

Minutes of the GBM of the 33rd Annual conference of ASU.(SZUSICON 2022) held on 9th July at 5.30 PM.

The meeting was called to order by The President Dr N Mallikarjun Reddy. The agenda of the meeting was displayed.

Hon.Secretary, Dr Chengalvarayan informed that 5 of our members- Dr Goerge Joseph, Prof Roy Chally, Dr Joseph Antony, Prof B Sampath Kumar and Dr Yunus KK left us for heavenly abode. One minute of silence was observed in the memory of the deceased members.

The president in his opening remarks said that it is a happy moment for all of us to attend a physical conference after 2 yrs of Covid pandemic. He said that the ASU has brought an indemnity policy to safeguard the interest of our members which was well appreciated by the members. An advisory has been sent to our members to refrain themselves from patient aggregator agencies which are exploiting our members and the patients. He also said that an App is being launched by ASU which can be used by the members and the public.

The minutes of previous year's GBM was presented. (The minutes were circulated to all members through e-mail.) The minutes were passed by Dr Joseph Philip Raj and seconded by Dr Vinod.

Later the Hon. secretary Dr Chengalvarayan presented secretary's annual report.

1.32nd SZUSICON was held by ASU on a virtual platform. 720 members logged in to participate in the program.

2. UAKON was held at Kottayam on 9th and 10th OCT 2021 on virtual platform.

3. TAPASUCON(24th-26th Sept 2021) and KUACON(30th and 31st Oct 2021) were also held virtually.

4.SOGUS AP and TS was held as physical conference on 11th and 12th December at Guntur. Dr N Mallikarjun Reddy in the position of President of SOGUS and President of ASU and Dr C Mallikarjuna as President of USI graced the occasion.

5. 9Th ASU- HSB midterm workshop was conducted as web conference on the topic of "Urinary Tract Infections".

6. TN and Pondicherry council member activity was conducted by Dr Santosh Kumar on Female Urology. A preconference operative workshop was held by Dr Devprasath.

7. Council member activity of Kerala was conducted by Dr Vijay Radhakrishnan on penile prosthesis. (Prosthococon 2022).

8. This year , AINU was the only center to apply for ASU Travelling Fellowship. Four postgraduates- Dr Ershad Hussain Basha(AP &TS), Dr Imran Khan(Karnataka), Dr Thiyagarajan(TN and Pondi) and Dr Mithun Mohan(Kerala) were the candidates proposed for the Fellowship by the respective state association secretaries. The general body approved.

9. It was decided to give a prize for the Invited state Paper session. A Certificate of appreciation will be presented to the winner, General body approved it.

10. All the Sponsored sessions will finish their term in 2022. The sponsors were asked if they are willing to extend the session.

The sponsors of ASU- NU hospital session, Khivraj memorial symposium, Prof V Ravindranath prize, Dr N D Jeyasekharan ideas and innovations session, Prof P B Sivaraman guest lecture and Bangalore urological society video prize agreed to continue the sponsorship. They paid Rs 2 lakhs to the existing corpus of 3 lakhs and hence the above sessions will be extended for another 7 yrs from 2022. The general body approved it.

11. ASU YouTube channel was launched, and the scientific programs of ASU can be uploaded.

12. Profession indemnity policy for ASU members- The president Dr N Mallikarjun Reddy was instrumental in extending the policy for the members and it was appreciated by all. A panel of doctors as experts can be formed from our members. They can help the legal cell of the indemnity insurance policy company. The next council will decide on the expert doctors panel and the General body approved the same.

13. Mobile App: Honorary secretary said that App is the need of the hour and is in the formative stage. Suggestions are welcomed from all the members to improve the App. The App is available on Google Play store.

14. A Zoom platform is used by the council for conducting meetings in the pandemic times. It was felt that the Zoom platform is very useful especially to convene any emergency meetings. The software costed Rs 15000/- and it was decided to renew for the next year. The general body approved it.

ASU Handbook is updated and is available on the website.

Discussion was held on The secretary's report :

Dr Vinod asked for clarification on the advisory issued to members in compliance with NMC. President replied that members who are working with aggregators were issued notices through the state secretaries to refrain themselves from such practice. Dr C Mallikarjuna questioned the president that are we justified in taking action against our members? President clarified that no action has been taken so far against any member, it was only an advisory to the members to refrain from patient aggregator practice. He also said that NMC issued guideline to all the doctors not to associate with the aggregators.

