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**APSICON -2004
Inauguration Ceremony**

Dear Colleagues,

At the outset, kindly accept my heartiest greetings for 2005. With the advent of the New Year we look forward to a more dynamic and vibrant APSI.

Our annual conference has recently concluded in the salubrious climate of Pink city, Jaipur. The venue of the conference Birla Auditorium was superb. A large number of delegates from the country and abroad attended the CME and workshop. A landmark feature was participation of a contingent from Pakistan. Our president Dr. Malti Gupta had worked relentlessly, virtually single handedly for the conference. I hope people did benefit out of the deliberations.

Immediately following APSICON-2004 there was an international course on aesthetic surgery (ISAPS). It was a rare academic feast organised by the Indian Aesthetic Surgery Society, entirely due to the efforts of Dr. Ashok Gupta and ably assisted by Dr. Lokesh Kumar.

We look forward to more such academic feasts in 2005, in the form of workshops, symposia, conferences, etc. I once again wish you and your family a joyous and prosperous year ahead.

With Regards,
Dr. A.K. Singh

**Minutes for General Body Meeting Held
on 26.11.04**

The general body meeting of APSI was held on 26th November 2004 at 6:00 pm., at Birla Auditorium, Jaipur under the chairpersonship of Dr. Malti Gupta, President.

The following was discussed:-

- I. Opening remarks by the president –**
The president welcomed the members to the meeting. She sought permission of the house to simultaneously conduct the election proceedings (agenda item no. 14) together with the rest of the meeting. Members agreed to the suggestion. Dr. Sam C. Bose was nominated the election officer and Dr. Gopalchandran and Dr. Karoon Agarwal were to assist him.
- II. Reading the notice of the meeting –**
The secretary read out the notice of the meeting.
- III. Condolences to deceased members -** Dr. R.J. Manekshew, Dr. R. Prasad, Dr. S.P. Bhagia. The members stood up in silence for 2 minutes as a mark of respect for the departed souls.
- IV. Confirmation of the minutes of the last general body meeting** (already circulated in newsletter Vol. 36 of November 2003) held on 12-09-03 at 6:00 pm at Sterling Resorts, Ooty. Proposed by Dr. C.R. Sunderajan and seconded by Dr. R.K. Nair.
- V. Secretary's report:**
It is my privilege and pleasure to present before you the report of the Association of Plastic Surgeons of India, for the year 2003-04. Our previous annual conference was held in Ooty from 9-13th September, 2003. It was inaugurated by Madam Jaya Lalita, the chief minister of Tamil Nadu.
During the last one year, the association has progressed further. A total number of 33 new members have joined the association. I am sorry to state that we lost three of our valuable members, during the last one year. Three national workshops were partially sponsored by the association, wherein live surgeries were performed for the benefit of the attending delegates.
The association website was having problems in the past, has been launched afresh.

The association, recognises the achievements of our members and encourage the junior members to imbibe knowledge and excel in their fields. For this the association has instituted several awards, which the Hon'ble Governor presented to the awardees.

The secretary's report was unanimously accepted. Proposed by Dr. P.A. Thomas and seconded by Dr. S.R. Chowdhary.

VI. Matters arising out of executive meeting held on 23rd November, 2004

A meeting of the executive committee of the Association of Plastic Surgeons of India was held on 23-11 04, 6:00 pm at Jaipur Medical Association Building, Jaipur under the chairmanship of Dr. Malti Gupta. The following members were present:

1. Dr. Malti Gupta	2. Dr. Rajeev B. Ahuja	3. Dr. R.K. Khazanchi
4. Dr. Bimal Mody	5. Dr. J.R. Jaju	6. Dr. A.K. Singh
7. Dr. A. Behl	8. Dr. Mukund Reddy	9. Dr. K. Sridhar
10. Dr. K. Ramachandran	Dr. M.R. Thatte	

