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Notice

I am under the directive of the Executive Council of the Indian Association of Clinical Psychologists (IACP) to issue notice hereunder to the effect that the 48thAnnual General Body meeting of the IACP will be held online on 12th February 2022 at 3:30 PM- 6:00 PM. Link will be shared by the Gen Secretary. Members desirous of proposing any amendment to the Rules and Regulations of the Indian Association of Clinical Psychologists or bringing any resolution for consideration by the General Body shall propose the same in writing as per Rules and Regulations of the Indian Association of Clinical Psychologists. The agendas for the Annual General Body meeting:

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- Reading and adoption of the Hon. Editor's report 7.
- Reporting the activities from the Zonal, State and Regional branches
- 9. Reports of the subcommittees
- 10. Release of Ethics Guidelines
- 11. Award Committee Report and Announcements of Award for the year 2022-23
- 12. Presentation of the audited statement of accounts of 47th NACIACP-2021 by the organizing committee
- 13. Renewal of registration of the association
- 14. Amendment of Constitution
- 15. Fixing the date and venue of the next general body meeting and Annual Conference
- 16. Future plan and programs

Any other matter with the permission of the chair

Signed for and on behalf of the EC of IACP

(Dr. Manoj K Bajaj)

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Hon. Gen. Secretary

Date: 12 January, 2022

Note: GB Notice is also available on the www.iacp.in

Enclosed: Minutes of the 47th AGB Meeting.

Minutes of the 47th Annual General Body Meeting held Online on 29 May 2021.

47.0.0: Members attended the Meeting Online.

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- 14. Future plan and programs: Office space for IACP, Revision of EC members TA, Reviving of Young scientist award and Revision of award money, Professional Membership to Ph. D, APA, or any other International applicant.
- 15. Any other matter with the permission of the chair
- **47.0.2** The Hon. Gen. Secretary invited the President to declare the 47th Annual GB open, and the President IACP called the meeting open at 4:00PM with the welcome note.
- **47.0.3 Condolence resolution**: Mr. K Vigneshwar (PLM-525/12/17), Prof. S. S.Nathawat (F-11), Ms. Lovepreen Kaur (PLM-349/07/10), Dr. Aditya Kumar (F-63), Dr. D P Sen Mazumdar (F-56), Dr. Rattan Singh (F-42) and Dr PM Mathew (F-95). President IACP, read out the condolence message, and the house observed two minutes silence.
- **47.1.1 Agenda**: The circulated agenda was read by the Hon. Gen. Secretary (Dr Manoj Kumar Bajaj). The agenda was adopted. It was proposed by Dr Vibha Sharma and seconded by Dr Amool Ranjan.
- **47.1.2** Confirmation of the minutes of the proceedings of the last Annual General Body Meeting: The minutes of the last GB meeting were read out by the Hon. Gen. Secretary (Dr. Manoj K Bajaj). Dr Sengar raised the issue of correcting the statement in the circulated minutes at 46.1.6 "managing the deficits himself", as he has not said it. Gen Secretary ensured that it was the same statement given by him, and it was recorded as it is. If any member who was present in the last GB meeting in Chandigarh can say that he has not said this statement then it will be modified. Further, the statement was confirmed by the Dr G S Kaloiya and Mr Ved Prakash Maurya that Dr Sengar made this statement. Dr Manroranjan Sahay objected to the President that when Zonal members are in session, how the proceedings of AGBM can commence. President responded that secretary was asked to start the meeting at 4:30 PM instead of 4:00 PM. Dr Sahay again objected that it is not the EC to decide, it is a GB meeting, and no scientific sessions should be running while GB is commenced. President confirmed that we had taken the pause, and now zonal EC members have joined the meeting. The circulated minutes were adopted, proposed by Dr Baswarajapa and seconded by Dr Jamuna R.
- **47.1.3 Action taken on the minutes**: The Hon. Gen. Secretary, Dr. Manoj K Bajaj presented the report of action taken on the minutes. Gen Secretary presented that many actions were taken by the IACP during this period like releasing of Position Statement in the public interest for the awareness about the clinical psychologist as Mental Health Professional, its training and