Dr C Mallikarjuna said that though it is not ethical to associate and procure patients through the aggregators, it is not wrong to treat a patient admitted to a hospital through the aggregator. He objected to the notices sent to the members involved in aggregator practice and asked whether the council has taken a legal opinion before sending such notices. The President said that an oral opinion was taken from a legal expert from Vijayawada. Dr Philip raj said that it is the prerogative of the state medical councils to issue notices to the erring members and it is not the job of ASU to issue notice to a member on this subject. Dr Philip said that a legal opinion should be taken and produced before GBM before we take action on the members involved in aggregator practice. Dr AVS Reddy and Dr Laxman Prabhu, Dr Ginil Kumar and Dr Avudiappan spoke against the aggregator practice and supported the move taken by The President. Dr Keshavmurthy said that the matter was also discussed in USI council and it was decided that no legal action can be taken against any member involved in such practice. We also cannot complain to NMC. We can only educate our members not to be part of the aggregators. We also need to educate the public not to follow the aggregators.

Hon. Secretary's report was passed by Dr Ganesh Kamath and seconded by Dr Nitin Kekre.

Treasurer report:

The report was presented by Treasurer Dr Shivlingaiah. Dr Keshav murthy suggested that the surplus money which was not utilized during the year can be utilized in the next 5 yrs. Thus we need not pay tax for the unutilized money.

Dr Keshav asked why the MIUC Fellowship was stopped. He also said that the corpus for the MIUC Fellowship was higher than Rs 2.5 lakhs. The President replied that the next council will decide about continuing the MIUC Fellowship and look into the corpus. General body said that if any corpus is dissolved it becomes income to the association and it will be taxable.

Dr L N Dorairajan said that instead of closing the ASU Prateeksha and MIUC awards, they can be continued on ASU name with ASU contributing to the corpus as these awards help promote academic excellence. Dr Vinod wanted the corpus for the both awards to be increased. The general body decided that the both ASU Prateeksha award for postgraduate and MIUC Travelling Fellowship cease to exist from now and a new award for post graduate on the name of ASU and a new travelling fellowship for urologist on the name of ASU will awarded in future. The general body decided to fix the corpus for both the awards as Rs 5 lakhs. Dr Keshav said that the 12AA status given to the association is not permanent and has to be renewed every year.

Dr Vinod passed the treasurer's report and it was seconded by Dr Laxman Prabhu.

MIUC Fellowship for this year was awarded to Dr Sanman Gowda and ASU Prateeksha medal was awarded to Dr Ershad Hussain Basha . The General body approved.

Dr Jeyaraman is the Orator for Prof H S Bhat Oration for 2023. He was nominated by Dr Vijayasekaran and general body approved.

The council has decided Dr Anant Kumar as orator for Prof P B Sivaraman guest lecture for 2023. Gen body approved

The list of new full members, new associate members and associate to full new members was presented to the general body. The member list was passed by Dr Nitin kekre and seconded by Dr Santosh.

Dr Laxman pointed out that the onus of conversion from associate to full member is on the respective member. Hon. Secretary informed that as per the regulations of Registrar of societies the names of deceased members need to be removed from the member list.

Hon. Secretary presented the proposed budget for the coming year till March 2023. The expected spendable income is 8,80,000 which comes from the interest of corpus and savings account interest. He also said that the secretarial assistance can be increased to 1,20,000 per year as Dr Surya Prakash the incoming secretary can employ a secretary for the ASU office work. Secretary said that 2.38 lakhs of money is to be added to the budget expenses of this year – Rs 1.18 lakhs for web platform for SZUSICON 2021 and Rs 1.2 lakhs for a new mobile app. The money can be earmarked from the left over money of previous year income. The General body approved. The budget was passed by Dr Nitin Kekre and seconded by Dr Arul.

The council member activities of AP&TS and Karnataka are scheduled for this academic year.

10th ASU-HSB midterm meeting is scheduled on 20th November 2022 at Trichy. Dr Devanathan is the organizing chairman and Dr Alagappan the organizing secretary and the topic is “ Bleeding in Urology”

11th ASU-HSB midterm meeting by rotation goes to Kerala. Dr Balagopalan Nair at Rajgiri hospital, Kochi will organize the meeting.

