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## Minutes of the Meeting

### Meeting of the Annual General Body held at 05:00 pm on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at Suresh Bhat Auditorium, Reshim Bagh, Nagpur, Maharashtra

The Annual General Body was scheduled at 5:00 pm. Due to lack of quorum, it was adjourned for 15 min and reconvened at 5:15 pm. When the members reconvened, Dr. V. C. Manoj, President Elect 2024 formally declared the Annual General Body meeting open and asked the Secretary-General to start the proceedings as per the agenda circulated in advance.

## Members Present

**Office Bearers 2023:** Dr. Praveen Kumar (President, 2023), Dr. V. C. Manoj (President Elect, 2024), Dr. Surender Singh Bisht (Secretary General, 2023-24), Dr Dinesh Chirla (Vice-President 2024), Dr. Srinivas Murki (Joint Secretary 2023-24), Dr Amit Upadhyay (Treasurer, 2023-24), Dr Dinesh Tomar (Immediate past Secretary General, 2021-22)

### 1. Confirmation of the minutes of the last Annual General Body Meeting of the 41st Annual General Body Meeting held on 3rd December 2022 at Science City, Kolkata:

The minutes of the previous Annual General Body meeting were read by Dr. Surender Singh Bisht. As no comments had been received in response to the circulated minutes of meeting (MoM) of last AGM held on 03.12.2022, the same were passed unanimously.

The motion was proposed by Dr. Somashekhar Nimbalkar and seconded by Dr. Ashok Kumar.

### 2. Business arising out of the minutes

### 3. Consideration and adoption of the Annual Report of the Society

Dr Surender Singh Bisht, Secretary-General presented the Annual report of the Society. In order to assist members get familiar with the agenda and make appropriate contributions, it was determined that the annual report should be circulated to all members group a month prior to the AGM. Together with the annual report, the audited report should also be distributed. After giving ample time for all members to go through the same, it was unanimously passed.

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The motion was proposed by Dr. Dinesh Tomar and seconded by Dr. Ashwani Singhal

#### 4. Consideration and adoption of the audited statement of accounts for the year ended 31.3.2023

The annual audited statement of the society was presented by Treasurer. The audited statement and the budget were circulated among members.

- Concern were raised that audit report has to be circulated prior general body meeting so the house can be well versed with the report. It was decided that this will be taken into notes.
- The annual audited report statement and the budget was adopted by the General Body.  
The motion was proposed by Dr. K.K.Diwakar and seconded by Dr. Ashish Jain

#### 5. Internal Auditors Increment of remuneration:

In previous General Body meeting it was agreed to raise the professional fees of auditors by up to a maximum of 10% for RKSM & associates (Mr. Rajeev Singh) working as internal auditors. Although it was delayed due to unanticipated events, it was communicated to General Body that it will be issued immediately.

The motion was proposed by Dr. Shankar Narayan and seconded by Dr. Lalan K. Bharti

#### 6. Matters related to court cases

##### Court case by Dr. Ajay Gambhir:

As per last AGM minutes, the General body had authorized the EB to serve a final notice to Dr. Ajay Gambhir to repay the amount of about Rs. 7 lakhs (as per the observations of the NNF committee investigating the matter which had recommended the suspension of Dr Gambhir and the recovery of the said sum) due to NNF along with the interest that would be due, and the costs of legal expenses incurred by NNF in the case filed by Dr. Gambhir.

Dr Bisht apprised the AGM that a notice for repayment of Rs 14,88,050/- (Rs.7,01,550 + Rs. 4,26,500 interest + Rs. 3,60,000 legal expenses) was served to Dr Ajay Gambhir on 25.01.2023 . He has still not submitted the amount to NNF even after 10 months as on 25.11.23.

The General Body was apprised of update in the case filed against NNF by Dr Ajay Gambhir in 2021 in a Delhi court,

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challenging his suspension based on the findings of a NNF appointed committee. Dr Bisht apprised that many court dates have been attended in 2023 as on 03.10.23, 26.09.23, 19.09.23, 02.09.23, 31.05.23, 02.03.23 & all previous hearings. In the court appearances on 03.10.2023, the Honourable judge has asked NNF to pay a sum of Rs 2000/- to Dr Ajay Gambhir as the defendant i.e. NNF Could not file a Writing Statement within 30 days stipulated time though it was filed within the 90 days window allowed by CPC.

