



# **INDIAN SOCIETY FOR STUDY OF PAIN**

**Minutes of Annual General Body Meeting of ISSP.**

**8th February 2020 at Ahmedabad, India**

**Dr (Maj) Pankaj N Surange  
Dr Gaurav Sharma**

Secretariat ISSP National

**INDIAN SOCIETY FOR STUDY OF PAIN**  
**Minutes of Annual General Body Meeting of ISSP**  
**Held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at Ahmedabad, India**

In Attendance:-

President- Dr Madhuri Lokapur

V. President- Dr Sunita Lawange

President Elect- Dr Kailash Kothari

Hon. Secretary- Dr Pankaj Surange

Hon. Treasurer- Dr Gaurav Sharma

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Meeting started with welcome note of Hon. Secretary with permission of President.

President Dr Madhuri Lokapur gave her opening remark and requested Hon. Secretary to conduct the meeting.

**Agenda No: AGBM – 01/20: OBITUARIES**

The sad demise of B B Mishra(Life Membership No M-216), Dr Sudharshan Yajnik Dr Abhijeet Bhattacharya was informed by Hon. Secretary to the house and 2 min. silence was observed in respect of divine soul.

As per rule their names were erased from ISSP register+

**Agenda No: AGBM – 02/20 : Confirmation of the Minutes of the AGBM held on 3/2/2019 at Bengaluru.**

Explanatory Note: The minutes of the AGBM of ISSP held on 3/2/2019 Bengaluru, are circulated amongst the members of ISSP & the same has been uploaded on website.

The minutes were accepted without any modification and it was passed.

Proposed by Dr Anurag Agarwal

Seconded by Dr Samarjit Dey

**Agenda- AGBM-20/20 – Election 2020**

Hon. Secretary presented the list of contesting candidates for various positions in ISSP and IAPM Governing Council for the year 2019-20 and said that all applications are in order.

1. President Elect-  
Dr Preeti Doshi  
Dr Pradeep Jain
2. V. President-  
Dr Ashok Kr Saxena(S-262)
3. GC Members-ISSP 3 Post (7Nomination)  
Dr Chinmoy Roy  
Dr Manjari Ranade  
Dr Rohit Lahori  
Dr P K Nishad  
Dr Vivek Chakole  
Dr Siddharth Verma  
Dr Uttam Sidhaye
4. Dean IAPM- (Only 1 Application)  
Dr Deepashri Bhattacharya
5. Registrar IAPM(2 Applications)  
Dr Gautam Das  
Dr Raghu Thota
6. GC Members –IAPM 2Post(2 Nominations)  
Dr Virendra Mohan  
Dr Asha Barge

Dr Geeta Joshi asked and objected the qualifications criteria for election of IAPM post.

Dr Mehta & Dr P Kumar said that there should not be any question raised regarding eligibility criteria, we should make the consensus based decision.

Dr Gautam Das informed that present criteria for IAPM post was passed in Chennai GBM and its minutes was also approved. Dr Geeta Joshi said that it was discussed at Bengaluru AGBM also, Dr Kailash Kothari said that eligibility criteria for advertised post were discussed in GC meeting , these criteria were present in the constitution, these are available on ISSP official website also. As applications for the applied post were found to be according to constitution , how can we reject/disapproved. Dr PN Jain said was these criteria discussed in GBM, (how can one person can reach for senior most executive post without serving on any other post)Dr Gautam Das replied that it was passed in Chennai GBM. Till now nobody has objected , why the objection is being raised now. Dr Kailash Kothari replied to the objection raised by some members regarding eligibility criteria that we can discuss it . Dr RP Gehdoo said that GBM is supreme power, let the house decide what should be the eligibility criteria.

