

# **Minutes of AGBM**

## **Held on Saturday 03.02.2018 at New Delhi**

**(Minutes Recorded by DrP Vijayanand)**

The Hon. Secretary welcomed the Life Members of ISSP to 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Body Meeting and requested the non-life members to leave the hall. He requested ISSP President DrGeeta Joshi to give opening remarks. Meanwhile the Detailed Agenda of AGBM was distributed amongst members.

### **President's Opening Remarks**

The President thanked everyone for supporting her all throughout her tenure for smooth running of Society. She expressed her happiness about IAPM, SIG, Secretariat progress so on and so forth. Finally, she thanked, all GC members of ISSP & IAPM for helping her in executing decisions and implementing her ideas. She requested Hon. Secretary to continue with proceedings.

### **AGBM - 01/18: Obituaries**

Dr. Umesh Chandra (C-50)  
Dr. ChidambarAnniyappa (A-82)  
Dr. Abdul Qadir (Q-3)

As a mark of respect 2-minute silence was observed. Their names will be deleted from database.

### **AGBM - 12/18: Elections**

The Hon. Secretary announced that the secretariat has received nominations for all announced posts in GC namely President Elect, Vice President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Joint Secretary & GC members. The nominations are as follows;

1. President Elect –
  - Dr Ashok Kumar Saxena (S-262)
  - DrMadhuri Lokapur (L-17)
2. Vice President – Dr Sanjay Khanna (K-123)
3. Hon. Secretary & Hon. Treasurer
  - DrBabitaGhai (G-96) &DrJeetinder Kaur (M-195)
  - Dr Pankaj N Surange (S-389) &Dr Gaurav Sharma (S-343)
4. Joint Secretary
  - DrChandrashekharan Cham (C-68)
  - DrPraveshKanthed (K-143)
5. GC Members
  - DrDebjyoti Dutta (D-187)
  - Dr Dinesh Kumar Sahu (S-333)
  - DrNazeer Ahmed Kudligi (K-201)
  - DrSamarjitDey (D-175)

- Dr Uma Maheshwara Rao W (W-8)
- Dr Uttam Anan Sidhaye (S-356)

The Hon. Secretary declared Dr Sanjay Khanna has been elected as Vice President unopposed.

Since the team of Dr Babita Ghai & Dr Jeetinder Kaur withdrew their nomination for the post of Hon. Secretary & Hon. Treasurer; the other team of Dr Pankaj Surange & Dr Gaurav Sharma are declared elected.

Hon. Secretary said elections will be held for rest all other posts. He requested the Election Commissioner Dr BB Mishra to conduct the proceedings;

Election Commissioner's Remarks (Dr. B. B. Mishra). He announced the final list of candidates for election to the ISSP Governing Council;

President-Elect – two candidates – Dr. Ashok Kumar Saxena and Dr. Madhuri Lokapur

Joint Secretary – two candidates – Dr. Chandrasekaran Cham and Dr. Pravesh Kanthed

Governing Council – six candidates for 3 posts – Dr. Nazir Ahmed, Dr. Umamaheswara Rao, Dr. Uttam Sidhaye, Dr. Dinesh Kumar Sahu, Dr. Debjyoti Dutta and Dr Samarjit Dey.

The election process was initiated.

### **AGBM – 02/18: Confirmation of the minutes of the AGBM held at Jaipur on 04/02/2017 & 05/02/2017**

The minutes of the AGBM of ISSP held on 04/02/2017 & 05/02/2017 at Jaipur, are circulated amongst the Life members of ISSP on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and also mounted on the website. It may be noted that there were no modifications made by the members. The same is placed for confirmation of the AGBM.

Again, No modifications suggested by members. The minutes were passed.

