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Date: 12th July 2025

Time: 5:30 PM

Venue: CK Conventions, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Dr. G. Chengalvarayan.

Presentation and Approval of Agenda: The agenda for the meeting was presented by President Dr. G. Chengalvarayan. It was approved by Dr. R Keshavamurthy and seconded by Dr. M Ganesh Kamath.

2. Obituary

The President informed the house that the following seven esteemed members of the Association had attained their heavenly abode since the last Annual Conference: Dr. Sunil Jacob, Trivandrum, Dr. Ponnambalam Chandrasekar, Pondicherry, Dr. A. Vishnu Vardhan Reddy, Hyderabad, Dr. N. Sudhakar, Chennai, Dr. Uddaraju Kalyan Varma, Hyderabad, Dr. Vishal Ratkal, Bengaluru, Dr. George P. Abraham, Kochi. A solemn one-minute silence was observed by the house in honour of the departed souls. A resolution of condolence from ASU will be sent to the families of the deceased members.

3. President's Opening Remarks

President Dr. G. Chengalvarayan acknowledged the active and diverse nature of the current council, comprising both senior and young members. He highlighted that the thorough discussions and healthy debates held in the Executive Council (EC) meetings, helped shape the agenda items placed before the GBM. He expressed hope for constructive discussions and approvals during the meeting.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous GBM

The Minutes of the previous GBM, held on 27th July 2024 during the 35th Annual Conference, had already been circulated to all members via email. The minutes were presented again during the meeting.

- Approval of Minutes of Meeting (MOM) – 2024

The Minutes of the meeting of the GBM held in 2024 was proposed for approval. Passed by Dr. R Keshavamurthy and seconded by Dr. N Mallikarjuna Reddy, and was passed by the house.

5. Secretary's report

The Honorary Secretary, Dr. V. Chandra Mohan, presented the Secretary's report

State Chapter Conferences.

The following events were highlighted:

1. TAPASUCON 2024

TAPASUCON 2024 was conducted from 20th to 22nd September 2024 in Chennai with a total of 365 delegates in attendance. The event was organised at CURI Hospital (live surgeries) and ITC Grand Chola (academic sessions). The theme of the conference was "Robotic Surgery and Innovations in Urology". Organising Chairman: Dr. P.B. Sivaraman, Organising Secretary: Dr. Ananthakrishnan Sivaraman. ASU President and Secretary participated in the inaugural ceremony. The event featured robotic prostatectomies, partial nephrectomy, and hands-on sessions.

2. UAKON 2024

UAKON 2024 was held on 19th and 20th October 2024 at Hotel Leela Ashtamudi, Kollam, with 175 delegates. Organising Chairman: Dr. Bipin Das, Organising Secretary: Dr. Agish M. It was the 38th Annual Conference of the Urological Association of Kerala. The highlight was the Prof. Roy Chally Oration delivered by Dr. Madhusudan Agrawal. Core academic themes included BOO, urolithiasis, and reconstructive urology.

3. KUACON 2024

KUACON 2024 was conducted from 8th to 10th November 2024 at the scenic Vythiri Village Resort, Wayanad, attended by a record 536 delegates. Organising Chairman: Dr. Keshavamurthy R, Organising Secretary: Dr. Nagabhushana M, Joint Organising Secretary: Dr. Manohar C.S. It was the 29th Annual Conference of the Karnataka Urological Association. Notable lectures included the PVG Oration by Dr. R.B. Sabnis and the Dr. M.P. Raju Endowment Lecture by Dr. P.S. Indu.

4. SOGUS AP & TS 2024

SOGUS AP & TS 2024 was organised on 9th and 10th November 2024 at Sri Krishna Hotel, Nizamabad, with participation from over 300 delegates. Organising President: Dr. K. Dayakar, Organising Secretaries: Dr. A. Raghavender and Dr. M. Anand Kumar. The 36th Annual Conference of SOGUS featured 26 academic sessions, semi-live surgeries, and named orations—Dr. Ranganadha Rao Oration by Dr. Sudhir Rawal and Revathi Ramachandran Oration by Dr. Anita Patel.

2. ASU Prof. H.S. Bhat Midterm Workshop – 2024 held on 17th November at IISc, Bengaluru with NU Hospitals. Dr Venkatesh Krishnamoorthy is the organising Chairman. The theme of the session is on Second Thought. Focused on clinical decision-making in urology through case-based sessions.