Dr Samarjeet Dey said that it seems to be pre planned against one person . Dr Bhatia suggested that let the president decide on this matter. Dr Madhuri Lokapur said that president, secretary and registrar of that time can give the better answer. Dr Pankaj Surange said that there was a procedural delay but it was not deliberate . Dr Geeta Joshi said that we agreed but why the delay was there. Dr Gautam Das said that minutes of mid term meeting of IAPM should be gone to GC ISSP meeting which was not there previously thats why this delay happened. Dr PN Jain said that I have no motive behind this but for Dean post 5 year membership and faculty criteria seems to be inadequate. Dr Pankaj Surange said that we have already rectified this anomaly and it has been discussed in GC meeting which will be presented to GB in next agenda. Dr Madhuri Lokapur said that earlier decided criteria's were not sufficient. Dr Kailash Kothari said if GBM wants to change or edit the criteria ,we can amend that. Dr Preeti Doshi said for the credibility of IAPM dean, general body should take a decision . Dr Gautam Das raised an objection to it and said that application ,nomination criteria , ballot paper were sent to every member but no one has objected till date. Why it is being raised today? Dr Madhuri Lokapur said that we should continue the election process let it be discussed , we can take the decision in some time. She suggested can we continue the present body to work for one more year like it has been done in Chandigarh previously. Dr CS Cham told that at the time the situation was different. Candidates were not found to be eligible at that time, here the situation is opposite. Dr DK Sahu said that it should not be stopped. Dr Tarlika Doctor said if there is no rule of IAPM then ISSP rule has to be followed. Dr C S Cham said that since ISSP is a registered body with its constitution, constitution is supreme. It has to be run by the rules written in constitution only, not by the opinion. Dr PN Jain said if someone has served on higher post in executive body then it should not be selected for the lower post. Dr Gautam Das said that ISSP is different from IAPM. IAPM is an academic body, its post are also academic post and these are not administrative post. They are not the office bearers. We should not mix the administrative post with academic post. Dr Kailash Kothari said how can we reject anyone who is fulfilling all criteria. We have to see that right person is being chosen for the right post. Dr Pravesh Kanthed said that criteria should be amended. IAPM cannot have separate constitution, it can have its own rule and regulation but under the ISSP constitution. The thing has to be rectified. Dr Baheti asked about the contribution of the contestant to ISSP. Dr Raghu Thota said that the rule of ISSP

constitution should be applied through IAPM. Dr Pradeep Jain said that IAPM was constituted with very good intentions and I am sure that people who are objecting have not read the constitution of IAPM, initially registrar IAPM was not a part of GC ISSP but with the experience of running the IAPM body it was required to include in the GC ISSP. It a constant evolving process. We can learn only by the experiences and improve ourselves. Dr Kailash Kothari suggested that let the president decide . Dr Pankaj Surange informed that we have given all information on the website , some grievances are made , let the GBM decide. Dr Geeta Joshi suggested the president to decide. Hon. President Dr Madhuri Lokapur decided and said that rule of ISSP should be applied to IAPM also. She announced that IAPM body should be continued for 1 more year if house is agreed. By raising hand majority of the house shows support to this. So the president announced that we allow IAPM body to continue to work for 1 more year. Since Dr Pradeep Jain has served the full term as registrar IAPM, it is his choice whether he wants to continue or not. If he refused to continue we can make ad-hoc registrar IAPM. We will reserve that election process for president elect, continue the rest process; whole body of IAPM to continue for 1 more year. Meanwhile Dr Pradeep Jain informed that he will contest for president elect and Dr Vivek Chakole also wished for contesting as GC ISSP. President allowed both of them to relieve from IAPM and contest. Dr Sunita Lawange was appointed as Election Officer and Dr Samarjeet and Dr Pratibha Matche were instructed to help her. The election process and voting started.

**Agenda No: AGBM – 03/20**

**Action Taken on various decisions of AGBM held on 3/2/2019 at Bengaluru.**

1. No pending ID Cards with HQ. Some new members have been informed to send their photograph for ID Card.
2. Physical meeting of SIG coordinators: IMPLEMENTED
3. IAPM entry and exit exam: Conducted.
4. Legal Advisor: Appointed on case to case basis
5. Endorsement and participation of ISSP: Rules modified.
6. Pain management awareness award: Added

7. Restructuring of ISSP constitution: Started
8. Writ Petition: Resolved
9. GC Tenure IAPM: Implemented
10. Exit exam for senior pain physicians: Needs further discussion.
11. Sponsoring IAPM fellows: Needs approval of GB.
12. MCI Notification: Uploaded.
13. Tieup with Abbott Pharma: Terminated

**Agenda No: AGBM – 04/20**  
**ISSP Secretary report**

Good Afternoon everyone, we welcome you all to today's AGB meeting at Ahmedabad. Presiding officer of today's AGB meeting is ISSP President Dr Madhuri Lokapur, V. President Dr Sunita Lawange President Elect Dr Kailash Kothari, Joint Secretary Dr Chandra Shekhar Cham, Treasurer Dr Gaurav Sharma, Editor Dr Hammad Usmani and other governing council members and my dear friends.