Proposed: Dr. Krishna Poddar

Seconded: Dr. Prakash Deshmukh

### **AGBM – 03/18: Action taken on various decisions of the AGBM meeting held on 04/02/2017 & 05/02/2017**

The Hon. Secretary discussed various actions taken;

1. *No pending ID cards with Hq. Some new members have been informed to send their photograph for ID card. – Implemented*
2. *IT returns for the financial year 2016-17 filed – Implemented*
3. *Mutual funds to be closed - Implemented*

4. Documents to Varanasi Registrar Office by Secretary – Implemented
  5. Special Interest Group Formed - Implemented
  6. IAPM GC meeting – Implemented
  7. Legal Advisor – Mr Rama Murthy – Implemented
  8. Auditor – Mr Surya Chandra Reddy – Implemented
  9. World Pain Awareness Day, Continued - Implemented
  10. ISSP Branches Grant in aid distribution – Implemented
  11. ISSP President Medal distribution – Implemented
  12. Observership Stipend to be increased to Rs 10,000 – AGBM
  13. Travel expenses of IAPM being paid – Implemented, AGBM
  14. DrBaljit Singh's expenses incurred on IT – Implemented
  15. Grant in aid for the year 2015 has been transferred to Gen Fund – Implemented
  16. IAPM Entry & Exit Exams Conducted – Implemented
  17. ISSP – Journalist of the Year Award – Implemented
- The stipend of ISSP-IASP observership to be raised to Rs. 10,000  
Proposed: Dr. Bhavan Shah  
Seconded: Dr. Bibhukalyani Das  
It was passed

## **AGENDA FOR INFORMATION**

### **AGBM – 04/18: Hon. Secretary's Report**

*Good evening everyone.*

*We welcome you all to today's AGBM at New Delhi. Presiding officer of today's AGBM ISSP President DrGeeta Joshi, Vice President DrSubrataGoswami, President Elect DrGautam Das, Joint Secretary DrBabitaGhai, Treasurer Dr P Vijayanand, Editor Dr Kailash Kothari & Other Governing Council Members, Past Presidents of ISSP & ISSP Life members and my dear friends.*

*Greetings from ISSP Hon Secretary. It gives me immense pleasure to share with you the Secretary's report of Indian Society for Study of Pain for the three years 2015-18 during AGBM of 2018.*

*The years 2015-18 have been great years for ISSP. We had a plethora of academic activities spread across the country, reaching nook and corner & a lot of new initiatives from ISSP Secretariat. There were great performances from individual members in achieving professional excellence. Well, the secretariat is finishing its official 3-year term to pave way for new team to take over. Let's take a ring side view.*

**2015** – *We took over the secretariat in February, actually we started handling accounts of ISSP from 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015. The initial challenge was to optimize*

*database and upgrade the website and look for newer frontiers for ISSP. We started updating the database with members email id and their registered mobile and of course other details. The office bought the ID card maker and a scanner and printer to help office activities. By the end of the year 30% members details were updated online. We started archiving important documents of the society. Believing in 'Go Green' concept we started e-newsletter & online registration for Life Membership which have become very popular. To facilitate day today office activities for the first time a 'Rule Book' was introduced, similarly to facilitate conference organisers a 'Blue Book' was implemented.*

*In September 2015, ISSP was invited by AO spine summit meet of Asia-Pacific region. It was attended by Hon. Secretary and other ISSP members. In November 2015, we had a meet on 'Neuropathic Pain' wherein both IASP and ISSP GC members attended along with other delegates. At the same time a Monograph was released with big fanfare on 'Tricyclic Antidepressants' written by ISSP members. At the end of the year 23 new members got enrolled, let's not forget we started handling accounts from second week of October 2015.*

**2016** *The year started with ISSPCON 2016 at Indore on a big note which involved lot of scientific deliberations. The New Constitution of ISSP and Indian Academy of Pain Medicine came into existence with approval from General Body. A three-member committee was formulated to oversee the implementation of IAPM which worked hard to develop Accreditation criteria, Curriculum and other formalities. A pilot project of IAPM Fellowship was started midyear.*

*Come July 2016, we initiated the 'World Pain Awareness Day' to mark the formation day (July 9<sup>th</sup>) of ISSP. The concept was received very well, and a plethora of activities were undertaken by various State/City chapters and since then it has become an annual event. We started the Awards for Best State/City branches as per their performance with various parameters. We started inviting the nominations for Life Time Achievement award and ISSP Oration from chapters to have a broader consensus. The bidding process for ISSPCON has been streamlined in all angles to make it efficient exercise.*

