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Dear Friends,



The 42nd annual conference of the Association of Plastic Surgeons of India was held from 29th November to

02nd December, 2007. The conference was inaugurated on 28th November, 2007, in the auditorium of Armed Forces Medical College, Pune. Gen Deepak Kapoor, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, AOC, Chief of Army, inaugurated the conference by lighting the lamp. Earlier during the day, operative workshop was conducted, transmitted live for the benefit of the delegates. A number of international and national faculty participated.

Next day (29th November onwards) the conference venue shifted to the premises of the National Defence Academy. The academic feast and the milea were liked by one and all. The salubrious climate of the Pune was also enjoyed by all. The organizers, Dr. Pradeep Bhargava and Dr. Tejinder Bhatti with their team and captained by Dr. L.P. Sadhotra had left no stone unturned to make it a memorable event - even the conference kit and mementos were such that people would keep them, use them and always be reminded of APSICON-2007.

General Body Meeting

A meeting of the general body of APSI was held on 02nd December, 2007, 6:30 P.M. at Habibullah Hall, NDA, Pune, under the chairmanship of Dr. L.P. Sadhotra.

The following agenda was discussed:

1. **Opening remarks by the Presidents** – The President welcomed the members and thanked them for attending the conference in such large numbers.
2. **Reading the notice of meeting** – The Secretary read the notice of the meeting. The President wanted to start the election process, simultaneously. Dr. S.N. Sharma objected to it saying that the elections for the executive are not mentioned in the agenda. However, it was found that it was not true.
3. **Condolence to deceased members** – The Secretary informed that two of our esteemed members Dr. N.H. Antia (06.06.2007) and Dr. M.H. Keshwani (04.08.2007) passed away this year. He had sent condolence message to both families. Mrs. Antia received the letter and had replied, whereas the letter to Dr. Keshwani family returned undelivered. The members stood in silence for two minutes, as a mark of respect to the departed souls and prayed for peace.
4. **Confirmation of the minutes of the last General Body Meeting** (minutes already circulated in newsletter Vol. 45 of November, 2006. The meeting was held on 23rd November, 2006, 6:00 P.M. at Studio floor, Ramoji Film City, Hyderabad. The minutes were unanimously adopted. Proposed by Dr. S.R. Tambwekar and seconded by Dr. V.S. Singh.
5. **Secretary's report** (was read during the inauguration of the conference).

It is my pleasure and privilege to present before you the annual report of the Association of Plastic Surgeons of India for the year 2006-2007. Since our previous meeting at Hyderabad 66 new members have joined the Association. 10 members have been converted to full life membership.

The association has been academically active. It has supported a number of academic activities. It has also endorsed 4 national CME's in various parts of the country. The APSI together with Ethicon institute of surgical education conducted 2 professional development courses, one on microsurgery at Mumbai and the other on craniofacial & orthognathic surgery at Chennai. The third one shall immediately follow this conference. During the year under review the association has awarded three international traveling fellowships, a number of national traveling fellowships and four professorships. Three new orations/guest lectures have been added this year which shall be delivered by eminent people.

Many members have received individual honors. Due to time constraints I am unable to name them individually. Our Journal, the Indian Journal of Plastic Surgery is doing well. It is receiving articles from our country and abroad for publication. A supplementary issue on cancer has been published this year. Many of our members have been invited to deliver guest lectures and orations at international meetings.

The Association has brought out a patient instruction booklet in simple Hindi on, 'after care of healed wounds and following skin grafting'. Our treasurer tells us that all is well on the financial front. On the whole the association is marching ahead.

6. Matters arising out of executive meeting held on 29.11.2007

Meeting of the executive body of APSI was held on 29th November, 2007, 5:00 P.M. AFMC, Pune under the chairmanship of Lt Gen Dr L. P. Sadhotra. (ret'd). The following members were present:

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| 1. Dr L P Sadhotra | 2. Dr V Bhattacharya |
| 3. Dr Jyotsna Murthy | 4. Dr R. K. Sharma |
| 5. Dr S. P. Bajaj | 6. Dr Mukund Jagannathan |
| 7. Dr B. M. Daver | 8. Dr S. Bhattacharya |
| 9. Dr J. R. Jaju | 10. Dr M. R. Thatte |
| 11. Dr Lokesh Kumar | 12. Dr A. K. Singh |
| 13. Dr Mukund Reddy | 14. Dr P Srivastava |

The following points emerged from the discussion:-

a) Treasurer's report and accounts for the year 2006-2007

I have been treasurer of this august body now for over a year. It gives me immense pleasure to give my second report as treasurer to this august body. During the financial year 2006-07, we have added about 71 more life members. There are 6 members

who have converted from annual to full life. I would like to point out here that there are 108 annual members whose dues remain pending for long time and it is a burden to Association's resources to chase these payments every year. I request to all annual members to pay their annual membership in time or to convert their membership to life membership .It will save tremendous time and resources and will be beneficial to them as well. I must congratulate Dr Mukund Reddy for organizing a very successful meeting. It heartening to see his collection surpassed all previous years. It was to the tune of Rs 70 lacs as compared to 52 lacs of previous year. He saved approx Rs 1.3 Lacs for the association. The trustees have sent Rs 5 lakhs for the various activities of the APSI. This will be sufficient to fulfill our requirements for the time being. We will need more money to meet with enhanced expenditure of Rs 2.5.lacs given for the IPRAS bid. There were certain discrepancies in the accounts circulated by executive trustee to the members. These discrepancies were corrected by the executive trustee and they agreed to circulate the errata to members before the general body meeting. Our total corpus is now in the range of a crore. So we are in a reasonably healthy financial state.