Greetings from ISSP Hon. Secretary

It gives me immense pleasure to share with you the secretary report of ISSP for 2019-20. During AGBM at ISSPCON 2020 at Ahmedabad.

We have already discuss the action taken in last year, I want to share few more development with all the members. Pfizer pharma company has agreed to give us a grant to conduct to educational activity. We want to conduct multi disciplinary CMEs involving doctors from other specialities. Dr Madhuri Lokapur is looking after the planning and conduct for this. There will be 10 meetings in different cities in a year will be organized. We have to develop content and mode of meetings; we will make quarterly report of the meeting including impact, outcome and accounts. We will take help from City and State Branch of ISSP to conduct these meetings.

We have resolved the writ petition filed against ISSP last year.

We have already circulated the uniform coding system for all pain procedures to all ISSP members. This is available on ISSP website and App also. Now the next target is to approve all pain management procedure from insurance companies. We are in talk with few consultation agencies who can provide us professional support to

represent our case. We have already done the costing part of intervention. Around 90 interventions has been covered with the help of many members . I want to give thanks to all of them. We will present this documents to IRDA and other insurance agencies. We also wants most of the pain management interventions to get approved as Day Care procedures. It's a long and hard passage but with the support of all of you we will cover it.

Professional Indemnity for Pain Physicians. We are in talks with indemnity insurance companies and will finalize soon.

FIAPM Exams- FIAPM exams were conducted at Ahmedabad in July 2019 and at Wardha in January 2020. This time we have included cadavers for the practical exams.

Social Media Activity- We have started social media campaign in form of public awareness program on social media like Facebook & Whats App. We have covered few diseases and related facts which is useful for masses. These material are shared every month on Official ISSP Page on Facebook and ISSP Website and ISSP App. I request all members to routinely visit the website, App and Facebook page and share the information.

### **Agenda- AGBM-05/20 – ISSP New Members and Chapters**

Hon. Secretary informed that there are total 2431 members till 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020. We have added 138 new life time members this year Membership numbers and cards have been issued to all the pending members and new members.

New City Chapters- 3 applications from Amritsar, Bhubaneswar and Ajmer received as city branch.

We still do not have contact details of many members. A circular has been sent to the members whose contact details are with us for want of contact details of remaining members. E mails have been sent to chapters to update the contact details of their chapter members. State and city chapters details have been updated.

### **Agenda- AGBM-06/20 – IASP**

Hon. Secretary expressed that all the changes in office bearers and address has been informed to IASP. There has been good communication between IASP and ISSP offices. We have received assurance from IASP to get a free stall at world congress.

Proposed by- Dr Chandrashekhar Cham

Seconded by – Dr Samarjeet Dey

#### AGENDA FOR CONFIRMATION

#### **Agenda- AGBM-07/20 – Treasurer Report**

Hon. Treasurer Dr Gaurav Sharma presented the treasurer report as follows. It includes the previous year ITR report along with audited report and provisional balance sheet has been submitted. He proposed the budget and financial plan for the next year.



**Indian Society for Study of Pain  
Balance Sheet as on 31.03.2019**

Liabilities	Amount (INR)	Assets	Amount (INR)
<b>General Fund</b> <i>(as per annexure-1)</i>	8,012,328.11	<b>Fixed Assets</b> <i>(as per schedule of FA &amp; Dep)</i>	56,337.00
<b>Membership Fund</b> <i>(as per annexure-2)</i>	3,791,144.00	<b>Investments</b> <i>(as per annexure-5)</i>	9,628,285.00
<b>Other Funds</b>		<b>Current Assets</b> <i>(as per annexure-6)</i>	613,253.43
Endowment Fund	200,000.00	<b>Cash &amp; Bank Balances</b> <i>(as per annexure-7)</i>	3,174,607.11
IASP International Education Fund	267,360.00		
ISSP National Education Fund	350,000.00		
Indian Academy of Pain Medicine	130,000.00		
Indian Journal of Pain Fund	615,454.43		
<b>Current Liabilities</b> <i>(as per annexure-4)</i>	106,196.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,472,482.54</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,472,482.54</b>