*Our members achieved excellence in different organizations and fields. DrSushma Bhatnagar was selected to Governing Council of IASP. DrMuralidhar Joshi was invited to become member of Pain Relief Committee of WFSA. At IASP Congress at Yokohama our members took part in various scientific activities.*

*Grant in aid for State/City Chapters was initiated to facilitate various scientific activities of branches. Thanks to our dynamic editor Kailash Kothari, print version of Indian Journal of Pain took rebirth. We started receiving royalty from the journal. ISSP started receiving educational grant from various sources.*

*The Society registration was renewed for next 5 years. For the first time Income Tax Returns were filed from ISSP. By the end of the year many centres across the country went through IAPM accreditation for Fellowship Programme& first Entry Exam was*

*conducted to select IAPM Fellowship candidates for 2017. At the end of the year we had enrolled 230 new members.*

**2017** *It started with a fabulous ISSPCON 2017 conducted at Pink City of India. It was admired by everyone. We initiated the meeting of Past Presidents with GC members to take their inputs in smooth running of society. We also started the interactive meeting between State/City Chapter Presidents & Secretaries with GC members. As part of newer initiative, we distributed the ISSP Flags and President's Collar to all chapters to facilitate their branch activities.*

*Special interest groups were formed in different areas like Documentation, Neuropathic Pain, Cancer Pain & Interventional Pain Management with an idea of framing guidelines, defining standards so on and so forth.*

*For the benefit of trainees of IAPM Mobile Phone Apps were developed to record their activities in log book. There were three programmes of IASP-ISSP Multidisciplinary Evidence Based Pain management spread over entire first half of the year. The 'World Pain Awareness Day' was celebrated on July 9<sup>th</sup>. ISSP Journalist of the Year was initiated to increase more awareness about 'Pain & its Relief'.*

*In December, we had IAPM Entry Exam to select candidates for the academic year 2018. At the end of year, we had enrolled 182 new members. In three years a total of 435 new members have been enrolled. New City branches like Ahmedabad and Bhopal were formed.*

**2018** *The new year has begun with new dream, we are working on Auto generation of Member ID, Auto generation of Membership Certificate & QR code-based Member Identification application (to be used during elections). We will explore the possibility of online elections in concurrence with everyone.*

*We were invited to represent ISSP at Spine World Summit at Hong Kong where 27 societies across the world participated in the event. We also have been invited to SARPS at Dhaka in February.*

*The ISSPCON 2019 is scheduled at Bengaluru. Don't miss a chance, hurry up and register today for early bird registration!*

*At present, we have FD's close to 78 lakhs (as on 31/1/18) at Syndicate Bank, Hyderabad. Henceforth the ISSP secretariat account will be transferred in total to next team of secretariat. The next team should not open new account keeping past account dormant. This will avoid future problems. More information will be shared by our treasurer Dr P Vijayanand.*

**Future**

*The IASP has declared Year 2018 as Pain Education Year. Various chapters have initiated events in this regard. We will come back to you with information in this regard in the next newsletter of ISSP.*

*We request members to update their details online through ISSP website, with their registered email ID, for any problem please contact [issphq@gmail.com](mailto:issphq@gmail.com).*

### **Conclusion**

*Before we conclude, ISSP Secretariat would like to thank all members of ISSP for trusting our ability & commitment and supporting us all through these 3 years. We strived to achieve the goals set by our seniors. With support from everyone, we could project ISSP to new heights not only within our country but also across the globe. We thank one and all.*

*We are grateful to all the three Presidents with whom we worked & members of the Governing Council of last 3 years for their enthusiasm and for their readiness to carry forward the new initiatives. Their valuable inputs have been of immense help for the activities of ISSP in general and ISSP Conferences and meetings in particular.*

*Long Live ISSP*

*Jai Hind*

- Hon. Secretary reported that a budget of Rs. 40,000 – 50,000 is required for ongoing activities such as QR code and online I-card  
Proposed: Dr. Pravesh Kanthed  
Seconded: Dr. Pradeep Jain

### **AGBM – 05/18: IASP**

Hon. Secretary expressed that all details of ISSP were upto date with IASP. There has been good communication between both IASP & ISSP Offices.