As you know, we are adding some new prizes every year and I request the members to please read the newsletters and apply for these funds. Please do note that there are some awards and prizes every year which are not disbursed because we do not get any applicants for the same..

I request all of the regional chapters, video library, 9th congress fund and editor to submit their audited accounts before 30th June to help us make comprehensive audited accounts before the Income tax return date which is usually September-October.

And lastly I wish to thank our Trustees for their cooperation and manage the funds of association well and the Auditors Rastogi & Donald & CO for their help and promptness in preparing the final accounts.

Treasurer read his report and brought to the notice of executive body certain numerical discrepancies in the accounts of this year which were already circulated to the members like non amalgamation of trust account in the balance sheet of the association. Dr Jaju made corrections for the numerical discrepancies and agreed to circulate Errata of these corrections.

It was pointed out that the treasurer's expenditure is shown as around Rs 90, 000/-. The treasurer informed that it includes Rs 50,000/- which is the money passed on to Dr Ahuja for IPRAS related work.

Treasurer pointed that for last two years trustees were circulating the annual account report. He requested to revert back to the previous system of preparation of account amalgamation of accounts of all chapters including the trust which can then be submitted to trustees for filing the income tax. There was disagreement on this point. So President appointed a committee under Dr S P bajaj and asked to submit report next day on this issue. Next day, after hearing the report of the committee President ruled that we should revert back to the system of final account preparation by treasurer after amalgamating all the accounts including that of the trust and submit to the trustees by due date for filing the income tax. All the chapters were requested again to send their audited accounts as early as possible in order to help treasurer prepare the final accounts and submit them to trustees in time. The report was accepted with the above changes. Proposed by Dr Mukund Reddy and seconded by Dr Prabhat Srivastava.

In the discussion that followed in the General Body Meeting it was decided that hence forth the accounts shall be circulated by the treasurer as it was done in the past. The report was accepted. Proposed by Dr. C.P. Sawhney and seconded by Dr. Anil Behl.

b) Editors report and accounts for the year

2006-2007: The journal has made continued progress in this year. The June issue is published, we additionally published a special 'theme' issue on Cancer Reconstruction and the Dec. issue is now ready. I wish to put on record my appreciation for Dr Subramania Iyer and his colleagues for their efforts to produce the supplement. Our online submissions exceeded ninety five. Almost 38% of our papers now come from outside India--a major achievement in my opinion for a journal which once had difficulty in getting local papers.

Revenue generation is a persistent worry and the Editor has to generate about 80% of the funds himself through advertisements. Especially this year since we have now had three issues. It is my recommendation that successive Presidents are requested to augment to Journal Corpus Fund from time to time.

We are now in full colour for all issues. I am hopeful of starting three issues regularly if the

finances permit. I am planning to continue with a special issue next year again if finances permit.

I feel in the future we need more structured succession planning. I do not think the Editor's job should be a spot decision in the GBM. I am a great admirer and ardent supporter of democracy however this job is not suitable for arbitrary candidates standing for election and getting voted in the post. I think we need to consider a constitutional amendment whereby we allow the appointment of Deputy Editor's by the Editor---say two or three right at the beginning of his/her tenure. They shall participate in the day to day running of the journal including copy editing, correspondence with advertisers, correspondence with authors and reviewers and soliciting and editing invited articles. These persons can then compete with others if they so desire for the Editor's post when it falls vacant and will be more suitable to take over the job. Internationally this is the norm and the standard practice.

In December we will send the last issue for Medline accreditation, this process was started in 2006. I will certainly tell you the results whatever they are in the next EC.

In the discussion that followed, members appreciated the improvement in the journal. They also accepted in principle to have three deputy editors – two national and one international, nominated by the Editor. However, since our constitution does not provide for the post of deputy editors in the editorial board, they shall only be for one year on a temporary basis for helping the editor and shall have no constitutional rights or privileges. The editor also requested for more money to run the journal. He is receiving nearly one and half lakhs from the association and was requested to generate the remaining from the advertisements, subscriptions, etc. The report was accepted unanimously. Proposed by Dr S Bhattacharya and seconded by Dr Jyotsna Murthy. During the general body meeting, it was reiterated that there is no provision for deputy editors in the constitution, and a constitutional amendment would be necessary. It was also suggested that Dr. M. Thatte should continue another term as editor – for which again a constitution's amendment is mandatory. The editors report was approved. Proposed by Dr. G.S. Kalra and seconded by Dr. Kamlakar Rao.

c) Trustee's report for the year 2006-2007:

The statement of Trust's accounts for the year ending 31st March, 2007, is already with you. You

are requested to note that typographic corrections as I narrate.