licensing, acts preventing illegal practice by quacks, courses/workshops which falsely claims to make people qualified to practice as Clinical Psychologists, etc. Representations were sent to RCI, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Principal Secretaries, and various other Institutions. Plea to form separate council and removal of the category of behavioral health scientist was not given due importance. However, there is an exemption for Clinical Psychologists as they are already covered in the RCI Act and MHCA 2017. Criteria for the SLD percentage and test remained the same but inclusion of psychiatrist was enforced by the Govt. for certification board without affecting the member position of Clinical Psychologist in the board. Membership Drive was led by the membership Committee: A total number of 135 Members were elected during this period. Fellow-9, PLM-78, LAM-43 (Including the memberships due from the previous year). Regular communication was done with all the regional branches of IACP; zonal representatives under All India Council members who were assigned the responsibility to prepare the SOPs. A series of meetings were organized with the Editor and Journal committee members. Due to delay in transfer of Editor Office and Covid pandemicthe Journal 2020 March issue released in late December. The September 2020 issue is ready and sent for printing to be dispatched to all members. We have been working on this issue since February 2020. The detailed report will be presented by the Editor. IACP financially supported the publication of IJCP March Issue as per EC decision. Issues of Professional Membership were discussed. The Constitution committee presented the amendments at Dehradun Conference in May 2019, and it was approved by the GB too. This is a priority issue, and the office is actively working on it to resolve it. The house deliberated on various issues, Dr Sahay enquired for the "The National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professional Act" what initiative was taken by the IACP. President informed that we made a detailed representation to the respective authorities, but our request was declined, and we were asked whether we would like to be part of the Act, we declined to be part of the Act. Dr Sahay offered his house as the address of IACP till he was alive. President politely refused as it involved a lot of communications of IACP, we may need the permanent office of IACP. Prof Zaidi suggested following the correct procedure to suggest the changes in the Recruitment Rules for the posts of Clinical Psychologists. President acknowledged his suggestions.

Dr Manoranjay Sahay proposed and Dr Baswarajapa seconded the action taken report to be adopted.

47.1.4 Reading and adoption of the Hon. Gen. Secretary's report: Hon Gen Secretary presented the Annual report of the IACP.

The annual report included the various initiatives were taken by the IACP during 2020-21. House deliberated on multiple issues. Dr Sahay asked about the Ethical Committee report is lingering on as this has been pending since last eight years. Till we have our own Ethics & Guidelines, we should use RCI guidelines. President informed that the committee has been working on it, and there are many professional and other developments which have taken place, so we want to have detailed guidelines for our fraternity. Members asked to fix the timeline to finalized the report and submit in next three months. President ensured that Ethics Committee Report would be finalized it in next three month and submit to the EC for approval. Dr Baswarajapa enquired about the Constitution Amendments status. Gen Secretary informed that Constitution Amendments were not submitted because of the lack of proper papers as the permanent address of IACP is not available. As per the Societies Act we are working for the same on priority basis. Dr Zaidi suggested that the independent committee should conduct IACP Elections as in other associations is being done. Dr Sam Manickam commented that EC of IACP, Hon Gen Sec under the President ship of Dr Kalpana has done a good work during Covid pandemic and suggested that IACP should have taken the lead. Dr Sam informed the GB that we had lost one more fellow member Dr PM Mathew (Fellow Member), during this period; we should also add the name in the

agenda of condolences (added). He further added that conference activity should also be added in the report. Constitution of amendments he said that this needs to be circulated to members for their comments before sending them to Registrar Societies for approval. Dr Shweta clarified that role of the disaster management committee should be highlighted in the report. Dr Jamuna emphasized that only an M.Phil in Clinical Psychology should be considered as a Professional membership of IACP in response to the Ph.D in Clinical Psychology to be considered as a Professional member of IACP. Dr Naveen Grover asked, why the report of the Gen Secretary has not clearly mentioned of the issues raised in the iacpmember group, and letters were shared in the groups. There were many allegations and accusations by the EC members on the other EC members. These allegations were related to the past elections, financial embezzlements etc. What action EC has taken that should come in the report. Whether EC constituted any fact-finding committee to inquire whether these allegations and accusations were true or false?

President responded to the queries raised by the members; in view of these allegations and acquisitions in the members' group, senior members suggested resolving the issue, and EC constituted the committee involving the four senior members (Dr Manoranjan Sahay, Dr Baswrajappa, Dr B L Dubey and Dr SPK Jena) under the agenda of conflict resolutions. Conclusions from the EC meeting can be added to the report. Dr Naveen Grover said that these were not conflicts; these were allegations and accusations of serious nature and were shared in the groups with facts. These were related to the existence of the IACP and the constitutional crisis. Dr Jamuna supported the points of Dr Naveen Grover that these should be clearly mentioned in the report. Dr Thiyam Kiran Singh supported that it should be mentioned in the report. Mr Ved Prakash Maurya brought to the notice of GB, many issues which are not yet resolved. Senior members asked to solve these and have a series of meetings and verify the facts in a transparent manner. Award guidelines were not followed, and the constitution has to be followed strictly. Dr Naveen Grover said the report should mention all these issues, and "I sent eight emails to Gen Secretary asking the same that whether these allegations and accusations are cleared or not as this was in the members' group but no response received".