3. Council Member Activities:

The Council Member CME titled "**Step-by-Step Surgical Techniques**" was organized by **Dr. A.V. Ravi Kumar** on **23rd February 2025 in Hyderabad**, and was attended by **270 delegates**, featuring **live and video demonstrations**.

The Council Member CME titled "**Andrology Masterclass**" was organized by **Dr. Kumar Prabhu M.** on **23rd March 2025 in Bengaluru**, and was attended by a large number of delegates.

4. Academic activities

1. International Scientific Session & Tour – Sri Lanka (Dec 4–8, 2024) Blended learning and leisure with participation of 120+ delegates and families.
2. Webinars (Aug 2024 – June 2025) Eleven academic webinars were conducted on topics such as:
 - a. Know About ASU
 - b. How to deliver Effective Power Point Presentation
 - c. Endourology Equipment - What to buy?
From whom to buy?
 - d. Robotic Renal Recipient Surgery
 - e. Organ-Confined Carcinoma Prostate
 - f. Urolift vs Rezum
 - g. Urethral Stricture Disease
 - h. Healthy Urologists
 - i. Young Urologists' Perspectives
 - j. LUTS & Carcinoma Prostate

k. Women in Urology

5. Research Activities

- a) INSPIRE 2024 - A hands-on methodology program with 70 participants, mentored by Dr. Denis Xavier organised by KMC Manipal from 24th and 25th August 2024
- b) ASU Research Methodology Course (April–June 2025). A 3-month online course with eminent speakers and consistent weekly sessions were conducted
- c) Valedictory CME & Workshop (28–29 June 2025, Kochi) were conducted by the Amritha Institute by Dr Ginil Kumar P. Comprehensive sessions on clinical research, statistics, grant writing, and SPSS demonstrations. Graced by ASU President and Dean of Research, Amrita Institute.

7. JASU and Journal Initiatives

The Journal of the Association of Southern Urologists (JASU) continues to maintain high academic standards and visibility under the editorial leadership with two issues.

Secretary Report passed by Dr M Shivalingaiah and seconded Dr KV Vinod

6. Treasurer's Report – Presented by Dr. Nischith Dsouza

Dr. Nischith Dsouza, Treasurer, presented the complete financial report for the year 2024–2025. The audited accounts till 31st March 2025 had already been circulated to all members, placed before the General Body Meeting (GBM), and all financial details were presented in full during the session.

As on 9th July 2025, the balance available in the Savings Bank Account stood at ₹42,83,988. The Association also holds Fixed Deposits with SBI amounting to ₹2,29,51,130 which includes funds in Named Corpus accounts totalling ₹1,07,01,130, reflecting a strong and stable financial position.

7. Approval of Auditor Report:

The Auditor's Report, covered all financial transactions and statements up to 31st March 2025, The Auditor's report showed Income & Expenditure for the year ending 31.03.2025, Liabilities & Assets sheet as on 31.03.2025 & Details for Funds Held in Trust for Specific Purposes as on 31.03.2025 was discussed and formally approved by the General Body.

The report confirmed that the accounts were properly maintained in accordance with established financial standards, with no material discrepancies. The Council appreciated the Treasurer's comprehensive and transparent presentation

Dr R Keshava Murthy suggested to show the Membership Corpus separately in the Auditor report, it has shown all together including other corpus.

Dr M Shivalingaiah suggested to keep the FD's in the Flexi FD Account, the rate of interest is more. Talk with bank people.

Treasurer Report & Auditor Report were passed by Dr Keshavamurthy and seconded by Dr Shivalingaiah

8. Budget for the Forthcoming Year (2025–2026)

The budgeted expenditure for the upcoming financial year was presented.

The expected income includes Membership Fees, Interest from Corpus and Savings Accounts, Sponsorships, and the surplus amount to be transferred from SZUSICON 2024. The Treasurer confirmed that all planned activities can be supported within the available and projected resources.

Dr. Vinod KV suggested that council members should also organize programs on social awareness activities and research updates, in addition to regular scientific programs, as part of their council member activities

Dr CS Ratkal Suggested to conduct the Health Camps

Dr G.Chengalvarayan suggested spending Rs.50,000 from the miscellaneous expenses for Health Camps or social awareness. It meant charity work. It can be done by council members.

