

MINUTES OF GBM -- CHENNAI SPOSI CONFERENCE-2019.

Dear colleagues,

A very happy & prosperous New Year to you all !

GBM was held as an adjourned meeting on 7-12-19.

The meeting was presided over by the president, Prof. S. Khokhar, with the secretary & treasurer on the dais.

- 1) Compliance of last year GBM minutes: All the points of last year GBM were complied fully and were accepted by the executive & GBM.
Proposed by: Dr.A.K.Khurana
Seconded by : Dr.S. Dadeya
- 2) Ratification of new members: All the persons who submitted their membership forms by 7th of December,2019 were duly verified, and were ratified in the GBM. It is heartening to note that **72** new members enrolled in 2019 and the strength of society is now **955**.
Proposed by : Dr S Dadeya
Seconded by : Dr A. Amitava
- 3) Vice-President election: As per constitution, the vice-president is elected every year. This year only one valid application was received of Dr.Abadan Amitava. The eligibility was verified by the nominated Election Officer, Dr. A K Khurana and Dr amitava was declared elected unopposed.
Proposed by: Dr Y. Shukla
Seconded by : Dr. P K Pandey
- 4) Oration award : The pros & cons of an Oration Award was discussed, and it was decided to introduce the prestigious Oration Award in name of Prof. Prem Prakash, the father of Indian Strabismology.
It was decided that only local hospitality will be provided to the Indian/ foreign speaker, who will be selected and invited by the scientific committee. The award will constitute of a citation & a memento by SPOSI. A committee of Dr Khurana & Dr Pandey is constituted to elaborate on the selection eligibility.
Proposed by: Dr P.Sharma
Seconded by : Dr. Sumita Agarkar

- 5) Two halls for the annual conference: Looking at the growing membership and scientific content, a proposition of 2 halls was discussed. It was opined that to lower the pressure on a single hall, one hall can be used for at least one day, depending upon the delegate attendance of 200 or the number of scientific papers.
Proposed by : Dr. Y. Shukla
Seconded by : Dr. Ankur sinha
- 6) Last date for all categories : The GBM decided to have a single cut-off date of 30th september for all paper categories and applications for all posts.
Proposed by : Dr. P K Pandey
Seconded by : Dr S. Dadeya
- 7) A point was raised that there should be a minimum of 3 papers presented in any category of competitive sessions for the eligibility of best paper award. This was passed by GBM.
Proposed by : Dr. P K Pandey
Seconded by : Dr Santhan gopal.
- 8) Revision of scientific program in midterm conference: A proposal for revision of scientific content in midterm conference was given and it was decided that half the session should be dedicated to a particular part of the subject and rest of session should be case-based discussions.
Proposed by: Dr sumita Agarkar
Seconded by: Dr Rohit Saxena
- 9) Revision of Govt.scheme rates for strabismus surgery : It is appalling that the rates for strabismus surgery are ridiculous. It was decided that a) Strabismus surgery is erroneously marked as 'cosmetic' by insurance companies & b) the rates mentioned for remuneration are so meagre that strabismus surgery cannot be done in those rates. Therefore the matter will be taken up on society platform and represented to the government & insurance companies by the President.
Proposed by : Dr Ankur Sinha
Seconded by : Dr Suma ganesh
- 10) Free paper session for Residents : To develop interest in pediatric ophthalmology, a free paper session for 'residents only' was proposed. Since they are still pursuing P.G. course, they cannot become members of society but a session for them can be adjusted. This will not carry any

gold medal by any name but a 'Best paper certificate ' will be awarded by SPOSI.

Proposed by : Dr A. Amitava

Seconded by : Dr S Dadeya.

11) As now number of foreign doctors are attending SPOSI conferences, the GBM decided to have a special category of "International members" without any voting rights. The membership fees for now will be same as indian members.

Proposed by : Dr P. Sharma

Seconded by : Dr Santhan Gopal.

12) The treasurer report was read by Dr Ankur Sinha and was passed unanimously.

Proposed by : Dr Santhan gopal

Seconded by: Dr P. Sharma

13) It was decided by GBM that all free paper abstracts will be published in the SPOSI journal and no paper will be included in the scientific program if its abstract does not reach secretary office by the stipulated time.

Proposed by: Dr P K Pandey

Seconded by: Dr Rohit Saxena.

14) The following venue were finalised by the GBM after receiving valid applications:

a) **Annual conferences**—2020 Jodhpur-Org secretary-Dr gulam ali ; 2021- Guwahati-Org. secretary-Dr Damaris Magdelene.

(2020 annual will be held ,most probably, in 2nd week of December)

b) Midterm: 2020-Amritsar-Org.secretary-Dr karamjit singh; 2021- Lucknow-org. secretary—Dr Arun Sharma.

(2020 midterm at Amritsar is fixed on 31st May, Sunday. Please see the details which will posted on the SPOSI website by 31st March)

15) The meeting ended by vote of thanks by the President.

(Secretary, 31-12-19)