### **AGBM – 06/18: ISSP Secretariat**

The Hon. Secretary expressed that most of the points have been discussed in the Secretary's Report, but he will highlight some important information. As of 31/1/2018, the total number of ISSP Life Members are 2146 (LM – 2141, ALM – 5). New members added from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2018 are 182. In total in 3 years of Secretariat total members added are 435. Two New City Branch requests have come from Bhopal and Surat in the calendar year and secretariat is assisting them. One of the old branch, Kerala State Branch is getting revived and it is being guided in an appropriate way.

## **AGENDA FOR CONFIRMATION**

### **AGBM – 07/18: Treasurer Report**

1. Components
  - Audited account from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 (F.Y: 2016-17)
  - Unaudited account from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 to January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018
  - Activities During ISSPCON 2018
  - New Initiatives
2. Introduction to Accounts
  - **Audited accounts from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017**
  - One Savings Account
  - Syndicate Bank, Basheer Bagh Branch
3. Syndicate Bank, Basheer Bagh, Hyderabad
  - Syndicate Bank, (01.04.2016)
  - Opening Balance – Rs 6,57,556.65/-
  - FD – 68,71,238 (Syndicate Bank)
  - Closing Balance - Rs. 6,65,436.28/- (31.03.2017)
4. Income (Rs 7,13,408.00)
  - Interest on FD's - Rs 4,20,978
  - Interest on SB A/C - Rs 32,011
  - ID card receipts –Rs 1300
  - Interest on IT Refund –Rs 360
  - Other Income (Royalty) - Rs 2,58,759 (from WolterKlower& CME)
5. Expenses (Rs 7,13,408.00)
  - Award Expenses – Rs 36,000
  - Flag Expenses - Rs 56,025
  - Grant in Aid - Rs 17,750
  - Salaries - Rs 37,000
  - Medal Expenses - Rs 17,000
  - Website Expenses - Rs 40,000
  - Printing & Stationary - Rs 1430
  - ID card Printing Expenses – Rs 330
  - Postage – Rs 9302
  - Transport Charges - Rs 170
  - Travelling & Conveyance - Rs 95,962
  - Audit Fee – Rs 23,600
  - Accounting Charges - Rs 18,000
  - Bank Charges - Rs 593
  - Depreciation - Rs 37,000
  - Miscellaneous - Rs 5,000
  - Excess of Income over Expenses – Rs 3,38,516

6. Liabilities (Rs 80,42,878.00)

- General Fund –46,21,188
- Members Fund - 23,13,538
- Endowment (Award) Fund - 2,00,000
- IASP Education Fund - 2,67,360
- ISSP Education Fund - 3,50,000
- IJP Fund – 18, 952
- IAPM Fund –1,30,000
- Outstanding Liabilities – Rs 1,41,840
  - Components
  - Dr Baljit Singh – Rs 62,685
  - Audit Fee Payable - Rs 46,600
  - Accounting Charges Payable – Rs 32,375

7. Assets – (Rs 80,42,878.00)

1. Fixed Assets - Rs 77,976
2. LIC Dhanvarsha Scheme - Rs 29,340
3. LIC Mutual Fund - Rs 52,000
4. FD - Rs 68,71,238
5. TDS Receivables - Rs 1,11,055
6. Other Receivables - Rs 2,34,483
7. Cash in hand - Rs 1350
8. Balance with Banks - Rs 6,65,436
9. Fixed Assets
  - a. Card Printer - 66,831 (Dep-11,794)
  - b. Image Class Printer - 8,255 (Dep-1457)
  - c. Lamination Machine - 2890 (Dep-509)
  - d. Total Depreciation - 13,760