Dr. Krishnasamy Kannan & Dr. CS Ratkal sir said council Member activity was primarily bought in to empower the council members hence any kind of activity done by them for ASU will hold good.

After much discussions the GBM agreed that from next year onwards the council member activities will not be in the form of meeting as before. The general body suggested that the council can discuss this in detail, take suggestions from members and come up with new activities.

The President told that the council was required by the last GBM to consider whether the Travelling Fellowship amount given to Postgraduates needs to be increased and it was considered by the council and increased from Rs.5000 to Rs.10000 per fellowship GB Agreed.

Budget for the forthcoming year is passed by Dr N Mallikarjuna Reddy and Seconded by the Dr Vinod KV and approved by the GB.

9. Applications of fellowship/Awards

President Presented the Selected Applications for fellowship/Awards

- a) Dr. Nanda Kishore B from Father Muller Medical College, Mangalore, was selected for the ASU Consultant Travel Fellowship 2025. GB Approved
- b) The ASU PG Travel Fellowship 2025 was awarded to Dr. Vasavya Umapathi (SOGUS AP & TS), Dr. Anushruthi Gopi (UAK), Dr. Irappa Kotagi (KUA), and Dr. Ranjith Kumar M (TAPASU), with permission to choose their institute of interest for a minimum of one-week fellowship to be completed before 25th March 2026. GB Approved
- c) Dr. Sajal Gupta from Father Muller Medical College was selected for the ASU Meritorious PG Award 2025. GB Approved

10. Prof H S Bhat orator 2026

Dr. Krishnasamy Kannan from Trichy was selected by Council to deliver the Prof. H.S. Bhat Oration at SZ-USICON 2026 in Mangaluru. GB Approved

11. Prof P B Sivaraman endowment guest lecture speaker 2026

Dr. M.S. Ansari from SGPGI, Lucknow, was selected for the Prof. P.B. Sivaraman Endowment Guest Lecture at SZ-USICON 2026. GB Approved

12. Khivraj Memorial symposium convener 2026

Dr. Muthu Veeramani from SIMS, Chennai, was selected for the Khivraj Memorial Symposium 2026 on the topic "Vascular Anastomosis in Renal Transplantation – Types and Techniques." GB Approved

13. Quiz master: Quiz o mania 2026

Dr. Abheesh Varma Hegde from Father Muller Medical College was selected for the Quiz Master for Quiz-o-Mania 2026. GB Approved

14. Prof Nalini Venugopal CPC Convener 2026

Dr. Rajeev T Puthalath from KS Hegde Medical Academy was selected to serve as Prof Nalini Venugopal CPC Convener 2026. GB Approved.

15. ASU Prof H S Bhat Midterm Workshop 2026

The ASU Prof. H.S. Bhat Midterm Workshop 2026 will be hosted by the Thanjavur Renal Sciences Club under TAPASU, coordinated by Dr. Ravindran,

The proposal to increase the H S Bhat Midterm Workshop Corpus: It was agreed that Due to inflation the current amount is not sufficient hence the corpus should be increased. Discussion took place regarding the methodology to increase the corpus. Dr. Dorai rajan asked whether the corpus should be increased by those who initially contributed to the corpus. After much deliberations it was agreed that the ASU will take the onus and add 15 lakhs more to the existing corpus. The GB Agreed.

16. ASU - NU Hospitals Bengaluru Medal for Pediatric Urology Debate 2026

The ASU–NU Hospitals Bengaluru Pediatric Urology Debate 2026 will focus on Topic "Botox for Dysfunctional Voiding in Children – For and against," moderated by Dr. Balagopal Nair, with Dr. Sanjay Sinha and Dr. Altaf Khan as speakers.

General Body Agreed

17. List of New members, change of membership status

President Presented the Membership updates for 2024–25 include 43 new full member applications, 119 associate-to-full member conversions, 142 new associate member applications, and 3 associate-to-affiliate member conversions, new affiliate member is 5

"The names of the new members were displayed by Dr. G. Chengalvarayan, President ASU. The names were approved by Dr. T Jagadeeshwar, seconded by Dr. M Shivalingaiah, and the General Body approved."

