



# Karnataka Ophthalmic Society

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## GBM-2009

### Minutes of the Annual General Body meeting held on saturday, 28th November 2009 at the JJMMC Davangere.

- 1) The minutes of the previous Annual G B Meeting held at Shimoga Institute of Medical Sciences, Shimoga on 8th Nov 2008 were read and confirmed.
- 2) One minute silence was observed as mark of respect to departed member, Dr Venkatesh CP and Dr K Kallappa. A note of grief about late Dr C P Venkatesh was given by Dr T K Ramesh and Late Dr K Kallappa by Dr S V Ravindranath.
- 3) Secretary's report was presented by Dr Prakash V Suranagi, and was accepted. Points which arose and were discussed are as follows:
  - a) 73 new members were enrolled to our society and their membership to be ratified in the GB meet.
  - b) Total strength now – 1323
  - c) Updating the Information Registry of KOS
  - d) Received 32 responses for updating the information registry of KOS and the same were carried out, along with their change of address.
  - e) Birthday greetings to KOS members were sent by the Joint Secretary of KOS.
  - f) No application was received from the members for the post graduate fellowship assistance declared by KOS
  - g) A memorandum handed over to the State Education & Health Ministers to make Ophthalmic checkup compulsory, while admitting children to primary school, to reduce ocular morbidity and blindness due to amblyopia. And the same was accepted by GB and an appeal was made to carry it out further to the succeeding office bearers.
  - h) 10 managing committee meetings were held in which a media cell was formed consisting of the news reporters and editors of the local and state wide daily news papers to give publicity and educate regarding the eye care and social activity of KOS activities.
  - i) MC also appointed a legal advisor Mr Ramadas, his services were appreciated by GB and a memento was given in appreciation and was suggested to continue for another 3 years and GB accepted. Proposed by Dr M M Joshi and seconded by Dr Ravi Nadiger.
  - j) An Objection to Private Nursing Home Act of Government of Karnataka, published during Feb 2009 in the Gazette was filed at the Office of Commissioner, Health and Family Welfare Department to get a stay for the act.
  - k) The act did not contain specific rules and requirements of an Eye Hospital. It prescribes same fees for clinics at both big and small cities. In the present form, Private Eye Hospitals will be put to much inconvenience, hence, the decision was taken.
  - l) KOS also attended the problems faced by the Nippani-Chillodi Ophthalmologists because of the unqualified persons practicing. This was effectively dealt with through the S.P. Of Belgaum, Mrs Sonia Narang. The further telephonic conversation was tried by the President and could not be established. Hence it was considered that the matter was settled.

m) Renewal of Rs 30 lakhs fixed deposit at SBM Katriguppe Bank, Bangalore, matured on 23rd July 2009, fixed deposit was transferred to Vijaya Bank, Davangere.

n) IT Returns file has been submitted for the present financial year and a copy was sent to all members along with Chakshu (July issue) for reference. An expert opinion was obtained from the concerned regarding the status of the Society under Income Tax Act.

The Senior Tax Consultants in Bangalore have opined that the present condition of KOS finance attracts income tax for all forms of income. Hence to claim exemption to register KOS under particular sections of IT act 12 AA and in form 10 A to commissioner for grant. Registration is a pre-requisite for the purpose of claiming exemption u/s of 11 of IT Act.

o) Now our Society is registered as Association of Persons (AOP), where in any income is taxable. Hence it needs to be amended to as trust. Succeeding treasurer to discuss the matter with auditor and take further necessary steps. Proposed by Dr Madhav Honnatti, seconded by Dr Sridhar

p) The website of KOS <http://www.kos-eye.org> being maintained by Dr Sai Giridhar Kamath, Mangalore. [kosfree@yahoo.com](mailto:kosfree@yahoo.com) – MC requests every member to subscribe and use it effectively for communication. Dr Sirish Nelvigi desired the KOS free email group contents should be censored before forwarding to the members. Though it is desirable, since less than 10% of the KOS members have access of the KOS 1300 members, it was continued in the present form. However Dr M R Honnatti explained already there is an official group and other general free group.

q) We have tried to send quarterly KOS News letters detailing the course of events, running under the umbrella of KOS. It was requested to the succeeding office bearers to continue.

