

AGM, 13th July 2013, Mysuru

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 Organizing 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 Sivaraman Endowment Guest Lecture – Dr. Hemanth Tangaonkar, Tata Mem. Hosp. Mumbai Khivraj Memorial Symposium – Dr. A Mohan, Bangalore Topic – Molecular Medicine – Applications in Urology Dr. N Krishnamurthy Point/Counter Point debate – Dr. Ananth Kamath, Bangalore Dr. K Ravishakar – Uro Radiology Quiz – Dr.Vasudevan, S- Trivandrum MIUC fellowship – No applications

Dr. Ravindranath Travelling Fellowship – Dr. Shivakumar V – INU Bangalore 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 Paediatric Urology Workshop at Belgaum to be conducted by Dr. R B Nerli in November 2013 - Grant of Rs 50,000/- for Pre Conference workshop at Annual Conference of Association of Souther Urologists (SZUSICON) 2014 – Dr. H Krishnamoorthy – Organizing Secretary. - A repayable advance of Rs 50,000/- towards pre Conference Workshop at Annual Conference of Association of Souther Urologists (SZUSICON) 2014 - A repayable advance of Rs 3,00,000/- as seed money for the Annual Conference of Association of Souther Urologists (SZUSICON) 2014 Conference - Grant of Rs 50,000/- towards conduct of workshop on flexible scopy of the Urinary Tract Workshop – Dr. Ilamparithi, 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 Ilamparithi 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 – Annual Conference of Association of Souther Urologists (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 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 Annual Conference of Association of Souther Urologists (SZUSICON) 2015

instead and request TAPASU to conduct the Annual Conference of Association of Southern Urologists (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, Villupuram Council Members - Dr. V. Rajagopal, AP & Telengana 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 returning 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.D.Ramesh and seconded by Dr.A. 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. Annual Conference of Association of Southern Urologists (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 Organizing 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