

Minutes of the General Body Meeting (GBM) of ISNSC 2023

Date: February 11, 2023

Location: Coimbatore

The General Body Meeting (GBM) of ISNSC for the year 2023 commenced with Dr. Ravishankar initiating the proceedings, obtaining permission from Chairman Dr. TT Paul, ISNSC, and being joined by Treasurer Dr. PS Vali.

Dr. Ravishankar addressed the General Body, and Dr. PS Vali presented the financial status report for the year 2022-2023

Dr. Ravi Shankar announced newly elected members of executive committee members for the years 2023 – 2024 (One year) 2022 – 2025 (two years tenure) and 2023 – 2025 (3 years tenure)

Newly elected members Chairman ISNSC - Dr Soundararajan. P (2023- 2024), Honorary secretary - Dr Sreebhushan Raju (2023 – 2025) , Executive committee members - Dr Avula Sreenivas(AP , 2023 -2025) , Dr Darshan Rangaswamy (Karnataka, 2023 – 2025) , Dr N. Chezhiyan (Tamilnadu 2023 – 2025) , Scientific committee members – Dr Manjusha Yadav (Telangana 2023 – 2026) , Dr Sreejith Parameswaran (Pondichery 2023 – 2026)

Dr P S Vali will continue as Treasurer for one year and his tenure in Feb 2024 and Executive committee members Dr Karthik Kalind (Telangana) and Dr George Kurien (Kerala) will continue and their tenure end in Feb 2024

The credential committee members Dr Anuradha Raman (Telangana), Dr. Sivakumar.V (AP) , Dr. Chacko Jacob (Karnataka) , Dr Muthusethupathi (Tamilnadu) and Dr .R Kasi Visweswaran (Kerala) will continue

The practical difficulties of multiple non-functioning accounts in cross southern states were discussed, and the General Body endorsed dissolving these accounts.

Dr. Dinakaran proposed that the free paper award in ISNSCCON 2023 be named after late Dr. Thyaga Rajan and that his name be considered for an award in subsequent years.

Dr. Gurudev proposed changing oration names in favor of senior Nephrologists (alive or deceased) as a token of honor.

Dr. Girish Narayan suggested informing the families of existing oration titleholders before discontinuing.

Dr. Chako proposed fixing a time tenure for each prize and oration.

Dr. Sreebhushan Raju proposed fixing the tenure of each oration to three years, which was seconded by Dr. Manisha Sahay and Dr. Manjusha.

Dr. Kashi Vishveshwaran recommended informing donors of a particular oration regarding the time frame and suggested extending the title of the oration for Prof. Pathros for one more year.

Dr. Vishveshwaran also discussed financial independence from the Tanker Foundation for research awards.

The GBM agreed on discontinuing Tanker sponsorship, extending Prof. Pathros' oration for another year, and increasing the prize amount for all research paper awards.

Dr. Gurudev proposed that Dr. Sastry's oration be held on Friday evening of each conference.

Dr. Ravishankar proposed abbreviating the time slot for Dr. Sastry's oration to two hours.

Dr. Manjusha suggested conducting scientific sessions in three halls.

Dr. Manisha Sahay proposed naming conference halls after eminent senior members.

Dr. Gurudev expressed concerns about potential disagreements in naming conference halls.

Dr. Ravi Shankar suggested naming conference halls after senior nephrologists from the state hosting the conference.

Dr. Kasi Vishweshwaran proposed giving one medal in Dr. Raja Chandran's name and another in Dr. SP Thyagarajan's name.

Dr. Pradeep Deshpande and Dr. Anuradha Raman discussed the responsibilities of the organizing committee and the credential committee in naming medals.

Dr. Ravishankar proposed giving more opportunities to original research papers and recognizing papers not selected for Tanker award presentations.

Dr. Girish Narayan supported the idea of scientific sessions in multiple parallel halls.

Dr. Ravishankar announced that ISNSC 2024 would be held in Telangana and ISNSC 2025 in Andhra Pradesh.

Two topics were shortlisted for the next year's Niyamatullah essay writing competition: Diabetes and Kidney / Palliative Care in Nephrology.

Dr. Tamilrasi discussed measures to be implemented regarding postgraduate attendance.

Dr. Manjusha proposed a women's quota in ISNSC's executive committee.

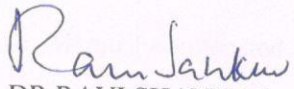
Dr. Manisha Sahay proposed incorporating role play by postgraduates as an academic category in the conference.

Dr. Anuradha Raman emphasized the need to provide opportunities for young nephrologists as speakers at ISNSCCON.

A discussion on restricting the number of poster presentations took place. However, due to NMC mandates requiring PGs to present a minimum number of presentations at conferences, it was decided to maintain the current policy of not restricting poster presentations.

Dr. Saravanan suggested implementing a policy in which ISNSC would inform various government departments about the conference and request synchronized support for the conference secretariat teams.

The meeting concluded with all points discussed and proposals considered. The members looked forward to implementing the decisions made for the betterment of the ISNSC and the nephrology community. Dr. Ravishankar thanked all the participants for their valuable inputs and contributions, and with no further business to discuss, he declared the General Body Meeting adjourned.


DR RAVI SHANKAR

HONORARY SECRETARY , ISNSC