

Minutes of the 35th Annual General Body Meeting held on 17-01-09 at Sweekar Academy of Rehabilitation Sciences, Secunderabad at 2.30 pm.

35.0.0 The following members were present (names as signed in)

Members present: 1. S.C. Sharma 2. Malavika Kapur 3. S.P.K. Jena 4. V.C. George 5. M.T. Kishore 6. Jamuna .N 7. Adarsh Kohli 8. K. Vijayan 9. Dennis David Isaac. M 10. K. Gireesh 11. Prof. M. Akshay Kumar Singh 12. Pro. J. Mahto 13. E.D. Joseph 14. Shobini Rao 15. Dr. G.G. Prabhu 16. Mr. Manoj Kumar 17. Dr. Lalit Kumar 18. Vikas Sharma 19. Sudheej .K 20. Prasanta K. Roy 21. S.K. Dhalwal 22. Dr. S. Bhaskar 23. Manoranjan Sahay 24. Dr. K.B. Kumar 25. Sujatha D. Sharma 26. Sreehari R . 27. George Varghese 28. Dinar D. Prilimosia 29. Sreemoyee Tarafder 30. Dr. Tilottama Mukherjee 31. Dr. Vibha Sharma 32. Lovleen Kaur 33. Pooja Mahour 34. Dr. Basavarajappa 35. Dr. K. Niranjana Reddy 36. Dr. M. Sasi Kiran 37. Dr. M. Sugathan 38. Vipin Chandralal N 39. Dr. Saugata Basu 40. J. Vekatarathnam 41. Dr. Ajith .P.R 42. Dr. Shatrugan Singh 43. Dr. Poornima Bhola 44. Kiran Rao 45. Tanya Machado 46. Dharitri Ramaprasad, 47. Lata Hemchand, 48. Shakila Naidu, 49. Sharada Mohan 50. R. Visalam 51. Dr. Shalini Anant 52. N. Suresh Kumar 53. Gavneet Kaur Preethi 54. D. Vijayaragavan 55. Dr. K. Rangaswamy 56. U. Pratibha 57. Dr. Usha Rao 58. Ananda Rao 59. L.S.S. Manickam 60. D. Dhanapal and 61. Dr. Tej Bahadur Singh.

35.0.1 Agenda

The tentative Agenda as circulated for the Annual General Body meeting.

1. Condolence resolution, if any
2. Adoption of the circulated Agenda.
3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the proceedings of the last Annual General Body, meeting.
4. Action taken on the Minutes.
5. Reading and adoption of the Hon. General Secretary's report.
6. Reading and adoption of the Hon. Treasurer's report and audited statement of accounts.
7. Reading and adoption of the Hon. Editor's report.
8. Reporting the activities from the zonal, state and local branches
9. Future plans and programs.
10. Reports of the subcommittees.
11. Amendment of the constitution.
12. Presentation of the audited statement of accounts of NACIACP-08 by reception committee.
13. Fixing the date and venue of the next General Body Meeting and Annual Conference.
14. Any other matter with the permission of the chair.

35.0.2. The President welcomed the members and declared the General Body meeting open as it had quorum at 2.45 P.M. For checking the quorum, Dr. K. Gireesh, past secretary and Mr. Sudheej, joint secretary wanted to know the exact number of members. The secretary responded that both who raised the issue were immediate past office bearers and have not handed over the records in proper order and hence it is difficult to provide the exact number of members at this stage. However, the approximate number of Professional Members including Fellows is around 425.

35.1.0 Condolence resolution: The House observed silence in memory of the people who lost their lives at Mumbai Terror Attack on 26/11 08 and those who lost their lives while combating the attack.

35.2.0 Adoption of the circulated Agenda. The circulated agenda was adopted, in full as listed.

35.3.0 Confirmation of the Minutes of the proceedings of the 34th Annual General Body meeting: Secretary presented the minutes of the 34th Annual General Body meeting. It was passed with minor modifications. (Proposed by Dr. Manoranjan Sahay. Seconded by Dr. Adarsh Kohli).

35.4.0 Action taken on the Minutes: Dr. Manoranjan Sahay raised the issue of not passing the Treasurer's report of 2006. Clarification was given by the President.

35.5.0 Reading and adoption of the Hon. General Secretary's report: Hon. General Secretary presented the Annual Report for the year 2008.

35.5.1 Objections on the annual report were about the report not being signed and prefixing 'Dr' to one of the members who actually did not have a doctorate. Dr. Gireesh and Mr. Sudheej raised these issues. A signed report was provided before the end of the discussion.

35.5.2 Discussion on the Awards Committee: The Award Committee was formed in the first Executive Council meeting that was held in June '08'. However many nominated members communicated their inability to serve on

the committee. Since time was short, the EC itself functioned as the Awards Committee and announced the awardees.

The S.C. Gupta young scientist award could not be awarded. Though it was not awarded this year it is not possible to provide two awards in the next year as suggested by Dr. Vibha Sharma.