After a lot of discussion President reiterated that it will be mentioned as in view of these allegations and accusations discussed in the IACP member groups. Senior members suggested resolving the issue on priority basis, and EC constituted the committee involving the four senior members under the agenda of conflict resolutions. Conclusions from the EC meeting can be added to the report. President commented allegations cannot be part of annual report. The conclusion of meeting can be endorsed which was highlighted by senior members that EC should function in cohesive manner for 7-8 months till the next election

Dr Neha asked that why IACP is not considering the Professional membership for the candidate who has done their Ph.D in Clinical Psychology from CIP, it is as per the constitution of IACP, which mentioned Ph. D in clinical psychology as per the pattern of NIMHANS. Dr Jamuna emphasized that we cannot go against the law of the land. Dr Zaidi suggested that IACP should bring the amendments in the qualifications for professional membership. Dr Preeti Gupta said she could be given the Professional membership as per IACP constitution as she had done her Ph.D before the MHCAct 2016. Dr Baswarajapa emphasized that we should stick to the RCI criteria as Clinical psychologist. Dr L N Suman said Ph.D is a Research Degree which can be obtained from anywhere, so we should not create confusion with M.Phil degree which is required to become Clinical Psychologist. Dr Laxmi Narayan said we should restrict to the M.Phil degree need not to discuss further as Dr Jamuna has said.

President concluded that we need to revise the criteria as per constitutional amendments. This has to be brought as a resolution to be adopted by the GB. Dr G S Kaloiya said it doesn't matter whether we change our constitution or not, as it has come as law, the section

of the constitution becomes invalid when there is a law; no one can sue us on that ground. Mr Rithvik enquired that what about the Psy. D and PDCP. They have been given license by the RCI. Dr Jamuna stated that Mental Health Care Act clearly mentioned M.Phil in Clinical Psychology, so adhere to that only. President emphasized amendment of the constitution is required, GB has to resolve that only M.Phil Clinical Psychology is the qualification for the professional membership. Dr Rakesh Jain said denying the membership will be unconstitutional as per the Societies Act. Dr Sam MAnickam said we cannot do the constitutional amendments in this GB as per the constitution. Dr Masroor Jahan said we can not violate the rules and regulations given in the IACP. Constitution amendments to be done as per the procedure, but membership to be given as per rules of IACP; otherwise, anyone go to the court and the court will ask for the IACP constitution to be followed. Gen Secretary clarified that court will go with the RCI Act and MHC Act only. Dr Jamuna said we are not denying membership, they can take associate membership, but for professional membership, they have to be M.Phil. Dr E D Joseph stated that we need to do the constitutional amendments as per the procedure given in the constitution. Dr Vibha Sharma said we have to follow the IACP rules for giving membership of the association. Dr S P K Jena said MHC Act should be followed; we need to make the amendments as per the procedure by the constitution amendment committee. Regarding issue of meeting with senior members, the issue yet to be discussed as it is not over. Dr Sahay said we are diverting from the agenda as this was to adopt the Gen Secretary Report. Dr Sahay further clarified whether Tele-counseling comes under the ethical issue of confidentiality he referred to one of his client from USA. President clarified Tele counseling is more dedicated like a face to face therapy, whereas a helpline is for psychological support. Dr Jashobanta asked "who is clinical psychologist" we need to define, and follow the MHC Act. Dr Sam read the constitutional amendment procedure. President mentioned it is 6;24 pm we have many things to discuss. Dr Shalini Anant said we should be more focused on competency. After a lot of discussion President instructed to decide this issue through voting. Dr Sahay said this is not the agenda; let us discuss it under any other matter with the permission of the chair. The report of the General Secretary was proposed by Dr Manoranjan Sahay and same was seconded by Dr Laxmi Narayan.

47.1.5 Reading & adoption of the Hon. Treasurer's report & audited statement of accounts: Hon Treasurer (Mr Ved Prakash Maurya) presented the Treasurer Report and Audit report of IACP account. Treasurer Informed that due to Covid Pandemic Auditor has lost his immediate family member recently hence, the signature of the Auditor is not obtained. Auditor has assured that once the situation is better signature formality will be completed. House deliberated on various issues. Prof Zaidi asked for the FD amount and current account balance. Treasurer informed around 33 lacs Rs is in saving account and 30 lacs in FD. Prof Zaidi suggested that we should not keep the huge amount in the current account. We should make the FD of the amount immediately for security reasons. Dr E D Joseph also suggested to go for making the FD. Hon Treasurer responded that we need to get the approval of the GB for same. Dr Baswarajapa also suggested making the FD as soon as possible, considering the high rates of cyber fraud these days. Dr G S Kaloiya suggested that GB can resolve that more than five lacs total remaining amount should be obtained in FD. It was resolved with the action taken by the Hon Treasurer to make the FD of the amount exceeding five lacs which is not linked with the account rather physical form. Treasurer will get the report signed by the auditor and details of the auditor should be shared with members. Dr Sahay asked to decide amount of impress money Hon Treasure can keep, amount of impressed money Hon Gen Secretary can keep. We have paid more than two lacs Rs as tax. We need to hire a place for the office of the IACP in Delhi and hire an accountant to save our money. President informed we have already an agenda to hire the office in Delhi in this meeting. We must spend the money on welfare activities. Prof Zaidi proposed, and Dr E D Joseph seconded to adopt the report.

