

ASSOCIATION OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEONS OF INDIA
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING, AHMEDABAD 2016

DATE: 25TH NOVEMBER 2016

START TIME: 10:30 AM

END TIME: 7:30 PM

Hon. Gen. Secretary, Dr Manjunath Rai collared the President Dr David P Tauro. Meeting called to order by the secretary Dr Manjunath Rai.

Welcome address was given by the President -Dr David Tauro. Dr David welcomed all the AOMSI members attending the annual general body meeting of 2016. Dr Manjunath Rai read out the minutes of the previous annual general body meeting held at Amritsar on 20th November 2015. The minutes were passed by the house, proposed by Dr George Paul and seconded by Dr Ramandeep Bhullar.

Discussion on agendas of the meeting: One of the agenda of the annual general body meeting was the announcement of various bids for the midterm conference 2018 and annual conference of AOMSI 2018. All the bids were taken up in the last EC of AOMSI 2016 held in Ahmedabad on 24th November 2016 at Hotel Regenta. The EC has agreed upon the eligibility of various Bids according to the guidelines of AOMSI.

1. Bids for Midterm Conference- PG Convention of AOMSI 2018

There were three bids for the midterm conference PG convention to be held in the year 2018 and eligible for elections.

a. ITS Muradnagar, Gaziabad- Bid was presented by Dr Sanjeev Kumar.

The proposed registration fee for the delegate AOMSI member is 5000 INR and 4000 INR for AOMSI PG trainees inclusive of all taxes.

b. KM Shah dental college, Vadodhara- Bid was presented by Dr Naveen Shah

The proposed registration fee for the delegate AOMSI member is 6500 INR and 5500 INR for AOMSI PG trainees inclusive of all taxes.

c. Joint meeting with Nepal association of oral and maxillofacial surgery to be held in Kathmandu, Nepal- Bid was presented by Dr Alok

The proposed registration fee for the delegate AOMSI member is 6000-7000 INR and 4000-5000 INR for AOMSI PG trainees inclusive of all taxes. The organisers suggested to have the conference in Hotel Yak and Yeti. They are committed to provide sim card to all the delegates registered for the conference.

2. Bids for Annual Conference of AOMSI 2018

There were two bids for the Annual conference of AOMSI to be held in the year 2018 and eligible for elections.

- a. Dr Ramkumar / Dr Veerabahu presented the bid on behalf of organising committee for the annual conference to be held in Chennai. The venue of the conference has yet to be decided. The proposed registration fee was going to be 10,000 INR for AOMSI member delegates and 8500 INR for student delegates inclusive of all taxes.
- b. On behalf of Telangana state chapter of AOMSI, Dr Gosla Reddy and Dr Pramod presented the bid. The proposed venue for the conference was Bali, Indonesia. The organising committee suggested to have the gathering of 500-1000 delegates and according to them this much number can be managed easily overseas. Delegates and postgraduate trainees will be offered same registration charges. The proposed registration fee could be 1200-1400 US \$ inclusive of registration charges, travel and accommodation expenses to and fro from Hyderabad. The organising committee proposed to have this conference for 5 days with scientific sessions ending by late afternoon instead of regular 3 day conference of AOMSI. Dr Gosla suggested to have annual general body meeting in Hyderabad before the commencement of the conference and the travel arrangement would be done for post AGM.

3. Elections of 2016 AOMSI:

- Dr Manjunath announced the elections open for the next term.

<u>Post</u>	<u>Term</u>
<u>One President Elect</u>	<u>One Year</u>
<u>One Vice President</u>	<u>One Year</u>
<u>One Hon. Gen. Secretary</u>	<u>Four Years</u>
<u>One Joint Secretary</u>	<u>One Year</u>
<u>One Treasurer</u>	<u>Four Years</u>
<u>One Editor</u>	<u>Four Years</u>
<u>One Rep.to IAOMS</u>	<u>Two Years</u>
<u>Ten Members of Executive Committee</u>	<u>One Year</u>

- The presence of all the candidates contesting for various posts of office of AOMSI was confirmed as per the constitution rule. All the candidates were present in the AGM except Dr Shaji Thomas who was contesting for vice president. So according to the constitution of AOMSI his candidature was cancelled in absentia. Dr Prabhu, Dr Dharendra Srivastava, Dr Samiran Gosh and Dr Ravinder Singh Bedi were appointed as election officers for the scrutinisation of voters and smooth conduction of AOMSI elections. The election process had to be conducted through electronic voting system (EVM machines)

which was procured from Pune (Signal circuits Pvt Ltd) with Dr Amit Dhawan (Joint Secretary) as coordinator. The demonstration about the operation of electronic voting machines was given by the technical engineers in the AGM to all the members and election officers. The meeting was adjourned after the announcement of elections for the next term. The AGM to be continued after the elections.

