

# Indian Academy of Forensic Medicine

Governing Council( 2010-2013)

Registration No.349, Panji, Goa



**Meeting of the Annual General Body Meeting of, 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual conference of IAFM held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2011, 4.30 PM onwards at Narayana Medical College, Nellore, Andhra Pradesh.**

85 Life Members of IAFM attended the meeting and hence quorum was completed of the proceedings related to IAFM business as well as constitutional amendments if any. Names and signatures of life members who attended the meeting were taken in the life member's register. Meeting was called in order by the President, IAFM Dr. D.S. Badkur. The agenda for general body meeting was earlier circulated vide letter no IAFM/AK/32 dated 19<sup>th</sup> January 2011 to all life members and point-wise discussion on various agenda items is as follows.

1. The names of the 3 departed souls i.e. life members of IAFM who passed away during 2010-11, were read by President and a two minute silence was observed.
2. The minute of the last general body meeting held at Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal on 07-02-2010 were approved.
3. Last Governing council Meeting minutes held on 28-01-2011 from 11 AM to 12 Noon were approved.
4. The life membership of IAFM was conferred to now members from Life membership no. 731 to 848 and the names of life members would be displayed at conference venue. The provisional life members mentioned as 339(B) and 488(B) in respect of Dr. Sudhir Gupta and Dr. Kewal Krishan as per the life member's directory was discussed. In view of the submission of Dr. Sudhir Gupta, his life membership no. was regularized and given the number as 736. In respect of Dr. Kewal Krishan it was decided that the life membership may not be granted to him since he is a non-medical person and not affiliated to any Medical College at present. Therefore the money deposited by him toward life membership amounting to Rs. 2000/- needs to be returned.
5. REGARDING Grant of IAFM Fellowship: Dr. Adarsh Kumar, General Secretary received only one application from Dr. C.R. Dode, Latur, Maharashtra which was found in order and the same was approved by the governing council as general body. Dr. KWD Ravichander from Karnataka brought to the notice of general body that he has given his application toward fellowship along with requisite money of Rs.5000/- to Dr. A.S. Thind, Treasurer last year during Bhopal conference. nor did he communicate anything in this regard to the General Secretary. Since he is not attending the annual conference at Nellore also, so it cannot be verified at this stage. However, Dr. Adarsh Kumar assured him that the same will be verified from Treasures and if everything is in order his name may also approved by general body. Both these fellowships and others for year 2011 will be conferred the medallion during next conference in 2012.

6. The General Secretary submitted that in absence of official website, he felt handicapped since for effective communication and proper coordination the official website in a proper manner needs to be developed under his supervision and management. Dr. AS Thind who was earlier entrusted to make the official website in year 2006 but could not accomplish the task. Afterwards Dr. Gorea was authorized to develop the IAFM website, but was found using the IAFM website as his personal promotion platform. Therefore, both Dr. R. K. Gorea and Dr. Thind may be requested to delete such website which could create any impression regarding the official website of IAFM. It was also decided that a letter/email will be sent for withdrawal of the same and submit the desired communication to registrar/In-charge Domain Registration under intimation to General Secretary. Henceforth new official website of AIFM will be created to be managed by General Secretary along with Editor (related to Journals) in their official capacity. The license of new URL address of the official website will be ONLY OFFICIAL WEBSITE OF IAFM. The web Secretary will be General Secretary himself and he will be responsible for maintaining and updating various information. The Editor will be responsible for the various communications pertaining to IAFM journals/articles on his icon in this official website. When the tenure of the office bearer changes, they will handover the charge to next incumbents.
7. Journal License Agreement with EBSCO Publishing at proposed by Editor was discussed in detail; however it was not approved since it may be in violation of terms and conditions of earlier agreement made with Diwan Enterprises (Indianjournals.com). Also it was felt that since now every article is attracting Rs. 1000/- toward handing charges; the journal has come into a position of self sufficiency. Now we must try to improve the quality of the journal so that it can be indexed with premier indexing agencies like Index Medicus, Scopus, etc., also since now the journal will be available on official website of IAFM, there is no need to host it on any other website.
8. General Secretary brought out that renewal of registration of IAFM is due since 2005 and it has become essential to get it renewed at the earliest so that if any legal action is to be taken by IAFM in wake of various recommendations of MCI, there should not be any legal lacunae. He also submitted that he has already communicated with Dr. Madhu from Goa in this context regarding various formalities/documents needed for the renewal but he has not received any reply in this context. General body authorized him to pursue the matter so as to get the renewal at the earliest.
9. **Amendments in IAFM Constitution:** The raising of tenure of IAFM governing council from 2 years to 3 years was discussed in view of the minutes of IAFM conference held at Nagpur in the year 2009 when this issue was raised for second time by Dr. Madhu (earlier also it was raised in 2006 but without any positive discussion). Now it is unanimously approved that the tenure of AIFM governing council will be increased to 3 years (instead of 2 years) with immediate effect. This will be of immense help while facilitating the renewal of society. The **present governing council will therefore continue up to 2013 when the next election will be held.** This has become all the more important when the fraternity is facing the possibility of extinction when this governing council is fighting with tooth and nail with MCI.

The restructuring of the composition of executive members having proper zonal representation for better co-ordination i.e. **2 from each** zone was unanimously

approved. To ensure equal representation from all zones at all levels the executive members comprising 10 in number at present shall be subdivided into each zone (just as vice president and joint secretary) having two members. In case there is no Representation from a particular zone at the time of election, President and Secretary are authorized to fill the vacant post from concerned zone only by co-opting suitable members in the best interest of academy. This will be implemented from the next election of AIFM wef. 2013.

10. Venue for next conference was decided as Raipur, Chattisgarh and the Organizing Secretary will be Prof RK Singh, from Pt Jawahar Lal Nehru Medical College. He is requested to submit the desired undertaking to General Secretary IAFM.

The issue of policy allotment of the conference was discussed in detail and it was decided if more than one offer is received for hosting the conference, the preference will be given to the zone/state who has not hosted it earlier.

11. Regarding non-submission of 10% registration fee by previous organizing secretaries, from year 2005 to 2009, it was decided to send a reminder letter to all of them for the necessary compliance.
12. An expenditure of Rs. 20,000/- annum was approved by general body for running office expenses of the General Secretary. Since it has become necessary when the IAFM website will be maintained, the cost of its management may be further increased over and above this expenditure. However any expenditure has to be brought before governing council/general body for its approval.
13. It was observed that many governing council members are not attending the meetings. Therefore they are requested to attend the meetings as well as provide their active inputs in it.
14. The meeting ended with the vote of thanks by the General Secretary.

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(Dr. Adarsh Kumar)  
Gen Sec, IAFM