denying opportunities to younger members. The President informed him that this was permitted under the existing constitution, however, this may be considered to be introduced as an amendment during the next GBM.

22. Dr V Rajagopal offered an office in Hyderabad for the ASU, along with an IT-savvy secretary. The President promised to place this for discussion by the Council.

23. As there were no other matters, the President thanked members for the successful conclusion of the General Body meeting, and wished them well. He also thanked the outgoing Hon Secretary Dr Ganesh Kamath & Hon Treasurer Dr Illamparuthi for their services to the Society.

24. The meeting was formally declared closed by the President.

11.07.2015 VISAKHAPATNAM

(Subject to approval by AGM to be held at Puducherry, 2016)

The meeting was called to order by the President Prof.K.Thiyagarajan.

The members observed 2 minutes of silence in remembrance of the senior members, Prof. Ranganatha Rao, Dr.M.G.Desai and Prof. David Joseph who expired recently. The Hon. Secretary informed the house that the obituary notes of these members were published and circulated in the Newsletter. The Hon. Secretary was requested to send a condolence message to the bereaved families.

The President informed the Council about the various activities of the society during the last one year and expressed his happiness on the progress of the society. The minutes of the last General Body Meeting held at Kochi which was circulated to all members through previous Newsletter was passed (Proposed by Dr. A. Mohan; Seconded by Dr.D.Ramesh).

The Hon. Secretary's & Hon. Treasurer's Annual Reports published and circulated in the last Newsletter was passed (Proposed by Dr. Keshavamurthy R; Seconded by Dr. Ganesh Kamath).

The Hon. Secretary informed the house that all necessary documents of the society's activities for the period 2002 – 2014 were submitted to the Registrar of Societies and the society got reregistered on 26.06.2015. A sum of Rs. 90,750/- (fee + penalty) + Rs. 42,000/- (processing fee) had to be expended in this regard. The house congratulated the Hon. Secretary for completing this difficult task in brief time.

The Hon. Secretary informed the house that 2 nominations (Dr.C.Mallikarjuna and Dr.Krishnasamy Kannan) were received for the post of President-Elect 2015 – 2016. The nominations were scrutinised by Dr. A.Mohan (President Elect) and were found to be in order. Dr.A.Mohan informed the house that Dr.Mallikarjuna had withdrawn his nomination in the afternoon and hence Dr.Krishnasamy Kannan was declared elected as the President Elect of ASU for 2015-2016 unanimously.

The Hon. Secretary informed the house regarding the decision of Council to award Prof. V. Ravindranath Travel fellowship for 2015 – 2016 to Dr. Paul Naveen, Guntur who was the only applicant for the same and Prof.A.P Pandey Travel Fellowship for 2014 – 2015 to Dr.T.Krishna Prasad, Bengaluru, who again was the only applicant for the same. The house agreed to this.

The Hon. Secretary informed the steps taken by him to contact the sponsors of various named Awards/Orations/Guest Lectures/ Fellowships and the decisions of the Council regarding the continuation of the same based on the letters received from them. The following were the decisions of the Council regarding the status of the above honours, which was informed to the house.

1. Prof H.S Bhat oration would be continued since ASU had instituted the same.
2. Prof. Nalini Venugopal Memorial CPC (for alternate years) would be continued since ASU had instituted the same.
3. Prof.P.B.Sivaraman Endowment Guest Lecture would be continued since the existing corpus was 3 lakhs.

4. Khivraj Memorial Symposium would be continued since Khivraj Chordia Trust had agreed to pay the balance amount.
5. MIUC Travel Fellowship would be continued since the corpus and the unclaimed interest would amount to Rs. 3,00,000.00. However, the Hon. Secretary was requested to contact the sponsors (SIU Indian Chapter) to relax the terms and conditions for selection of candidates for this Fellowship.
6. The decision on the continuation of Bangalore Urology Society Best Video Prize session was kept pending since the AGM of KUA was yet to inform their decision to enhance the corpus money.
7. Dr.Jayasekharan's Medal for Best Ideas and Innovations would be continued since sponsor agreed to enhance the corpus to Rs.3,00,000.00
8. Dr.Sethuraman Best Paper Prize Session, Prof.C.L.Ashok Kumar Best Poster Prize session and Prof.V.Ravindranath Travel Fellowship would be discontinued since the sponsors were not willing to renew the same. However Prof.V.Ravindranath had agreed to enhance his existing contribution to Rs. 3,00,000.00 and name the Best Paper Prize session in his name.
9. The non-responders of other honours namely Prof.N.Krishna Murthy Point Counter-point Debate, Prof.A.P.Pandey Travel Fellowship and Prof.K.Ravisankar Uro Radiology Quiz were to be discontinued.

