

AGM, 12th July 2017, Manipal

The Annual General Body meeting was called to order by President, Dr. Krishnasamy Kannan. The President informed the house that the Society had lost of two of its senior members during the past one year namely Dr. D. Chandrasekaran and Dr. T. R. Murali. Dr. N. Vijayasankaran remembered their services to the Society in his condolence speech. The house observed a minute of silence as a mark of respect to the departed souls. The Secretary was requested by the house to send the condolence messages to the families of the bereaved.

The President in his opening remarks enlightened the house regarding the activities of the Society. He informed that the registration procedure at the Registrar's Office was almost over and they would issue the condonation letter shortly. Further he expressed his happiness on the proceedings of the Society and that he could achieve his motto of 'A step forward'. He thanked all the Council Members and others for their timely advice and support.

The Secretary informed that the Minutes of the AGM held at Puducherry in 2016 were circulated and that he had not received comments from any member. Therefore the Minutes were declared passed (Proposed by Dr. D. Ramesh; Seconded by Dr. K. S. N. Chary). The Secretary informed the house that the matters arising of these minutes would be discussed in the Agenda to follow.

Dr. D. Ramesh remarked that as a point of order, it could be recorded that many Endowed Sessions/Awards approved in the previous AGM were instituted during the same year itself, which was not the convention.

The Secretary informed that the Secretary's Report also had been circulated earlier and he had not received comments from any member. He briefly highlighted the salient points in the Report for the benefit of the members. The Report was then passed (Proposed by Dr. Ananth Kamath; Seconded by Dr. Ganesh Kamath).

The Treasurer presented the Audited Statement of Accounts of the financial year 2016-2017, which was already circulated. He simplified the accounts in a manner which the members could easily understand and explained the various heads under which the various corpora were kept and the mode of expenditure to be followed. The Report was passed (Proposed by Dr. Joseph Philipraj; Seconded by Dr. C. Gauthaman). The Treasurer appraised the house regarding the status of Registration of the society and the procedures undertaken after receipt of the letter from Registrar of Societies requesting the ASU to present the original documents for verification. The Treasurer further informed that against the notice served by IT Dept on 20.1.2017, he could present all the Cash Books for verification by them. The Treasurer also informed the house that the society was served another notice for Complete Scrutiny of accounts for the FY 2015-16, under section 143 (2) on 20.7.2017. The details of the probable discrepancies in the accounts submitted, mainly pertaining to the Annual Conference of Association of Souther Urologists (SZUSICON) 2012 Account which was operational during this period, were also explained by the Treasurer to the house. The Treasurer informed the house that the Power of Attorney was already given to the Auditor to represent the Society in this matter and all available books of

accounts, original bills/challans/vouchers of the conference, which were not available with the ASU office, were being retrieved from Organisers of the Conference. He further expressed his satisfaction on the help rendered by the local organisers thus far in providing him with some important details and their cooperation in sorting out the issue. Dr. A. Mohan, on the request of the President, apprised the members of consequences of such complete scrutiny, including “best judgement” decision taken by the scrutinising officer, minor penalties and the highest penalty with or without further prosecution. He requested the Treasurer to present the best case to the IT Dept, so that the Society would not be burdened with serious penalty. Though the President wanted to move a Resolution seeking the permission of the house to meet any such financial liability, as decided in the Executive Council meetings after prolonged discussion on the matter, Dr. D. Ramesh remarked that the Society was left with no choice but to meet whatever penalty that would be eventually imposed by IT Department after the scrutiny would be over and that there was no need for any special resolution in this regard. The house agreed to this proposal of Dr.D. Ramesh and entrusted the Treasurer and the Council to go ahead with the proceedings and meet the financial liabilities from the funds available with the Society. The Secretary informed the house that the Council had scrutinised the applications for various awards for the present year and that the results would be announced during the Valedictory Function, since the evaluation process of the candidates were ongoing.

Dr.M. Ramalingam, Coimbatore was selected as the Prof.H. S. Bhat Orator for the year 2018. Dr.Makarand Kochikar, Mumbai was selected as the Prof.P. B. Sivaraman Endowment Guest Lecturer for the year 2018.

The Secretary presented the list of 76 new members and the names of 23 members who had applied for membership conversions, after scrutiny of their applications by the EC. The house approved this list. (Proposed by Dr.Ananth Kamath; Seconded by Dr. Ramesh D).

The Treasurer informed the house that the budget provisions for various expenses were already presented by him in his report and hence there was no need to present another proposed budget for the forthcoming year. The house approved this.

Dr.Ganesh Gopalakrishnan informed the house that the arrangements for the forthcoming ASU-Prof H.S.Bhat Mid Term Workshop at Coimbatore were in full pace and that the details would be informed to members soon. He requested the Scientific Committee for the same to finalise the program and inform the Organisers at the earliest. Dr.C. Mallikarjuna suggested Carcinoma Bladder as the theme for the Workshop. These suggestions were approved by the GB.

The Secretary informed that Kerala would get the chance to hold the 6th ASU Prof H.S.Bhat Mid Term Workshop in 2018 and he had received the concurrence of Dr.Suresh Bhat of Medical College, Kottayam to conduct the same. The house approved this.

