

MINUTES OF MEETING

INDIAN ACADEMY OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES (IABS)

MINUTES OF THE 6th ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD ON 07.01.2017 at 6.30 PM

Venue: ISCON CLUB

The Fern Bhavnagar Iscon Club and Resort

Opposite Victoria Forest Near Sundarvas Bungalow, Bhavnagar, Gujarat

Members Present:

1. Prof. Vijay K. Kutala, Hyderabad, President – in the chair
2. Prof. Hari S. Sharma, Founder President
3. Dr. Arun Raizada, Gurgaon
4. Prof. Alpana Sharma, Secretary – General, New Delhi
5. Prof. Abbas Ali Mahdi, Lucknow
6. Prof. Najmul Islam, Aligarh
7. Prof. Hariom Sharma, Bhavnagar
8. Dr. Thuppil Venkatesh, Bangalore
9. Prof. Moinuddin, Aligarh
10. Dr. Aditi Gupta, Gurgaon
11. Dr. Brijesh Rathore, Lucknow
12. Dr. Sandeep Tripathi, Jaipur
13. Mr. Deepak Mathiya, Bhavnagar
14. Dr. Dushyant S. Chauhan, Bhavnagar
15. Dr. Medha R, Puducherry
16. Dr. Manisha Chaudhary,
17. Dr. J. Anuradha,
18. Dr. Syed Mudassar, Srinagar
19. Dr. A.S. Bhatia, Jammu
20. Dr. Jigna Shah. Bhavnagar
21. Dr. Savita Yadav, New Delhi
22. Dr. Sharmistha Dey,
23. Prof. Khursheed Alam, Aligarh
24. Dr. Shivani Pandey, Lucknow
25. Dr. Ranjana Singh, Treasurer, Lucknow
26. Dr. Kalpana Singh, Lucknow
27. Dr. Mehdi Hayat Shahi, Aligarh
28. Prof. S.B. Sharma, New Delhi
29. Dr. M. Kaleem Ahmad, Lucknow
30. Prof. Farzana Mahdi, Lucknow
31. Prof. Seema Bhargava, New Delhi

1. Dr. Shivani Pandey conducted the meeting by welcoming the honourable members and read the agenda.
2. The minutes of the fifth Annual General Body meeting held on 27.02.2016 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, were read and confirmed.
3. President, Dr. V.K. Kutala welcomed the honble members and complimented Prof. Hari Om Sharma and Prof. Jigna Shah for organizing an excellent meeting at Bhavnagar.

4. Prof. Alpana Sharma, Secretary – General presented the annual report of the Academy. She informed that since February 2016, fifty three (53) new life members have joined the Academy and as of today total life members are 178 (as of 31st December 2016). Thereafter she informed the members that this year also the Academy award applications were initially screened by a committee and processed by the award committee and the recommendations of the awards committee were unanimously approved by core committee. She further said that in spite of much publicity, this year comparatively few applications were received for the various categories of Academy Awards. Members deliberated on this issue and after detailed deliberations it was unanimously resolved that all the members will make concerted efforts to publicise the awards. Moreover, as decided earlier the award applications received shall be carried forward for next three years.
5. Secretary also informed that the accounts of the Fifth Annual Meeting of the Academy held at New Delhi have been audited and audit report has been submitted by the Organizing Secretary, Dr. Arun Raizada.
6. The Secretary brought to the notice of the Hon'ble members about the problem with regard to the implementation of the decision taken in the meeting held on 14.12.2013 that 15% of the registration fees collected during the annual conferences shall be deposited in IABS Account (Central) to be utilized by the central office for various expenditures. After detailed deliberations it was resolved that the matter will be discussed with the CA and it will be ensured that at the time of registration itself the money shall be collected in a manner so that the amount due for the Central office comes directly to the account of the Academy.
7. Prof. Abbas Ali Mahdi suggested that in view of declining interest rates the corpus of the Academy shall be kept as Reserve Bank of India bonds. The proposal was unanimously approved.
8. Secretary informed the Hon'ble members that this year a total of four applications/recommendations were received for IABS Fellowships. Out of them only two were awarded Fellowship, namely Prof. S.S. Chauhan and Prof. M.L.B. Bhatt, both are the Life Members of the Academy. One application received from Prof. R.K. Garg, HoD, Department of Neurology, King George's Medical University, Lucknow, a founder Life Member, was not processed as it was received late and one application was not found suitable.
9. Secretary also informed the Hon'ble members about problems with regard to the maintenance of our website. She said that the website was being maintained by Mr. Shahab Rizvi, who initially did a good job but of late was not performing well. She further said that the web-manager was changed but the new one was even worse.