At the outset, we would like to pay homage to our **founder Chairman of the Trust** and one of the founder member of the Association **Dr. N.H. Antia**, who passed away after a short illness on 26/06/2007. You would all recollect the involvement and memories of last meeting at Hyderabad- I am also sorry to inform you of passing away of Mrs. Daver on 9/10/2007. May their soul rest in piece.

I shall briefly mention the pertinent aspect of the Trust report-

Let me assure you, your Trust is in a very sound financial position. Thanks to you all, the Donors and Event managers, who have substantially helped to augment the corpus over the years. In spite of the falling interest rates, we have been able to contribute to the various activities of the Association the record sum of over "Six lac rupees". Similarly the seed money of Rupees two lac fifty thousand which was earmarked at the Hyderabad meeting has been paid during the current financial year, so also all the dues of the International bodies have been cleared.

The corpus of the "Trust" as you would have seen is nearly Rupees "**One Crore and one five lacs**" invested in various securities. During the year our fixed deposits investment matured to the tune of Rs. 11,25,000/- and we have added new investment to the tune of Rs. 25,80,000/- The gross interest earned during the year was about Rs. Seven lac thirty nine thousand.

During the year we have received from Hon. Treasurer contributions for new awards of Rs.8,40,000.00.

No refund from last years awards has been reported till today. The Bank Balance of the Trust with State Bank of India, Saving Account, Pedder road Branch, Mumbai was **Rs. 4.56,000.00, as on 31.03.2007.**

During current year 2007-08, the proposed out go towards Awards and activities of the Association is likely to be nearer to Rs.7,50,000.00.

As you would have noticed from the Hon. Treasurer's report the establishment expenses are about Rs.1,80,000.00, a rising figure, year on year, cause for concern. So also the Treasurers expenses are nearly Rs. 95,000/- instead of projected Rs.35,000/-.

From current year the interest receivable shall be about **15 / 20 % less and** shall have to curtail our

expenditure towards our aims and objects. I would request your suggestions in light of this.

The financial report of various arms of the association are included in detail for your perusal and suggestion. "**In spite of the request and reminders from the Treasurer he did not get some of the accounts in time and had difficulty in compiling, and sending it to me.**" That has created a lot of delay and problem on all fronts. I received it in first week of October, 2007.

As you are aware the "auditors" are getting very sticky - as per rules, for the details, so I would request the members shouldering the responsibilities to be punctual and meet all the requirements requested by the Treasurer.

If you have gone through the detail, the **interest earned by other agencies is about Rs. 1,90,000.00.** on their investment, most of it is Taxable - that is at the cost of our "Trust's income" that we need badly to meet and further our aims and objects of the Association. The Trustees get very little time to adjust for disbursement when we get the final accounts **LATE**. So I would again urge to give a serious thought on this point.

The IXth Congress fund contribution do not meet the requirement led down by the rules, **as of today.** So also the "**out standing T.D.S.**" has been carried on **in spite of the tribunal order over the years.**

The video cassette library needs a re-look for its utility in the present scenario.

There have been instances for using electronic media!" for seeking help towards financial grievances, which we feel is not befitting to our small family, which easily can be solved by discussing directly.

As you are aware the award money that is received, is **ONLY ELIGIBLE for award year after it is received** by the Trust.

In spite of my repeated requests there have been "NO RESOLUTIONS" SUBMITTED AS AMENDMENT OR ADDITIONS TO THE Rules, to the Trust for submission to concerned authorities. Our 80-G expires on 31/03/2008. I would request all the members to submit the type of Honorary Social Services provided by members during last three years. Similarly the awards and honours conferred on members for their outstanding services in region, particularly for the backward areas and the less privileged ones.

The Ethicon Fellowships and awards given at our annual meeting the 'Inflow and Outflow' doesn't

appear in the Honorary Treasurers financial statement.

The Trustees would like to request the august body that as we have **won the bid for IPRAS, 2009**, any surplus funds should come to the Association for its further chanalisation.

I would again reiterate that the "Audited Accounts" of all associated bodies must come to the Treasurer by stipulated time for final compilation. It would be made mandatory to send the Bank statements for the period concerned, Xerox copies of Fixed deposit receipts if any, T.D.S., certificates in original and details of utilization of 80-G facilities if any with appropriate details with the report.

Please do remember "Trustees have **NEVEREVER**" refused" for disbursement of amounts sanctioned by this "August body," we feel very strongly that there should be full harmony and co-operation in functioning of various wings and members.

Lastly, I would like to put on record with sense of gratitude to my colleagues on Trust and Dr. Daver in particular for holding the front at Bombay.

I would also like to thank Mr. Rohitbhai Mehta, our present Tax consultant and Auditor and Mr. Vyas of Bombay, Auditor of Association for their help and guidance.

I am grateful to our President Lt. Gen. Dr. Sadotrra, Secretary Dr. A.K. Singh and Treasurer Dr. Lokesh Kumar and to you all for bearing with me.

e) Rules for various awards of APSI: It has been observed that many of the awards of the APSI are not of a national character, some awards are virtually dictated by the state chapters, rules for some awards are not clear, hence, a committee was formed last year to review the rules and regulations of all the awards. The committee was headed by Dr Mukund Reddy. Some time, in Sept this year Dr Reddy, expressed his inability to do so and handed over the task to the secretary. During the executive meeting the secretary wanted to have guidelines to frame/ modify the awards of the association. He specifically wanted to know that whether the conditions attached with the awards can be altered.