Dr. Kalyan Ram Kone, Organising Secretary of Annual Conference of Association of Souther Urologists (SZUSICON) 2016 at Puducherry informed the house that they had already submitted the audited statement of accounts for the conference and had donated 1 Lakh Rupees to the Society from their proceeds. The house applauded the efforts of the Organisers in conducting a

good conference and donating the money within one week of concluding the conference apart from repaying the seed money given by ASU for initial expenses.

Dr.Poulose Chally, Organising Secretary of Annual Conference of Association of Souther Urologists (SZUSICON) 2018 to be conducted under the banner of UAK and Calicut Urology Club at Vythiri made a presentation on the facilities, proposed scientific activities and the registration fee structure for the conference. The house approved these and requested the Organisers to go ahead with the arrangements. The Secretary of ASU informed that the scientific committee would chart out the details of scientific program suiting the requirements of the venue and climate.

Dr. Chengalvarayan, Secretary of TAPASU informed that Coimbatore, Tamil nadu would be the venue for Annual Conference of Association of Souther Urologists (SZUSICON) 2019. This was approved by the house.

Dr. Vinod K V, Organising Secretary of USICON 2020 briefly highlighted the progress in the arrangements for the conference and would finalise the venue and dates subsequent to the visit by President Elect of USI soon.

Dr.Krishna Moorthy, Nodal Person for ASU-State Level Academic Programs informed the house that the selection of teams for Quiz-O-Mania was done by the State Associations, the Inter State finals were already conducted and The Zonal team for the National Finals at Jaipur was selected during the present Conference. He then presented the names of the Fellows selected by the State Associations for ASU-State Level Academic Fellowship (Dr.Manas Babu, Kochi; Dr. Nilesh Guru, Bijapur; Dr.Tejas, Puducherry; Dr.Jaheer Abbas, Hyderabad). The house approved these names. The Secretary informed the members that CMC, Vellore had intimated their willingness to accommodate these Fellows for a week's training and that Dr.Reddy's Lab would be the Academic Supporter for the current year. The house approved these decisions also.

The Secretary informed that details of the State Chapter Meetings held in the previous year were published in the Newsletter and thanked the Organisers for the excellent organisation of these meetings.

The Returning Officer for ASU Elections, 2017-18, Dr.KSN Chary announced that there were no elections conducted as there were retirement requests from some candidates making the election unanimous. He further announced that Dr. Chandrasekhar Ratkal, Bengaluru was declared elected for the post of President Elect for the year 2017-2018 and Dr.Arun Chawla, Manipal was declared elected for the post of Secretary Elect for the year 2017-2018.

The house congratulated the elected Officers and thanked the Returning Officer for the excellent job done by him for conduct of elections.

The following Constitution Amendments proposed by the Executive Council were presented to the AGM

ELECTION TO THE OFFICES AND COUNCIL OF THE ASSOCIATION

Non-receipt of nomination for a post in the category of “Officer of the Association”

i. In the event of no nomination for a post of “Officer of the Association” being received by the returning officer before the last date for nominations, the last date shall be extended for a further period of two weeks, and the same shall be communicated to all members by the secretary, requesting once more for a nomination.(Rejected with 14 votes For/17votes Against)

ii. If no nomination is received for a post of “Officer of the Association” by the Returning Officer before the last date for receipt of nominations, even after the extension period, the Secretary shall call for members to come prepared with nominations of eligible candidates to be made from the floor of the house at the Annual General Body Meeting. The amendment was accepted after the phrase “even after the extension period” was dropped as it had become infructuous after the first clause had been rejected.

iii. Where the nominations are made from the floor of the house, the election of such a person shall be announced only after the Returning Officer has verified the eligibility of the candidate for the post.

iv. If after the post-facto verification the Returning Officer finds the nomination invalid for reason of non-eligibility, the election shall be rendered null.

v. For the post(s) not filled despite procedure under 18(K)(i) to (iv) above, they shall be filled at a Special General Body meeting convened for the purpose during any of the scientific activities of the Association conducted during the year but prior to the next Annual General Body Meeting. This was adopted after the phrase “during any of the scientific activities of the Association” was dropped.

vi. For purposes of calculation of term of office in this case, the term of the officer shall end on the date it would have ended had the officer been elected during the Annual General Body Meeting at which the post was to be filled originally. All adopted amendments were adopted unanimously.

Term of Office of Officers of the Association

TREASURER

In the event of incumbent Treasurer being unwilling or unavailable to continue in office, the Secretary-elect shall discharge the functions of the treasurer. In the event that the Secretary-elect is unwilling to do so, the executive council shall appoint as the treasurer from one of the officers of the incumbent council to function as the acting treasurer till a duly elected treasurer is available to take charge at valedictory meeting of the annual conference of the following year. The person chosen to discharge the functions of the treasurer in this situation shall also be the authorised signatory for financial instruments.

This amendment was adopted unanimously

The Secretary was requested to file these Amendments with the Registrar of Societies, with appropriate numbering of the clauses approved by the GB.

The Secretary informed that there were no specific letters sent by members for discussion in the AGM.

The President thanked the house for meaningful discussions, useful comments and constructive suggestions during the meeting and closed the meeting