4. Treasurer report

- Dr Manjunath presented the treasurer report along with the audit report which was already sent to all the members through respective emails. There was no objections raised in this regard. The treasurer report was passed by the house, proposed by Dr Thangavelu and seconded by Dr Ramadas.

5. Editors report

- Dr Krishnamurthy Bonanthaya read out the Editor's report for the term 2015-2016. He mentioned that the year 2016 may easily be described as a momentous one for the Journal of Maxillofacial and Oral surgery (JMOS), the performance indicators of the past year i.e. 2015 have been impressive. To start with we made a big leap in the financial front. In the year 2014, we received a royalty of Rs. 1,415,675/- and in the year 2015 we received a royalty of Rs 3,38,1316 about a growth of almost 150% in a year. Full text downloads of our published papers have increased by almost 60% in 2016. We have a calculated impact factor of 0.45 with the number of citations in 2015 being 69. Dr Bonanthaya mentioned that journal has succeeded in being indexed by Thomson Reuters (ISI) in their new citation Index called Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI). Beginning with 2017 our journal will be indexed and abstracted in ESCI hopefully. He said it is his strong belief as well as fervent hope that we will soon be indexed by the main ISI index SCIE which generates an impact factor, allowing us to become one of the major players in the world of Maxillofacial surgical publishing.
- If there has been a lot of good cheer to report this year, it is mainly due to the team of the hard working Editorial board- which we expanded this year-, our dedicated reviewers and the hundreds of contributors who have enriched us. In the end of his report he thanked everybody for making this happen and hoped that his successors will be reporting to us for many more years with great news about this journal
- The springer has announced to sponsor the abstract supplement every year in which the annual conference proceedings are published. The supplement had first started during the 40th annual conference of AOMSI held at Amritsar 2015.
- Editor informed regarding change from editor election to editor elect two years before the end of previous term so that it give an opportunity of better transfer of office of journal.

6. Discussion on OMFS day celebration

- Dr Neelakandan has delivered a small speech to celebrate OMFS day on 13th February 2017. He has mentioned that there are plans to spread awareness against using tobacco products and create anti tobacco awareness program through social media, AOMSI marathon Run along with the successfully running Face it campaign started by Dr Sanjiv Nair. He asked for suggestions to make this day a grand success. Dr Bhagwan Das Rai suggested to have a marathon Run in midterm pg convention as most of the postgraduate students will be available to participate. Dr Gunaseelan suggested to spread awareness against areca nut products also. Dr Shekar suggested to include oral cancer screening camps and guidelines to general dentists on how to screen a patient with oral cancer. Dr Abhay Datarkar and Dr Amit Dhawan suggested to shake hands with Voice of Tobacco victims of India for awareness campaign

7. AOMSI Foundation

- **Dr Gosla Reddy** has presented his report on the formation of AOMSIF foundation. The objective is to Establish the AOMSI Foundation (on the lines of the IAOMS foundation) to facilitate & enable all academic activities through the foundation. Moreover as a foundation we can invite donations as well which can be utilised for all the academic activities run by the foundation. Dr Reddy mentioned that foundation should have freedom for raising money for better future of AOMSI. Secretary and treasures may be same for the foundation as of AOMSI. Only chairman or trustee may be selected on the basis of 2-4 years term. This thought was brought about by the executive committee to the annual general body meeting. The idea was appreciated by the house for further consideration.

8. Speaker bank for keynote speakers of AOMSI in forthcoming conferences

- Dr Anjan Shah has presented his report on the formation of speaker's bank for consideration for keynote lectures at various conferences of AOMSI (Midterm as well as annual conferences). Dr Anjan mentioned that the portal is to be created through AOMSI website from where the speaker inclusion form can be filled by the AOMSI member and the list of speakers will also be available online for consideration by the scientific committees of various conferences. Dr Pramod and Dr Anjan managed to include 103 new speakers in past 2 years with help of state secretaries of various state chapters of AOMSI. Dr Anjan mentioned the speakers have been included from state chapter conferences, delegates presenting papers in prize category during the annual conferences etc. He proposed that at least 50% of speakers have to be considered from AOMSI speaker bank for various conferences. The presentation skills workshops can be made part of the preconference courses in future conferences for raising the standards of presentation for young speakers. The house had no objections in this regard and this was appreciated.

