

AGM 11th July 2015, Vishakapatnam

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 Dr.A.Mohan informed the House that Dr.Mallikarjuna had withdrawn his nomination in the afternoon and hence Dr.Krishnasamy Kannan was declared elected as the President Elect of ASU for 2015-2016 unanimously.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.N.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 Counterpoint 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 for 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.R.Keshavamurthy and seconded by Dr.RM.Meyyappan). The House also entrusted the Council to renew the honours and approve new sessions, so that these could be implemented from Annual Conference of Association of Souther Urologists (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 Members 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 Organizing Chairman, Dr.G.G.Laxman Prabhu as Organizing 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 Annual Conference of Association of Souther Urologists (SZUSICON) 2014, Kochi was presented by the Organizing 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 Annual Conference of Association of Souther Urologists (SZUSICON) 2016, after his visit there one month back. He raised a few concerns regarding the main hall, transport etc. Dr.Kalyanram Kone, Organizing Secretary of Annual Conference of Association of Souther Urologists (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 Organizing Chairmen and Dr.Arun Chawla as the Organizing Secretary for Annual Conference of Association of Souther Urologists (SZUSICON) 2017. Dr.Mallikarjuna Reddy, Organizing 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 Annual Conference of Association of Souther Urologists (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 Annual Conference of Association of Souther Urologists (SZUSICON) 2012 could be transferred to HUS immediately.

The House discussed the request for constitution amendment sent 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 Annual Conference of Association of Souther Urologists (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.