Dr. Umesh Vaidya mentioned that past AGM resolutions have recommended termination/expulsion of Dr Ajay Gambhir. He quoted that, "Dr K.K. Diwakar, Dr. Shankar Narayan, and Dr Umesh Vaidya quoted clause 5.2 of the Memorandum of Association of NNF and the house concurred that if after the expiry of the 30 days' notice period to Dr Gambhir, there is non-compliance to the notice, he be expelled from the membership of NNF after following due procedure. If such an eventuality were to come about, a similar action would also have to be initiated with respect to Dr Sunil Mehendiratta."

The house was informed of the reasons behind the non-execution of a previous General Body resolution, including an ongoing legal challenge and how it could potentially impact the status of the current case before the honourable court. The EB in its meeting a day earlier had decided to present the resolution to the general body to seek guidance and recommendations concerning the manner in which it should move forward.

After detailed deliberations on the matter, it was decided that Dr Ajay Gambhir will be served with the Termination Notice with immediate effect. Dr Bisht raised concern regarding the decision potentially impacting the status of the ongoing court case against Dr Ajay Gambhir. This was supported by Dr Arvind Sehgal. Despite these concerns, most members in AGM insisted that termination notice be served on Dr Ajay Gambhir and court be informed of this.

A resolution was dictated as follows:

"In accordance with clause no. - 5.2.2 of NNF Memorandum of Association, following a 30-day notice period and on failure to receive a satisfactory response, Dr Ajay Gambhir shall receive notice of termination supported by full majority of the House of General Body on November 25, 2023, at 6:50 p.m., at Suresh Bhat Auditorium, Reshim Bagh, Nagpur, Maharashtra. The house passed the resolution that this has to be presented to honourable court through legal counsel."

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The motion was proposed by Dr. Umesh Vaidya and seconded by Dr. Ashish Mehta

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## 7. NNF election 2024:

- A) The house was informed that EB had proposed three-member NNF electoral reform committee, consisting of Dr. Sourabh Datta, Dr. Arup Roy, and Dr. Ashish Mehta. This decision was unanimously passed by the house.
- B) The EB had proposed three Election Commissioners namely; Dr. VP Goswami, Dr. Ranjan Pejaver, and Dr. A. K. Deorari, with Dr. Goswami serving as chairperson. Dr. Surender Singh Bisht informed that Dr. Deorari had declined to participate because of personal reasons. Dr. Dinesh Tomar then proposed Dr. Arup Roy to be nominated as the Election Commissioner, Dr. Brajagopal Ray confirmed Dr. Arup Roy's willingness. This decision was unanimously passed by the house.
- The motion was proposed by Dr. Dinesh Tomar and seconded by Dr. Brajagopal Ray.

## 8. NNF-IAP NRP status:

The house was informed that IAP NNF NRP FGM program was not progressing as the IAP NRP FGM office refused to conduct NRP ToT and provider courses for NNF citing financial issues. Moreover, the logo and signature of NNF functionaries have been removed from IAP NRP FGM certificates. This had been conveyed to IAP President and Hon. Sec. General a couple of times both by NNF President and Secretary General.

On receiving no satisfactory response from them, NNF has started organising its own NRP provider course with the first one being organised at TN NEOCON at Ooty 2023.

The response and progress of the NRP courses thus conducted, were encouraging. Dr. Surender Singh Bisht further informed the house that Dr. Sushma Nangia had assured that NNF would continue to conduct NRP trainings whether or not IAP collaborates with NNF. It was also stated that NRP courses should utilise Skill Labs facilities and work in conjunction with medical college Skill Labs so that non-availability of manikins does not become a bottleneck. In case of a shortfall of the manikins, the NNF offices will extend its assistance in procuring the same.

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## 9. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair:

- a. **NEOCON 2024 dates and Tariff:** The organizing team from NEOCON 2024 planned to be held at **Mahabalipuram** informed that the dates for 2024 NEOCON shall be 5<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and presented the tariff slabs for registration under different categories as approved by the EB. The tariff has been decided and 5% inflation cost has been added in comparison with Nagpur. At the request of the house, the organizers agreed to extend the pre-early bird registration rate of Rs. 6000/- till 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023. A fixed tariff slab for the complete duration till conference for the Armed forces personnel was requested by Dr Shankar Narayan and the same was accepted by the house. The motion was proposed by Dr Somashekhar Nimbalkar and seconded by Dr Ranjan Pejavar.
- b. **Bids for NEOCON 2025 venue:** Dr Surender Singh Bisht informed that teams from Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Kerala & Uttar Pradesh presented their bids to Executive Board members. Andhra Pradesh state chapter has been given the responsibility of hosting the NEOCON 2025 in Vishakhapatnam.

The President Elect thanked all the members for their constructive suggestions and cooperation. The meeting ended with thanks to the chair. The AGM was adjourned until its next meeting.

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