- **47.1.6 Reading and adoption of the Hon. Editor's report:** Hon Editor, Dr Tej Bahadur Singh faced some technical issues in joining the meeting, so the Gen Secretary was asked by the President to read the report on behalf of the Editor. Dr Sam asked that Editor Report is not having an audit report. So, President can take a call whether it should be presented or not. Prof Zaidi said if it is a financial report and it should be audited. Hon Treasurer said that the Editor Report can be presented as it is related to the Editorial office. Audited finances can be presented later. President asked the Gen Secretary to present on his behalf, but it will not be adopted. Gen Secretary read the Editor's report of his tenor August 2020- May 2021, which included-
 - Total Three Journal Committee meetings have been conducted till date
 - Minutes are regularly communicated to IACPEC
 - All issues related to IJCP are discussed, finalized and implemented as per the decision taken in the Journal Committee,
 - To ensure Indexing of IJCP IN PUBMED, PSYCHO-INFO, SCOPUS, quarterly publication of IJCP is compulsorily required.
 - Hence as per a unanimous agreement, this year, four issues (Vol.48) of IJCP will be published; Accordingly Price and Advertisement tariff has also been revised; all related details are published in IJCP Vol.47, 1.
 - Plagiarism as per UGC prescribed norms is maximum, 10 %,
 - Plagiarism % in contributed 90% manuscripts for publication ranges between 25 to 55%
 - A few manuscripts are finalized after 4th check,
 - Editors have made a sincere effort to publish all articles in IJCP only after a thorough review of the manuscripts and Plagiarism check
 - IJCP September 2020 issue is in the press, likely to be printed within a week after opening up of lockdown,
 - Non-receipt of the journal by members are acknowledged; Editor will ensure that all the members receive printed Journal as soon as the same is published,
 - There is an option available to choose between the Electronic version and the Print version; members can opt for and express their choice to the Editor as soon as possible. This will save a lot of finances of our Association
 - Finances: August 2020 to May 2021

Income-

175000/- Financial support from IACP 123360/- Journal Subscriptions Total Income= 298360/-

Expenditure-

170000/- Payment to printer 3000/- Courier charges 2000/- Stationary Total expenses- 175000/-**Balance-** Rs. 123360/-

Dr Sahay asked that why Editor Report was accepted on suggestions of some GB members in the Dehradun GB where the Editor was not present to present the report. Dr S P K Jena informed we have been doing audit twice and spending more money. He suggested having a common audit rather than having a separate audit and spending money of the association. Gen Secretary also emphasized that as per Societies Act, we need to have a consolidated Audit of all accounts of the society, and ITR is being filed including all accounts of the association currently. Hon Treasurer can have a consolidated presentation of the IACP accounts. The Editor will have to submit the income and expenditure to the Hon Treasurer. Dr E D Joseph supported Dr SP K Jena's suggestion. Dr Prashanta Roy appreciated the efforts of Hon Editor publishing the IJCP issue and making four issues in a year. Indexing

should be done in order to have online access and suggested that reviewer names should not be given and should be kept blind. Dr Zaidi stated that it should be double-blinding, and Dr Jamuna suggested having permission from the reviewer before publishing their names. Dr Sahay said that recently in one journal, he found that names of the reviewer were given in that journal. A list of reviewers can be published annually, and they should be acknowledged. The authors whose paper gets rejected cannot know who has reviewed from the list. Dr Baswarajapa suggested that Editorial Board should be kept small and work for the quality of the journal. Prof Zaidi suggested that we should have a wide editorial board to have a wider reach. Dr S P K Jena Suggested having international reviewers to improve the quality at the international level. Dr Sam appreciated the Editor for making four issues in a year as many more will get the chance to publish. If possible previous issues should be made online. After deliberation President assured that all suggestions are welcome, and we will take care of these suggestions. We have already started, and we are working to make IJCP online with Wolter for publications.

- 47.1.7 Reporting the activities from the Zonal, State and Regional branches: West Bengal, Kerala, Malabar and Delhi regional branch reports were received which were presented by the Secretaries of the respective regional branches. Dr Priyanka presented the report from West Bengal, and Dr Biji from Kerala presented a comprehensive report; Gen Secretary and President complimented them for good work. Dr Shweta Singh presented the activities briefly from UP Branch. Dr Shweta asked for the SOPs for the functioning of the regional branches. Gen Secretary informed that IACP Zonal members are assigned the responsibility for developing the SOPs; hopefully, it will be available soon. Dr Sam, informed that guidelines are available. If we are changing anything in that, we need to have the constitutional amendments. There is no need to frame these again. President stated that Gen Secretary would share the details if these are not available. Dr Sahay enquired from the Gen Secretary what about Kerala and Malabar branch merger. Gen Secretary informed that we had received the suggestions from both the branches and they are willing to work together on this issue. They have asked us to form a committee of senior persons neutral to both the branch to have the discussion and further decision. Dr Rushi presented the report from Delhi Branch. President appreciated the efforts of all the regional branches. The discussion on agenda was concluded by the President requesting the regional branches to submit their report in advance to be summarized by the Gen Secretary. Dr Sahay Inquired about Zonal Branches, and Gen Secretary informed that we have state branches and regional branches but not zonal branches. President said we have to discuss in a focused manner, it is 8:30 we cannot sit here till midnight. Dr ED Joseph stated that senior members need to be exempted from CRE points for renewal. Prof Zaidi informed that senior citizen are already exempted by the RCI to collect the 100 CRE points, however, they need to apply for the renewal of the registration.
- **47.1.8 Reports of the sub-committees: IACP Psychotherapy Supervision Guidelines were released.** President and Gen Secretary appreciated the team of the taskforce for their timely submission of the guidelines, which were much awaited. Dr Aneesha Shah, Dr. Paulomi M. Sudhir, Dr Kalpana Srivastava, Dr Geetanjali, Dr Biswajit Dey and Dr Manoj K Bajaj for the much awaited document on supervision.