After deliberating over the issue it was decided that a committee consisting of Dr K Sridhar, Dr Mukund Reddy, Dr Karoon Agarwal and Dr Arun K Singh be formed to redraft the rules and regulations, method of awarding the various awards and fellowships of the association. They would also look into the trust laws and see that no infringement of the trust laws occurs thereby. The members also

expressed that those awards in which the names of the awardees are suggested by the donors of the awards should send at least three names for consideration by the executive. Otherwise, the executive has no role in deciding the award and acts merely as a post office.

During the general body meeting the above mentioned proposal was accepted.

f) Nomination for Gillies Oration for the year 2008: Dr Mukund Reddy

g) Nomination for M M Mukerjee Oration for the year 2008: Dr Raja Sabapathy

h) Nomination for Susruta Oration for the year 2008: Dr Mathangi Ramakrishnan

i) Nominations for the following awards

i) Ethicon visiting professorship in plastic surgery (2008): Dr Amresh Baliarsing

ii) Ethicon visiting professorship in cosmetic surgery (2008): Dr Graeme Southwick

iii) Ethicon visiting professorship in microsurgery (2008): Dr Gautam Biswas

iv) Gen. N.C. Sanyal fellowship (2008): Dr R B Ahuja

j) Name of Godrej visiting professor (2008): Dr Robert Goldwyn

k) Other orations and lectures:

a. C. Bala Krishnan visiting Professor (2008): Dr Sam C Bose

b. S N Sharma lecture (2008): Dr R Venketaswami.

c. A C Ganguli memorial lecture (2008): Dr S K Bhatnagar

l) Topic for R.N. Sharma Symposium for 2008 annual conference: Three topics came up for discussion – 1) Developing Skills in Plastic Surgery, 2) What is new in Aesthetic Surgery and 3) Maxillofacial Trauma. It was agreed to suggest maxillofacial trauma for consideration by the general body.

During the general body meeting it was decided that the topic shall be maxillofacial Trauma and Dr. A. Baliarsing, Mumbai shall be the moderator.

m) To approve the reports of awardees – 2007

Ethicon visiting professorship in plastic surgery – Dr. A S Bath

Ethicon visiting professorship in cosmetic surgery – Dr. Manoj Kumar

Ethicon visiting professorship in microsurgery – Dr. Ashok Raj Koul

Ethicon plastic surgery travelling fellowship – Dr. Durga Karki

Ethicon travelling fellowship in microsurgery – Dr. Vivek Kumar

Ethicon cosmetic surgery travelling fellowship – Dr. Sanjay Mahendru

Brig Kathpalia fellowship in hand surgery – Dr Aninda Mandal

Myovatec fellowship for training in plastic Surgery – Dr S Bhattacharya

Vasudhan Arjin fellowship in Laser surgery – Dr Prateek Arora

APSI sponsorship to attend APSICON 2006 – Dr Pauline Babu, Dr Ankur Bhatnagar, Dr Umesh Kumar

R.G. Saraiya international fellowship - Dr S S Gambhir (could not avail) He has asked for extension of last date and was not granted.

KEM Microsurgery fellowship – Dr Vishal Mago

IX IPRAS international traveling fellowship – Dr K Srikant (could not avail) He has desired extension of last date which was not granted.

IX IPRAS national traveling fellowship – Dr Sumita Shanker

APSI Venture fund – Dr A K Singh has brought out a patient instruction booklet on after care following wound healing and skin grafting. The booklet is on sale and further orders / bulk copies can be had from him by sending a draft in favour of Secretary APSI.

Promotion of Scientific activity in Gujarat fund – Dr Sandeep Sharma

Promotion of Scientific activity in Maharashtra fund – Dr V R Chitale

Bombay (Mumbai) Plastic Surgery fund – Dr Amresh S. Baliarsing

Prof C R Sunderajan national Plastic Surgery education fund – Dr Ashok Gupta

n) Applications for fellowships and grants 2008:

(i) Ethicon cosmetic surgery travelling fellowship- Dr. Suresh M Chaware

(ii) Ethicon plastic surgery travelling fellowship- Dr. Ankur Bhatnagar

iii) Ethicon travelling fellowship in microsurgery-Dr Aninda Mandal

(iv) Brig Kathpalia fellowship in hand surgery- Dr. Vinay Kant Shankhdar

(v) Myovatec fellowship for training in plastic surgery: Dr. Sanjay Mahendru

(vi) R.G. Saraiya international fellowship: - Dr. (Col) P. S. Bhandari

(vii) Vasudhan Arjin fellowship in laser surgery : Dr. Pradeep Jain

(viii) APSI sponsorship to attend annual conference 2008 : Dr. Faisal Amer, Dr Binayak Mishra and Dr Sunil Kumar