8. Summary - **Excess of Income over Expenditure of Rs 3,38,516 for the financial year 2016-17**

9. Introduction to Accounts

- **Unaudited accounts from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 to January 31<sup>st</sup> 2018**
- One Savings account
- Syndicate Bank, Basheer Bagh Branch, Hyderabad

10. Syndicate Bank, Basheer Bagh, Hyderabad

- Syndicate Bank, (01.04.2017)
- Opening Balance – Rs 6,65,436.28/-
- FD – 78 Lakhs
- Closing Balance - Rs. 5,56,136/- (31.01.2018)

11. Deposits



- IAPM - Rs. 6,96,500/-
- Membership fee - Rs. 6,98,780/-
- Seed Money (ISSPCON 2017) – Rs 1,00,000/-
- LIC mutual Fund - Rs 75,274/-
- IT Refund - Rs 44,900/-
- ISSP Logo - Rs 40,000/-
- Interest Credit- Rs. 19,163/-

#### 12. Expenditures

- FD Syndicate Bank - Rs 12,00,000
- IAPM Log Book App - Rs 1,77,000
- ISSPCON 2018 Seed Money – Rs 1,00,000
- ISSP/IAPM GC - Rs 83,800
- IAPM/ISSP Design - Rs 66,830
- Dr Baljit Singh - Rs 62,685
- Grant in Aid - Rs 55,375
- Website Maintainance - Rs 50,000
- Salaries & Advances - Rs 41,500
- Office Expenses - Rs 15000

#### 13. Expected Deposits

- FD Interest
- Indian Journal of Pain – Royalty
- IT Refund
- ISSPCON 2017 Profit Share

#### 14. Expected Expenditures

- IAPM Exit Exam Expenses
- IAPM Fellowship Expenses
- Audit & Accounting Fee
- ISSPCON Seed Money
- ISSPCON 2018 expenses
- Grant in Aid
- Office Expenses – Domain Renewal, Office Shift

#### 15. Activities during ISSPCON 2018

- Grant in Aid
- ISSPCON Expenses – Awards, Office Expenses, Mementoes, Print materials
- IAPM Expenses – Exit Exams, Fellowship
- Miscellaneous

#### **16. Proposed Budget for the year 2018-19 (Expenditure & Income Statement)**

17. Payments – (Rs 10,40,000)

- Office Expenses (Rent, Salaries, Stationaries, Internet, Courier, SMS, Travel) – Rs 2,00,000
- GC Travel - Rs 1,20,000
- Website Maintenance - Rs 50,000
- Audit Fee - Rs 25,000
- Accounting Charges - Rs 25,000
- ISSPCON Seed Money - Rs 1,00,000
- Legal expenses - Rs 50,000
- Award Expenses - Rs 70,000
- ISSPCON expenses - Rs 50,000
- IAPM Expenses - Rs 2,00,000
- Branch Shares -Rs 1,50,000

#### 18. Receipts – (Rs 12,52,978)

- Interest on FD's – 4,20,978
- Branch Fee – 2,000
- ISSPCON Contribution – 1,00,000
- Miscellaneous – 20,000
- Return of Seed Money – 1,00,000
- IAPM Fees - 3,60,000
- Indian Journal of Pain - 2,50,000

#### 19. Computing

- Expenditure – 10,40,000
- Income - 12,52,978
- **Excess of Income over Expenditure – 2,12,978**
- 85% we need to spend, we are almost spending the same amount.
- More clarity as financial year unfolds

#### 20. Any Suggestions, That's all from Treasurer Desk

The treasurer report was unanimously accepted by everyone. Treasurer had some proposals for adding value to ISSP activities for which he requested GBM approval which was approved after good discussion

1. IAPM – Dean/Registrar attendance MTM – GC travel & allowances – Approved.  
Proposed: Dr. Pradeep Jain, Seconded: Dr. Bhavana Shah. It was passed
2. IAPM log book app at Google & Apple Store – Rs 6000/year – Approved  
Proposed: Dr. Siddharth Varma, Seconded: Dr. P.N. Jain. It was passed
3. IAPM website, Refresher Course, ECHO Project, Social Media Link – Approved  
Proposed: Dr. Krishna Poddar, Seconded: Dr. Siddharth Varma. It was passed.
4. Global Year of Pain Education – Public Awareness Videos – Approved  
Proposed: Dr. Pradeep Jain, Seconded: Dr. Bhavana Shah. It was passed

