

# **GBM-2013**

## **Minutes of the Extraordinary General Body Meeting**

*32nd Annual Conference of the Karnataka Ophthalmic Society*  
9th Nov 2013 at Hassan Institute of Medical Sciences, Hassan

The meeting was called to order by President the Dr M R Honnatti  
Agenda of the Extraordinary General Body Meeting was read out by Dr Sai Giridhar Kamath, Secretary KOS.

The following amendments to the byelaws were proposed by Dr Madhav Honnatti and seconded by Dr Sai Giridhar Kamath:

**1. All the chief and presenting authors of scientific papers, e-posters, guest speakers at CMEs**

**and workshops held by or under the aegis of KOS, residing/ practicing or working in**

**Karnataka, should be its life members.**

**EXPLANATION: The managing committee feels that, with the exception of special invitees, that too from outside the State, this amendment should apply.**

**2. All the authors of articles, writings, content contributors etc. published in KOS journals**

**and other publications under KOS, residing/practicing/working in Karnataka, shall be its life**

**members. This does not apply to Guest speakers, contributors and authors from outside**

**Karnataka.**

**EXPLANATION: Same as for amendment 1.**

**3. Annual General Body Meeting Notice, Election Notice, Nomination forms- etc are to be**

**sent by email to those, whose email address have been registered with KOS.**

**Others will be**

**sent the same by post/courier.**

**EXPLANATION: Self explanatory.**

**4. Intimation of CMEs and workshops under the aegis of KOS, will be sent by email to all**

**members, whose email address has been registered with KOS. It will be sent by post to rest**

**of the members. However, the soft copy of the brochure has to be submitted to the**

**webmaster to be uploaded in the KOS website.**

**EXPLANATION: This is a provision.**

**5. Venue for the following annual KOS Conference to be fixed two years in advance, instead of one year as is the practice now.**

**EXPLANATION: Fixing the conference venue two years in advance, gives the organizers of the conference ample time to prepare.**

**All the amendments were unanimously accepted by the General Body.**

## **Annual General Body meeting followed the Extraordinary General Body Meeting.**

**Dr M R Honnatti, President KOS, Welcomed the gathering.**

**Agenda of the AGM was read out by Dr Sai Giridhar Kamath, Hon Secretary, KOS**

**This was followed by reading of the minutes of the previous AGM, held on 3rd Nov 2012 at Al Ameen Medical College, Bijapur at the venue of the 31st Annual Conference of the KOS – by Dr Sai Giridhar Kamath. It was proposed by Dr V S Reddy and Seconded by Dr A S Shetty.**

**One minute silence was observed as mark of respect to our departed members, Dr Kulkarni BB, Dr Huilgol, Dr Nagaraj H K, Dr Gudagur Devadatta following a few words about them by Dr V S Reddy, Dr Girish, Dr Sathish Shet and Dr Ravi Nadgir.**

**Secretary's report was read by Dr Sai Giridhar Kamath and was accepted by GB.**

**The points which arose and were discussed were as follows:**

- **A new record was set this year with the addition of 289 new members and the total no of members have reached 1744.**
- **27 CMEs were conducted all over the state under the aegis of KOS this year.**
- **The auditor has brought to our notice that a recent ruling of the supreme court in Bangalore Club Vs Commissioner of Income Tax case. Till now by the principle of mutuality, societies were not paying income tax for excess income over expenses. The landmark judgement passed by supreme court on 14thJan 2013, gives great clarity to "principles of mutuality" and the interest earned in the Fixed Deposits of the Society, will be eligible for Income tax in the hands of the assessee.**
- **A resolution was passed to enable the present secretary to sign for the return of income for the financial year 2012-13**
- **The minutes of the General Body meeting will be uploaded in the KOS website and will be freely available to all the members for information.**
- **Two managing committee meetings were held at Bangalore and Udupi this year. Several other matters were discussed online among MC Members at intervals.**
- **Selection of MC Members to AIOS was done in the second MC meeting and the**

nominees are Dr Madhav Honnatti and Dr Guruprasad A S, who is eligible to continue one more term of 3 years.

- PG fellowship was awarded to Dr (Maj) G Premanath, KOS member No 1362, from Bangalore.
- The documents for KOS registration renewal are ready and few signatures of the previous office members are needed to complete the same. The documents will be handed over to the next president to complete the procedure.
- The secretary thanked all the Office Members of the KOS, particularly the President and also all the KOS Members for giving an opportunity to serve the Society.
- The secretary also thanked the present auditor, C A Bharath Shanbhogue, the accountant, Sudhir Bhagath, J K Printers and Apoorva Xerox for all the help rendered for the past two years.

