

# Indian Academy of Forensic Medicine

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## Minutes of General Body Meeting (40 th Annual National Conference) at 4:30 pm onwards on 01-02-2019 at S M Medical college, Jodhpur, Rajasthan

The agenda notification of GBM wide letter no. IAFM/1/2019 dated 1-1-2019 was circulated to all the members and also uploaded on official website of IAFM. Total 204 members were present in the meeting.

The President Dr Kalpesh Shah; at the chair; called the meeting open.

One minute silence was observed as obituary to departed souls of life members:

1. Late Dr. Abhiram Behara, 2. Late Dr. Tapan Das, 3. Late Dr. B.P. Gupta and
4. Dr. Jayapalan. 5. Dr. K.V. Rameshwaran

#### Item-1: Confirmation of minutes – ast GBM held JIPMER Pondicherry with follow up action taken report by G.S.

General secretary read minutes of last meetings.

Dr Ptul Mahanto proposed and Dr. Mukesh Yadav seconded the proposal to confirm this minutes. It was passed unanimously.

General Secretary elaborated follow up action taken report as follows:-

- i. Regarding pending dues of Mangalore and Chennai conference:- It was informed that Executive Committee has received Rs. 50,000/- from Dr. Sapath kumar (Chennai) through Dr. O.P. Murthy where as Rs. 25,000/- has been received from Dr. Suresh Shetty (Mangalore). House agreed recommendation of EC that Chennai issue to be treated as closed where as Dr. Suresh Shetty to be advised to pay another Rs. 25,000/- and then only mangalore issue to be treated as closed on par with Chennai.
- ii. House was informed that JIPMER Conference Organizing Secretary had paid his cheque in valedictory function itself. Also Jodhpur Conference Organising secretary has assured follow the same foot step that of JIPMER.

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House appreciated the spirit Dr. Kusa kumar Saha as well as of Dr. P.C.Vyas in this regards as well as in organizing Conference.

#### Item-2: Report by Editor

Editor-JIAFM, Dr Harish Dasari, presented Editor's report , which was unanimously accepted by the house. Dr Sudhir Ninave proposed to appreciate the efforts made by him, Joint Editor and entire Editorial team; and house unanimously appreciated his efforts for timely publication and circulation of publication with good quality of manuscripts.

Editor Dr. Harish Dasari informed that he had introduced 132 page journal and with that back log had come down 58 as compare to 128 when he took over.

Editor Dr. Harish Dasari also informed that IAFM journal account has separate PAN card and then he informed that around Rs. 5,00,000/- will be available as caary forward amount for next Governing Council Editorial team.

Editor expressed his gratitude towards his Joint Editor, Dr. Manish Nigam, entire Governing Council and members of Editorial board.

#### Item-3: Report by Treasurer

Treasurer Dr S K Dadu updated the house that PAN number of IAFM has been conveyed to all banks having account/ assets of IAFM . The auditor's report ( upto 31/12/2018) was placed before the house, passed unanimously in addition to final year audited report of March 2018. House accepted both reports.

Further Treasurer reminded members that with confirmation minute of last GBM, from now onwards new IAFM membership fees rate is Rs. 5000/- in place of earlier fee amounting to Rs. 3000/-.

The President placed a word appreciation on records for the efforts put by Dr. Sanjay Dadu for last ten years as treasurer. The President informed that Dr. Sanjay Dadu brought all IAFM account at one place, audited the account every year and streamlined all financial procedures. House applauded the effort of the treasurer.

#### Item-4: Report by General Secretary

- a) House was updated about three Executive Committee Meetings held Kochi/ New Delhi , Mumbai and latest being at Jodhpur. House was also informed that one CME was organized at Kochi, Kerala on behalf of IAFM on day of EC meeting at Goa and Second at Mumbai on same occasion.