- 1) **Opening remarks by the president** – The president Dr. Malti Gupta welcomed the executive members and asked the secretary to continue the meeting.
- 2) **Obituaries - to our departed esteemed members - Dr. R.J. Manekshew, Dr. R. Prasad, Dr. S.P. Bhagia** Members expressed sorrow at the loss of the esteemed members. The secretary informed that he has sent the condolence resolution to be affected family members.
- 3) **Confirmation of minutes of the last executive committee meeting held on 9th September 2003 at Ooty**
The minutes of the aforesaid meeting have already been circulated and were unanimously approved, with the correction regarding the CRS CME fund is to go to Dr Mukund Reddy.
- 4) **Discussion on points arising out of the last executive committee meeting** – None
- 5) **Treasurer's report and accounts for the year 2003-2004**
During the financial year 2003-04, we have added about 40 more life members and our total corpus now stands at about Rs 85 lakhs. We are adding almost 50 members every year and this shows the strength of our association. The trustees have sent Rs 4.25 lakhs for the various activities of the APSI and 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.
The APSI now has only 2 officially recognized chapters, Delhi and Maharashtra who are sending their audited accounts regularly and in time.
I wish to thank the Trustees for their cooperation and the Auditors Mr. Yogesh Vyas and Company for their help and promptness.
- 6) **Editors report and accounts for the year 2003-2004** – Dr. Mukund Thatte made a request for more grants for the publication of the journals.
- 7) **Trustee's report for the year 2003-2004** – The executive trustee Dr. J.R. Jaju read out his report. The secretary requested Dr. Jaju to provide the copy of report which he promised to do so. The following discussions took place in context with the Trustee's report.

- a) **About the buffer fund:** Dr. Jaju informed that the buffer fund corpus has completed its term of 5 years and as per the requirements of the charity commissioner, it needs to be modified or dismantled. The buffer fund has a corpus of about Rs. 9 lakhs. After much deliberation it was resolved that the corpus of Gillies and Susruta oration be augmented to 1.5 lakhs each. The corpus of Peet and Kilner prize be augmented to Rs. 1.0 lakhs each. The APSI sponsorship corpus which is 30 thousand at present be augmented to Rs. 1.0 lakhs. It was decided that Rs. 1.5 lakhs form the buffer fund transferred to the editor's fund to enhance the corpus of that fund. The international dues funds be augmented by Rs. 1.5 lakhs and rest balance be put in a reserve fund. Proposed by Dr. K. Sridhar and seconded by Dr. A. Behl.
- b) **About the chapters:** Dr. Jaju informed that the audited accounts of the chapters of APSI reach him late and therefore it becomes impossible to incorporate in the final balance sheet. The charity commissioner objects to it causing lot of confusion. The treasurer informed that this year the audited accounts of the UP chapters arrived late and hence could not be incorporated in the final balance sheet. Another problem occurring due to the these chapters is that since the income some of the chapters is considerable and there income reflects in the APSI balance sheet, the tax liability falls on the APSI. After hearing the views of all members present and after much deliberation it was resolved that the APSI will discontinue any chapter and the regional associations shall be independent bodies but shall not use the word APSI nor would use its logo on their letter head. The balance reflected in the APSI balance sheet shall be transferred on the books of the respective chapters of Delhi, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh.
- c) **Accounts of national conferences of APSI:** Dr. Jaju emphasised the need for sending the audited balance sheet of the national conference in time, since submitting it late invites objections from the charity commissioner. The executive decided that the accounts of the conference must be submitted by the financial year end of the conference even if there are outstanding dues to be collected by the organiser. A subsequent final audited balance sheet must follow at the earliest.
- d) **Term of the trustees:** Dr. Jaju informed that Dr. B.M. Daver and Dr. Sam C. Bose are completing their term of 5 years. They are eligible for re-nomination. The executive expressed its gratitude to the these two members for their valuable help and guidance.
- e) **IX IPRAS funds:** Rs. 50 thousand has been sent by the IPRAS committee to the treasurer. For disbursement as 25 thousand as international travelling fellowship, 10 thousand for national travelling fellowship and 15 thousand for workshop. Out of which only 15 thousand can be utilised for this year and rest of the 35 thousand unutilised shall lapse. It was also got to brought to the notice of the executive as per the taxation rules we are supposed to utilise 90% of the income of this fund for the activities.
- f) **Circulation of accounts:** Since the next annual conference of APSI (APSI CON-05) will be held after 31st October 2005. Hence it was resolved that the accounts of APSI will be circulated, by trustees in advance and taken as passed if there are no objections by any member..
- 8) **Nomination for Susruta Oration for the year 2005** – Dr. U.S Nayak