For **Singh AP & Co.**  
**Chartered Accountants**  
(Firm Registration # 026710N)

CA Angad Pal Singh  
Proprietor  
(Membership # 520071)



For Indian Society for the Study of Pain

Dr. Pankaj N Surange  
Secretary

Place: New Delhi  
Date: 12th July 2019

**Indian Society for Study of Pain  
Unaudited Provisional Balance Sheet (Statement of Affairs) as on 31.01.2020**

Liabilities	Amount (INR)	Assets	Amount (INR)
<b>General Fund</b> <i>(as per annexure-1)</i>	9,435,552.85	<b>Fixed Assets</b> <i>(as per schedule of FA &amp; Dep)</i>	49,294.50
<b>Membership Fund</b> <i>(as per annexure-2)</i>	4,376,244.00	<b>Investments</b> <i>(as per annexure-4)</i>	9,995,750.86
<b>Other Funds</b>		<b>Current Assets</b> <i>(as per annexure-5)</i>	650,153.35
Endowment Fund	200,000.00	<b>Cash &amp; Bank Balances</b> <i>(as per annexure-6)</i>	4,791,883.57
IASP International Education Fund	267,360.00		
ISSP National Education Fund	350,000.00		
Indian Academy of Pain Medicine	130,000.00		
Indian Journal of Pain Fund	615,454.43		
<b>Current Liabilities</b> <i>(as per annexure-3)</i>	112,471.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,487,082.28</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,487,082.28</b>

For Indian Society for the Study of Pain

Dr. Pankaj N Surange  
Secretary



**Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Members of

**INDIAN SOCIETY FOR STUDY OF PAIN**

**Report on the financial statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Indian Society for Study of Pain (the society), which comprises of the balance sheet as at 31 March 2019, the income & expenditure account and receipts & payment account for the year then ended.

**Committee's responsibility for the financial report**

The committee of the society is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements that give true and fair view of the financial position and financial performance of the society. The committee's responsibility also includes maintenance of adequate accounting records and implement such internal controls as the committee determines is necessary to protect the assets of the society, preventing and detecting the frauds and other irregularities and to enable the preparation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditor's responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit. We have conducted our audit in accordance with the Indian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation of the financial statements that gives a true and fair view, in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purpose of expressing the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



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- i. We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit;
- ii. In our opinion, proper books of account as required by law have been kept by the society so far as it appears from our examination of those books;
- iii. The balance sheet, the statement of income and expenditure and the receipts & payments account are in agreement with the books of account;

### **Auditor's opinion**

In our opinion, and to the best of our information and as per the explanations provided to us, the financial statements show true and fair view of:

- i. Financial position of the society, in case of the balance sheet as at 31 March 2019;
- ii. Financial performance of the society, in case of the income and expenditure account for the year ended 31 March 2019; and
- iii. Cash flows of the society, in case of the receipts and payment account for the year ended 31 March 2019

## Accounts FY 2019-2020 (Major Inflows)

IAPM Examination Receipts	INR 16,22,995.28
Membership Fee Receipts	INR 5,85,100.00
Conference Receipts	INR 1,40,000.00
Interest from Savings Bank	INR 93,570.18
Other Misc Receipts	INR 91,360.00

Total Receipts INR 25,33,025.46

## Accounts FY 2019-2020 (Major Outflows)

IAPM Examination Expenses	INR 165,558.00
Meeting Expenses (SIG and MTM)	INR 3,65,277.00
Professional Charges (Legal & CA)	INR 2,01,975.00
Income Tax Paid (AY 2019-20)	INR 1,06,000.00
Other Misc Outflows	INR 76,939.00

Total Outflows INR 9,15,749.00

## Accounts FY 2019-2020 (Term Deposit Account)

FDs Balance as on April 1st, 2019	INR 96,28,285.00
Interest as reflected in TDS statement	INR 4,08,294.86
TDS deducted on above interest @ 10%	INR 40,829.00
New FDs Created During the Period	INR 0.00
Calculated Balance as on Jan 31st, 2020	INR 99,95,750.86

Term Deposits with Syndicate Bank. No new deposits made or old deposits redeemed during the period.