18. Academic activities for the forthcoming year

1. The ASU Prof. H.S. Bhat Midterm Workshop 2025

Secretary informed that The ASU Prof. H.S. Bhat Midterm Workshop 2025 will be held on 16th November 2025 at Yashoda Hospital, Hyderabad. Dr. Srinivas Gutta is the Organising Secretary. The Theme of the workshop is “Let’s Chase the Changes in Urology” is decided by the council.

2. Council Member Activities

Council Members from Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry and Kerala have planned to conduct one ASU Council Member activity each in their respective states before March 2026. As per General Body’s advice this time it need not to be a regular meeting as before.

3. International Scientific program were planned in Dubai. Dates needs to be finalized later

19. Finalisation of the accounts of SZUSICON 2024

1. SZUSICON 2024 – Financial Report

Dr. D. Paul Vincent, Organising Secretary of SZUSICON 2024, presented the final audited financial statement. Total income: ₹5, 32, 79,197, Total expenditure: ₹4, 56, 56,172. Excess of income over expenditure: ₹76, 23,025

Distribution of surplus: ASU (40%) – ₹30, 49,210, TAPASU STATE Association (30%) – ₹22, 86,907, MANUS Trust (30%) – ₹22, 86,907. The GB commended Dr. Paul Vincent and team for excellent organization and financial transparency. It was proudly recorded that SZUSICON 2024 contributed the highest-ever donation to ASU, amounting to ₹30, 49,210. For the same GB congratulated the Madurai Team. Dr Paul Vincent assured that this donation amount will be transferred to the corpus of ASU. Both the auditors of SZUSICON 2024 and ASU Auditor discussed and confirmed that the donation will be transferred to ASU Corpus.

Dr Gnanasekaran, Dr Paul Vincent , Dr Rajeevan handed over the cheque of Rs.30,49,210/- to President and same given to Treasurer.

20. SZUSICON 2026

Dr. Zeeshan Hameed representing Organising Committee, On behalf of Karnataka urology Association and Mangalore Urology Forum they are conducting the SZUSICON 2026 Annual conference at Mangaluru from 7th to 9th August 2026 . He Presented the venue details, proposed tariff plan, and played a venue promotional video. GBM approved the SZUSICON 2026 tariff, Venue and confirmed the Dates. They also mentioned that they are giving last year tariff for Super Early bird for one week from the completion of SZUSICON 2025.

21. Venue SZUSICON 2027

Dr. Joju Varghese presented the venue proposal for SZUSICON 2027, to be hosted by the Urology Club of Thrissur with tentative dates of 6th–8th August or second week of August 2027; the Organising Committee includes Dr. Darwin D Therattil (Chairman), Dr. Joju Varghese Akkara (Organising Secretary), and Dr. Midhun Gopalakrishnan (Treasurer), and three preferred venues—Apollo Adlux Convention Centre, Lulu Convention Centre (Hyatt Regency), and Telcon Convention Centre—were suggested, pending finalisation after ASU inspection; proposed tariff rates were accepted by the General Body, and a promotional video was presented.

22. Venue USICON 2029

The venue for USICON 2029 was discussed, and Dr. Sachin Dharwadkar, Secretary of KUA, informed that the Bangalore Urology Society is willing to host the conference; the ASU Council requested details of the organising committee, which will be communicated after the KUA Annual Conference General Body Meeting scheduled for October 2025 Ending

23. JASU

Dr. Mallikarjuna Reddy informed the ASU of his decision to step down as Editor-in-Chief of JASU, which was accepted by the Council following his email. Applications were invited, and Dr. Arun Ramdas Menon from Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences Kochi, previously the Associate Editor, applied for the post. His candidature was presented in the General Body Meeting and was approved by the GBM as the new Editor-in-Chief.

The Associate Editor post, vacated by Dr. Arun Ramdas Menon, could be filled by Dr. Maneesh Sinha from NU Trust Hospital, Bengaluru who had applied for this post and his appointment was also approved by the GBM. The GBM also discussed and approved that the tenure of the Editor-in-Chief & Associate Editor posts will be two years. Dr. Mallikarjuna Reddy expressed his gratitude to the ASU Council for the opportunity to serve as Chief Editor for the past two years.

