

Indian Academy of Forensic Medicine

Governing Council(2013-2016)

Registration No.349, Panji, Goa



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Minutes of the General Body meeting of 34th Annual Conference of IAFM, held on 2nd February 2013, 4:30PM onwards at KMC Mangalore.

Total 134 life members of IAFM attended the meeting, their names and signatures were taken in the life members register. Meeting was called in order by the president, IAFM, Dr DS Badkur. The agenda for GBM was earlier circulated wide letter no IAFM/AK/2013/8 dated 24-01-2013 to all life members by placing it on the official website of IAFM www.iafmonline.com as well as by sending individual emails. Point wise discussion on various agenda items is as follows:

This may be read in conjunction with minutes of GC Meeting (11.12.12) & GB Meeting of 2012 at Raipur to have comprehensive understanding.

1. Obituaries- The names of three departed souls i.e. life members of IAFM who passed away during 2012-13 were read by president and two minutes silence was observed. These included Prof GR Bhasker (LM no 59) , Dr Ram Singh Peepre (LM no 346) and Dr Dheeraj (LM No 953)
2. The minutes of the last GBM held at Pt JLN Medical College, Raipur, Chattisgarh on 12-02-12 were approved.
3. Last GC Meeting minutes held on 11-12-12 at AIIMS were approved.
4. (A) The life membership of IAFM was conferred to new members from LM no 939 to 995 during this year.
(B) Overseas Membership- Report of committee constituted for this purpose has not been submitted, also there was no request from any applicant from abroad. The same needs to be formulated in view of publication procedure as per present guidelines so as to get the articles from abroad for JIAFM. The issue will be taken once the renewal of registration of IAFM shall be done.
(C) Associate Life Membership without Voting Right- It was decided not to open Associate Membership at this point of time.
(D) The Bank Account with facility of wire transfer has been created at SBI Bhopal. The next treasurer shall also ensure that wire transfer facility in the operable bank account will be taken simultaneously, so that prospective members can deposit their fee directly and any financial transactions can be done smoothly. Redesigning of the application form incorporating the necessary bank details shall be made by the General Secretary/Treasurer.
5. First 'Haque and Bose' Lifetime achievement award was conferred to Dr C Rammohan.

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6 (A) Total 5 Fellowships were awarded to the following- Prof PC Sarmah, Prof L Fimate, Prof PK Paliwal, Prof AS Thind and Prof BL Sirohiwal.

(B, C, D) Maximum number of Fellowships to be given in a year will not exceed 5. The Ex-Presidents and Ex- Secretaries will also be considered as normal applicant after following due procedure. The person above 65 yrs of age however will not have to deposit the requisite application fee of Rs 5000/-; however they have to submit their application with CV highlighting their contribution to the subject and IAFM. The last date of receiving the application will be 31st October every year.

7 (A) Treasurer's Report: Dr AS Thind presented the treasurer's report till 31st January 2013 and the same was approved by the GB. Final audit report will be compiled after 31st March.

(B) Editor's Report: Dr Mukesh Yadav presented the editor's report. The hard copies of journals were distributed to all life members. Regarding missing volumes of journals of previous years it was submitted by Dr AS Thind and Dr Dalbir Singh that they will provide the PDF copies of the same for hosting on website. Discussion was held on the issue of increased number of submission of papers and it was decided that instead of increasing number of volumes, number of papers may be increased in each volume. The IAFM is contributing Rs 40,000/- towards journal every year and now Rs.1000/- is also being charged as handling charges for processing the manuscripts.

Further the annual subscription has been raised to Rs 4000/- from Rs 3000/- w.e.f. 2013. It was observed that these measures should be sufficient to meet the expenditure of publication. Further Dr Nanadkar volunteered to contribute Rs. 50,000/- towards publication charges. The handling charges will be uniform for all categories of articles.

8. The restructuring of zones for strengthening the co-ordination and representation of maximum states as per the agenda was deferred for next meeting. All the GC Members shall actively participate in various activities including distribution of journals etc.

