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Minutes of the General Body Meeting of 33rd Annual Conference of IAFM held on 12th February 2012, 4.30 PM onwards at Pt. JLN Medical College, Raipur, Chattisgarh

86 Life Members of IAFM attended the meeting and hence quorum was completed since 50 life members are required to be present for conduction 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 dated 27th January 2012 to all life members by placing it on official website of IAFM i.e. www.iafmonline.com 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 2011-12, were read by President and a two minute silence was observed. These included Dr. Sheetal Jain(LM no.420), Dr Anand Menon (L.M.No.620) & Dr Madhur Tayal (L.M.No.687)
2. The minutes of the last general body meeting held at Narayana Medical College, Nellore on 28-01-2011 were approved.
3. Last Governing Council Meeting minutes held on 29-12-2011 from 11AM to 3PM were approved.
4. (A).The life membership of IAFM was conferred to new members from Life membership no 849 to 938 and the names of life members would be displayed at conference venue. The application fee deposited by Dr Kewal Krishan amounting to Rs.2,000/- need be returned immediately in view of non-approval of the same as per minutes of previous GB Meeting.

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4. (B&C) Reg grant of membership and fixation of fee etc to overseas members it was decided to form a committee consisting of Dr AS Thind, Dr Mukesh Yadav and Dr CB Jani. This committee will formulate detail guidelines and submit the same to general secretary preferably by 31 Mar 2012.

(D&E) Reg Bank account with facility for wire transfer/Swift Code, it was decided that it should be opened with Bhopal Branch where IAFM accounts are operable at present. Dr.DS Badkur will get this facility incorporated in IAFM account in new financial year-April 2012 and communicate the details of same to General Secretary who shall make it visible on IAFM website for convenience of all.

5. Regarding Grant of IAFM Fellowship and Medallion:

(A) Conferred to Dr CR Dode (Maharashtra) and Dr KWD Ravichandar (Karnataka) for year 2010. Conferred to Dr RK Gorea, (Punjab) & Dr RK Singh, (Chattisgarh) for year 2011.

(B) It was resolved that from next year a total of maximum 5 fellowships will be awarded with break up as 2-regular applicants and 3-Honorary. The last date of receiving the applications will be 31 July of that year for which decision will be taken for conferring the same during ensuing conference. The criterion for grant of Honorary Fellowship will be: Age-above 65 years, should not be reemployed, at least attended 10 conferences of IAFM

6. As approved during GBM at Nellore, the official website of IAFM has been placed at www.iafmonline.com and www.iafmonline.org by General Secretary with start of new year Various information have been made available on it and is governed and controlled by General Secretary. The same has been inaugurated during conference proceedings and efforts of General Secretary were lauded by general body. All other websites which were creating the wrong impression, hampering with traffic of website etc. have been removed by concerned after lot of efforts. Henceforth this official website of IAFM will be managed by General Secretary. Editor will

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also be able to manage the various correspondence related to Journals in his official capacity.

6. Policies reg IAFM Journal (A-F): Editor, Dr Mukesh Yadav was requested to procure various copies of agreements made earlier with Diwan Enterprises (Indianjournals.com) as well as recent offer from Elsevier reg online subscription. The same should be studied in detail to know the exact terms and conditions and having clear talk with Diwan Enterprises. The online copy will be made available on official website. It was decided to have all options open and don't go for one party and Editor was requested to explore various possibilities. In view of introduction of handling charges and other subscriptions after which the journal has come into a position of self-sufficiency there is a need to place copy of expenditure statement in this context. To maintain the uniformity and clear identity; the cover page, front page and editorial board page need be made uniform in appearance in all subsequent volumes. For getting the JIAFM indexed with premier indexing agencies like Index Medicus, an International Editorial Board need be formed with pruning of national editorial board.

7. In view of the Minutes of GB Meeting held at Nellore (2011), for better coordination and zonal strengthening various suggestions as mentioned under a,b,c,d & e of agenda were approved with a request to all GC members for actively taking up the various responsibilities and not remain in GC for mere namesake. All the zonal representatives will be responsible for further distribution of IAFM journals to various life members of IAFM working in their respective areas. Those who can't devote time for IAFM activities are requested to refrain from contesting the election so that a really devoted member may get the opportunity to serve the academy.
8. The Search-cum-award committee to select the person for Life time achievement award(Haque & Bose) as suggested by Dr SK Roy Chaudhary has been approved and first such person shall be awarded from year 2013. The committee will comprise of Dr SK Roy Chaudhary or his nominee, previous fellows and President and Gen Secretary as Ex-officio members who shall finalize the name of such person by end of the year.

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9. Venue for next conference (34th -2013) as per approved policy was decided as Manglore, Karnataka and the Organizing Secretary will be Dr B. Sureshkumar Shetty, from Kasturba Medical College. The other bidders were Ahmedabad and Dehradun. There was also bid for holding 35th-2014 IAFM Conference at Guwahati. It is placed on record that Guwahati has also made a bid earlier on 2 occasions in year 2007 & 2010 but were unsuccessful because of voice vote system prevalent earlier. The approved policy as per GB Minutes of 2011 will be effective in this context for proper dissemination. Dr. B.Sureshkumar Shetty has already submitted the desired undertaking to General Secretary IAFM. The dates of next conference also stand fixed for 1-3 Feb. to avoid any confusion.
10. Dr. SV Phanindra, the previous organizing secretary of IAFM-2011, Nellore has submitted 10% registration fee amounting to Rs.64,500/- to IAFM accounts. He was appreciated for the timely submission of the contribution to IAFM as per laid down procedure and undertaking.
11. One time expenditure on website developing, hosting, domain registration(www.iafmonline.com & www.iafmonline.org) for 5 years with 50 webpages as well as maintenance for one year was approved by governing council and general body in view of GB Minutes of 2011 conference. General Body appreciated the efforts of Dr AS Thind and Dr RK Gorea in personal capacity during initial stages of development of website.
12. Various documents necessary for renewal of registration of IAFM have been collected by General Secretary last year after huge efforts and even having personal visit to Registrar Office Goa and handed over to President for needful. The requisite affidavit in this context has also been prepared. The year-wise audited accounts which were essential but not available till last

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year in the required manner have also got prepared now. Further on 31 March 2012 the audit report of this year's account will also got prepared in proper manner by the President himself (earlier treasurer). Now since all the papers required for renewal of registration have been compiled, Dr.DS Badkur, President will get the renewal of IAFM at the earliest (preferably in April itself). Since the original registration certificate of IAFM is in possession of Dr Madhu Ghodkirekar from Goa, he may be contacted for further facilitation.

13. The revised MBBS curriculum which was submitted to MCI last year was also made available on website for IAFM life members was approved unanimously in it's present form. It was also brought to notice of General Body that the Ministry/present BOG is sitting duck over it for quite some time and not responding in this matter. Dr Dalbir Singh(Vice-President) & Dr AS Thind (Treasurer) were entrusted to pursue the matter with MCI in view of their proximity to BOG Chairman as submitted by them. They shall fix the meeting with BOG at the earliest and apprise about status of present curriculum to Governing Council members on monthly basis with concrete evidence. The first meeting must be held before 31 March and thereafter it may be coordinated with available GC members at New Delhi.
14. The meeting ended with the vote of thanks by the General Secretary.

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