24. Legal Cell for ASU

The President proposed the formation of a Legal Cell for ASU to address legal and organisational matters. The Council approved the formation, comprising the President, Secretary, and members Dr. Ganesh Gopalakrishnan, Dr. K.S.N. Chary, Dr. Krishnasamy Kannan, Dr. R. Keshava Murthy, and Dr. P. Ginil Kumar. The GBM approved the proposal. It was agreed to include the Treasurer in the Legal Cell following member suggestions.

Two approved lawyers were proposed: Mr. Venkat Ramani, senior lawyer from Tamil Nadu with over 40 years of experience, former AAG and Supreme Court representative, and his assistant Mr. Mohammed Ismail. Their tenure will be for one year, with provision for change or continuance as deemed necessary by the Committee.

Dr. Arun Kumar Paranjothi and Dr. D. Ramesh suggested that a framework with rules, regulations, and proper documentation be established.

The Legal Cell formation was officially approved by the GBM, proposed by Dr. Girish Nelvegi and seconded by Dr. Rajeev Ayyappan.

25. Upcoming State chapter meetings 2025

The upcoming State Chapter Meetings were presented by the Secretary, Dr. Chandra Mohan Vaddi, and the details are as follows:

KUACON 2025 (KUA Annual Conference) – 31st October to 2nd November 2025 at Mysuru. Organising Chairman: Dr. Ranganath M S, Organising Secretary: Dr. Kiran Kumar G.

SOGUS 2025 (AP & TS Annual Conference) – 8th & 9th November 2025 at Nandyal, Andhra Pradesh. Organising Secretary: Dr. Bhargava Varadhan Reddy

UAKON 2025 (UAK Annual Conference) – 11th & 12th October 2025 at Kannur, Kerala.
Organising Secretary: Dr. Goutham Gopinath

TASUCON 2025 (TAPASU Annual Conference) – 19th to 21st September 2025 at Pondicherry. Organising Secretary: Dr. R. Vinoth Kumar.

These meetings were noted and approved by the General Body.

26. Election of office bearers

Dr. Avudiappan, Election Officer, presented the results of the ASU elections held on 12th July 2025 at CK Conventions, Vijayawada, where Dr. Jagadeeshwar Thirukovela was elected as President Elect (2025–26) with 249 votes polled (5 invalid), and Dr. Siddalingeshwar Neeli from Belagavi was elected as Secretary Elect (2025–26) from the General Body, proposed by Dr. K.V. Vinod and seconded by Dr. Mallikarjuna Reddy, and approved by the house.

27. Constitutional amendments

GBM Approved the Constitutional amendments with a few changes. Anti-canvassing word should be removed from the amendment on Election Campaigning. In amendment on Membership fee it was suggested to continue as same Current Charges + GST.

28. Changes to the existing guidelines of ASU

ASU Guidelines Review Update

The ASU Guidelines, which had not been reviewed for the past seven years, were recently revisited and thoroughly examined by the ASU Council. The revised guidelines were circulated to all members in the month of May 2025, inviting feedback or queries via email. As there were no unanswered queries or objections from the members, the same set of guidelines was presented during the General Body Meeting (GBM) and unanimously approved

29. Letters from members:

A letter was received from Dr. N Mallikarjuna Reddy, addressing a complaint forwarded by the Telangana Medical Council (TMC). The complaint originated from the Interventional Radiology Society, concerning a scientific program titled “Vascular Interventions in Urology for Urologists” scheduled on 12th October 2025. The Interventional Radiology Society alleged that the event was unethical and amounted to a promotional activity.

Dr. Mallikarjuna Reddy has submitted an explanation letter to the Telangana Medical Council, which was jointly endorsed by the State Urology Association.

The General Body Meeting (GBM) discussed the matter and felt that Dr. N Mallikarjuna Reddy seems to have adequate capability to do the said intervention and his intention on

teaching does not seem to be unethical and recommended that it be referred to the ASU Legal Cell for review and ASU council to give an appropriate response.

30. Approval of the Auditor

GBM approved the auditor his details as follows

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31. Any other matters

Dr Rajesh Rajendran from Trichy raised an issue that MBBS doctors are getting trained as Sexologist. This should be discussed and it should be practised by the urologists only. GBM said it can be discussed in the legal Cell.

32. Adjournment

The President thanked the General body and Adjourned the Meeting