5. IAPM Exit Exam Topper – Medal – Approved  
Proposed: Dr. Cham, Seconded: Dr. Virendra Rastogi. Considered passed

### **AGBM – 08/18: Editor's Report**

Proposed: Dr. Prakash Deshmukh

Seconded: Dr. Cham

It was passed

### **AGBM – 10/18: SIG**

Dr. Gautam Das reported that the outcome from the SIG's established in 2017 has generally been poor and it requires more academically oriented people to drive the process forward.

Dr. Gautam Das proposed four more SIG's

- 1) Endoscopic Spine procedures
- 2) Acute pain
- 3) Pain in the elderly
- 4) Paediatric pain

The SIG's will be constituted with one GC member and any ISSP member can be part of the SIG. The time frame for the working of the SIG's will be announced soon. It was passed.

Proposed: Dr. Dipashree Bhattacharya

Seconded: Dr. Jitendra Jain

### **AGBM – 11/18: ISSPCON**

- Hon. Secretary expressed that audited report of ISSPCON 2017 has been submitted. The organising Secretary Dr Gaurav Sharma has paid Rs 1,00,000 to ISSP as a profit share. All GBM members appreciated the contribution.
- The ISSPCON 2018 arrangements have been good, so far, no untold incident has been reported
- Dr. Muralidhar Thondebhavi presented the ISSPCON 2019 (Bangalore) report. GBM members gave inputs to organisers about Early Bird Fee and scientific programme
- There was only one application bidding for ISSPCON 2020, it was Ahmedabad. As the application was in order, GC had accepted the bid. This bid was presented during AGBM & it was accepted.

### **AGBM – 13/18: Awards – LTA, Oration, Observership, Journalist of the year, Best State/City Branch**

- ISSP Life Time Achievement Award – Only one application of Prof Ranveer Kumar Mehta (M-135), Past President ISSP. His name was unanimously accepted
- ISSP Oration – Dr. Kameswara Rao's name was suggested for the oration & it was accepted

Proposed: Dr. B.B. Mishra  
Seconded: Dr. P. Vijayanand

- IASP-ISSP Observership – Three applications; Dr Cham Soma Chandrashekharan (C-99), DrRanadeManjiriNeelesh (R-144) &Dr Pinky Rantnani (1932). All three were accepted
- ISSP Journalist of the Year Award – There were three applications; the ISSP jury selected MsNayantara Narayanan.
- Best State Branch Award – Was awarded to Society for Study of Pain West Bengal
- Best City Branch Award – Was awarded to Society for Study of Pain, Pune

### **AGBM – 14/18: Any Other Matter with Permission of Chair**

Dr. Ruchi Gupta raised an objection to the requirement that senior faculty members should maintain a logbook to be eligible to appear for the IAPM exit exam. The Hon. Secretary suggested that it is for the IAPM GC to decide. The discussion that followed were

- a) It should be no different for seniors and juniors
- b) Could HMR records be submitted

Dr. AvinashBundiwal suggested that Lateral entry for the senior physicians who are not IAPM trainees should be limited and time-bound.

Dr. Harshe and Dr. Cham objected to the conferring ceremony. Dr. Harshe was of the opinion that GC members were inducted as IAPM fellows based on wrong criteria.

Dr. Gautam Das explained the process by which the exams for the GC members were conducted and the need to create a pool of examiners. This process has been ongoing for the past year and since the IAPM was new, a process had to be initiated. Dr. Kailash Kothari suggested that IAPM GC should be given a free hand in running its affairs and it would be impossible for every decision of IAPM to be agreed in the ISSP GC, as it would cause a long delay.

Dr. Gautam Das further clarified that no one was awarded the IAPM fellowships and they were all earned through examinations.