4) Chakshu: Two issues of Chakshu were brought successfully by the editor, Dr Sathya Kakade. However, certain delay in the payment by the sponsors for the advertisements is noted. A remainder has been sent by the editor for those of the sponsors who have failed to pay for the advertisements yet.

Chakshu finance was discussed in detail. As it needs 5 lakhs per year for printing 4 issues. As present recurring income of our FD and all other sources is approximately 4 lakhs, which needs to cover the expenses of Chakshu and all other KOS activities. As this is not adequate, many alternate arrangements were discussed. Ultimately GB decided to continue publishing Chakshu. Dr Rajashekar of Shekar Nethralaya, Bangalore, offered his help for the resources. Hence GB decided to appoint him in the editorial board of Chakshu. Proposed by Dr Santhan Gopal and seconded by Dr Umesh G S

5) Treasurer's report was read by Dr B H Manjunath, and was accepted. The points which arose during the discussion of the report were Rs 11.75 lakhs is shown under liabilities in the balance sheet ending Nov 2009, Dr Ravi Nadiger wanted explanation. Dr Prakash V Suranagi, secretary, KOS replied it is due to avoiding income tax.

6) Scientific Committee Convener, Dr H M Ravindranath's report was read and accepted by the GB. Dr H M Ravindranath, Scientific Committee Convener, honored the organising secretaries of all the 15 CMEs held during 2008-09 by offering a memento in the GB.

7) In response to the natural disaster, flood, which ruined the life of many families across the state, especially in North Karnataka, KOS MC decided to send an appeal to the members and was so sent from the secretariat during oct 2009.

8) AIOC 2008 financial reports were presented by Organizing Secretary, Dr Santhan Gopal and accepted by GB. Proposed by Dr Khobre, seconded by Dr Ram Mohan Rao. Dr Santhan Gopal, informed GB about his desire to contest for the post of Editor IJO in the next AIOS election and requested the support by KOS and its members for his success in the election. President KOS, promised all the help and co-operation for the success in the election of Dr Santhan Gopal.

9) For the KOS members of 70 years and above, should be offered honorary registration at Conference. However it is compulsory for them to register in advance. Proposed by Dr Sathyajit Sinha and seconded by Dr Surya Prakash.

10) Dr T K Ramesh and Dr Kumar discussed problems faced in the reimbursement of the insured patients. Insurance companies are blamed of playing role to reduce the surgical fees by unethical means.

11) District Representatives of the respective societies already affiliated to KOS, were invited to all the MC meetings held and consulted. Another district society has been affiliated under the KOS- Udupi District Ophthalmic Society formed on 16th Sep 2009. The new affiliated, Udupi District Ophthalmic Society was represented by Dr K Krishnaprasad.

12) Election of new MC Members, the members for the posts are as follows:

- President: Dr V S Reddy, Bangalore
- President Elect: Dr C N Gupta, Bangalore, proposed by Dr G V Divakar, seconded by Dr Jyothi Shetty
- Vice President: Dr Rama Mohan Rao, Mangalore, proposed by Dr M S Ravindra, seconded by Dr Sathyamurthy
- Secretary: Dr Krishna Rao, Manipal, proposed by Dr Krishnaprasad K, seconded by Dr Venkatasubramanyam
- Joint Secretary: Dr Venkatasubramanyam, proposed by Dr Krishna Rao, seconded by Dr K Krishnaprasad
- Convenor Scientific Committee: Dr H M Ravindranath, to continue, proposed by Dr Sathyamurthy, seconded by Dr P Rajashekar
- Editor Chakshu: Dr Prashanth C N, Ambedkar Medical College, Bangalore, proposed by Dr Sathya Kakade, seconded by Dr Prakash V Suranagi
- Treasurer: Dr Manjunath to continue, accepted by GB

13) The General Body appreciated the outgoing office bearers lead by Dr Mohan S Nadiger, for the work done in the previous year

Dr Prakash V Suranagi  
Secretary

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