- 9) **Nomination for MM Mukerjee Oration for the year 2005 - Dr. S.R. Chowdhary**
- 10) **Nomination for Gillies Oration for the year 2005 - Dr. K. Sridhar**
- 11) **Nominations for the following awards:**
 i) **Ethicon visiting professorship in plastic surgery - Dr. Ramesh Sharma**
 ii) **Ethicon visiting professorship in cosmetic surgery - Dr. Moris Topaz**
 iii) **Ethicon visiting professorship in microsurgery - Dr. Bimal Mody**
 iv) **Gen. N.C. Sanyal professorship - Not due this year**
- 12) **Name of Godrej visiting professor 2005 - Dr. Blondeel ?**
- 13) **Topic for R.N. Sharma Symposium for 2005 annual conference - The topic suggested by the executive are i) Surgery for external genitalia and ii) Recent advances in burns**
- 14) **To approve the reports of awardees - 2004**
 Ethicon plastic surgery visiting professorship - *Dr. Ashok Gupta*
 Ethicon visiting professorship in cosmetic surgery - *Dr. S.K. Bhatnagar*
 Ethicon visiting professorship in microsurgery - *Dr. Nirmala Subramaniam*- **Not received**
 Ethicon plastic surgery travelling fellowship - *Dr. Arun Bhatnagar* - **Could not avail and has requested for extension.** The executive decided **not** to grant extension.
 Ethicon travelling fellowship in microsurgery - *Dr. Vijay Kumar*
 Ethicon cosmetic surgery travelling fellowship - *Dr. Chanjiv Singh*
 Brig Kathpalia fellowship in hand surgery - *Lt. Col. P.S. Bhandari*
 Myovatec fellowship for training in plastic surgery - *Dr. Col. M.K. Mukerjee*- **Could not avail and has requested for extension**
 Vasudhan Arjin fellowship in laser surgery - *Dr. Imran Ahmed*
 APSI sponsorship to attend APSICON 2004 - *Dr. B.R. Jindal, Dr. Ashish Rai and Dr. S. Mehrotra*
 R.G. Saraiya international fellowship - *Dr. H.V. Satish (2004), Dr. P.V. Sudhakar (2003)*
 APSI Venture Fund - *Dr. S. Mishra*- **Not received**
 Gen. N.C. Sanyal, Professorship - *Dr. S. Rajasabapathy*
 Promotion of scientific activity in Gujarat fund - *Dr. P.K. Bilwani*
 Promotion of scientific activity in Maharashtra fund - *Dr. Nitin J. Mokhal*
 Prof. C.R. Sunderajan national plastic surgery education fund - *Dr. Mukund Reddy*
 Except for Ethicon visiting professorship in microsurgery, Ethicon plastic surgery fellowship, Myovatec travelling fellowship for training in plastic surgery and APSI venture fund, the reports of the remaining fellowship were found in order and approved by the executive.
- 15) **Applications for fellowships and grants 2005**
 The executive considered the following applications and decided as follows:
 i) **Ethicon cosmetic surgery travelling fellowship**
 1. *Dr. Sudhir Kumar*, 2. *Dr. R.K. Mishra* - **Awarded**
 ii) **Ethicon plastic surgery travelling fellowship - Dr. Sudhir Kumar**
 iii) **Ethicon travelling fellowship in microsurgery**
 1. *Dr. Sanjay Mahendru* - still a resident
 2. *Dr. Suresh Chaware* - Still is a resident
 3. *Dr. R.K. Mishra* - Already received one fellowship this year
 4. *Dr. Sachin Verma* - Still a resident