Members made numerous suggestions and authorised the Secretary – General to implement them.

10. Matter regarding biannual Newsletter of the Academy was deliberated in detail and after detailed deliberations it was resolved that a committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. S.S. Chauhan be formed to formulate the same.
11. Members were informed that in 2016 two big events supported by the Academy were organized. One was held at the Central University of Kerala, Padannakkad, Kasaragod, Kerala, which was organized by Dr. H.P. Gurushankara and the meeting was on “**Genetics of Human Diseases**” and was held on 3rd and 4th November 2016. Another meeting “International Conference on **Emerging Trends in Biomedical Research in the New Millennium**” was organized by Prof. A.S. Bhatia, Head, Department of Biochemistry, Government Medical College, Jammu, from November 29 – 30, 2016. Both the meetings were very well organized and were hugely successful. Members appreciated and complimented the organization of such meetings.
12. Secretary informed the members that in coming year we already have three meetings lined up. One being organized at M.L.N. Medical College, Allahabad, in February 2017, another at J.I.P.M.E.R. Pondicherry in March 2017 and yet another at Kalyani (West Bengal) in September 2017.
13. Treasurer, Dr. Ranjana Singh, presented the financial report as well as audited balance sheets of the financial year 2015-16. Audited balance sheets were unanimously approved with appreciation of the work being carried out by the Treasurer as well as the auditors of the Academy, M/S Madhur Jain & Co.
14. After detailed deliberations initiated by Prof. Hari S. Sharma, Founder President, the following were unanimously elected as office bearers of the Academy for the year 2017:

President	: Dr. Arun Raizada, Gurgaon
Vice President(s)	: Prof. Hari Om Sharma, Bhavnagar Dr. Amarjit Singh Bhatia, Jammu
Secretary General	: Prof. Abbas Ali Mahdi, Lucknow
Treasurer	Dr. Ranjana Singh, Lucknow
Organizing Secretary, IABSCON 2018	: Prof. S. Mudassar, Srinagar
Chairperson Awards/Fellowship Committee Members:	: Prof. Hari S. Sharma, Netherlands Prof. Najmul Islam, Aligarh Prof. Vijay Kumar Kutala, Hyderabad

Chairperson Corporate Wing Members:	:	Dr. Arun Raizada, Gurgaon Dr. Harsh V. Singh, New Delhi Dr. Aditi Gupta, Gurgaon
Chairperson Publications Committee Members:	:	Prof. S.S. Chauhan, New Delhi Prof. Khursheed Alam, Aligarh Prof. Vibha Tandon, Delhi
North Zone Secretary Members:	:	Prof. Seema Bhargava, New Delhi Prof. S. Mudassir, Srinagar Prof. Ramesh Chandra, New Delhi Prof. Manu Rathee, Rohtak Prof. Eliza Chakraborty, Meerut
Central Zone Secretary Members:	:	Dr. S.J.S. Flora, Rae Bareilly Prof. Moinuddin, Aligarh Prof. R.K. Garg, Lucknow Prof. S.K. Goel, Bhopal Prof. Haider Abbas, Lucknow
East Zone Secretary Members:	:	Prof. Subir K. Das, Kalyani Dr. Sikta Swarnkar, Kolkata Prof. Sadhna Sharma, Patna Prof. Kailash Bhattacharya, Gwahati Dr. Sukes Mukherjee, Burduan
South Zone Secretary Members:	:	Dr. Mehda Rajappa, Puducheri Prof. K.R.S. Sambasiva Rao, Guntur Dr. Guru Prakash, Kerala Dr. B.S.S. Rao, Bengaluru
West Zone Secretary Members:	:	Prof. Jigna Shah, Bhavnagar Dr. Sandeep Tripathi, Jaipur Prof. Vinay Rale, Pune Prof. M.N. Sharaf, Mumbai

15. Prof. Syed Mudassar, SKIMS, Srinagar (Jammu & Kashmir) proposed to hold the next annual conference of the Academy at Srinagar. After detailed deliberations members accepted the proposal and it was decided that the meeting will be organized in the first half of 2018 and dates will be decided by the organizers in consultation with the core committee members of the Academy. Moreover, members unanimously approved Rs. 25,000.00 as seed money to be provided to organizers to start work relating to organization of the meeting.

Prof. A.A. Mahdi
Secretary - General, IABS

Dr. Arun Raizada
President, IABS