Meeting of the Executive Committee of Maharashtra State Chapter of ASI held on 29th January 2015 at Hotel Centre Point, Nagpur.

The Executive Committee of the Maharashtra State Chapter of ASI was held on 29th January 2015 at Hotel Centre Point, Nagpur, as per the notice executed by the Hon. Secretary dated 27th December, 2014. The meeting was called to order by the President Dr. Pramod Shinde.

Following members were present: Dr. Pramod Shinde, Dr. Roy Patankar, Dr. Vijay Shivpuje, Dr. Jaisingh Shinde, Dr. Aparna Deshpande, Dr. Prakash Shahapurkar, Dr. Manoj Jain, Dr. Pravin Munot, Dr. Umesh Agrawal, Dr. Bhaskar Musande, Dr. A.M.Quraishi, Dr. Siddharth Dubhashi, Dr. Abhay Dalvi, Dr. Dilip Gode.

Following members were granted leave of absence as they had conveyed their inability to attend the meeting: Dr. N.Saileswar, Dr. Jyotsna Kulkarni, Dr. Jayashree Todkar

1. Condolences:
   - Dr. Sunil Nalavade (Thane)
   - Dr. V.R. Chitale (Solapur)
   - Dr. GajananJadhav (Kolhapur)
   - Dr. PrabhakarBailmare (Nagpur)

Condolences were offered to the departed souls. Dr. A.N. Dalvi requested the Secretary to communicate the names to the ASI headquarters.

2. Activities conducted:
The President appreciated the various activities conducted by different surgical societies throughout the year and informed that two new surgical societies have come into existence: Mumbai and Ahmednagar.

The President requested the Secretary, Dr. Roy Patankar to conduct the further proceedings.

3. Confirmation of the minutes of the last EC meeting held in November at Nagpur:
The minutes of the last EC meeting held at Nagpur in November were unanimously approved. This was proposed by Dr. A. Quraishi and seconded by Dr. Munot.
4. Dr K. C. Gharpure Travelling Fellowship:
The Secretary mentioned that the K.C. Gharpure Travelling Fellowship for the year 2015 could be awarded to Dr. Rucha Naval from Wardha, since there was only one application. The members unanimously agreed for the same. He also stated that Dr. Nitin Gothwal from Bhusawal has completed his Fellowship and submitted his report.
Members were of the opinion that there should be more awareness amongst young surgeons about this Fellowship.

5. Presentation by the Organizing Committee of forthcoming MASICON:
Dr. Pramod Shinde mentioned that the Organizing Committee of the forthcoming MASICON can have their presentation during the CME Programme for 5 to 7 minutes, instead of having the presentation during GBM. After discussion, it was resolved that the presentation by the Organizing Committee will be on the CME day from MASICON 2016 onwards.

6. Best City Chapter Awards:
The Secretary announced the Best City Chapter Awards:
A) Social Work - Nagpur Surgical Society.
B) Academics – Kolhapur and Nashik Surgical Societies.

7. Member Directory:
Dr. Pramod Shinde mentioned that the Directory has been published and would be released at the Inaugural Function of MASICON 2015. Copies will be mailed to all members.

8. Elections 2015:
The Secretary requested Dr. Jaisingh Shinde, the Election Officer to inform about the election process and results.
Dr. Jaisingh Shinde informed the members about the election process and declared the results.

He mentioned that no applications have been received from Amravati and Akola+Buldhana+Washim regions. The members were of the opinion that any person from these regions who is present for the General Body Meeting and who desires to be a part of the EC can be given a chance.
Dr. Shinde further informed the house that he has received a complaint from Dr. Asha Jadhav from Kolhapur is contesting for the EC post from that region, regarding the use of SMS for canvassing by her opponent Dr. A.C. Kamat. He said that Dr. Kamat has rendered a written apology and has mentioned that he was actually unaware of the rules stating the ban on canvassing during Maharashtra Chapter elections. To maintain the unbiased practice of elections, Dr. Mrs Jadhav has also been permitted to send one SMS stating her desire to be an EC member from Kolhapur.

The Secretary, Dr. Roy Patankar, mentioned that a Sub-Committee comprising of the following members be constituted to prepare comprehensive document of Election Process:

- Dr. Pramod Shinde
- Dr. Jaisingh Shinde
- Dr. Dilip Gode
- Dr. A.N. Dalvi

This was unanimously approved.

Dr. Jaisingh Shinde stated that since there are two applications from Kolhapur region, the election for the EC member from that region will be conducted on 31st January 2015 by secret ballot.

9. Establishment of Ladies Wing:
The Secretary informed that there has been some direct correspondence between Dr. Jayshree Todkar and the ASI President. Some lady members from the Maharashtra Chapter have also been raising this point in the GBM. However, we will wait for further instructions and clarifications from ASI regarding the same. This was unanimously agreed upon.

10. Attendance of EC member for meetings:
The Secretary, Dr. Roy Patankar informed the house about the attendance of the EC members for the meetings during the last 3 years.

11. Letter by Dr. N. Saileshwar, EC Member- Thane:
The Secretary read out the letter received from Dr. N. Saileshwar, EC Member – Thane, conveying the sentiments and views of the members of Thane Surgical Society about nominating one of them as the President for the year 2015 in view of the untimely demise of Dr. Sunil Nalawade who was to take over as the President during MASICON 2015.

There were extensive deliberations on the issue and every member expressed his/her opinion about the same.

Finally, the following decision was adopted unanimously:

A) The President Elect will function as the Officiating President. The immediate Past President will represent state chapter in ASI meeting.
B) There will be no Presidential Oration at MASICON 2016.
C) The Presidenctial chair for the Dr. GM Phadke oration during MASICON 2016 will remain vacant.

D) As a special case, Thane Surgical Society will be allowed to nominate one extra member in the Executive Committee for one year.
This was proposed by Dr. Pramod Shinde, seconded by Dr. A.N. Dalvi and unanimously approved.
The Secretary further mentioned that the workshop to be held on 30th January 2015 will be dedicated to Late Dr. Sunil Nalavade. This was unanimously agreed upon.

12. Annual Quiz:
The Secretary mentioned that some members felt that the annual quiz could be conducted during MASICON itself. This suggestion was unanimously accepted and it was decided that the quiz be held during MASICON, tentatively on the day of workshop.
The Maharashtra Chapter would reimburse the ASICON registration fee for the team representing Maharashtra.

13. Report by Treasurer:
The Treasurer, Dr. Vijay Shivpuje presented his report which was unanimously approved. He mentioned that he would have a power-point presentation of the same during the General Body Meeting.

14. Venue for MASICON 2017:
The Secretary informed that there are two applications for hosting MASICON 2017:
A) Nanded
B) Aurangabad
Members mentioned about the phone calls received from Dr. Anjali Davale and Dr. P.T. Jamdade and expressed their views that a surgical society desirous of hosting MASICON should be united and unanimously select their Organizing Committee. The Secretary mentioned that both the societies will make their presentations during the General Body Meeting and appropriate decision can be taken on 31st January 2015.

15. Meeting of the newly elected Executive Committee on Sunday, 1st February 2015:
The Secretary mentioned that a meeting of the newly elected Executive Committee will be held at 8:30 am in hall A- Hotel Centre Point, on Sunday 1st February 2015.

He thanked all the members for the excellent co-operation and support. All members reciprocated the same feelings and the meeting ended with a vote of thanks.

Dr. Roy Patankar
Hon. Secretary
The Association of Surgeons of India
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