Dr Gaurav Sharma informed that the application to obtain the GST registration of the society has been done after advisory from the financial consultant. The application under section 12AA of the Income Tax Act to obtain income tax exemption for the society so that the surplus of the society does not get taxed. Post obtaining the 12AA registration, we shall attempt to obtain no TDS deduction

certificate from income tax authorities so as to avoid unnecessary blocking of fund in TDS

Dr Gaurav Sharma suggested that Condition to avail exemption from income tax is that society should compulsorily utilize at least 85% of the receipts on the objectives of the society instead of accumulating the money in FDRs. So, members are requested to suggest more and more initiatives to utilize the fund for betterment of the fraternity. There are various corpus funds standing under various heads. Members are requested to suggest the ways and means to utilize the funds.

A good discussion was held with active involvement of many members and it was decided that money in excess of Rs 10 Lac should be converted as fixed deposits.

Proposed by- Dr Hammad Usmani

Seconded by- Dr C S Cham

## **AGBM – 08/20**

### **Editor's Report**

Dr Hammad Usmani presented the editor's report, he informed that journal is getting good articles both in numbers as well as in quality. 3 regular issues are published every year, one supplement issue is pending , 2000 copies of each issue is presently distributed among the members. For indexation in SCOPUS index , the process has been started , few changes which was required has been initiated .Dr Hammad gave special thanks to Dr Ashok Saxena,Dr Karthick Babu, Dr Pratibha for their cooperation. He informed that IJP is giving the certificates to its reviewer to acknowledge their contribution in journal progress.

Dr Raghu Thota thanked Dr Hammad Usmani and IJP to publish the guidelines. He suggested to start an award to best reviewer for the journal.

Proposed by- Dr PN Jain

Seconded by- Dr DK Sahu

## **Agenda- AGBM-09/20– SIG Report**

Dr Pankaj Surange asked the opinion of house regarding appointment of professional guideline writer. He informed that house that we have taken few quotation for the same and it is around 30 thousand rupees per guidelines. Can we go ahead? Dr Siddharth Verma said that there are many guidelines worldwide and they all are maintained by professional agencies. It is being done everywhere and we should also go ahead with professionals . Dr Raghu Thota told that I am partially agree with the suggestion, we are clinician , we should involved in the process. Dr Raghvendra said that there are many ghost writers , it should not be done by other people. They can misuse the name of ISSP. Dr Gautam Das said we are not giving them the sole authority for writing, SIG coordinator with SIG members are there to supervise the work. Ultimately the house agreed to hire the professional writer.

Proposed by- Dr Pratibha Mache

Seconded by- Dr Geeta Joshi

## **AGBM – 10/20**

### **ISSPCON 2019 & 2021, 2022**

Hon. Secretary expressed that audited report of ISSPCON 2019 Bengaluru has been submitted. The organising secretary Dr Murali has paid Rs 1,00,000 to ISSP as a profit share. All members of the house appreciated the contribution.

The ISSPCON 2020 arrangement has been good so far, no untold incident has been reported.

Dr Shovan Kumar Rath organizing secretary of ISSPCON 2021 Bhubaneswar has presented the conference preparation report along with Dr Sukhdeb Nayak and Dr Nibedita. Many members gave input to organizers about early bird fees and scientific programme. Dr Shovan Kumar Rath assured members to put a good show.

The ISSPCON 2022 is allotted to Amritsar City Branch. Dr Ruchi Gupta thanked GC and GBM for giving the opportunity.

Proposed by Dr Vivek Chakole

Seconded by Dr Hammad Usmani

**AGBM – 11/20**

**Eligibility Criteria ISSP and IAPM GC**

Dr Pankaj Surange suggested that since society is growing and we have good number of applicants, the eligibility criteria for GC Member of ISSP and IAPM should be life Membership-5yrs and minimum 3 GBM out of 5. House approved it unanimously.

Proposed by Dr Anurag Agarwal

Seconded by Dr PN Jain

Proposed Tenure of Dean IAPM-2 Year and for Registrar IAPM-3 Years+ 1 Year as an Ex Officio

House approved it unanimously.