Prof. Venugopal expressed his displeasure in discontinuing some of the named honours since he was afraid it would amount to dishonouring them. However various members expressed their feelings and suggested that the names of all these senior people who had sponsored honours would be archived and included in the records of ASU, to be remembered ever. The house agreed finally to these suggestions and the duration of the honours to be implemented was decided as 7 years for an amount of minimum of Rs.3 lakhs (Proposed by Dr.Keshavamurthy and seconded by Dr.Meyyappan). The house also entrusted the Council to renew the honours and approve new sessions, so that these could be implemented from SZUSICON 2016 onwards.

It was decided to circulate guidelines for institution of new named honours in the next Newsletter and make open invitation to all members for applying for the above. It was also decided to make open invitation for applications for selection of Moderators for Debate, Uro Quiz and Khivraj Memorial Symposium for the year 2016.

The Hon. Secretary informed the house regarding Council's decision to select Dr. P.V.L.N Murthy as the Prof. H.S Bhat Orator, 2016 and Dr. Rajesh Ahlawat/Dr.Rajeev Kumar as the speaker for Prof.P.B.Sivaraman Endowment Guest Lecture 2016 (subject to their concurrence) (Later it was understood that Dr.Rajesh Ahlawat was already given this honour earlier and hence Dr.Rajeev Kumar was selected for the same). The house agreed to these.

The Hon. Secretary informed the members about the steps undertaken to create a consolidated Membership Directory with a single membership number and the status of membership mentioned, which had been circulated to all members for approval three months back. The Secretary further informed that there were no complaints or

suggestions from any member regarding the directory and hence it was presumed that the directory was in order. The house requested the Hon. Secretary to publish the same when ready.

The house approved the list of names of Full and Associate Member who submitted their applications during 2014-2015.

The financial status of the society was discussed by the General Body and it was observed that there was an excess of expenditure over income in the previous year mainly due to the additional expenses incurred for giving Silver Jubilee Gifts to members. Further, there had been additional expenses for re-registration during the current financial year. Therefore it was decided to cut down allocation of funds for research and other similar purposes during the current financial year.

The General Body approved the venue of forth coming ASU – HSB Midterm Workshop as Manipal with Dr.Mohana Chandra Suvarna as Organising Chairman, Dr.G.G.Laxman Prabhu as Organising Secretary and 'Second Opinion' as the Topic. The details would have to be informed to the Hon. Secretary by the core committee of this Workshop.

The accounts of SZUSICON 2014, Kochi was presented by the Organising Secretary (Dr. H. Krishna Moorthy) and was approved by the house. The organisers returned the advance amount of Rs. 3.5 lakhs and contributed an additional Rs. 1 lakh from the proceeds of the conference.

Dr. A. Mohan presented his report on the facilities at Puducherry for conduct of SZUSICON 2016, after his visit there one month back. He raised a few concerns regarding the main hall, transport etc. Dr.Kalyanram Kone, Organising Secretary of SZUSICON 2016 informed the house that the main hall would be completed soon; if not, alternate arrangements would be made at the venue itself (Mahatma Gandhi Medical College, Puducherry). The decision regarding this would be informed when the President & Hon. Secretary revisit the venue during TAPASUCON in September 2015. The AGM approved these suggestions.

The house accepted Kasturba Medical College, Manipal as the venue, Dr. Joseph Thomas and Dr.Padmaraj Hegde as the Organising Chairmen and Dr.Arun Chawla as the Organising Secretary for SZUSICON 2017.

Dr.Mallikarjuna Reddy, Organising Secretary of USICON 2016 at Hyderabad was not present to update the arrangements of the conference.

The Hon. Secretary informed the house that the details of forth coming state chapter meetings were yet to be available and would be published in the Newsletter when available.

The AGM agreed to the decision of the Council to allot Rs.1 lakh as seed money for conduct of SZUSICON 2016 and consider giving additional money when the financial status improved, against the request sent by Dr. Joseph Philip Raj for Rs. 5,00,000.00.

The house requested Dr.P.V.L.N.Murthy to speed up the proceedings to procure 80 G exemption for Hyderabad Urological Society so that the money held by ASU on account of SZUSICON 2012 could be transferred to HUS immediately.

The house discussed the request for constitution amendment send by Dr.Pitchai Balashanmugam. Since the reregistration process of ASU was completed only 2 weeks prior to AGM, it was decided to consider his request along with similar requests to be submitted by others during the next year.

Dr.Ginil Kumar suggested that papers for SZUSICON be grouped based on topics, so that interested members could attend the sessions, based on the topics. The Hon. Secretary replied that this could be done only if adequate number of papers in each topic was available for grouping.

Dr.AMVC Raju informed that the Website was not accessible at times. The Hon. Secretary replied that since the Website was being updated very frequently, one need to refresh the same, before accessing every time.

The President thanked the members of the Council and adjourned the meeting.