(ix) R.N. Sinha award for best paper in IJPS : Dr. Suresh M Chaware

(x) IX International IPRAS awards -

a) International fellowship - Dr . Rajesh Watts

b) National fellowship. Dr. Arun Seth

c) Workshop of APSICON 2008

(xi) Kilner essay – Dr Yog Raj Handoo

(xii) KEM microsurgery fellowship - Dr. Durga Karki

(xiii) Chennai fellowship for training in Tamil Nadu – Dr Vivek Kumar

(xiv) Chennai fellowship for training outside Tamil Nadu – Dr. R Venkatesh

o) Applications for grants:

(a) Bombay plastic surgery fund - Dr A D Dias

(b) Promotion of scientific activities in Maharashtra fund – Dr A D Dias

Dr A D Dias had applied for funds (both a and b) for years 2008 and 2009. It was approved only for 2008. For 2009, separate applications will have to be put in when called for. He should also specify the type of proposed activity.

(c) Promotion of scientific activity in Gujarat fund – No application

It was decided that since there is no application from Gujarat, the fund should not lapse and it may be given to anyone else for the purpose envisaged in the fund. (Dr Amresh Baliarsing - / -- Dr L M Bariar)

During the general body meeting it was decided that it may be awarded to Dr. L.M. Bariar for organising a workshop at Aligarh.

(d) Prof. C.R. Sunderajan National Plastic Surgery Educational Fund- Dr. Satish Arolkar (for CME on Aesthetic Surgery in Mumbai)

(e) APSI venture fund – Dr Vijay Kumar (for doing at least 100 free Leprosy reconstructive surgeries and submitting it as a project report)

p) Applications for APSI membership:

Full Life Membership

1. Dr. Ventata Ramani Yamani

2. Dr. Manesh Senan

3. Dr. Sanjiv Singh Nepram

4. Dr. Sumit Singhal

5. Dr. Archana Veerendrasinh Pawar

6. Dr. Praveen Kumar PM

7. Dr. Shalendra Brighunath Singh

8. Dr. Medha Anand Bhawe

9. Dr. Surajit Basu

10. Dr. Palukuri Lakshmi

11. Dr. N. Ananthasamy

12. Dr. Mohd. Asif Memon

13. Dr. Vispi Noshir Driver
14. Dr. Indivar Upadhayay
15. Dr. Satish P. Bhatt
16. Dr. Ramesh Mirlyala
17. Dr. Somashekhar L. Samagandhi
18. Dr. Mohd. Alam Parwaz
19. Dr. Sameer Arun Karkhanis
20. Dr. Manav Praveshchander Suri
21. Dr. Bhavin Patel
22. Dr. Ahmad Aftab Siddiqui
23. Dr. Kinnari Arvindbhai Vyas
24. Dr. Raman Sethi
25. Dr. Arunkumar Vasantrya Deshmukh
26. Dr. Dinesh Bhargava
27. Dr. Prashant Varkey
28. Dr. Sugnakar Reddy Bandapalle
29. Dr. Rambhupal Rao Ponugoti
30. Dr. Parvathi Ravula
31. Dr. Siril Satyanandan Palaparthi
32. Dr. Shashikanth Tumma
33. Dr. Priti Kimothi Shukla
34. Dr. Ratna Manjari Ryali
35. Dr. Tanmoy Roy
36. Dr. Kamakshi Dhanraj
37. Dr. Baljinder K Garg
38. Dr. Sudhir Singh
39. Dr. Sivaram Mallela
40. Dr. Srinivas Puvvada
41. Dr. Kanamarlapudi Balasubrahmanyam
42. Dr. Palani Thangavelu
43. Dr. Sunil Kumar Rout
44. Dr. Sanjay Kumar Gupta
45. Dr. Rajeev Kumar Rajak
46. Dr. Manoj Kumar
47. Dr. Swapnil Garg
48. Dr. Harikumar Menon
49. Dr. Vivek Kumar
50. Dr. Anil Kumar Murarka
51. Dr. Ramesh Chepauk
52. Dr. Jayant Anant Kale
53. Dr. Sahin Sheryar Noorejden
54. R K Srivastava

Conversion to Full Life

1. Dr. Narendra Kumar Kaushik
2. Dr. Prema Kumar Dhanraj
3. Dr. Anil Malik
4. Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Singh
5. Dr. Durga Karki
6. Dr. Ankur Bhatnagar
7. Dr. Vijay Langer
8. Dr. Rustom Farhad Ginwalla
9. Dr. Lt. Col. Alok Sharma

10. Dr. Seema Khanna

Full Annual Membership

1. Dr. Ashish Rai
2. Dr. Sajal Halder
3. Dr. M. Kingsley Paul
4. Dr. Atul Parasher

Associate Life

1. Dr. Srinivasa Rao Surapaneni
2. Dr. Faisal Ameer
3. Dr. Parthasarathi Barooah
4. Dr. Animesh Damani
5. Dr. Binayak Mishra
6. Dr. Umesh Kumar
7. Dr. Devi Prasad Mohapatra
8. Dr. Shammi Purwar
9. Dr. Adil Bashir Shekh