Dr Dherandra Kumar presented the report of the **Tele-counseling committee** for running and maintaining the IACP helpline during the Covid pandemic. Team efforts of (Dr Dherandra, Ms Shweta Sharma, Dr Vikas Sharma, Dr Nitin Anand, Mr Ved Prakash Maurya and Dr Manoj Kumar Bajaj) all committee members were appreciated by the President and Gen Secretary.

Membership committee done a good job, a total no of 135 memberships were given during this period. Mr Ashok Patel and the team of the membership committee deserve the appreciation.

- **47.1.9 Awards Committee Report and Announcements of Award for the year 2022:** Award committee submitted and announced the Psycho-oration award to Dr Prashanta Roy to be presented in next conference. The rest of the nominations were rejected due to ineligibility as per award guidelines as per constitution.
- **47.1.10** Presentation of the audited statement of accounts of 46th NACIACP-2020 by the organizing committee: Dr Manoj Kumar Bajaj, Organizing Secretary, informed that 46th NACIACP was a successful conference in terms of academic deliberations as well as organization. More than 600 delegates attended the conference. The surplus amount of Rs 5, 80159/- was deposited to the IACP account. This is in the record that none of the organizing committee of any conference in the past has deposited this much amount to IACP. This became possible because of the direct supervision of then Gen Secretary Dr G S Kaloiya and supervision of the EC. President appreciated that it was a well-organized conference and deserved much appreciation to the organizing secretary and his team.
- **47.1.11Constitution Amendments:** President informed that since no resolution is received and GB has already discussed the matter, no more discussion is required.
- 47.1.12Fixing the date and venue of the next Annual General Body Meeting and Annual Conference: Three proposals were received from SGT University Gurugram, TNACP and Cadabams Bangaluru. Hon Treasurer objected that TNACP could not organize as this is not an institute; also, one association cannot host another association conference; moreover, TNACP is not associated with IACP till date. Dr Suresh said then how Chandigarh conference was hosted, as we have not found any institute name. Gen Secretary responded that previously also the conference was hosted like Dr Dhanpal hosted the conference. But, if TNACP is hosting the conference, I have a strong objection. President said they are also the clinical psychologist that is not a problem. Dr Kaloiya said association cannot sublet the by another association. Dr Jamuna said yes, it is for the Madurai. Then, President said this is valid point please come forward and asked Dr Suresh to present his view, and he confirmed that if TNACP is the problem then I can take the responsibility as a member of IACP to host the conference at Madurai. Ms Renuka B H from Cadabams asked to present her proposal, when she was presenting the proposal, Dr Jamuna said we cannot give the conference to bunch of clinical psychologists; Cadabams is not a training institute. President said let us decide by voting because there is difference of opinion, we have got three proposals. President, asked Mr Rithvik to start the poll for keeping three options. Dr Sam Manickam asked that whether this conference will be virtual of physical. President responded that it will be decided at that time, considering the status of Pandemic. Dr Sahay, Dr Baswarajappa and President said Madurai is the good option and venue for the conference. Dr Jena also supported that Madurai will be a good decision.

Then Gen Secretary said let it will be decided by the voting. Mr Rithvik was asked to make the three options. 1. Dr N Suresh Kumar Madurai, 2. Cadabams and 3. SGT University. For one minute, voting was held, and the result was 26/42 for TNACP, 8/42 for SGT and 6/42 for Cadabams. Dr Thiyam Kiran asked to present his proposal to host the conference in Mizoram, which was answered by the President that we need to submit the proposal in advance in writing. Gen Secretary again corrected that it is for the Madurai not for the TNACP as it was written TNCP in polling option. President said we are sitting in the Curfew zone and hailstorm, my office is open its 8:49pm. President asked Gen Secretary to move on the next agenda.

47.1.13 Future Plan and Programs:

a. **Office space for the IACP.** Gen Secretary apprises the GB that IACP Office is required at the registered location of the same state for further action on the constitutional amendments and for the other related matters of the association. President brought to the notice of GB few suggestions. 1. Lease out the office in any complex located in Delhi – that may require a person as caretaker and the office and may require some expenditure on a

regular basis. The second option is to buy the property of IACP for office. Dr Sam Manickam informed that this had been discussed in the past also; the cost is very high to buy any property in Delhi. Members may be asked to donate as some overseas members have shown their interest in the donation. That corpus fund may be used for buying the property. Finally, after a lot of discussion it was decided that first, IACP office may be taken on lease in probably in Govt Complex then, we may move ahead for buying our own property.

