

Indian Society for Medical Statistics
Minutes of the General Body (GB) Meeting held during 38th Annual National
Conference (ISMSCON-2020)

The General Body meeting agenda - 2020

Virtual Platform

Date: December 11, 2020,

Time: 5:15PM to 6:30PM

- 1. Welcome by President**
- 2. Approval of minutes of the 2019 GC & GB meetings**
- 3. Report of General Secretary**
- 4. Report of Treasurer**
- 5. Report of Editor**
- 6. Report of Web co-ordinator**
- 7. Award committee report**
- 8. Nomination committee report**
- 9. Search committee reports**
- 10.FSMS committee report**
- 11.Prof. R N Srivastava award results**
- 12. Thanking the retiring EC members and President**
- 13. Annual conference 2021**
- 14. Any other point with the permission of the chair**
- 15. Vote of thanks by General Secretary**

1. Welcome

President, Prof. P.Venkatesan, welcomed the members to the GB

Subsequently General Secretary, Prof. N Sreekumaran Nair took over agenda items one by one, as enlisted above.

2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous GC & GB Meetings 2019

The GB unanimously accepted and approved minutes of the GC and GB meetings held during 37th annual conference at AIIMS, Patna.

3. Report of the General Secretary

Prof. N. Sreekumaran Nair presented report of various activities, undertaken by the Society during the year 2020. Copies of the report were also circulated among the members. Salient features of the report were are as follows.

a. General communication to the members

Communicating with members- announcement, notifications of the society, various news items like conference, workshops, vacancies etc. which are relevant for the members, and other similar items to society members time to time.

b. Enrolment of new members

24 new life members have been enrolled.

Sent ISMS membership certificate to all new members.

c. Updating membership list

Secretariat has updated membership list and all attempts have been made to update e-mail IDs in google group. At present we have nearly 725 e-mail IDs in google group and nearly one thousand life members of the society.

d. Providing materials for web updating

Draft minutes of GC and GB, and copies of general communication for members etc.

e. Responding to the notification of National medical commission

High power committee and secretariat represented to the NMC. NMC partially modified the notification. However we have to further persuade NMC.

f. Mementoes, certificates and Cash award for the last year's awardees.

We have decided to honor the recipient during the next year annual conference.

g. Exploring location for 2021 annual conference

Dr.SB Singh, Associate Professor, Rajendra Institute of Medical Science (RIMS), Ranchi agreed to host the ISMS conference 2021.

h. Planning and implementing 2020 annual conference

One Key note address, Oration, Two workshops, four plenary talks, Prof.RN Srivastava award presentation and 10 contributory sessions which include 73 papers.

4. Report of the Treasurer

Dr. B Binukumar, Treasurer, presented the audited report of the Society for the financial year 2019-2020. Copies of the report were also circulated among the members.

GB approved the report of the Treasurer.

5. Report of the Editor

Prof. K. Thennarasu, ISMS Bulletin Editor presented his report and was recorded in the GB. There was a concern about members not communicating any scientific paper.

6. Report of the Web Coordinator

Web Coordinator, Prof. L. Jeyaseelan presented his report. He emphasized that web updating was smooth throughout the year. The GB appreciated the help of Web Coordinator Prof .Jeyaseelan and his team and approved the report.

7.Report of the Awards Committee

1. Prof. B.G. Prasad Award

Dr.Geetha Menon, Scientist, ICMR-NIMS, New Delhi

2. Prof. K.R. Sundaram Young Research Scholar Award

Ms.Amitha Puranik, MAHE, Manipal

GB approved Award Committee recommendations.

8.Nomination committee report

Prof. Ajit Sahai, Chairman of the Nomination Committee presented his report to Governing Council. ISMS- Nominations received by Nominating Committee before the last date prescribed – 30th October, 2020, against the positions of President-Elect for the two-years term 2021-2022 there were 3 applicants and committee could not finalise and hence requested GC to decide further action plan. The applicants are

The Position	Nominee
President -Elect	1) Prof V K Srivastava , Director-Principal, PIMS, Lucknow
	2) Prof S N Dwivedi Dept. of Biostatistics, AllMS, New Delhi
	3) Prof R M Pandey Dept. of Biostatistics, AllMS, New Delhi

GC debated and decided to refer to the general body. Consequently General body authorised President to proceed with election process as per society rules.

The **two (2)** Governing Council (GC) members are nominated for three years term 2021-2023 are Prof.C.M.Singh, AllMS, Patna, Bihar and Dr.SB Singh, RIMS, Ranchi and GC approved.

9. Search committee report

Search Committee Recommendations – 2020 (for 3 awards under its purview).

Name of the Award	ISMS Fellow identified and recommended for the Award	Consent of the nominee
1. Life Time Achievement Award	Professor K Srinivasan, Former DG – IIPS, Mumbai.	Received
2. Professor S K Bhattacharya Oration	Dr. N K Tyagi, Professor & Head, Dept. of Epidemiology & Biostatistics, K.L.E. Academy of Higher Education & Research, Belgaum	Received
3. Smt. Ramrati Lalima Sahai Award	Professor V K Srivastava, Principal - Prasad Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow	Received

GB approved recommendations.

10.FSMS committee report

President, Chairman of the FSMS committee submitted the recommendations for 2019 FSMS awardees as follows

- Prof. R.Ramanan, Regional Joint Director Department of Higher Education, Govt. of TN, Chennai

GB approved.

11. Prof.R.N.Srivastava award

The committee did not recommend any candidate for the award.

12. Thanking the retiring functionaries, GC members and welcoming the incoming President President thanked the retiring GC members and welcomed the incoming President Prof. L Jeyaseelan, who will take charge on January 1, 2021.

The GB thanked the outgoing President Prof.P.Venkatesan for the outstanding tenure.

13. Annual conference 2021

Dr. S.B.Singh, RIMS, Ranchi made a presentation for hosting the 2021 annual conference at RIMS, Ranchi and GB agreed upon it.

14. Any other point with the permission of the chair

The awards, nominations and search committee chairs brought out the lack of objective criteria for evaluating papers and members for awards and positions. Hence president appointed a committee with chairs of all three committees- Award, Nomination and Search- as members and requested them to submit a report within short period to come with criteria on evaluation of papers for awards, eligibility of applicants for awards and nomination to any positions of the society.. This issue was further discussed in GB and GB approved it. GB also recommended to go ahead with election in case of many application for any post in the society and nomination committee fails to reach a consensus.

15. Vote of thanks by General Secretary

General Secretary proposed the vote of thanks to all the participating members of the meeting.



General Secretary

Dated: 2-02-2021