Pending

1. Dr. Sharad Shamarao Sawant (Draft Not Traceable)
2. Dr. Ambrish Gupta (Form and Fee not Received)
3. Dr. Swapnil Garg (Money Received)
4. Dr. Thomas W David
5. Dr. Ankur Bhatnagar
6. Dr. Sivakumar Satya
7. Dr. Kumaresa Wasarega Madanbakkam

At present there is uniform overseas membership charge. There is no differentiation in SARC and non SARC country rates for membership. Dr. Jyotsna Murthy suggested that Plastic Surgeons from SARC countries pay equal to the Indian membership. After lot of deliberation it was decided to propose to the general body that the membership can be given without voting rights (as for overseas members and also the IJPS will not be sent to them)

After a lot of discussion in the general body, it was suggested that to increase participation by neighboring countries, SARC country doctors be given overseas membership of APSI (Jan journal at fees par with Indian counterpart. Resolved that the membership dues for SARC countries shall be the same as for Indian doctors, however they will not have voting rights, can not hold office and shall not be sent IJPS. Proposed by Dr. J. Murthy and seconded by Dr. N. Lalwani.

q) Midterm Executive meeting: The need for having a midterm executive meeting was felt by nearly all members. However, the financing of the event remains a vexed issue. After lot of discussion it was decided that only 2nd AC fair can be

disbursed, and that too with a ceiling of max Rs 50,000/- for travel. Local hospitality may be provided by the president who is calling the meeting. The funds can come from the saving of APSICON of the previous year. It is for the general body for consideration.

During the general body meeting, it was resolved that a mid term meeting of the executive can be called by the President. The members travelling allowance (TA) shall be given from the surplus of the last years corpus 2nd A.C. fare will only be permissible and the total disbursed will not exceed Rs. 50,000/-. Proposed by Dr. K. Ramachandran and seconded by Dr. Kuldip Singh.

r) IPRAS conference in 2009: Dr Sridhar attended the executive meeting in lieu of Dr Ahuja who could not attend meeting. Dr Sridhar announced the dates for the conference, 29th Nov 2009 to 3rd Dec 2009, at Ashoka hotel, New Delhi The executive was published in the news letter of the APSI of March 2007 and is as given below:

Congress President	: Dr. Suresh Gupta
Co-President	: Dr. BM Daver
Chairman	: Dr. Rajeev B. Ahuja
Secretary Gen	: Dr. Rakesh Khazanchi
Treasurer	: Gen LP Sadhotra
Org. Sec.	: Prabhat Srivastava, Kuldeep Singh
Co Treasurer	: Dr. Arun Goel
Chair Scientific Comm	: Dr. K. Sridhar
Editors	: Dr. Mukund Thatte & Dr. Bimal Mody

He told about Rs 18,000/- as pre registration charges till Feb 2009. He *also informed that the savings of the corpus shall be invested in a corpus, from the interest of which, the IPRAS dues of the members shall be met.*

During the general body meeting, Dr. Ananthram and Dr. K.S. Shekhar stated that a resolution be passed by the general body that the surplus be given back to APSI so that problem like that of IX IPRAS funds does not arise. Dr. R.B. Ahuja objected to a resolution being passed by the general body. He also wanted to know that if the IPRAS Congress 2009 goes in debt who will bear the losses. He said that organizing committee had already spelled out the usage of any surplus amount left over but was averse to having a binding resolution to this effect.

s) Progress of Accreditation committee in APSI (APSI – Ethicon Professional Development Course): The Subsequent courses along with the

organizers is as follows: **March 2008** (Aesthetic – Dr Manoj Khanna), **July 2008** (Clefts- Dr Jyotsna Murthy), **Nov. 2008** (Hand - Dr Mukund Thatte – with APSICON 2008), **Jan. 2009** (Burn – Dr R B Ahuja), **April 2009** (Basics of Plastic Surgery – Dr Anil Behl) and **July 2009** (Head and Neck reconstruction - Dr Subramani Aiyyer – To be confirmed)

During the general body meeting, Dr. V. Bhattacharya enquired to whether the course associated with APSICON 2008 will be financed by the APSI.. Note – Ethicon pays 1 lac (after deduction of tax at source comes to around 87,000/)

t) Any other matter with permission of chair:

i) N H Antia best publication award – The judges this year were Dr Mukund Reddy, Dr. Pramod Kumar, Dr R K Sharma, Dr Bimal Mody and Dr M F Shaikh. They may be continued for the next year as well. The secretary, requested to substitute Dr Shaikh, since he did not get a reply to his letters sent by speed post and emails. Dr K Agarwal was appointed as the 5th judge instead of Dr. Shaikh.

ii) Letter from Dr Vijay Bhatia – Dr Bhatia had sent a letter for having a teachers subgroup in the APSI and the membership directory should have a listing of the teachers.