- iv) **Brig Kathpalia fellowship in hand surgery - Dr. Vijay Kumar**
- v) **Myovatec fellowship for training in plastic surgery - Dr. S.S. Gambhir**
- vi) **R.G. Saraiya international fellowship**
 1. *Dr. Pradip Jain* - **Awarded**, 2. *Dr. Hari Venkatramani*
- vii) **Vasudhan Arjin fellowship in laser surgery - Dr. Jyotsna Murthy**
- viii) **APSI sponsorship to attend annual conference 2005**
 1. *Dr. G.R. Reddy* 2. *Dr. Vishal Mago* 3. *Dr. A. Mandal*
- ix) **R.N. Sinha award for best paper in IJPS - Dr. R. Sabapathy**
- x) **International IPRAS awards**
 1) International fellowship - *Dr. Vishwa Prakash*
 2) Workshop - *Dr. Malti Gupta* for craniofacial workshop.
- xi) **Kilner essay - Dr. Narendra Kaushik**
- 16) **Applications for grants**
 i) **Promotion of scientific activities in Maharashtra fund - Dr. Nitin J. Mokhal** - (For CME 29 & 30 January, '05)
 ii) **Promotion of scientific activity in Gujarat fund - None**
 iii) **Prof. C.R. Sunderajan National Plastic Surgery Educational Fund - Dr. A.K. Singh**
 iv) **APSI venture fund**
 1) *Dr. Raja Sabapathy*
 2) *Dr. Malti Gupta*
 3) *Dr. Mukund Thatte*- **Awarded** for collecting all previous issues of IJPS on CD and to be given to the association and posted on the web site of the journal.
- 17) **Applications for APSI membership**
 The membership of the following were approved and are recommended by the executive.
 a) **Fresh applications for full life membership**
Prashant Tyagi, Rakesh Jindal, Mohd. Yaseen, Rahul Tandon, Varun Vishwanath Dixit, A. Kavita Agarwal, Naveena Rao, Manish A. Patel, Sandeep J. Sebastian Elvino Barreto, Mohit Goyal, Raj kumar Mishra, Venketesh Ramalinjam, Swaroop Singh Gambhir, Sudhir Kumar Mehta, Ahmed Quazi Ghazwan, Surinder Singh Makker, Sharad Ramdas, Manohar Velury, Dhanshukh Vitrag Shah, Sanjeev Zumar, Chirayl Jayarajan Raj Shree Lt. Col PS Bhandari, Mohit Sharma, D'Silva James Alan Anand Chintaman Joshi, Jayaraman Sathish Kumar, Joe Jacob
 b) **Conversion of full to full life**
Dr. Deepak J. Bhatti, Dr. Kanti S. Shetty
 c) **Fresh application for associate life**
Pramod Hari Mahajan, Nitin Anant Bandekar, Ramesh Rodubidri, Sanjay Mahendru Nasrendra Kumar Kaushik, Divya Aggarwal, Vishwandharan Methil Bijoy, Rustom Farhad Ginwalla, Raj Kumar Awashi, Ankur Bhatnagar, Ansul Ashok Govilla, M.A. Kishore, Ehsanuzzaman Siddiqui
 d) **Conversion of associate to full life**
Dr. Bijoy Methyl
 e) **Fresh applications for associate membership**
Dr. Sunish Goyal
 f) **Applications for overseas membership**
Dr. Huber - It was decided to grant him associate life membership.
- 18) **Election of trustees** - As mentioned in the trustees report Dr. B.M. Daver and Dr. Sam C. Bose are completing their term of 5years on 31st December 2004. The executive was of the opinion that they continue for a second term of 5 years and render their valuable help.
- 19) **Progress on 2005 Asia-Pacific conference to be held in Mumbai 2005** - Dr. Mukund Thatte informed that 350 registration had been made

