

Indian Society of Nephrology – Southern Chapter (ISNSC)

Governing Body Meeting (GBM)

Date: 7 January 2026

1. Dr. Sreebhushan Raju, Secretary, ISNSC, welcomed all members to the meeting.
2. Dr. Gurudev, President, ISNSC, welcomed the members and commenced the proceedings by emphasizing the need for constitutional amendments to suit the current times.
3. Dr. Girish Narayan stated that transfer of charge to the next Secretary and office bearers should be done in a methodical manner. He added that conventions should be respected and that not everything needs to be incorporated into the Constitution.
4. Dr. Satish Balan suggested that, to avoid future controversies and legal issues, all details and rules should be incorporated into the Constitution. This view was endorsed by Dr. Gurudev and Dr. Sreebhushan Raju.
5. Voting by show of hands was conducted on the following constitutional amendments:
 - a. Rotation of yearly ISNSCCON venue among all member states – Approved by GBM.
Rotation of office bearers among all member states – Approved.
ISNSC logo redesign – Approved.
Secretary and Treasurer to be from the same state – Approved.
Replacement of the word “President” with “Chairman” – Approved.
Increase in Executive Committee representation from one to two members per state in view of the increase in membership – Approved.
 - b. In the event that a state is unable to arrive at a consensus regarding nomination for a particular office bearer position, elections shall be conducted among registered members of that state.
A Returning Officer (nodal officer) shall be appointed from another state.
Elections shall be conducted by ISNSC either through electronic voting or ballot paper.
Only registered members shall be eligible to contest and vote.
In case of unethical conduct during elections, the concerned candidate shall be disqualified.
 - c. Duration of office for office bearers:
Chairman – 1 year
Vice Chairman – 2 years
Treasurer – 2 years
Executive Committee Members – 2 years
Scientific Committee Members – 2 years
Credential Committee Members – 3 years
 - d. Eligibility for office bearers:
Any registered member may contest for Executive Committee membership.
To become Secretary, Treasurer, or Vice Chairman, prior experience as an Executive Committee Member is required.

Minimum years of experience required:

Chairman – 25 years

Vice Chairman – 20 years

Secretary – 15 years

Treasurer – 10 years

e. A person who has served as Vice Chairman may become Secretary, based on independent choice.

f. Vice Presidents should be from states other than those of the Secretary and Chairman.

g. Each Secretary shall appoint an assistant, whose salary shall be paid by ISNSC.

6. Dr. Sreebhushan reiterated the importance of reviewing membership rules to consolidate the membership database.

7. Dr. Girish Narayan stated that PG students need not be members of ISNSC to present papers.

8. Dr. Anuradha suggested that if a non-member wishes to present a paper, at least one of the authors should be a member.

9. Dr. George Kurian proposed that non-members presenting papers may be charged a higher registration fee.

10. Dr. Biju K. Gopinath expressed concern regarding the absence of an updated membership directory. Dr. Sreebhushan Raju clarified that efforts are underway to rectify registration discrepancies and release an updated directory.

11. Dr. Gurudev proposed the below mentioned resolutions and house agreed unanimously: ₹500 per head for re-registration of members who passed Nephrology DM/DNB after the year 2000.

An additional ₹500 per head for obtaining smart membership cards.

₹3,250 as membership fee for PG members registering as full members after completion of PG.

The House approved this proposal.

Deadline for re-registration: March 31, 2026.

Once elections are announced, no new members shall be added until the new office bearers are elected.

12. The GBM resolved to mandate that all PG students be registered as Associate Members, with a fee of ₹1,000 for temporary registration.

13. Life membership shall be granted as per the year of passing DM (month and year of passing DM to be specified).

14. Dr. Girish Narayan opined that payment for re-registration should not be sponsored and should be borne by the members themselves.

15. Dr. Sreebhushan informed that ISN had requested ISNSC to contribute ₹5 lakh annually. This proposal was discussed and not approved by the GBM.

16. Dr. Manisha Sahay suggested that funding for IJN should be generated through advertisements rather than mandatory contribution.

17. Dr. Biju K. Gopinath sought clarification regarding representation of ISNSC office bearers in ISN's central body. Dr. Sreebhushan Raju clarified that the Secretary of ISNSC is an ex-officio member of ISN.

18. Dr. Anuradha stated that ISNSC is a part of ISN and must respect ISN rules. It was resolved that 20% of ISNSCCON registration fees shall be given to ISN.

19. Dr. Ravi Shankar B opined that ISN should not encourage high-priced entertainment shows during ISNCON conferences.
20. Dr. Ravi Raju suggested reconsidering lifetime membership and introducing a yearly membership policy similar to that of the International Society of Nephrology.
21. It was resolved that the Dr. Pathrose Mathai Oration shall be discontinued.
For any new oration sponsorship:
₹3 lakh sponsorship for three years.
₹5 lakh sponsorship for five years.
In the absence of sponsorship, ISNSC shall fund the oration.
22. Dr. Satish Balan proposed instituting a Prof. Ramdas Pisharody Oration.
23. It was resolved that GBM proceedings shall be video recorded.
24. Dr. Manisha stated that recurring issues are being discussed every year and suggested implementing a system to avoid repetitive discussions.
25. Dr Gurudev proposed that a copy of video recording of the conference to be given to the secretary to keep it as a document hence forth
26. An unaudited financial report of ISNSCCON 2025 held at Vijayawada was submitted and Rs four lakhs given by the Vijayawada conference to ISNSC.
27. Dr. Sreebhushan Raju informed members about the proposal by Larenon Pharma to sponsor a research grant.
28. Elections for office bearers shall be initiated after completion of member registration and shall be completed by the end of April 2026.
Elections will be announced only after registration is completed, and membership shall remain closed until the election process is concluded.
29. The next ISNSCCON will be held in Kerala, with Dr. Satish Balan serving as the Organizing Chairman.