- b. Travel fare revision for EC members: Gen Secretary informed that EC has deliberated to revise the ceiling amount of Rs.10000/- to economy class to attend the EC meeting and accommodation to be provided by the organizer of the EC meeting. Dr Sahay suggested financial matters should be discussed thoroughly before finalizing. Mr Rithvik suggested an online platform; Dr ED Joseph also suggested opting for an online platform. President suggested that accommodation cannot be provided by the organizer rather they should be given some contingency as it has been decided in the past meetings as well. Two physical meetings are required at least in a year as per the constitution. Dr G S Kaloiya suggested having the limit of Rs15000/- to and fro fair, and tickets should be booked at least 15 days in advance. Hon Treasurer suggested that it should be Rs 15000/- if less than actual. So, the limit of Rs 15000/- was decided and approved by the GB in which tickets needs to be booked in advance in economy class, if the amount is less than should be reimbursed as per actual.
- **c. Award Money revision:** President brought to the notice of GB that award money is very less and we should increase it to at least Rs 3000/- or Rs. 5000/- a respectful amount. Members suggested that the Young scientist award be started again and a lifetime achievement award be given. Dr Sahay suggested that corpus money of the Award should be increased to pay for the award money. Gen Secretary suggested that we can ask the Award committee to submit their recommendations so that same can be presented to GB for approval. All agreed to the suggestion of Gen Secretary.
- **d. Foreign membership:** Gen Secretary informed that we have been receiving the applications from the foreign nationals for membership; we need to decide that if we accept the membership, how we can receive the foreign money in the association account as it requires FCRA approval. Dr Sahay suggested that earlier we can have the Equivalence committee for deciding the qualification for membership, so this committee can evaluate and recommend to EC. Dr Prashanta Roy suggested that we should register for the FCRA to get more visibility internationally as we will have overseas members. Dr Sam clarified that we can take the money in the IACP account without any trouble as it is a membership fee, not a donation. Dr GS Kaloiya confirmed that you may take money in your individual account, but in the society accounts cannot be done without FCRA. President suggested that foreign membership issue is not simple issue and it has to be deliberated. President again emphasized that we have a very important issue to be deliberated. Let us move to next agenda which is important and it is sent by Ex Editor.

47.2.1 Any other matter with the permission of the Chair:

President asked the Gen Secretary to discuss the issue of Ex Editor as we are sitting for long for this very important matter to be resolved.

- **a. Ex Editor Issue:** Gen Secretary asked the President that before we start the discussion on this issue. Hon Gen Sec asked that I need 10 minutes to present the details. Gen Secretary was allowed by the President. Gen Secretary presented a PPT with supporting facts, and the following were the main points:
- 1. Appointment of Editor and correspondence between Ex Editor Dr Sengar and Editor, Office and President.
- 2. Non Transfer of Journal Account to New Editor.
- 3. Closing the Journal Account without EC approval and Knowledge of Office.
- 4. Not disclosing to the EC and GB about receiving money from Indian Journal.com

- 5. Advertisement Money not depositing to IACP account as per the constitution of IACP.
- 6. Account transactions form Feb, 2020 to May, 2020 without authority after relieving from the Editor post.
- 7. Not conducting the Journal committee meetings and not taking approvals from the EC for expenditures such as printing and not being in correspondence with the Office of IACP.
- 8. Online sale of the IJCP journal and not taking action against the agency, and showing ignorance, whereas Ex Editor remained in regular contact with the agency and receiving money as per MoU only. Providing free soft copies to the agency and receiving articles for publications from them. (175 articles received).
- 9. Mismatch in Audit Report and Account statements (Confirmed by the CA).
- 10. After adjustment of the advertisement money, the difference of amount Rs. 190729/to be paid by him as no bills were available to support the expenditure, and he
 should make apologies for his behavior to the GB. If he fails to do so, GB may take
 the decision to issue the legal notice to him.

Dr Sahay said when he was asked in the Chandigarh GB, how he will meet the deficits of Rs 59000/-, he has taken half an hour to respond and finally declared that he will pay from his pocket.

Dr Sengar was asked to present his views. He responded that during his tenor of 8 years, total receipts were 1234910.00 Rs, and expenditure was Rs1152458.00. Remaining 82452.00 Rs in which DD of Rs 80500 and remaining parcel charges were made and gave the description of the money spent. He has not received a single rupee in his personal account. I have presented the all details in Editor Report and Audit report in EC as well as in GB meetings. GB applauded me for the self-sustenance and improving the quality of the journal every time. No single rupee from the IACP account was demanded during these eight years of my editorship. I have spend nearly 90000/- for the taxi, autowala charges, to visit printer etc., during eight years which I have not claimed and also demanded to reimburse the Rs 20000/- or actual for attending the EC meeting in Chandigarh in March 2021.

Dr G S Kaloiya asked to present the reply point wise. Dr Sahay also supported that Editor should reply as per the points raised.