The report was accepted and proposed by Dr M M Joshi and seconded by Dr Rama Mohan Rao

Treasurer's report was read by Dr Chandrashekar G. Points which arose during the discussion are

- Vouchers should be sent to the treasurer, when requisition for cheques are made.
- Dr C R Kamath said that it is standard procedure in all societies – treasurer gets the application for release of funds, he makes a voucher and sends the cheque to the concerned office bearer.

The report was accepted by the GB, proposed by Dr Santhan Gopal and seconded by Dr Gramopadhyaya.

Scientific Committee Report was read by Dr Sunil G. It was accepted by GB, proposed by Dr M M Joshi and Dr Rama Mohan Rao. The points which arose during the discussion are as follows:

- 27 CMEs were held this year under the aegis of KOS
- He read out the list of the CMEs held and certificates were distributed to all of them.
- He brought to the attention of the general body, that scientific sessions should be given more importance and that the GBM can be delayed a little.
- Dr V S Reddy said that, once the time of AGM is printed, it cannot be delayed
- Dr Krishna Prasad said that, due to inauguration program on 8th Nov, the session could not be completed and so had to be finished on 9th Nov before the general body meeting and the same can be delayed by 15-30 mins.
- Dr Reddy said that there is a protocol and it must be followed, GBM cannot be delayed.
- Dr Sirish said that – everything cannot be perfect, so time should be adjusted accordingly and we can delay the AGM if needed.
- They asked which is the primary agenda of the conference? The scientific

program or the AGM? Because of logistic difficulties, it is not possible to have perfect timing. Delays will be there due to technical reasons like – video not loading, etc which will delay the scientific program.

- Dr Muralidhar N S and Dr Hemanth Murthy – said that this delay is due to unavoidable circumstances and so we have to leave it at that and continue with the rest of the agenda.
- Dr Santhan Gopal said – that we have to fix the timing of the scientific programme and not succumb to pressure from either side.
- Dr Sunil was advised to keep sufficient buffer in between the various speakers and not to crowd the scientific program, so that delays can be avoided in future.

Chakshu Editor's report was read by Dr Elankumaran P. It was accepted by the GB, proposed by Dr Srinivas and seconded by Dr Rajesh BTJ. Points which arose during discussion are as follows:

- Since only one issue of Chakshu was brought out in this year, the Editor profusely apologised, stating logistic reasons more than financial ones and said he takes the blame for the same.
- He said he delay was purely from his side, but the next Chakshu is in the pipeline and is expected to be posted in December 2013.
- He also proposed the e-Chakshu, which would take care of most of the problems we have faced this year

Presidential remarks were done by Dr Madhav R Honnatti. The points brought out by the President are as follows:

- Even though we have email ids of 1300 members, out of 1745, 275 have not yet sent acceptance email to join the email group, in spite of repeated requests sent to them. We still do not have email id of 450 members.
- He thanked the present KOS office bearers and gave them personal gifts.
- He conveyed the idea of online elections and emphasized the advantages of the same.
- The website was maintained by the present Hon Secretary, Dr Sai Giridhar Kamath, for the last 11 years and the cost saving for KOS was more than one lakh Rupees. So he proposed to pay a honorarium of Rs 30,000/- to Dr Sai Giridhar Kamath to cover the basic fees of the website. GB unanimously passed the amount to be paid.
- He also brought to the notice of the general body, that the KOS office members were not invited to the CME held under the aegis of KOS by some organisers. It was discussed and decided that the office bearers have to be invited to the CMEs if held under KOS and the same, sentence be incorporated in the protocol given to the organisers when accepting the CME under KOS.
- The president proposed that the state be divided into 3 or 4 zones and each given preference for holding the conference in turns. Dr Chandrashekar Shetty proposed that proper guidelines to be formed to allot the conference,

instead of selection by raise of hands in the Annual General Body Meeting.