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b) Regarding formation of Professional Protection Cell:- The secretary informed the members regarding proposal from Governing Council to form a “**Professional protection Cell.**” In order to help members facing problem arising while performing professional duty. The Secretary proposed structure of the Cell as under:-

- I) **Aim:- (1)** to assist any member of IAFM facing administrative or legal action while performing his/her professional duty in medico-legal work or any other academic or administrative activity in filed of FMT (2) to provide such assistance subject to approach by aggrieved IAFM member to IAFM Governing Council to seek such assistance. (3) Regarding nature of assistance to be provided to be decided on case to case basis, depending on nature of circumstances, which may include legal assistance. (4) the nature of assistance provided shall not be contrary to any aim and objective in memorandum of association of IAFM
- II) **Structure of Committee:-** (1) President (2) secretary (3) Treasurer (4) One IAFM member from the concerned state/zone nominated by the EC (5) One IAFM member from neighbor / other state /zone appointed by EC who may have knowledge of law/practices in concern area.  
This shall be compulsory composition, however the President/Secretary may nominate additional members, with specific purpose in consultation with other EC members.
- III) **Constitution of committee:** With three members constant (president /Secretary/Treasurer), the committee shall be constituted on case to case basis on receipt of the request for the assistance. The president / Secretary shall have urgent basis consultation with other EC members and other members of committee. In case urgent EC meeting not possible, available communication for group discussion (like whatsapp, email, conference calling or video conferences etc) can be used to decide the matter. The tenure of the constituted committee shall be limited case for which, it is constituted. If any members leaves committee, for any reason, including conflict of interest, the President / secretary shall replace new member/s on consultation with other members. Each member of committee shall declare that they had no conflict of interest in the case.
- IV) **Funding:-** Funding limit shall be decided by GBM from time to time. Till further amendments, grant shall not exceed Rs. 25,000/- (rupees Twenty five only) towards expenses like travelling of committee members, stationary or legal advise. All expenses shall be with prior sanction from President/secretary/Treasurer. Also post facto approval shall required a the GBM

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(V) **Undertaking:-** This committee shall be authorized to take necessary information, documents, undertaking from concerned aggrieved person while providing such assistance. In case, committee feels that it is beyond the scope/ capacity of committee to provide the required assistance for the aggrieved person/s same shall be informed to him/her as early as possible through Governing Council

Likewise the aggrieved party approached IAFM for the assistance, has full right to withdraw the consent given by him/her to IAFM Professional Protection Cell constituted for the particular case, at any time. Once the consent is withdrawn, tenure of the committee ceases at that moment itself.

(VI) **Summary Report by the Committee:-** Once the given activity of the IAFM Professional Protection Cell is over, the constituted cell should prepare a final summary report of the case shall be prepared and submit it subsequent EC meeting and EC in turn will submit that report to GBM. This summary shall include brief facts of the case, nature of assistance requested by the aggrieved party, nature of the assistance provided by the Professional protection Cell, amount of expenditure incurred and few recommendations regarding how to prevent such incidences in future.

(VII) **Confidentiality clause:-** All the members of IAFM Professional Protection Cell shall be bound by this **Confidentiality** clause. All the confidential information or documents shared by the aggrieved party with cell members shall be maintained with highest level of confidentiality and not shared to any one without consent of the aggrieved party. Even in final summary report, such information shall be avoided as may detrimental for the aggrieved party in future in one way or other.

(VIII) **Powers of the EC Committee :-** (a) has power to constitute cell on case to case basis and to appoint two members for the cell as President, Secretary and treasurer being Ex-officio members of the cell. (b) Has power change any appointed member of the cell by replacing same with other members, in any circumstances arising from unseen reasons including conflict of interest. (c) has power to convey special EC meeting, depending on urgency or case or gravity of case. (d) has power to take decision on approval by majority of members through circulation method.

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**(IX) Powers of GBM:-** (a) Has power to change structure of cell, methods and procedures of working of cell (b) Has power to give post-facto approval for cell formed during intervening period between two GBMs. (c) Has power to form a standing committee comprising of various representatives of all zones of IAFM which may review and guide Executive Council regarding various aspect of this cell and recommend changes changes/reforms in working of cell.

**(X) Execution of this resolution:-** Implementation of this resolution shall come in force in immediate effect on approval of this resolution at GBM.

After detailed discussion, it was resolved to accept the recommendation of the Governing Council to form IAFM PROFESSIONAL PROTECTION CELL with structure approved by the governing Council in their EC meeting held on 20/10/2018. It was also resolve to implement this resolution at immediate effect.