Establish 5 zones for introduction of zonal conferences

- Dr David Tauro and team presented their report on the formation of zones for the zonal conferences of AOMSI. They proposed to have a range of midterm and annual conferences of AOMSI. The objective is to **Establish 5 zones (North/North-east/North-west, Mid-East, Mid-West & South)** – so that the national conferences are conducted only in the metropolitan cities or larger cities (with adequate infrastructure) in the given zones by rotation and bids allowed zone wise until all the 5 zones are covered. Dr Ramandeep Bhullar suggested that Midterm conference should be continued and state chapter conferences can be rotated. Dr veerabahu proposed to add midterm and National word to zonal conferences for attraction and more participation.
- In addition, we can have 5 zonal PG conventions / workshops / advanced symposia instead of one so that it will facilitate & motivate more number of post graduates & younger surgeons to attend rather than have one in a distant location which is not convenient & feasible for most to attend. The report will be presented in the forthcoming meetings.

Introduce E-voting for the executive body including the conference venue

- A Survey was conducted through survey monkey by Dr David Tauro and Dr Sunil Christopher. The mails for the surgery were not sent from the official email of AOMSI and there was no communication to the EC before sending such mails to all the AOMSI members regarding the feasibility of e-voting. Moreover only 137 people responded to server monkey questionnaire according to Dr Sunil Christopher. Some members of the AOMSI had different views. Dr Bhagwan Das opposed and mentioned since the issue has not been presented in the agenda of AGM this can not be discussed in this AGM rather may be taken to Nagpur AGM for further discussion. One of the senior member Dr A P Chitre has mentioned that whosoever is attending the AGM and coming to the AOMSI annual conference every year to vote and take part in the election process rather to be online and vote should be given consideration. This idea was strongly opposed in the general body meeting by the members and could not be agreed upon.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Dr Manjunath Rai read out the proposed constitutional amendments already circulated in the AGM notice to all the members 60 days in advance for consideration.

Appointment of Auditor

Existing rule as in Article V (25)

A Chartered Accountant shall be appointed as auditor of the AGM of the Association every year for

- (1) Auditing the accounts and certify to their corrections.
- (2) Giving suggestions for the proper keeping of accounts as required.

Proposed Changes

1. Appointment of permanent auditor from Pune or nearby place.
2. A permanent auditor for at least two normal terms of the treasurer (8 years) shall be appointed by the EC from Pune or nearby region. His fee shall be fixed by the EC and the treasurer shall enter into a mutually acceptable agreement regarding duties, remuneration, terms, extension of term and termination of agreement etc. The auditor shall maintain all records and receive all statement of accounts from the AOMSI Head Office as well as from the state chapters, as all accounts pertaining to receipts through membership, conference registration and other sources are processed through a single PAN card in the name of AOMSI. The designated auditor shall also be responsible for liaison between the AOMSI and its State Chapters with the Charity Commissioner's office in Pune and ensuring that the association is compliant with all statutory provisions. The appointment and continuance of the auditor shall be ratified at every AGM.

Justification

Constant change of Auditors will create discontinuity in transiting terms which can cause delay and confusion in the audit process. Further it is desirable to have an Auditor from the same place as the Office of charity commissioner, Pune so that he/she can liaison with them in case of any statutory requirement for personal appearance of the office bearers. The amendment was passed by the house.

PROPOSED BY DR. KRISHNAMURTHY

SECONDED BY DR. PRITHAM N SHETTY

RESOLUTION PASSED

DUTIES, POWER AND QUALIFICATION TO CONTEST FOR THE POST OF OFFICE BEARERS:

Post of Vice President :

Existing rule as in Article IV 20 (c) (i) Shall be elected from among the Annual/Life Members of the Association and should have been a Member in good standing for five preceding years and a member of the Executive Committee for two years with 50% attendance at its meetings.

Proposed changes to be replaced as 20 (c) (i) Shall be elected from among the Annual/ Life Members of the Association and should have been a Member in good standing for five preceding years and a member of the Executive Committee for **three** years with 50% attendance at its meetings.

Justification

In getting qualified for the post of President the Vice President should have at least 4 years totally in the EC. This requires that the second highest post must have a pre qualification of at least 3 years to hold this post. The proposed rule was passed by the house.

PROPOSED BY DR. RAMDAS

SECONDED BY DR. ANJAN SHAH

RESOLUTION PASSED

Eligibility for Executive Committee Member of AOMSI

Existing rule as in Article IV 23 (2)

Procedure For Election Of Office Bearers & Members Of Executive Committee:

The applicant should be Member in good standing and their application shall have to be proposed and seconded by Annual/Life members in good standing.

Proposed Changes to be inserted as 23 (2) (I)

The Applicant should have minimum of three attendance in Annual General Body Meetings of AOMSI Head Office.

Justification

Newly joined Life members, aspiring to be EC members are usually not familiar with the bye laws, procedures, protocol etc of the AOMSI and are often unable to take up sub-committee responsibilities or contribute to the proceedings of the Association. This amendment will ensure that the EC members will get familiarised with the standard procedures of the Association and will be able to contribute more. The proposed changes raised no issues and subsequently passed by the house.

