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MINUTES OF GBM OF SPOSI HELD ON 3-12-16, HOTEL MARRIOTT. DURING JOINT AAPOS-SPOSI CONFERENCE, DECEMBER, 2016.

The GBM was attended by 62 SPOSI life members, and was presided by President, Dr. Subhash Dadeya.

1. The meeting was adjourned as the quorum was not complete and was resumed as adjourned meeting after half-an-hour.
 - a. **Minutes of previous GBM:** Minutes of previous GBM held at Coimbatore in December, 2015 were ratified. Out of the many points ratified, an important issue was that one executive member should represent each of five zones; in case of two applicants from same zone, election will be held between those two applicants.
 - b. Also, as already decided but not implemented, life members above 70 years will be exempted from delegate fees.
 - c. Proposed by-Dr S P Singh; seconded by Dr Kamlesh.

2. **Election of vice-president:** As per constitution of SPOSI, post of Vice-President is filled every year. This year only one application of Dr Pradeep Sharma from N. Delhi was received in the stipulated time. The application was sent to the Election officer, Dr B S Goel. As per the regulations of the constitution, all the criteria for eligibility were fulfilled except one criteria, i.e., attendance of 5 conferences in past 10 years. His application showed attendance of 4 conferences.

The matter was discussed in the executive committee, and the decision was left on the GBM. Dr. B S Goel, stated that Dr Sharma did not deliberately miss the conference; he was attending another pediatric ophthalmology camp elsewhere. Taking cognizance of this aspect and the long and exemplary services rendered in the field of Pediatric Ophthalmology, the GBM, as an 'exceptional circumstance', unanimously voted him to be vice-president. Dr B S Goel, as an election officer, declared him elected.

3. **Election by ON-LINE VOTING:** It was decided by everybody present, that henceforth, the elections will be held ON-LINE and ON-SITE also. Dr Ankur Sinha, Jt. Secretary, will be in charge to organise the on-line system.

Proposed by Dr. Santhan Gopal; seconded by Dr Ankur Sinha

4. **International delegates in SPOSI:** Some members in last GBM had raised the issue of APSPOS membership. Members who had become members of APSPOS (Asia-Pacific Society of Pediatric Ophthalmology & Strabismus), did not receive any communication of any sort. I had, respecting the opinion of members, had written for constitution of APSPOS & list of Indian members of APSPOS. To my amazement, the APSPOS Secretary refused to divulge the names of members, stating it as confidential. Every society has its members listed in the members directory section. Looking at the attitude of APSPOS, I had proposed to make a separate "Asia Society of Pediatric Ophthalmology". Dr Pradeep Sharma opined that let's first bring international delegates

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from Asia into the realm of SPOSI, then we will decide. Proposed by Dr Pradeep Sharma; seconded by Dr Jitendra Jethani.

5. **Issue of WSPOS & SPOSI:** World Society of Pediatric Ophthalmology & Strabismus (WSPOS) had announced to hold a Joint meeting with DOS & SPOSI in India in December, 2017. Due to certain differences with DOS, the conference was cancelled for Delhi and was shifted to Hyderabad.

Since a large number of SPOSI members had sent a memorandum for an 'Extraordinary GBM' to join WSPOS. The matter was discussed within the executive committee and the majority of executive members opted to join the combined conference at Delhi. Because of the change of venue and dissociation with DOS, the SPOSI issue had to be decided and was therefore put up in the GBM. It is to be noted that 2017 SPOSI conference was already allotted to Delhi and Dr Dadeya as organising secretary. The GBM decided that it will be not worthwhile to have two separate conferences, and we should have SPOSI Conference alongwith WSPOS.

A communication has been received from WSPOS that NO JOINT Conference is possible and the SPOSI members are invited to be associated with the conference. I have written to WSPOS that it is mandatory to have JOINT conference, as SPOSI had with AAPOS, as we have our own agenda to follow. Until the matter is not understood & the status of SPOSI is not clarified, the decision to hold a full combined conference with WSPOS will have to be reviewed.

6. **ACCOUNTS:** An audited account of 2015-16, was put up in the GBM. And was passed. Proposed by Dr. Pandey; seconded by Dr Khurana.

7. Forseeing the rise in cost of organising annual conferences and difficulty in procuring exhibitor help, it was decided to raise the delegate fee of SPOSI member to Rs.3500/-.

8. Best presentations in award winning sessions in various categories in the AAPOS-SPOSI conference, 2016 had been declared, and are as follows:

1-Prof. Kamlesh gold medal for Best presentation in free paper session : Dr Kavita Porwal

2-Prof. Hanumantha Reddy Gold Medal for best video presentation: Dr. Sowmya . R.

3-Prof. Yogesh Shukla Gold Medal for best E-poster: Dr.Kruti Shah

4-Prof. Subhash Dadeya Gold Medal for best Interesting case presentation: Dr.Neena.R. Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

Prof. Yogesh shukla, Secretary, SPOSI.

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AWARDS:

The following awards were also announced during the Jaipur conference, 2016:

- 1- Best publication award (gold medal) in an Indexed Journal in year 2016-
Dr Rohit Saxena (N Delhi).
- 2- Prestigious Life-Time Achievement Award was given this year (as per
norms of constitution & selected by the executive committee), to two
eminent life members
of the society:
 - 1- Prof. yogesh shukla (Jaipur)
 - 2- Prof. Kamlesh (N Delhi)

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