Dr Sengar replied as per the points raised-

- 1. On reply to the transfer of office, his reply was, he has not received any email communication as it was sent to his other email id, and it was not functional. Transfer of office could not take place due to covid restrictions.
- 2. I closed the account as per set practice as the past Editors were used to do. Further, the constitution says Editor will open the account for the journal. Account could not be transferred online as there were some issues in the merger of Indian bank and Allahabad Bank.
- 3. I have always mentioned the amount received from the subscribers in the Editor report and in the Auditor report.
- 4. Advertisement money was received in the Journal account and was spent on the journal printing.
- 5. Regarding the discrepancy, there is no discrepancy in the reports.
- 6. Regarding money received from the Indianjournal, I was not aware of the MoU; when I found the MoU, I immediately terminated and did not further renew to continue. MoU was done by the previous Editor, I was not sent the documents in the transfer of Editor's office by the previous Editor Dr S P K Jena.
- 7. No articles were received by me from indianjournal.com for publication.
- 8. Regarding the difference in the bills. These were considered only registered post. They have not added the postal charges for the ordinary post. It was Rs 2,20784/-

whereas it was considered Rs 89000/-. I have already stated that all the remaining money Rs 110000/- was sent to the Dr Zaidi in the form of DDs, and later it was revalidated and sent to the Gen Secretary, which he has confirmed that it is received.

I want that GB should take the decision to close the matter and end this humiliation here and now

Dr Jamuna asked why an editor has been allowed for eight years. Whatever he has done, he has done in his individual capacity and sustained the journal for eight years. Now, we should appreciate him for his dedicated work.

Dr Rakesh Jain asked to present his views which are as follows:

- 1. He responded that he himself has taken the cognizance about the sale of journal articles by Indianjournal.com. Dr Rakesh Jain said he has submitted the petition to IACP Office regarding online sale of the Journal on 20th July 2020. I reported in writing about Diva enterprises in my petition. I was responded by the office in a language which I cannot say here. This is my grievance to IACP office.
- 2. Editor report and Audit report was every year presented by the Editor in the AGB, and it was applauded by the GB members.
- 3. Editor should be given the written appreciation.

Dr S P K Jena replied to the queries and he stated that signing of the agreement was well discussed in the GB meeting of that time, the report of the same is available with me, But Editor was receiving the money as per MoU, why didn't he enquired. All the papers were handed over to the Editor at that time; nothing was left with me. Journal is not a Pvt limited company. Journals were not received even after letters were written to the Editor; even then, Institutions were not receiving the journal, he didn't reply to the communications. As a Editor he violated his duty; he was not present in the GB meeting in Dehradun.

Dr Rani Srivastava responded that she didn't receive the journal, when Dr Jena was the Editor, but during these last eight years, she regularly received the journals. It could be some problem in delivery. She said she agrees with Dr Jamuna people are not recognizing the contribution only painting him black. It has been happening in last 2 years we are using bad language in whatsapp and mail. We are mental health professionals we have to take care of our mental health first. We should use proper language. She supported Dr Jamuna points that why he was allowed to function as Editor for eight years. Dr Rani Srivastava objected that why Editor has been considered as case here, he is being referred as case by the Dr G S Kaloiya. Dr Kaloiya objected and clarified that I have not used the word case and recording is there you can check, he clarified that I asked to reply points-wise.

Dr Sam Manickam asked the President to let the GB members discuss this issue; EC members should not be allowed. Those who are in EC have already discussed in EC so let GB members discuss.

Prof Zaidi stated that closing the account/ opening the account is taken seriously, and Editor should have used his common sense and to discuss the issue of account transfer with EC before taking any decision. At the end of his career, we should not spoil his career, and irregularities should be examined. Gen Secretary has no capacity to issue the notice without President Consent. I think we should close the matter and move forward, which is in the best interest of the association as well as Ex Editor.

Dr Sahay presented his points that Dr S K Verma remained the Editor of IJCP for more than eight years, and there was no controversy, but here are a lot of controversies which is not good for the association. Journal was on online sale, and no cognizance was taken of any financial embezzlement, which is not acceptable.

Hon Treasurer informed that some points are few points left in the Gen secretary presentation, Audit report, Account statements and Editor Reports are not matching, printing charges and advertisement money is not mentioned in the Editor reports.

Dr Sam Manickam objected that EC members cannot speak, and Prof Zaidi supported his point. Dr Sam Manickam said if we start digging the past, we will not reach anywhere, better not to go in past, analyze the omissions and commissions and correct it. Let us move forward and make an example for future generations. Dr Thiyam Kiran Singh said Ex Editor has deposited the 1.10 lac in the IACP account and published the journal for eight years; I have received the journal regularly all the time.

President commented on Prof Zaidi suggestions as remedial measure to solve the problems. Solutions should come from the house as we have already reviewed in internal committee. Dr Jena asked the President not to take a side, and President replied-I am not taking a side we need to take a call to resolve or close the issue; therefore, I suggest going for a poll. Dr Jena emphasized that matter should be thoroughly enquired; proper investigation should be done by the external members. Dr Sengar, requested and appealed to the members for closing the matter here and now. President informed that members are asking for the poll in Chat Box.