PROPOSED BY DR. VEERABAHU

SECONDED BY DR. GEORGE PAUL

RESOLUTION PASSED

EC members nominated/ elected from state chapters to the National executive

State Chapter Guidelines : Existing rule as in Amendment No 1 (5) (B) (7)

Representatives to the National EC of AOMSI from State Branch:

- a. Should have served as EC member for at least one year.
- b. For the first 5 years he/she should have been a member of the AOMSI for 2 continuous years

Proposed Changes to be inserted as (5) (B) (7) (c)

(c) E C Members may be elected or nominated from state chapters for as many terms as needed. However only one good standing term of an EC member thus elected/ nominated will be counted as an eligibility term for seeking higher office.

Justification

In some of the states, same EC members gets repeatedly elected / nominated and come to the national Executive. Those members aspire to hold higher Office in the National AOMSI should seek election through a national mandate. There were some issues raised by Dr Vikas Dhupar against this issue but the house agreed upon the proposed amendment.

PROPOSED BY DR. RAMANDEEP BHULLAR

SECONDED BY DR. PRAMOD SUBASH

RESOLUTION PASSED

Timing of EC meeting

Existing rule as in Article IV 19 (c) (i)

Conduct of EC meetings –as amended on 3rd June 2005

The EC meeting shall be held at least 3(three) times in a year, two during the AGM and one at the time of the midterm meet. Notice for the EC meeting shall be given to all the EC members at least 21 days in advance with details of place, time and the agenda of business to be held. Emergency EC can be held at short notice to address matters of urgency. The decision for calling the same can be taken by the President and Hon. General Secretary at the secretariat or other convenient location.

Proposed Changes to be inserted as 19 (c) (ii)

(ii)All the Business meetings of AOMSI shall be held one day before the scientific deliberations of the conference. The EC members are therefore required to attend a day before the date of conference and the conference organising committee shall make arrangements for the venue of the EC. In view of the fact that EC members will need to arrive one day before, the AOMSI head office shall provide appropriate boarding for the members on a twin sharing basis.

Justification

Since EC meetings clash with scientific programmes and several EC members are pre occupied with the scientific committee, there is inadequate time to discuss important matters pertaining to the EC which has several sub-committee reports and EC meetings are prolonged for almost 6 hours. So it is prudent to conduct all business meetings of AOMSI one day prior to the Conference. But at the same time this one extra day should not put additional financial burden on the EC members. The amendment was passed in AGM.

PROPOSED BY DR. KRISHNAMURTHY

SECONDED BY DR. SANJIV NAIR

RESOLUTION PASSED

Account of 40th annual conference of AOMSI at Amritsar 2015

Dr Ramandeep Bhullar, organising secretary and Dr Amit Dhawan, Scientific Chairman of 40th AOMSI, Amritsar along with Dr Nitin Verma presented the audited account of the expenditures and receipt of the Amritsar conference. After paying the service tax of 29 lacs the organising committee of 40th AOMSI, Amritsar managed to give total profit of INR 8 lacs to the AOMSI Head office.

Election Results:

Dr Prabhu and Dr Manjunath Rai announced the election result for the various posts of AOMSI head office for the next term and congratulated all the elected candidates.

1. **President Elect-** Dr Philip Mathew
2. **Hon General secretary-** Dr Pritham Shetty
3. **Vice President-** Dr Girish Rao
4. **Hon Treasurer-** Dr Pramod Subash
5. **Hon Editor -** Dr Rishi Bali
6. **Representative to IAOMS-** Dr Baskaran
7. **Joint Secretary -** Dr Nandagopal Vura

Executive committee members:

1. Dr Bhagwan Das Rai
2. Dr Ramandeep Bhullar
3. Dr Manikandan R
4. Dr Nadimul Hoda
5. Dr Eapen Thomas
6. Dr Nitin Verma
7. Dr Srivatsa Kengasubaiah
8. Dr Mahesh Goel
9. Dr Mukul Padhye
10. Dr Uttakarsha Lokesh

Midterm conference Bid 2018

- Kathmandu- Nepal

Annual conference Bid 2018

There was an objection raised by the organising committee of Chennai conference 2018 for giving the opportunity to Telangana state chapter to hold annual conference in Bali i.e outside India which is not according to the conference guideline of AOMSI. After a lot of discussion on this issue Dr Manjunath and Dr Sanjiv Nair suggested the organising secretary of Bali conference Dr Pramod and Organising Chairman Dr Gosla to have a second thought on this issue and to come up with their decision in the next EC meeting. So the result of annual conference Bid was withheld for further discussion.

Since there was no other matter to discuss, it was decided to adjourn the meeting. Hon. Gen. Secretary, Dr Manjunath Rai proposed the vote of thanks and concluded the meeting.