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9. Dr Adarsh Kumar, Gen Secretary submitted that Rs 60,000/- has been deposited by Organizing Secretary of Raipur Conference (2012), Dr RK Singh in timely manner. Further he submitted that Rs 45,000/- were also deposited by Prof Sapco from Goa towards IAFM Silver Jubilee Conference (2004). General Body appreciated the efforts of present Governing Council for getting deposition of mandatory 10% of registration fee from organizing secretaries of year 2010, 2011, 2012 in timely manner as well also long pending contribution of 2004. It was noted that the remittance from Organizing secretaries of IAFM Conference held in year 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 are still pending.
10. Venue for next conference 2014 was decided as Guwahati, Assam, as per approved policy of rotation. (zone-wise, state- wise, area-wise preference). Dr. AJ Patwory shall be the Organising Secretary and he will intimate the confirmed dates of the same at the earliest possible so as to avoid any confusion. There was no bid for holding of 2014 conference this time. A bid for holding 2015 conference was also received from Dr PC Vyas, Medical College, Jodhpur. The decision for hosting the same will be decided during next GBM at Guwahati.
11. Expenditure for IAFM office maintenance including website was approved.
12. Present status of GME 2012 and other developments affecting Forensic Medicine: Dr Adarsh Kumar, General Secretary informed that as per the latest information the revised curriculum is awaiting the nod of Health Ministry after approval of the same from sub-committee of MCI. He further informed that Justice Verma Commission also has taken cognizance of the suggestions given for Scientific Investigations of the Sexual offence victims. Further the health ministry has also accepted his proposal for appointing two medico legal experts in every district and providing basic infrastructure and facilities at mortuary. A circular to this effect has been sent by DGHS in January 2013 itself to Principal Secretaries of Health of all States and Union territories for implementing the same.
13. Formulation of New IAFM Medico legal manual will be done by a committee to be constituted for this purpose.

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14. IAFM Website: Dr Adarsh Kumar, General Secretary informed that the regular updates were provided and hosted on the website by creating various columns and icons during this whole year after launching of website. Few of them are **What's New** column which has become a recognized platform for disseminating important updates and information for the Forensic brethren. In **News and Archives** column, various press notifications and events were highlighted. In **Journals'** link all the available Journals including the latest ones were hosted exclusively. A panoramic view of FORENSIC MEDICON-2012 held at Raipur, Chattisgarh was provided in **Glimpses of Raipur Conference** link by hosting around 60 photographs covering various events. Additional links were provided to various International platforms, as a result of which the IAFM is now internationally recognized. This has resulted in unprecedented cooperation and synchronization within forensic fraternity across the country. It was also informed to house that the Website updating and periodic maintenance was done without taking any financial support from IAFM (which usually costs about Rs 2000/- per month). He further stated that the Annual Maintenance Fees for hosting the website to an amount of Rs 2500/- is the only recurring expenditure every year to be borne by the IAFM accounts.
15. Renewal of Registration of IAFM: All the documents pertaining to renewal after mammoth exercise of one and half years and of last 10 years were sent to Goa in September 2012 which is in possession of Dr Madhu Ghodkirekar. Original certificate of registration is also in his custody since long. Repeated efforts to contact him through e-mails and telephone were futile by President and General Secretary. It was submitted by Dr Andre Fernandes (Goa) that one representative from Goa may be permanently there in Governing Council who shall address all matters related to registration with the Registrar of the Societies, Goa. The next Governing Council shall sort out these issues and get the renewal done at the earliest.
16. Regarding penalty clause on account of Professional Misconduct done by IAFM members, the GB was of the opinion that whatever action has been taken by MCI/State Medical Councils is enough and no additional action is required to be taken by the Academy.
17. Returning Officer for Election: Dr C. Rammohan and Dr BD Gupta were made 'Returning officers' for holding the election of the new body- for the years 2013-2016. Following members were elected:
1. President- Dr S D Nanadkar, **2. Vice Presidents-5,** **3. General Secretary-** Dr C B Jani
4. Treasurer- Dr S K Dadu, **5. Editor-** Dr Mukesh Yadav, **6. Joint Editor –**Dr Akasdeep Agarwal
7. Joint Secretary-5 **8. Executive members-12**
18. Meeting ended with vote of thanks by General Secretary. Sd/-

(Dr. Adarsh Kumar)

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