till date and about 40 international faculty is participating.

- 20) **Nomination of APSI member as national delegate to Asia Pacific conference 2005-** Dr. R.B. Ahuja
- 21) **Nomination of vice-president to ISCL&P Asia-Pacific conference in 2007** - Dr. Mukund Reddy
- 22) **The Kolkatta resolution (requested by Dr. Malti Gupta)**- Dr. Malti Gupta highlighted the problems occurring due to holding the instructional course in aesthetic surgery immediately following this conference. She also informed that during the APSICON at Calcutta it was decided in the executive and general body that no such course/workshop would be held in the same city either immediately prior to, concurrent or immediately after the APSICON. She was remorseful that despite such a resolution this aesthetic surgery course is being held and felt that it is interfering with the organisation of this conference. Members shared her concern and agreed that members should refrain from any such activity. No member will organise such an activity in future.
- 23) **Progress on registration of amendments to the constitution-** The registration of amendments of the constitution are pending for the last 5 years or so. It was decided to request Dr. S.R. Tambwekar/ trustees who are already looking in the matter to kindly pursue it with the relevant authorities and expedite the process.
- 24) **Report on video library** – Dr. S.N. Sharma's report on video library and accounts has been received. However, his request for money (5 thousand) was not granted. Dr. Sharma is requested to provide a list of video cassette/CD available so that it could be put on the APSI web site.
- 25) **Printing of membership certificates to new life members** – The secretary Dr. A.K. Singh wanted to provide certificate of life membership to the new members joining the association. Members express their opinion that all life members should be provided the certificates. Dr. A.K. Singh agreed to do so provided he was given funds for printing and posting the certificates. The executive decided to make a grant of Rs. 25,000 (Rupees twenty five thousand) available for this purpose.
- 26) **Honararium to executive members and trustees for attending executive meetings** – Not approved
- 27) **Report of Rotaplast - for cleft deformity camps** - Approved
- 28) **Satellite session of APSI during ASI conferences each year-** Dr. Ahuja informed that APSI is now not a section of Association of Surgeons of India. The secretary was asked to again write a letter to the secretary of ASI, reiterating this fact. Dr. Sridhar informed that despite the fact APSI is no longer a section of ASI (since it has paid a sum of Rs. 1,00,000/-), it has the right to continue the session in the annual conference of ASI. However, the session should be in one of the main plenary sessions and not in one remote corner hall of the conference.
- 29) **Any other matter with permission of chair**
a) Letter from Dr. K.S. Shekhar: Dr. Shekhar our past president had written a letter to the president and the secretary raising certain objections regarding the organisation of the Asia Pacific Conference 2005. Dr. Mukund Thatte replied to the objections. i) The circulated brochure did not mention that APSI is the host for the conference. Dr. Thatte said that it carries the logo and will see that in all further

communications it is mentioned. ii) The vice president of the conference is Dr. Rajiv Ahuja who shall be the president of APSI for 2005. iii) The executive committee formed is already of a national character. iv) About the savings Dr. Thatte informed that the apprehension about the funds about not giving the surplus is misfounded. The organising committee and the treasurer have already committed and once again reiterate that the surplus shall go to the APSI for use on a national level.

b) Dr. Sridhar informed that he has already sent an amount of Rs. 1,71,530.24 (Rupees one lakh seventy one thousand five hundred thirty and twenty four paisa only) has been given to the treasurer out of the savings of the APSICON at Ooty. 10% of this shall go to the buffer/reserve fund. Out of the interest of the remaining 90% two training fellowships will be awarded to a junior person (post graduate or within 5 years of post graduation). One fellowship will be to a person outside Tamil Nadu to receive training in Tamil Nadu. The other fellowship will be for a person from Tamil Nadu to receive training outside Tamil Nadu. It was approved by the executive committee. It was resolved that this award shall be instituted from the next year.

c) Dr. Malti Gupta apprised the executive about the likelihood in the deficiency in the finances in the organisation of this conference. She requested members to help raise finances in connection with this conference.

d) Dr. R.B. Ahuja proposed that Dr. K.S. Bhangoo be awarded honorary membership in view of his continued contribution to APSI. It was seconded by Dr. Bimal Mody and accepted by all members present.

- 30) **Nomination for IPRAS fund committee** – was not taken up.

In the course of discussions on the proceedings of the executive, the following was decided.

- a)** The topic for symposium shall be surgery of the external genitalic and Dr. K.S. Shekhar shall be the convenor (executive agenda 13)
- b)** It was resolved by the general body that life member certificate should be published by the association. A sum of rupees 25,000=00 (rupees twenty five thousand only) was sanctioned to the secretary for the printing and postage. Proposed by Dr. K. Sridhar and seconded by Dr. R. K. Nair.
- c)** In context with our satellite session in ASI conferences (ref. Agenda 27 of executive), Dr. S. Bhattacharya was suspicious of the intentions of ASI, in asking for our constitution. Dr. K.S. Shekhar, said that the session in ASI should involve general surgeons and should project the specialty of plastic surgery. Dr. Sharma was of the opinion that it should be in form of guest lecture.



APSICON-2004 EVENING OF 26-11-04

VII. Editors report and accounts for 2003-04

: as discussed earlier in Item no. 6 of discussion on executive committee meeting. Dr. M. Thatte presented the report. The Indian Journal of Plastic Surgery is improving with every issue. We now have complete web based manuscript management since 2003---one of the first Plastic Surgery journals internationally to do so. We are indexed in several indices and are adding the French scientific index and Latin American index this year. Our response time has decreased significantly this year due to the web based system and I request all members to use it for greater speed and transparency.