Proposed by Dr Yashwant Nankar

Seconded by Dr C S Cham

For Dean and Registrar, the eligibility criteria should be same as ISSP President and Secretary Plus there should be 5 publications of Chronic Pain in Indexed Journal. There should be teaching experience of Pain Medicine(that is desirable but not mandatory)

Few members suggested that FIAPM should be included in eligibility criteria of IAPM post but many members objected. Dr Raghu Thota objected to this suggestion and said that clinical experience and other teaching experience should be considered. Dr Anurag Agarwal said that for giving any degree you should also have that degree. Dr CR Das said that you have to respect the degree. Dr Sanjay Patawari said West Bengal University has recognized our university courses in pain medicine, we can practice pain so why we should need any other degree(FIAPM) as eligibility criteria. Dr Gautam Das said we started FIAPM degree to make a uniform structure all over India for the Pain Practitioners, regardless from where they are coming. It was designed to be recognized across the country as a mark of standard practice certificate. There was lot of discussion and heated arguments occurred in favour of and against. President ordered to decide the outcome with voting from the house. After voting 43 members were in favour “mandatory “ and 30 members were in favour of desirable. So by voting it is decided that FIAPM is mandatory.

## **AGBM – 12/20**

### **Awards – LTA, Oration, Observership**

ISSP Life Time Achievement Award-The name of Dr P N Jain, Past President ISSP was proposed . His name was unanimously accepted.

ISSP Oration-Dr Geeta Joshi name was suggested and it was accepted .

ISSP Journalist of the year award-No application

Best State Branch Award- Was awarded to society for Study of Pain ISSP West Bengal 1<sup>st</sup> , ISSP Kerala 2<sup>nd</sup>

Best City Branch Award- Was awarded to society for Study of Pain ISSP Pune Branch

Proposed by Dr Raghu Thota

Seconded by Dr Siddharth Verma

## **AGBM – 13/20**

### **Travel and allowances: GC ISSP, IAPM, Dean, Registrar, LTA and Oration.**

Dr Pankaj Surange informed that the last amendment for travel allowances was done in 2009 since then we have not revised. We have discussed in GC meeting and previous GBM also. We proposed to give the travel allowances for all official members of ISSP and IAPM of Rs 10000 maximum or actual. The house agreed on the suggestion

Proposed by Dr C S Cham

Seconded by Dr Anurag Agarwal

## **AGBM – 14/20**

### **Pfizer Grant utilization**

Pfizer pharma company has agreed to give us a grant to conduct to educational activity. We want to conduct multi disciplinary CMEs involving doctors from other



specialities. Dr Madhuri Lokapur is appointed as a convenor of the committee with 3 GC members. She will be looking after the planning and conduct for this.

Proposed by Dr Samarjeet Dey

Seconded by Dr Uttam Sidhaye

### **AGBM – 15/20**

#### **Dean and Registrar stay at conference venue**

Hon. Secretary Dr Pankaj Surange suggested that ISSP should bear the stay of Dean and Registrar at the conference venue. House agreed and approved.

Proposed by Dr Siddharth Verma

Seconded by Dr Gautam Das

### **AGBM – 16/19**

#### **Sponsorship for IAPM Fellows.**

Dr Pankaj Surange proposed that instead of sponsoring one fellow for IASP international event, we should allow all fellows to be registered for ISSPCON free of cost. The cost should be beared by ISSP not by organizers but each fellow has to present a poster or paper in the conference. This will be done to promote and encourage the young pain physician. House agreed and approved. Dr Siddharth Verma suggested that one fellow can be sponsored in world congress of pain(IASP Meeting) to represent India. It was decided that this suggestion will be consider in future not now.

Proposed by Dr Hammad Usmani

Seconded by Dr PN Jain

### **AGBM – 17/20**

#### **Indian Academy of Pain Medicine**

GC Tenure- Already covered at Agenda AGBM 11/20

## **AGBM – 18/20**

### **Exit exam for senior pain physicians**

Hon. Secretary Dr Pankaj Surange said that we have approved the relaxation in exit exam for senior pain physician for 3 years till Jan 2021. Now we want the opinion of the house to continue the relaxation for some more time. Dr Kailash Kothari said that we should adopt inclusive policy not the exclusive one. We should focus on adding the pain practitioner and giving the opportunity rather than denying them. Dr Avinash, Dr Siddharth opposed the idea and asked are we going to make this exam on the line FIPP. Dr Anurag Agarwal said that the purpose of this exam was to make a uniform standard and qualitative education. We cannot allow it forever, it is against the ethics and interest of the fellows who is joining for full 1 year course. Dr Kashinath and Dr Varsha argued that we are practicing pain since long but we became member recently, why should we deprive for appearing in exam, we have the genuine problem. There was very hot discussion took place for and against the idea. Hon. President Dr Madhuri Lokapur said as we have change the rule for IAPM exams, we have to discuss the issue further, she took the decision to extend the relaxation to five years. Dr Pankaj Surange summarized that the relaxation will be applicable to senior pain physician for exit exam will be continued till Feb 2026.