Further clarifications requested by the GBM included – how many appeared for the exams? How many cleared? Why GC members only?

The President called the GBM to be adjourned and the issue to be discussed further the next day.

Dr. Gautam Das volunteered to offer an explanation.

He explained that IAPM as a body was approved by the ISSP GC for the purpose of providing uniform pain education across India. The IAPM is an academic body and an elected body. All steps taken so far had been in the direction of advancing pain education and there was always room for correcting the mistakes and rectify errors if there were any. He explained the process of creating a pool of examiners for that purpose. If there were a majority opinion that GC members should re-sit the exams then it would be considered.

There was also a question from the GBM that if the program heads were not fellows of IAPM, then how would they be eligible to provide the one-year training. The suggestion was to leave things as it had happened as it is for the good of the society.

The discussion further moved to whether senior physicians should also undergo a one-year training. It was clarified that they would not have to undergo IAPM one-year training, and there is a move initiated by the IAPM GC to relax the Entry and Exit criteria.

Dr. Rastogi suggested that IAPM conferred fellows should remain and there should be no more fellowships on the basis of grandfathering. There are enough fellows to conduct the exams as examiners.

Dr. Lokapur suggested that when DM/MCh were introduced, the examiners did not necessarily have those degrees to be examiners.

There was also suggestion from the GBM to not dilute the standards set by IAPM. The lateral entry or exams for senior pain physicians should be phased out soon and only IAPM trainees should be allowed to sit the exam. The suggestion was that the award of IAPM Fellow should be based on Exam only or based on Training only. It cannot go on forever with both being encouraged.

There were further discussions on who could become an examiner and who could sit the exit exam (criterion). The IAPM GC decisions (from 02.02.18) were read out to the GBM.

### **Election Results:**

Election Commissioner Dr BB Mishra announced the names of successful candidates who won the elections;

President Elect – DrMadhuri Lokapur

Joint Secretary – DrChandrashekharan Cham

GC Members – DrDebjyoti Dutta

Dr Dinesh Sahu

Dr Uma Maheshwara Rao

President DrGeeta Joshi handed over President's Collar to incoming President DrGautam Das. The meeting was adjourned for the day to be reconvened on 04/02/2018 at 12.30 pm.

**AGBM 04/02/2018**  
**Valedictory function**  
**(Minutes Recorded by DrGaurav Sharma)**

The newly elected body took the charge as office bearers. DrGautam Das took charge of President ISSP from DrGeeta Joshi, Dr Pankaj N Surange and Dr Gaurav Sharma as Hon Secretary and Treasurer from Dr MD Joshi and Dr P Vijayanad, respectively.

The meeting was attended by following office bearers  
DrGautam Das President ISSP  
DrGeeta Joshi, Past President ISSP  
DrMadhuri Lokapur, President Elect ISSP  
Dr Pankaj N Surange Hon Secretary ISSP  
Dr Gaurav Sharma, Treasurer ISSP

President addressed the AGBM and thanked all the past office bearers for their excellent work in their tenure. He also thanked all the members present during valedictory function and encouraged all the members for their active role in the functioning of the society. He stressed on dividing the work into small groups to include maximum number of volunteer members to work for the society. President requested Secretary to proceed with the new agendas.

Following Agendas were put by Hon secretary

**AGBM 14/18: SIG's**

Following new SIG's were formed and the responsibilities were given to one GC member each.

1. Acute Pain: Dr Dinesh Sahu
2. Geriatric Pain: Dr Chandrashekharan Cham
3. Paediatric pain: Dr Uma Maheshwar Rao
4. Musculoskeletal Pain: Dr Sanjay Khanna
5. Endoscopic Spine Procedures: Dr Pankaj N Surange

Hon secretary requested all the coordinators of SIG group to select their members with interest and experience in that particular topic. Also members were requested to come up with new SIG's. DrSunitaLavange proposed to form SIG on CRPS for which Hon Secretary explained that ISSP has already one SIG on neuropathic pain and CRPS also comes under that. Dr Pankaj Surange informed that documentation SIG has already prepared a draft of some documents like Uniform consent form, nomenclature of various interventional pain procedures and coding system for pain procedures. All these documents will be circulated to GC members for their comments.