A debate section is added and the History section continues to be regular. Our referees are from a broad international base and I am grateful to them for all their hard work and help. We are regularly getting articles from countries outside India and we hope to continue to nurture this trend to make IJPS a truly international journal. I hope members do more structured scientific activity and continue to support the journal as before.

Dr. Thatte also informed that BJPS is now available at reduced price of \$55/- (USD fifty five). However the cheque should be in favour of ISSH and members can contact him. Proposed by Dr. Pramod Kumar and seconded by Dr. Vijay Kumar.

VIII. Election of APSI National Representative for Asia Pacific Region of IPRAS in 2005 - Dr. R.B. Ahuja

IX. Treasurer's report and accounts for 2003-04

as discussed earlier in item no. 5 of discussion on executive committee meeting. Proposed by Dr. Mukund Reddy and Seconded by Dr. Gurumurthy.

X. Trustee's report for the year 2003-04

The trustees are happy to present the accounts for the year 2003-04 and highlight some of the problems that have been encountered in last two years.

The trustees feel very strongly that there should be harmony and full co-operation for functioning of various wings of our association, which will only help us to achieve higher goals and prevent the feelings of "mistrust and left out"

The audited accounts of the trust along with, the A.P.S.I. Income-expenditure account and Balance sheets were sent to you in second week of October, 2004, with a request to send me the observations and feedback. Unfortunately only two of our colleagues did send me their concurrence. Over 78 envelopes were returned for incomplete address and about forty members addresses were marked in the floppy list as "no forwarding address".

In my report I have given the details of Various funds and new additions to it.

1. Details of Maharashtra chapter fund
2. Details of Research fund
3. Details of Investment which were Rs. 68,10,010.00 as on 31/3/2004. Followed by details of investment in each company and a table showing the Interest/Dividend received in each account.

We have the loss in Unit '64 Scheme of Rs. 1,96,500.00 which was liquidated by the Government and Tax free bonds were issued, about which I had informed the august gathering last year.

5. I) Details of the funds received from the Hon. Treasurer which include addition to some old corpus funds and funds which were accepted by this august body at last meeting.
II) Redemption of ICICI bond and H.D.F.C. - F.D. - Maturity amount.
III) Income tax refund for Assessment year 2002-2003

6. Details of the cheques issued during the year.

During the year trust had sent the cheques of the full amount which was requested by the Hon. Treasurer. Even in the current year the Hon. Treasurer had sent in request for the fund to the tune of Rs. 4,12,000.00, has been fully met by sending a cheque for Rs. 4,25,000.00.

The net interest received during the year has been around 9%, against this backdrop the trust has disbursed about 90% of the income. Thus remaining within the framework of the law of spending 90% of income of the trust during the year.

During the current year we have invested about fifteen lacs in 8% taxable bonds against which we have had redemption of ICICI Bond and some "premature" redemptions of U.T.I., Scheme. For next couple of years the gross income will be about 9%. I would request the august body to consider the enhancing of our

resources to meet our needs for our progressive activities.

The new by-laws that has come up, is regarding the "maturity period" of the corpus funds which have been created by the trust. This has been reduced to five years instead of eight years, so you have to decide about some funds future "disbursement" - which have been created by the association.

The 80G of our Trust is expiring on 31/3/2005. We have to be within' framework of the laws that are already there mainly regarding, submission of the tax returns in time, utilization of the funds as per submitted "by-laws", appropriate resolutions passed for accepting the new funds, disbursement of funds, end use of unutilized funds, marked for the particular year, details of the activities of the association, have to be furnished, the chapters have to furnish income and expenditure accounts fully to the treasurer, by the stipulated date. Any change/amendment to Byelaws has to be submitted for their acceptance. You have seen "my plight" this year and the story of the last was equally bad which I shall put before you. The income tax return of the year 2002-03 was submitted in last week March, 2004. We have to put our house in order. Once the responsibility is taken every effort should be made to meet the "Deadline" - "come-what-may" and function within the framework of law.

Friends, you are likely to be upset in my presenting some of the facts, I crave your indulgence.

