

AGM, 9th July 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

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 Association's performance. He expressed happiness that besides the regular meetings, a fully self financed 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 the 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 Shyam 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. Chinnaswami, 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 Organizing 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. N. 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 of 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 RM Meyyappan, seconded by Dr Pitchai Balashanmugam.

16. Dr H. 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.K V 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 RM.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.