

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BODY MEETING OF INDIAN SOCIETY FOR MEDICAL STATISTICS  
HELD AT SCUDDER AUDITORIUM , CMC, VELLORE ON 25 OCTOBER 2013 AT 6.45 P.M.**

Prof. D.K. Subbakrishna ,President of ISMS Chaired the meeting. Also present on the dias were Dr. R. J. Yadav , General Secretary; Mr. Sharad Mathur ,Treasurer; Prof. Ajit Sahai , Editor and Prof. T.Krishnan -Past President.

Members Present : 50 members attended the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed the members present and thanked the CMC, Vellore for hosting the conference.

1. The minutes of the GB meeting held at Ludhiana on October 7<sup>th</sup> 2012 were approved.
2. Report of the General Secretary - The General Secretary presented to the EC his report conveying that the membership has increased in the current year by an addition of 28 more life members. The nominations for the various positions were invited and the Nominations Committee has finalized the names of candidates for the various positions. The venue for the next conference has to be finalised and one request has been received from University of Jammu. One more request through email to an EC member has also been received from Government Medical College, Tamaka, Himachal Pradesh. The Secretary also conveyed that Dr. Anil Kumar of Jalma, Agra had also indicated his willingness to host the next conference. Dr. N.K. Tyagi had also sent a proposal in the year 2012 itself for hosting the 2014 conference at Belgaum.
3. Report of the Treasurer: The report of the Treasurer was presented by Mr. Sharad Mathur and he mentioned that no money has been withdrawn from the corpus in the last year and the Society has managed to complete all transactions with the help of the amount which was lying in the SB account.
4. Report of the Editor : The Editor Prof. Ajit Sahai said that he managed with a lot of difficulty to bring out one issue of ISMS bulletin which was quite comprehensive. He requested all members to send technical reports so that it can also be included. He also suggested that the postal and email addresses of members are incomplete and hence needs updation. Prof. Sundar Rao suggested that Prof. Sahai and Prof. Antonisamy can jointly work on this and this activity could be coordinated by Prof. B.L. Verma and a comprehensive list of all members with postal and email addresses be prepared in next three months which can be used for all purposes.
5. The Chairman, then presented the composition of the re-constituted Committees of FSMS Awards and Nominations.
  - (a) There has been one vacancy in the FSMS Committee which according to the constitution has to have 10 members. The Chairman suggested that this committee shall have a 10<sup>th</sup> member with voting rights. The President of the society being the coordinator suggested the name of Prof. T. Krishnan for the position which was approved by the EC.
  - (b) Nominations Committee: The current Nominations Committee has completed two terms and some of the members have desired to opt out. The Chairman then re-

constituted the committee with Prof. Arvind Pandey as Chairman with Prof. B.L. Verma and Prof. Ajith Sahai as members.

(c) The Awards Committee also completed its term and is due for re-constitution. The new Awards Committee will be Prof. K.R. Sundaram - Chairman, Prof. B. Antonisamy, Dr. L. Satyanarayana, Prof. R.M. Pandey & Prof. C.M. Pandey.