Members felt that there is no such need and if some one needs to know who is working where the office address is already mentioned in the directory.

iii) Relationship with ASI – The secretary informed that he keeps on getting mails from the Secretary of ASI. Dr Thatte also had similar experience. The secretary had written to the Secretary and the President of ASI to clarify the relationship between the two independent organisations. He was advised to ignore these letters since ASPI is an independent organization and the ASI office bearers were not responding.

iv) Formation of the Association of medical associations – IMA is forming a federation of the medical associations. The purpose is to pursue common interests, ethics related, accreditation, etc. It was agreed that we agree to join it without any financial implications.

v) Annual members on default of membership dues The treasurer informed that nearly 100 annual members have not paid membership fees for various periods. It was decided to take action according to the provisions of the constitution.

vi) Professional indemnity insurance – Dr lokesh brought to the notice that the insurance companies are still not providing insurance cover for aesthetic surgery. The secretary informed that few months

back the secretary had written about the same to Dr Atul Shah and we would enquire from him about developments in this matter.

vii) The web site of APSI – The secretary informed that since early this year the web site is not functioning. The reasons have been mentioned in the previous newsletter. There was consensus that a good web site is mandatory. The domain name be booked for 25 years and the space for atleast 5 years. The secretary requested for initial funds recurrent expenditure. It was agreed that Rs 25,000/- be made available this year and subsequent funding shall be available from the interest of the surplus funds of APSICON 2006. It was discussed that who should manage the web site. Many names were considered. The secretary was of the opinion that it should be managed by the secretary, since he is in the thick of affairs of the association. It was suggested by Dr. Mukund Reddy that Dr K Srikanth be permitted to manage the website for one year with Dr. S. Bhattacharya, Dr R Kalra and the secretary being part of it. The material vetted by the secretary will be uploaded.

viii) Dr. V. Bhattacharya wanted that the next APSICON be called as the Golden year of APSI conference. The president informed that the association was formed in 1957 hence it would be 51 years next year.

The matter was discussed during the general body meeting as well and members opinioned that in the 51st year, it would not be appropriate to label it and the golden jubilee year conference.

vii) Letter from Dr Baliarsing – Dr Baliarsing has sent two letters that he has not received the certificates nor the money for R G Sariya international travelling fellowship in 1996 and for national traveling fellowship in 1997. He is asking for the certificates and is not demanding money. Members wanted to know the reason for not asking for the same till now. The secretary was requested to look into the records and inform if they are in order.

7. Editors report and accounts for 2006-07 – As in item no. 6b
8. Treasurer's report and accounts for 2006-07 – As in item no. 6a
9. Trustee's report for the year 2006-07 – As in item no. 6c
10. Maintenance of web site of APSI – Already discussed in item no. 6t(v)
11. Accreditation program of APSI – As in item no. 6s.

12. Hosting IPRAS 2009 in India – Discussed in item no. 6r.
13. New memberships & distribution of certificates – As in item no. 6p.
14. Results of awards :
 - Peet prize – Dr Subramani Aiyer – “Cardio pulmonary bye pass assisted resection of massive vascular malformation”
 - APSI best paper award – Dr Divya Narain Upadhyay
 - Kamath poster prize - Dr E Siddiqui – “ALoCombo – A method for limb salvage after resection of bony tumors of femur and tibia
 - McNeil audio-visual award – Dr Sumit Neema – “The descending branch of the lateral circumflex femoral artery as a recipient vessel”
15. Elections to the following posts:
 - a) President - One (for 2008)
 - b) Vice President - One (for 2008)
 - c) Executive members - Two (for 2008-10)

<u>President</u>	<u>Proposed by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
Dr. V. Bhattacharya	Dr. C.P. Sawhney	Dr. S. Bhattacharya

<u>Vice President</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
1. Dr. Ashok Kumar Gupta	Dr. S.N. Sharma	Dr. J.C. Shrama
2. Dr. G. Balakrishnan	Dr. C.R. Sunderajan	Dr. K.S. Goleria

<u>Executive Members</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
1. Dr. B.G. Tilak	Dr. Sam C. Bose	Dr. K.S. Shekhar
2. Dr. Prabha Yadav	Dr. Swarn Arora	Dr. R.K. Khazanchi
3. Dr. Vijay Kumar (withdraw)	Dr. A. Mandal	Dr. S. Chaware
4. Dr. Sameek Bhattacharya	Dr. R.B. Ahuja	Dr. Sam. C. Bose
5. Dr. A. Baliar Singh (withdraw)	Dr. K.S. Goleria	Dr. S.N. Shama (withdraw)
6. Dr. T.S. Bhatti	Dr. S. Rajasabapathy	Dr. Ravi Mahajan
7. Dr. Rakesh Kalra	Dr. S. Bhattacharya	Dr. Shailesh Patel
8. Dr. Subodh Kumar Singh	Dr. K. Sridhar	Dr. Rajasabapathy

Dr. R.K. Nair and Dr. Mukund Reddy were nominated as tellers and were assisted by Dr. Gopal Krishna.

Dr. V. Bhattacharya was unanimously elected as president.

Dr. G. Balakrishnan was elected as the Vice President. Dr. Prabha Yadav and Dr. Tejinder S Bhatti were elected as executive members.

16. Any other matter with permission of the chair.

a) Dr. V. Bhattacharya has informed that the following shall be the signatories for the accounts pertaining to APSICON-2008. It was resolved that the following have been authorized to manage the APSICON-2008 account and any two of the three shall be signatories to the account. Proposed by Dr. A.S. Bath and seconded by Dr. Lalit Makhija.