- The president, brought to the notice of the general body, that KOS will have to be paid 20% of the stall rent and sponsorship money collected by the LOC. it was agreed by the GB at Belgaum Conference, but was not at all followed by the previous office bearers. If this is followed, financial difficulties of Chakshu can be easily taken care of. Dr Santhan Gopal added, this is the protocol followed by the AIOS, the payments are made directly to AIOS and the LOC is then paid after deduction of the AIOS share.
- He proposed that the LOC has to submit the audited accounts of the conference to the KOS, as KOS will be responsible for the Income tax returns. This has to be strictly followed from this conference onwards.
- There are two candidates for the AIOS elections from KOS namely, Dr Krishnaprasad R (#492) and Dr Chaitra, who need to be supported by all members of the KOS, so that we get better representation in the AIOS.

**Venue of the next conference (next two years):**

There were three proposals to host the 33rd KOS Conference from

- 1) South Kanara Ophthalmic Society, Mangalore
- 2) Mysore Ophthalmic Trust
- 3) Hubli-Dharwad Ophthalmic Association

Representatives from the three District Associations were asked to come on the stage and speak about their respective District Association/Society.

After lots of discussion, the 2014 Conference was awarded to Mysore and the 2015 to Hubli-Dharwad. It was mentioned that Mangalore will get a preference for 2016 Conference. The allotment was done by vote of the members.

**Resolutions, if any, to be discussed and decided:**

**Online Elections – Dr Honnatti, brought up the topic of online elections – but no decision was taken in this regard!**

**Election of new office bearers:**

**Nominations were received for the following positions:**

**Convener Scientific Committee: Dr Sunil G, (#868) proposed by Dr Sai Giridhar Kamath, seconded by Dr Vasudendra N**

**Dr Nataraju C (#738) proposed by Dr C A P Prabhu, seconded by Dr Pallavi Prabhu**

**However Dr Nataraju had retired in favour of Dr Sunil G**

**President Elect: Dr Santhan Gopal K S, (#821) proposed by Dr M S Ravindra, seconded by Dr Elankumaran P**

**and Dr Umesh Megur (#333), proposed by Dr Deepak Megur and seconded by Dr Bharathi Megur**

**However, Dr Santhan Gopal had retired in favour of Dr Umesh Megur**

**Dr M Mahabaleshwar, (#126) presently President Elect, to become President KOS**

**Dr Elankumaran P, (#1035) continues his second term as Editor, Chakshu**

We also had nominations which were received after the last date for nomination as well as last date for withdrawal were over and so, were taken as equivalent of nomination on floor

1) Dr J P Palakshaiah (#195) for Vice President, proposed by Dr Lokesh H M and seconded by Dr Balarkrishna B N

2) Dr Lokesh H (#869) for Hon Secretary, proposed by Dr J P Palakshaiah and seconded by Dr Balakrihna B N

3) Balakrishna B N (#989) for Treasurer, proposed by Dr Lokesh H M and seconded by Dr J P Palakshaiah

As Dr J P Palakshaiah, walked out of the hall before the election of office members, nominations on floor were invited for the position of Vice President. There were two nominees on the floor for the position of Vice-President, Dr Santhan Gopal K S (#821), proposed by Dr Muralidhar and seconded by Dr Chaitra

Dr Guruprasad A S (#54) proposed by Dr Sunil and seconded by Dr Sirish A show of hands was opted for by the chair, as is the procedure, in which Dr Guruprasad A S got significantly more votes from the General Body and was elected as Vice President.

The name of Dr Rajesh K V (#1144) for Joint Secretary was proposed by Dr Sanjeev Kunattur and seconded by Dr Sudhindra. He was elected un-opposed by the GB as Joint Secretary.

In summary, the new office bearers are as follows:

President: Dr Mahabaleshwar M, Bangalore

President Elect: Dr Umesh Megur, Bidar

Vice President: Dr Guruprasad A S, Hubli

Hon. Secretary: Dr Lokesh H, Tumkur

Hon Jt. Secretary: Dr Rajesh K V, Mysore

Hon Treasurer: Dr Balakrishna B N, Tumkur

Editor Chakshu: Dr Elankumaran P, Bangalore

Webmaster: Dr Sai Giridhar Kamath, Mangalore

Any other matter with the permission of the Chair:

Dr Rama Mohan Rao, suggested that the Oration Award be given with the inauguration so that the awardee is also called on stage during the inauguration of the conference.

Vote of thanks was given by Dr Rajesh BTJ, Hon Joint Secretary.

**SAI GIRIDHAR KAMATH**  
**HON SECRETARY, KOS**

**MADHAV HONNATTI**  
**RESIDENT, KOS**