The 2023 SZUSICON is at Thiruvananthapuram. The venue for the meeting is Samudra beach resort, Kovalam. Dr Renu Thomas, the organizing secretary presented the venue details and the registration tariff. The proposed dates of the conference are 11th to 13th August 2023. Dr Avudiappan said that he visited the venue and found it suitable for the south zone annual conference.

The 2024 SZUSICON is at Madurai. Dr Gnanasekharan, the organizing chairman, said that the conference will be conducted under MANUS (Madurai Nephrourology society). He presented the details of the venue- Ida Scudder auditorium. It has been decided to increase the registration tariff by 10% over the next year (2023) tariff.

The President said that the venue for USICON 2025 is decided to be held at Chennai. The office bearers of the council have visited both Coimbatore and Chennai and

perusing venue inspection reports, the council decided Chennai as the Venue for USICON 2025.

The election results were announced by Dr Nitin Kekre who is the returning officer. He thanked Dr Krishnasamy Kannan, Dr Vijay Radhakrihnan and Dr Laxman Prabhu for helping him in the conduct of elections.

Dr Jagadishwar Thirukovela is elected as council member from AP and TS, Dr Nischit d'souza as council member from Karnataka,

Dr L N Dorairajan as council member from Tamilnadu and Pondicherry. Dr Frederick Paul as council member from Kerala(solo nomination). Dr Ginil Kumar is elected as President elect.

Dr AVS Reddy proposed Dr V Chandramohan as secretary elect from the floor and it was seconded by Dr KSN Chary. General body accepted. Dr Surya Prakash proposed Dr SL Neeli as Treasurer from the floor and Dr Ajay Kumar seconded. The general body accepted. They will relinquish their offices as council members and take up the new posts.

The new Office bearers:

President : Dr P. Avudaippan

President Elect: Dr Ginil Kumar P

Immediate Past President: Dr N Mallikarjun Reddy

Hon. Secretary: Dr V Surya Prakash

Secretary Elect: Dr V Chandra Mohan

Treasurer: Dr Sidhalingeswar Neeli

Council members:

Karnataka: Dr Nischit D'Souza

Kerala: Dr Frederick Paul

Tamilnadu: Dr L N Dorairajan

Andhra Pradesh and Telangana: Dr Jagadeeshwar T.

Later president said that there were 3 letters addressed to the council. -1) Dr Kirshnamoorthy wrote a letter about the issues concerned to UAK. As the matter was not in the purview of the ASU, the General body felt that it should be sorted out at UAK.

2)Dr Laxman prabhu said that a commemorative postal cover on the name of Prof H S Bhat has been released by the department of urology KMC, Mangalore. The covers can be purchased by the interested members and money from the sale of the covers will be donated to HSB midterm corpus. The gesture was applauded by all the members.

3) Dr Sarvanan who was selected for ASU state travelling PG fellowship wrote that he could not complete the fellowship and wanted extension of time. The council decided not to extend as he was given sufficient time. The general body accepted.

The president Dr N Mallikarjun Reddy proposed one amendment to the ASU constitution : existing amendment- clause- 13D(iii) – *secretary elect will hold the post for two years*. The proposed amendment is- *secretary will hold the post for one year*. General body approved the amendment.

Dr C Mallikarjuna and Dr Keshav Murthy said that the minutes of the meeting should be submitted regularly to the Registrar of societies every year. It was replied that the minutes are being submitted regularly.

Dr Chengalvarayan said that this year the request for conducting the elections by e-voting was sent to registrar of societies. As there was no reply from them, an onsite physical election was held.

Dr Mallikarjuna and Dr Keshav Murthy wanted the existing auditor Mr Muthukaruppan to be changed. Dr Mallikarjuna said that he did not properly manage the accounts of SZUSICON 2012 held at Hyderabad. Dr L N Dorairajan asked if that was an issue

why he was not changed in the past. The President Dr N Mallikarjuna Reddy said that few members expressed a feeling that the auditor should be changed and he said the incoming council will take a decision. The AGM unanimously passed a resolution proposed by Dr C Mallikarjuna and seconded by Dr Laxman Prabhu that the AGM empowers the council to take a decision on continuing with the existing auditor or employing a new auditor.

Dr Jagadish Tirukovela said that the organizing committee of Virtual SZUSICON 2020 wants to contribute Rs 32,250 to ASU.

The President thanked the General body and The GBM was concluded by The President with the national anthem.