Let me put squarely to you that the Trustees have been under pressure now and then to "violet legal requirements" of a "Registered Charitable Trust".

Similarly the rules for various fund awards should be streamlined whether the donor is a state body or the APSICON organizers or the private donors.

I had to rush down to Bombay on 28th of October, 2004 to finalize the returns for submission by 31st October, 2004. I had to spend few hours talking to the tax consultants! Details shall be narrated. Under no circumstance I wanted to cross the deadline of 31st October, 2004 and you would understand the problems, then of "80G" coming up. As the previous two years returns were late.

The T.D.S. story of IXth Congress fund has been "carried on to malalign trustees in spite of the "Tribunals

judgement". Similarly the "Laws of Trust" need to be observed in letter and spirit for utilization of funds which should be 90%.

Another bone of contention is the chapters income and the surplus if any, of our national conferences, which need monitoring else we will be paying the taxes on these, by no fault of ours. The award amounts need your in-depth consideration from all aspects - monetary as well as respecting the donors wishes.

I need every one of you to put in whole-hearted effort to increase the association funds, then only we can meet the challenges of tomorrow. I envisage in next couple of years the fall in our income, to below 8%. It needs your serious consideration.

Once again I would very strongly reiterate that please pass the resolutions pertaining to finances, byelaws etc in appropriate format and they should be documented properly and send them to the Trustee, for submission to the Income tax Commissioner, 80G Exemption Commissioner and to the Charity Commissioner with the return. This is a "Sinequa Nan"

Dr. Sam C. Bose, Chairman of the Trust and Dr. B. M. Daver Trustee shall be completing their tenure and are "eligible" for second term. I am indeed indebted to them for their unequivocal support and guidance in furthering the cause of Trust. I would like to put on record our deep sense of gratitude and thanks to our Tax Consultants M/s Agarwal and Co, Shri D. P. Kanodia in particular, only because of his personal association with the trust from inception and deep down interest, I was able to persuade him to help us out of the difficult situation last year and this year as well.

We are grateful to our President Dr. Gupta and the Office bearers of the Association for their co-operation and guidance.

In the discussion that followed, Dr. K. Sridhar informed that he has already sent the accounts of Ooty conference to the treasurer. Dr. J.R. Jaju, suggested dissociating all chapter, since the income of the chapter invites liability on the parent body (APSI). Dr. S.S. Daddi emphasized the need to get the changes in our constitution registered. Dr. J.C. Sharma said that the chapters have joined recently. Dr. K.S. Shekhar said that the chapters already get their

accounts audited. Dr. I.K. Dhawan suggested forming a committee to look into the matter of affiliation of chapters/associations to the parent body APSI. The members agreed upon were Dr. C.P. Sawhney, Dr. K.S. Shekhar, Dr. V. Bhattacharya and Dr. J.R. Jaju (as convenor).

The report of the trustee was unanimously passed.

Proposed by Dr. P.K. Bilwani and seconded by T. Iappan.

XI. New memberships: as discussed earlier in item no. 17 of discussion on executive committee meeting. Life membership to Dr. K.S. Bhangoo was approved.

XII. Introduction of new members – None introduced themselves.

XIII. Results of awards

1. **Kamath best poster-** Aesthetic restoration of facial disfigurement caused by adenoma sebaceum (as) in tuberous sclerosis – **Dr. C.N. Yogishwarappa** and Dr. B.G. Tilak

2. **McNeil for best audio-visual presentation-** Evaluation of feasibility of transferring a composite anterolateral thigh and rectus femoris flap on a single vascular pedicle – **Dr. T. S. Sashikanth**

3. **APSI junior best paper-** Tenosynovial flap for exposed tendo achilles: A new method- **Dr. G.R. Reddy**

4. **Peet prize-** A study of inclusion of an additional perforator to improve the reliability of sural neurocutaneous flap – **Dr. Sumita Shankar**

XIV. Elections to the following posts:

a) President One (for 2005) – Dr. R.B. Ahuja (elected)

b) Vice President - One (2005)
Dr. (Maj. Gen.) L.P. Sadhotra - Proposed by Dr. C.P. Sawhney and seconded by Dr. K.S. Shekhar.