Hon Secretary informed that since Dr Das has taken over as President, the responsibility of SIG chairman has been given to President Elect DrMadhuri Lokapur and the same will be followed every year. It was passed.

Proposed: DrJayeshThurar

Seconded: DrSunitaLavange

### **AGBM 15/18: Pain Registry**

DrGautam Das informed about the proposal from German society of IASP. German society is willing to join hands and collaborate with ISSP in the field of research in pain medicine. They have proposed to form a pain registry where some parameters will be added, based on the mutual discussion and feasibility as per Indian scenario. This will involve solo pain practitioners and practitioners from private and government institutes and also patients suffering from chronic pain.

President informed that ISSP will send the proposal to German society.

This was passed.

Proposed: DrSubrata Ray

Seconded: Dr Amit Dua

### **AGBM 16/18: Ethical committee**

Hon Secretary Dr Pankaj Surange proposed to form ethical committee and statistician team of ISSP itself. He expressed his concerns regarding limited research work from the Indian pain practitioners as many pain practitioners are doing good clinical work but they don't get opportunity to do research work because of poor access to ethical committee. President informed that clinical drug trials will be kept out of this research work. He also expressed that ISSP will conduct frequent workshops to encourage practitioners to do research work. DrSushma Bhatnagar appreciated this effort and assured her support in the formation of ethical Committee. President requested Hon Secretary to work on it and to form this committee in Delhi only as it will be easy to coordinate and will reduce the cost of travel and other expenses.

This was passed.

Proposed: DrSushma Bhatnagar

Seconded: DrVandana

### **AGBM 17/18: IAPM Exam**

There were some concerns from members regarding IAPM exam and members wanted some clarification on that. President clarified the doubts and concerns of the members.

Examination Fee: The examination fee of 40,000 INR will remain same for all. Those who have already passed online examination and have paid 10,000 INR, will pay only 30,000INR for practical examination.

Examiners Criteria: Examiners will be selected from the members of ISSP who already have experience of taking examination in pain certification program like PDCC, FIPP, EDPM etc.

Exit Exam: President informed that Direct exit exam is the provision to include senior pain physicians and this provision will be abolished after 2 years. After 2 years everyone will have to undergo one year training to be eligible for the FIAPM exam.

Proposed: DrVandana

Seconded: Dr Nasser

### **AGBM 18/18: ISSP APP**

It was proposed by Hon Secretary to develop APP for ISSP. This app will have multiple features like profiles of all the members, alerts, activities of ISSP, details of all upcoming CME's and conferences. DrSiddharthVerma suggested to connect this app with IAPM app for log book and other items. Members also suggested that this APP should be used for voting also as adopted by some societies. Hon Secreary suggested that once every member is used to this APP, then only we should use it for voting purposes.

This was passed.

Proposed: DrPalak Mehta

Seconded: DrSiddharthVerma

The Hon. Secretary announced awards (certificate & cash) for various competitions& training programmes and requested President to do honours;

The following were winners of various Awards in paper/poster presentation

- Neuropathic Pain Winners (Ashok Saxena Award)

- 1) Dr. Aftab Hussain
- 2) Dr. Suman Tanwar

- Basic sciences and Clinical Research Awards (Annacharya Lokapur Foundation awards)

- 1) Dr. Anamika Yadav – Basic Science
- 2) Dr. R. Priyadarshini – Clinical Research

- Other winners

Basic sciences

- 1) Dr. Chetna
- 2) Dr. Kavya



Chronic Pain

- 1) Dr. Akhilesh Gupta
- 2) Dr. PriyadarshiRoychoudhary

- IASP-ISSP Observership
  - 1) DrApala P Shah
  - 2) Dr Khatri NamitaNirmal
- Best State Branch – Society for Study of Pain West Bengal
- Best City Branch – Society for Study of Pain Pune

President DrGautam Das declared that GBM was concluded at 2.30 pm.