Hon Gen Secretary stated that after listening to the discussion and presentation of Ex Editor it appeared that the facts presented by the office are incorrect, and all points presented by the Ex Editor are correct. President emphasized for the poll on this issue. Dr Kaloiya asked for the opinion poll on two point's one for the administrative and the second for the Finances of the journal. President told we cannot hang on this matter and asked Mr Rithvik to make the online poll. Dr Sahay asked we cannot go for the poll unless we bring the resolution; President informed it is an opinion poll, not the resolution of the agenda. Gen Secretary also objected that voting cannot be done as only 43 members present out of 125. Hon Treasurer said quorum is not present for the voting. Dr Sam Manickam said, for constitution amendment quorum is required, not for this. Dr Kaloiya again asked to make the statement on finances, also. Hon Gen Sec said EC will not vote. Dr Sam said that if we have trust of keeping money on open account that is trust and we should conclude. If inquiry has to be done it has to be done for this also that why money was kept in open. Hon Gen Sec said it is the duty of the Head of the Association. President said that it is not individual choice we are all in it all the members are part of it. No one is blaming anyone. We cannot postpone it again, we waited for AGBM to happen and If, GB members are saying that we have to go for poll we have to go for it. President asked Mr Rithvik to make the statement as voting to "close the matter or go for further evaluation". Dr Kaloiya said it means we are waving off the money "it is a clear cut". GB can do it, but why not inquiry first. Dr Sahay suggested the President let us adjourn the meeting and continue the discussion tomorrow after the valedictory. Hon Treasurer objected that I am not in favor of voting without inquiring the matter. Now, only 40 members are present, and EC members are not allowed to vote here. Dr Sahay said Madam President EC members are also part of AGBM, are you verifying the facts or not? Proper Committee should be formed to enquire the matter, on many occasions GB has not taken any decision, why not we can hold it for next day after valedictory what message we are giving to our future generations. By the time poll result was displayed.

"Let us close the matter and move forward"--- votes were 18/39

"Need to go for further evaluation"---10/39

Ms Shweta Sharma asked President, why we can't do the poll on google group where all members can poll on this matter. Even EC members also have not voted. President told we can send the link to poll to all registered members 123. Dr Jamuna told they have not heard the issue how they will poll. President asked the member shall we consider the poll or continue tomorrow after the valedictory. Dr Sam Manickam told do not open the file again. We have to move forward. Dr Amool Ranjan asked President to consider the voting even if the EC members have not voted and close the matter and move ahead. Hon Gen Secretary I am not in favor of voting, we should inquire the matter and facts should be verified, if not I will be relieving from my position from tomorrow. Treasurer said it is absolutely wrong; as

a Treasurer, this matter should be brought to the notice of Registrar Society about this wrong process. Dr Jamuna told, if the Treasurer wants to go to Registrar's office, he can go. Many members constantly asked President to give the fair chance to vote on this issue by all members including EC members. Many members insisted on closing the matter ,President said we are very responsible members here ,we have two points .We are deliberating on a very important matter .Dr Sam said it is not okay to open this file again ,We have to move forward. He also said that if it is not there in agenda we must ask the members to congratulate Org Sec for this conference. Dr Jamuna said that if Hon Treasurer wants to go to registrar office he can and put this as a minute of GB. The President concluded on this matter that the process of polling is completely correct, GB members asked for the polling, and the decision was taken which was accepted, Mr Rithvik was asked to develop the Poll. If you feel that decision is not correct than what GB is for, senior members are present here. Other than EC more than 20 members are sitting here. EC has been handling this for the last one and half years. We have GB where only 36 to 50 members present. All important decision has been taken. Constitution Amendments happened with the 36 members present. Agenda notice is circulated and it is the choice of members to stay or not to stay. Existing strength of the members is 40. It is not my individual decision; I am bound by the decision of GB. When I say GB it is all the members present here. I convey the decision of GB to close the matter and move further.'

- **b. Electronic voting:** President said that constitutional amendments are required so that same is implemented. Dr Dherandra and Hon Treasurer supported the President's point of view. Dr Jamuna and Mr Rithivik said IPS and other organizations are doing it, and it is recommended by the government that if any organization having 1000 plus members can do it. Dr Rakesh Jain said we have already proposed the amendments in the constitution.
- **c. Online Platform:** Gen Secretary informed online platform is a matter of EC we can discuss it and do the needful.

Dr Sam congratulated the 47^{th} NACIACP team and AFMC for the successful conduction of the conference online during Covid pandemic.

President asked Gen Secretary to place the vote of thanks. Gen Secretary thanked the organizer and congratulated the organizing committee of 47th NACIACP and GB members.

The meeting was ended with thanks to the Chair.

For and on behalf of the EC of IACP Sd/-Dr Manoj K Bajaj, Hon Gen Secretary