Proposed by Dr Uttam Sidhaye

Seconded by Dr C R Das

## **AGBM – 19/20**

### **IASP**

ISSP chapter details have been updated to IASP headquarter.

## **AGBM – 20/20**

### **Elections 2020**

Hon. Secretary presented the list of contesting candidates for various positions in ISSP Governing Council for the year 2020 and said that all applications are in order.

1. President Elect-
  1. Dr Preeti Doshi
  2. Dr Pradeep Jain

2. V. President-

Dr Ashok Kr Saxena(S-262)

3. GC Members-ISSP 3 Post(7Nomination)

1. Dr Chinmoy Roy
2. Dr Manjari Ranade
3. Dr Rohit Lahori
4. Dr P K Nishad
5. Dr Vivek Chakole
6. Dr Siddharth Verma
7. Dr Uttam Sidhaye

Chief Election Officer-Dr Sunita Lawange(Vice President ISSP) conducted the election process with the help of Dr Samarji Dey and Dr Pratibha Mache

After counting of votes she announced results as follows:-

**President Elect-** Dr Pradeep Jain- 106 Votes- Elected

Dr Preeti Doshi-99 Votes

**V. President-** Dr Ashok Saxena(Unopposed)

**GC Members ISSP-**

Dr Vivek Chakole(112 Votes), -ELECTED

Dr Uttam Sidhaye( 105 Votes), ELECTED

Dr Manjari Ranade(103 Votes) -ELECTED

Dr Rohit Lahori(93 Votes), Dr Siddharth Verma(92 Votes),Dr Chinmoy Roy(73 Votes), Dr P K Nishad(36 Votes)

IAPM Council Tenure is extended to one more year.

Total vote casted 222, invalid votes 17,

Hon. Secretary Dr Surange thanked Dr Sunita Lawange and team to conduct election process smoothly.

**AGBM – 21/20**

ANY OTHER MATTER WITH PERMISSION OF  
CHAIR

**Table Agenda No 1 – Appointment of insurance consultant**

Dr Pankaj Surange informed that we have proposal from some insurance consultant who worked with IRDA and Ayushman Bharat Schemes. He promised to complete the work in time frame including drafting the proposal, approaching the officials and other operational work of the project. The approximate cost for the consultation is around 19-20 lac rupees. Dr Pankaj Surange asked the opinion of house to hire the consultant. Dr Madhuri Lokapur shared the experience , she said that we have tried previously with personal contact but failed. We really need some professional firm to deal such matters. The amount/fee can be negotiated. We can authorize GC to go further on this matter. House agreed and approved the amount and requested to speed up the matter.

Proposed by: Dr Venkatesh Nevagi

Seconded by: Dr Jaideep Singh

**Table Agenda No 2-** Dr Siddharth Verma informed the house that AIIMS Rishikesh has started the DM course in Pain Medicine under the leadership of Dr Ajeet Kumar , we must congratulate him. House applauded and appreciated the efforts of Dr Ajeet Kumar.

**Table Agenda No 3- Campaigning for the Election**

Dr Pankaj Surange proposed that campaign for the election by the contestant should not be allowed from next election just like IASP elections. Their credentials can be displayed on ISSP website and social platforms. Dr Geeta Joshi and many members opposed the idea, Dr Siddharth Verma asked that how can you stop someone to campaign, it is practically not possible.

So it was decided that GC will discuss it further.

Table Agenda No 4 – Dr D D Baheti suggested that pain management awareness award nominations should be sent to us well in time. Dr Pankaj Surange agreed to the idea.

**Hon Secretary thanked all the members for attending GBM and President Dr Madhuri Lokapur declared the GC meeting concluded at 9.20 pm.**