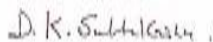
6. The Chairman then presented the report of the Nominations Committee and gave the details. The Nominations Committee has received two nominations and has recommended the name of Dr. Anil Mathew for General Secretary. Similarly, two nominations were received for the position of Treasurer and the name of Dr. Ajay Kumar Bansal has been recommended by the Nominations Committee. For one position of EC member, two valid nominations had been received, both from NIMS. The present General Secretary and Treasurer are also from NIMS and will continue to be members of the EC for next three years as ex-officio members. Hence, the Nominations Committee recommended that Dr. L. Satyanarayana be considered as a special case for membership of EC as he also was a contender for the General Secretary position.
7. The GB after discussions approved all the above nominations. The Awards Committee report was presented by the Chairman and the FSMS Awardees for the year 2013 are Dr. S.S. Ganguli - Oman and Dr R.K. Soni, Ludhiana.  
Dr. B.G. Prasad Award has been won by Dr. R. Srinivasan, Chennai.
8. **Smt. Ramrati Lalima Sahai Award** - This year nominations had been called for this award and one nomination received. However, the members of the committee felt that this award should be given to senior members (even if not nominated) who have been office bearers of the Society and served it creditably and hence for the year 2013, the name of Prof. V.G. Kaliaperumal has been recommended. The GB approved the same.
9. **Prof.K R Sundaram award** - During the Ludhiana conference a subcommittee had been constituted by the than President with Dr.Anil Mathew an, Dr.D K Subbakrishna and the president Prof. T. Krishnan as Chairman. The committee had submitted its report and after approval from Prof. Sundaram's family the same was circulated to all EC members and their concurrence obtained for the implementation of the award from the year 2013. For this an extra amount of Rs 20,000 was also given by the family. The award was open this year and one application was received. The award committee felt that because of certain lacunae in the proposal the award could not be given. The GB deliberated on this and suggested that the same committee modify/ simplify the rules. Prof. Sundaram was also requested to talk to his family about this and give their suggestions. The committee is expected to submit its report shortly and the same after approval of the EC will be implemented next year. The chairman suggested that as there were no awards for 2013 it can be given to 2 youngsters next year; this was approved by the GB.
10. **Prof.Rakesh Shukla award:** Regarding the money donated by Prof. Rakesh Shukla in his mother's name, the president had written to Prof. Shukla as decided by the Ludhiana GB meeting and Prof. Shukla had replied that the money should be utilized for giving travel grant for young women statisticians to attend an ISMS conference for a period of 5 years and after that he may replenish the grant. The EC and GB suggested that instead of spending the corpus it will be better to put it in a FD and use the interest . Also, instead of putting tags as

to be used for women scientists it should be given to young statisticians. Prof.Rakesh Shukla immediately approved and said that he wants the Society utilize the money.

11. **Prof.A.Indrayan award:** Prof.Indrayan travel grant donated by Prof.A .Indrayan has been utilized this year by giving travel grant of Rs 5000/ each to two senior members of the Society to facilitate their travel.
12. **2014 Conference** The discussion on the next venue took place at length with members expressing apprehension about the University of Jammu's capacity to hold the conference. The GB authorized the Chairman to take a final decision after speaking to the Head of the Department of Statistics, Jammu University. The chairman informed the house that he had already spoken to the Faculty of Statistics Department and they had conveyed that the Indian Science Congress with 10,000 delegates will be meeting in the Jammu university in January 2014 and the infrastructure available has been appreciated by NAAC which has given a high ranking and they will be too happy and privileged to host ISMS 2014 conference. Dr.Soni of Ludhiana and Dr.CM Pandey of Lucknow also said they have visited the Campus and there may not be any major problem. The GB suggested that Dr.Soni and Dr.Yadav coordinate with the faculty of Statistics Department of Jammu University in this regard.
13. **Biostatistics Curriculam:** Dr.NK Tyagi raised the issue of Biostatistics Curriculum and a dialogue with MCI. A subcommittee with Dr.Tyagi, Dr.R K Soni and Dr CM pandey was constituted to look into this matter.
14. **Thanking Outgoing Office-Bearers:** The meeting ended expressing deep appreciation for the work carried out by Prof. V.G. Kaliaperumal, Prof. K.R. Sundaram, Prof. P.P. Talwar, Prof. K. Thennarasu, and Dr. P. Venkatesan. The GB also placed on record the excellent guidance provided by the previous president Prof.T. Krishnan and thanked him.

The work carried out by Dr. R.J.Yadav, General Secretary and Mr. Sharad Mathur, Treasurer was also appreciated.

The Chairman thanked all members for participating in the discussions and giving suggestions for the proper function of the ISMS. The Chairman also thanked the administration of CMC, Vellore and the Department of Biostatistics for hosting the 31<sup>st</sup> annual conference.



(D.K. Subbakrishna)  
President



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General Secretary