- a) Dr. V. Bhattacharya: Organising Director
- b) Dr. P. Jain: Chairman Organising Committee
- c) Dr. S.K. Singh: Organising Secretary-cum-Treasurer

b) Dr Dicksheet doing camps in our country – The following resolution was proposed by Dr Mukund Reddy ‘ We the members of APSI are unanimously of the opinion that surgical camps conducted / participated in by Dr Sharad Kumar Dicksheet at various places in India. He is causing harm to the innocent patients. Hence we all feel that he should not be allowed to perform surgical procedures anywhere in the country’. This resolution of the association should be communicated to the ministry of health, the medical council of India, and to Dr Dicksheet. Resolution accepted. Seconded by Dr. Suresh Chaware.

c) Account opening for IPRAS – It was resolved that the following are allowed to manage the account for ‘IPRAS Congress 2009’, at Delhi. The account shall be jointly operated by any two of the following:

Dr. Rajeev B. Ahuja – Chairman

Dr. L.P. Sadhotra – Treasurer

Dr. R.K. Khazanchi – Organising Secretary

Dr. Arun Goel – Jt. Treasurer

Proposed by Dr. Vijay Obed and seconded by Dr. V.D. Singh.

d) Account opening for APSICON-2009 – Dr. G. Balakrishnan announced that the conference shall be held near Chennai in August, 2009.

e) Sponsored lectures at CME – Members resented having lectures where the speaker is sponsored by a company and talks about that products during the CME. They expressed their opinion against having such sponsored lecture in the CMEs of any future APSICON.

17. Remarks by the incoming president, outline of activities and APSICON-2008 - Dr. V. Bhattacharya made a short video presentation for APSICON-2008, and invited members to attend in large numbers. The dates for the conference shall be 11-14th March, 2008.

Hosting international congress of world society of reconstructive microsurgery in the year 2015. Dr. Ashok Gupta wants to host meeting and wants to make a bid for it. He has requested the APSI to support this conference without any financial help. It was accepted by the members.

18. Thanks to the chair – The meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

Forthcoming events

- APSI-Ethicon – professional development course on aesthetic surgery 2nd & 3rd April, 2008 at Department of Plastic Surgery, Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi. Course Coordinator Dr. Manoj Khanna. First 40 registrations will get a refund of their registration fee (Rs. 2500/-). For details please contact Dr. Manoj Khanna at drmkhanna@hotmail.com; or Dr. Prabhat Srivastava at drps2006@yahoo.co.in
- Aesthetic surgery conference – April 4th – 6th, 2008. for details please contact Dr. Lokesh Kumar at drlokesh@bol.net.in; drlokesh@airtelbroadband.in
- Workshop on propeller flap – 5th & 6th April, 2008. A distinguished international faculty is participating. For details please contact Dr. Vijay Ragavan at drvijayragavan@yahoo.co.in or Dr. G. Balakrishnan at gp@eth.net
- BJAPSICON-2008 – 12th – 13th April, 2008. For details please contact Dr. V.P. Choudhary, PMCH, Patna. E-mail: drvidyapati@yahoo.co.in
- IMCAS Asia 2008, International masters course on aging skin , Singapore- 14th – 15th July, 2008 (imcas10@wandc.fr)
- Operative workshop on hypospadias – 22nd – 24th August, 2008 at JIPMER, Pondicherry. Dr. Karoon Agarwal – karoonaparna@yahoo.co.in
- World Cancer Congress, Geneva, Switzerland, 27th to 31st August 2008 For details pl. visit <http://www.uicc-congress08.org>
- 5th international workshop on cleft, 2nd & 3rd September, 2008. apca2008.com and 7th Asia Pacific craniofacial surgery. www.apca2008. <http://cgcfa.idv.tw>
- World Craniofacial foundation conference on cleft and craniofacial anomalies, 26th – 28th September, 2008, Dallas, Texas, USA. For details please visit www.cleft2008icpb.org
- Wound care con 2008 2nd annual conf of society for wound research, 26th – 28th September, 2008, at Trivandrum. For details please contact Dr. Padam Kumar at gopinathpadamkumar@yahoo.co.in (Ph 9447042828)

- APSI Ethicon professional development course on hand surgery - Pre APSICON hand course, 9th – 10th November, 2008 – mthatte@vsnl.com
- 43rd Annual conference of the Association of Plastic Surgeons of India - APSICON-2008– 11th – 15th November, 2008, Varanasi – Dr. Subodh K. Singh. singhsubodh@gamil.com, Ph.: 9415201547 or visit APSICON2008.com
- ISSH – Bangalore – Dr. B.A. Ananthram – November, 2008.
- 7th Asia Pacific congress + 17th annual conf of NABI 18th - 20th January, 2009 Delhi. www.7apbc.org, desk@7apbc or contact Dr. R B Ahuja or Dr. Prabhat Srivastava.
- XI International congress on cleft lip & palate and related craniofacial anomalies – September, 10 -, 2009, Fortzella, Brazil. For details sobroper@sobroper.org.br or visit www.cleft2009.org.br

Obituary:

Dr. S. Jamal passed away on 23rd Jan 2008 He was an outstanding member and had contributed a lot in the field of Lymphology.

Dr. Arun Kumar Singh
Hony. Secretary