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Minutes of the General Body Meeting

**27th Annual conference of the Karnataka Ophthalmic Society
8 Nov 2008, Shimoga Institute of Medical Sciences, Shimoga**

- 1) Minutes of the previous Annual General Body meeting held at Bell Convention Centre, Bangalore, on 3 Nov 2007 were read and confirmed.
- 2) One minute silence was observed as mark of respect to departed member and past president, Dr K R Murthy and also Dr Rajashekaraiah.
- 3) Introductory remarks were made by the President, Dr M S Ravindra, and the local organizing committee of EYECON 2008, Shimoga, led by Dr Suresh Isloor, were congratulated for the excellent organization of the conference
- 4) Secretary's report was presented by Dr Gowri J Murthy, and was accepted. Points which arose and were discussed are as follows:
 - a) 66 new members who were enrolled in the previous year were ratified.
 - b) A decision was taken to increase the membership amount to Rs 2500/- with effect from Jan 1st 2009.
 - c) There were proposals to collect membership renewal fees from old members and to limit the membership period to 15 years, but this was not accepted by the general body, and the present life membership is to be continued.
 - d) The attempt of the MC to take CME programmes to the periphery, and district headquarters was noted, and PG teaching programmes held under the aegis of KOS was appreciated. Members requested that all medical college principals should be informed about the teaching programme. The PG refresher course held at Narayana Nethralaya was also appreciated.
 - e) As no application was received in the past year for the PG fellowships, no fellowships were awarded in the past year.
 - f) The new website of KOS, <http://www.kos-eye.org> designed and maintained by Dr Sai Giridhar Kamath was appreciated.
 - g) All members were requested to become members of the online discussion group kos-free@yahoo.com
 - h) The new PAN number of KOS, and submission of IT return completion for the year 2007-08 were discussed and proposal was made to make the auditors term co-incide with financial year, and also for office bears of the KOS MC to change from April 1st of each year. However, after detailed discussion regarding this, it was decided, that in order to facilitate easy submission of the IT returns, the present auditors of the year 2007-08, will continue for a period of four more years, i.e., THE AUDITORS TERM SHOULD BE FIVE YEARS. This was proposed by Dr Ravi Nadiger, and seconded by Dr Rama Mohan Rao. This was accepted on the floor of the house by the general body.
 - i) THE RS 30 LAKH FD IS NOT TO BE BROKEN UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, this was proposed by Dr Muralidhar and seconded by Dr Patil. OUT OF THE INTEREST AMOUNT ACCRUED, A SUM OF NOT EXCEEDING RS 1.5 LAKHS PER YEAR CAN BE ALLOTTED TO EXPENSES RELATED TO CHAKSHU AND NOT IN EXCESS OF THIS. This was proposed by Dr M S Ravindra and seconded by Dr Ravi Nadgir.

- j) The proposal to name the post graduate quiz in the honour of Dr K R Murthy was accepted by the General Body. A proposal to institute an oration award in the name of Dr K R Murthy was made by Dr Nadiger, and was accepted by the General Body.
- k) There were proposals to institute the best paper awards in paediatric ophthalmology, and in innovative papers in ophthalmology, but these were rejected by the General Body and and A DECISION WAS TAKEN NOT TO INSTITUTE ANY NEW AWARD FOR BEST PAPER. The GB felt that any such new awards will spontaneously be recommended by GB and will not be instituted by the members on request.
- l) The next MC was given a suggestion that the dates of the annual conference, should not coincide with other big meetings as far as possible.
- 5) Treasurer's report was presented by Dr Rekha Gyanchand, and was accepted. The points which arose during the discussion of the report were
- IT submission should be mandatory every year
 - It is the responsibility of the MC
 - The next MC can apply for "not for profit society" status and get exemption.
 - The need to get TDS certificate from AIOC 2008 organizers was mentioned and the next MC was instructed to pursue the same.
- 6) Scientific Committee Convenor, Dr Arun Samprathi's report was read and accepted by the GB. The points which arose during the discussion of the report were
- 16 CMEs were held in the previous year.
 - For the first time at KOS conference, Instruction Courses from eminent faculty from KOS as well as national faculty have been held.
 - Separate "Video Hall" was started for continuous screening of videos, which will be of immense benefit for PGs and practicing ophthalmologists.
 - It was recommended to start Electronic Posters to save time, money, papers for the post graduates, if feasible.
- 7) Chakshu editor's report was read by Dr Sathya Kakade, and was accepted by the General Body. The points which arose during the discussion of the report were
- The present form of Chakshu, including the front page design and logo are to be maintained by subsequent editors and not changed without consent of the General Body.
 - No article/study/case report without scientific substantiation will be accepted – references/bibliography/legends /acknowledgments are a must.
 - No content/figure/material from Internet will be accepted for copyright concern.
 - All articles will be reviewed by 2 reviewers in the same field, who are blinded about the authorship and by the section editor if any
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8) Election of new office bearers

Dr M S Ravindra, informed the floor that Dr Narasapur, President Elect, has indicated his inability to continue as president in

the next year due to personal reasons. Dr Ravi Nadiger, thereafter proposed that the nominations for president were to be invited from the floor of the house. Nominations were invited for the post from the floor and Dr Mohan Nadiger, was proposed by Dr Umesh, and seconded by Dr Suranagi. As there were no other nominations, he was declared as elected as the President of the KOS. The members elected for the other posts are as follows:

- a) President – Dr Mohan Nadiger, Davanagere
- b) President Elect – Dr V S Reddy, Bangalore
- c) Vice President – Dr Surendra Shetty, Davanagere
- d) Secretary- Dr Prakash Suranagi, Davanagere
- e) Joint Secretary – Dr K R Shivanna, Davanagere
- f) Treasurer – Dr B H Manjunath, Davanagere
- g) Scientific Committee Convenor – Dr H M Ravindranath, Davanagere
- h) Editor Chakshu – Dr Sathya Kakade, Bangalore (continues for second year as per previous AGB proposal)
- i) The office bearers of the affiliated district societies will be the MC members from these districts- this was proposed by Dr N S Muralidhar and seconded by Dr Nadiger
- j) Dr Geetha Bengri from Dharwad and Dr Shravan Pandit from Haveri, were also elected as district representatives apart from the representatives of the affiliated district societies.

9) Other matters:

- a) Dr M S Ravindra proposed that KOS members should not attend scientific programmes held by the trade, if it does not involve the KOS, and if the organizers (trade) do not invite all KOS members.
- b) Dr M M Joshi proposed that with respect to local meetings at districts, the district body should be involved. The general body accepted the above proposals

The next conference will be held at Davanagere.

The general body appreciated the outgoing office bearers led by President, Dr M S Ravindra for the work done in the previous year

Dr Gowri J Murthy
Hon Secretary

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