Proposed by. Dr. D.S. Badkur and Seconded by Dr. O.P. Murthy

c) Regarding Future plan of IAFM: General Secretary reminded the effort of present Executive Council to explore possibility to built "IAFM" Bhavan at Goa. He also informed that one more member has suggested to explore possibility of free land is available in some other state. House agreed to forward this issue to new coming governing Council. General Secretary also reminded members all available documents in form of hard copies have reached to Goa and also digital fomats are preserved in hard disk, which can be used for Charge Transfer from one GS to next GS.

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Item-5: Sanction of Life memberships ( 1389 onwards)

Since last general body meeting, the office was in receipt of 93 applications for life memberships. The same was placed before the house. The life membership to LM No. 1389 to LM No. 1481 were sanctioned by the house and the applicants are conferred life memberships of IAFM.

Item-6: to decide venue of 41<sup>th</sup> ANC of IAFM

Three proposals for hosting the 41<sup>th</sup> ANC of IAFM were received- Dr. Surender Reddy (Hyderabad) Dr. Harish Dasari (Chandigarh) and Dr. Pankaj Gupta (Amritsar) . All three interested members presented their offers before the house. Upon majority of member's opinion, it was decided that Dr Surender Reddy (Goa) will be Organizing Secretary . He was also advised to follow IAFM protocols for the conference

Item-6 Election of Governing Council ( 2019-2022) by Election Officer:-

General Secretary briefed house in details regarding the election procedure that has been initiated by the Governing Council. He informed that Dr. Pradip Kumar has been appointed as returning Officer, for his experience regarding same in past. He further informed that Dr. L. Fimate has been appointed as Asst. returning officer, for his seniority in the IAFM. He briefed house regarding logistic arrangement for polling and counting. House adjourned the meeting till time polling and counting procedure is over and returning officer submits his result for acceptance and approval by the house. Accordingly the meeting was adjourned and reassembled immediately once election process was over.

(The report/ result submitted by the returning officer is attached as Annexure to this minutes.)

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The report submitted by the returning officer was accepted by house unanimously. House appreciated the work of the Returning Officer as well as election team.

**New Governing Committee (Jan 2019 onwards) is as under:-**

**President:-** Dr. P.C.Vyas

**Vice Presidents :-** Dr. Vijaypal Khanagwal (North Zone) Dr. Cyriac Job ( South Zone) Dr. Tapan Bose (East Zone) Dr. Mohd Ilias shaikh ( West Zone) Dr. Anil Kumar Mittal (Central Zone)

**General Secretary:** Dr. Mukesh Yadav

**Joint Secretary:-** Dr. Ajay Kumar ( North Zone) Dr.Sidharth Das ( South Zone) Dr. Saumil Merchant ( West Zone) Dr. Manish Kumath (Central Zone)

**Treasurer:** Dr. C.B.Jani **Editor:** Dr. Anuj Kanchan **Joint Editor:**Dr. Manish Nigam

**Executive Members:** Dr.Kalpesh Shah (past President) Dr.Madhu Ghodkirekar (past GS) Dr. Pankaj Gupta & Dr. Amardeep Singh ( North Zone) Dr. R. Sudha & Dr. Vinod Choudhari (South Zone) Dr.A.J.Patowari (East Zone) Dr.Sudhir Ninave & Dr. Dharmesh A Sillajiya (West Zone) Dr. S.K.Dadu & Dr. Pramod Kumar Tiwari (Central Zone)

**Item-7: Any other item, with permission of chair:-** The agenda was suggested by Dr. P.C. Vyas for congratulating the members conferred fellowships and “ Haque & Bose Life time achievement award” for the year 2019. House unanimously congratulates the awardees:

- 1) Dr L. Fimate--- “ Haque & Bose Life time achievement award”
- 2) Dr Mukesh Yadav – IAFM Fellowship
- 3) Dr Vasundhra Apte– IAFM Fellowship
- 4) Dr Sawarn Majiri kar– IAFM Fellowship
- 5) Dr M.R Chandran– IAFM Fellowship
- 6) Dr M.R.Goyal– IAFM Fellowship

Meeting ended with vote of thanks by General Secretary

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