Dr. Mukund Reddy - Proposed by Dr. Ram Krishna and seconded by Dr. V. Bhattacharya.

c) Executive members - Two (2005-2007)

	<i>Proposed by</i>	<i>Seconded by</i>
Dr. S. Bhattacharya	Cap. A. Behl	Dr. Rakesh Kalra
Dr. T. Iappan	Dr. P.K. Bhilwani	Dr. C.N. Ramaswamy
Dr. Ramesh Sharma	Dr. C.P. Sahney	Dr. J.S. Kohli
Dr. G.S. Kalra	Dr. S.K. Bhatnagar	Dr. I.N. Tiwari
Dr. S.R. Murugesan	Dr. Kamlaker Rao	Dr. T.C. Chandra

Dr. Mukund Reddy was elected to the post of vice president and Dr. S. Bhattacharya and Dr. Ramesh Sharma was elected for the post of executive.

XV. Preparations for our Asia Pacific conference in Mumbai – Dr. K.S. Shekhar was of the opinion that the registration charges for Asia Pacific conference are high. Dr. Malti Gupta was

of contrary opinion and said that with low registration charges it is not possible to give quality service.

XVI. Any other matter with permission of chair

a) Nomination of member to IPRAS committee (due to demise of Dr. Manekshaw) was not taken up.

b) Dr. Sadashivmurthy objected to the president for a hurried GBM.

c) A stall during APSICON-2004 was taken by world association of cosmetology and were also enrolling members. Members objected to it. Dr. Malti Gupta said that due to financial shortfall, it had to be given to them.

d) Dr. S.S. Daddi – suggested that guest lectures should be later in day time, and not early morning as is the usual practice.

e) The following was also resolved that 1. Dr. R.B. Ahuja was authorized to open an account in favour of APSICON-2005, with himself, Dr. Arun Goel and Dr. Sameek Bhattacharya as signatories. 2. Since the next conference (APSICON-05) again be after 31st October, '05, the last date for submitting trust accounts, the accounts will be circulated by the trustee by post and objections invited.

XVII. Remarks by the incoming president

XVIII Outline of activities and APSICON-2005 – Dr. R.B. Ahuja informed that the date for APSICON-05 will be 6th-10th November, '05 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. The registration charges shall be Rs. 4,000/- for early bird.

XIX. Thanks to the chair

The meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

Forthcoming Events

- * 4th annual meeting of Indian society of cleft Lip and palate - 14-16 January, '05. Hyderabad. Details at www.isclpca2005.org
- * NABICON - Annual conference of National Academy of Burns, 4-6th February, '05, Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi
- * 1st Scandinavia TMJ symposium - 11th-13th February, Norway. member@tmjstock.com
- * Workshop on hand surgery - 12th & 13th February, '05, Baroda. inkishar@yahoo.com
- * First biennial conference of brachial plexus group-India. 19th & 20th February, '05, Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi. Contact: Dr. A. Agarwal - 011-25861463. adityaagg@hotmail.com
- * Operative workshop on aesthetic surgery - 22 & 23 February, '05, Deptt. of Plastic Surgery, K.G. Medical University, Lucknow. singhkarun@hotmail.com

- * 10th Advanced Aesthetic Surgery workshop, Australia - 24th-27th February, '05. kothy@melplastsurg.com
- * 11th annual conference of UP chapter of Association of Plastic Surgeons of India - 5th-6th March, '05, Agra. Contact: Dr. Rahul Sahai. sahairahul@yahoo.co.in
- * Physicians aesthetic technology free workshop in various cities USA. Details can be obtained from www.cynosurelaser.com
- * CR Sunderajan National workshop on reconstruction of external genitalia - 17th & 18th March, '05. Deptt. of Plastic Surgery, K.G. Medical University, Lucknow. Contact: Dr. A.K. Singh. Ph. 0522-2257446. plasticsurgery@indiatimes.com
- * 9th Asian Pacific Congress of International Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Society. 19th-21th March, '05, Mumbai, India. www.apc-ipras2005.com
- * 10th International congress of cleft and related craniofacial anomalies, 4th-8th September, '05. Durban South Africa. Details: www.cleft2005.co.za. e-mail: cleft2005@ukzn.ac.za
- * Annual conference of Association of Plastic Surgeons of India, New Delhi, 6th-10th November, '05. Details at www.apsicon2005.org