Dr. Vibha also suggested that IACP funds be used to institute new awards. Dr. Sahay supplemented that such an award should be titled as IACP award. The suggestion was appreciated and President- informed- that the newly constituted Awards Committee will make efforts in the said direction.

35.5.3 Prefixing of “Dr” by clinical psychologists without a doctoral degree came up again for discussion. But the discussion remained inconclusive.

35.5.4 The issue of the ‘iacpmember’ e-group was raised by Dr. Manoranjan Sahay. He felt that it is more of one-way communication. The Secretary agreed to the view and said that the primary aim is for the IACP secretariat to communicate to all the members. In future, on evaluation of the group process, interactive communication can be encouraged.

35.5.5 Dr. Gireesh, past secretary challenged that the agenda of the GB was not sent to members 3 months in advance as required. The secretary responded that it is to be sent only one month in advance and it has been done as per the constitution. However, Dr. Gireesh was not satisfied by it and hence the Secretary asked for the rules pertaining the clause in the constitution. Dr. Gireesh refused to verify the table copy of the constitution till it was provided to him. The President had to come down from the dais to give him the constitution but he did not show the courtesy of getting up from the seat and receiving the copy. This lack of respect to the President of the Association was strongly condemned by Dr. Basavarajappa and the entire house agreed to it and wanted it to go on record.

The report was approved. (Proposed by Dr. V.C. George, seconded by Dr. Manoranjan Sahay).

35.5.6 The Psychological Council of India issue was raised by Mr. Sudheej. The secretary responded that the EC had not taken the issue as a priority in view of several organizational issues that are to be sorted out in order to strengthen the association. Further Dr. Malavika Kapur, President-Elect herself did not want to pursue it in the EC.

35.6.0 Reading and adoption of the Hon. Treasurer’s report and audited statement of accounts: Treasurer’s Report was read by PK. Roy since the Treasurer could not attend the meeting due to his change in job. The report was passed. (Proposed by Mr. Sudheej and seconded by Dr. Vibha).

35.7.0 Reading and adoption of the Hon. Editor’s report: Dr. S.P.K. Jena presented the editor’s report.

He was congratulated by Dr. Prabhu for publishing the pending issue of 2007. He also suggested that the size of the Editorial Board may be reduced. He also pointed out that the letterhead of IACP has to be modified and the names of the office bearer to be listed as per the seniority given in the constitution.

Dr. Sahay suggested to make use of the IACP website instead of hosting a separate website for the journal. The report was passed. (Proposed by Dr. Krishnanand, Seconded by Dr. E.D. Joseph).

35.8.0 Reporting the activities from the zonal, state and local branches : No reports were tabled. The secretary informed about the Seminar organized by the TNACP in association with NAOP on “Disaster”. Dr. Gerard Jacobs, Director, Disaster Mental Health provided input on Psychological First Aid to the participants. 34 participants attended the program. Dr. L.S.S Manickam, Mr. Vijayan and Ms. Smitha were the other speakers.

35.9.0 Future plans and programs: Recorded under the reports of the subcommittees (In 35.10)

35.10.0 Reports of the subcommittees: Mr. Prasanta Kumar Roy convener of the Task Force on Disaster Preparedness presented the report of the need assessment conducted at the flood affected population in Bihar, in association with the NGO, *Pretham* in Bihar. Mr. Prasanta was congratulated by the house for taking up the task. Dr. Shobini Rao also suggested that the IACP need to tie up with the National Disaster Authority (NDA) in order to conduct programs more effectively. The Secretary reported that Dr. Sujata Satapathy of the National Institute of Disaster Management is also a member of the task force and efforts are being made to link up with the NDA.

35.10.1 Dr. Poornima Bhola read out the report prepared by Dr. Annie John, coordinator of the Task Force on Practice Guidelines of LD. The task force plans to bring out a document that would be a ready reference for the members of the association.

Dr. Basavarajappa wanted the Department of Mysore that is conducting M. Phil in Learning Disability to be approached for more inputs on the topic.

Dr. Shobini Rao applauded the idea of bringing out the practice guidelines and she suggested to have more number of practice guidelines. To her proposal on the practice guidelines on Neuro psychology, the secretary responded that the EC of IACP will be glad to consider it, provided a time bound and concrete proposal is submitted.

35.11.0 Amendment to the Constitution: Dr. E.D. Joseph, Chairman of the Constitution Amendment Committee (CAC) and Dr. Basvarajappa, Convener of the committee were called to present the proposed amendments. Dr. Kaloiya, Dr. Naveen, Adv. Lal and Secretary IACP (ex-officio) were the other members. Dr. G.G. Prabhu and Dr. Manoranjan Sahay were the consultants.

35.11.1 The CAC had several rounds of meetings and discussions with the consultants. The EC members had discussion with the CAC members on January 16,17 and 18 wherein some modifications apart from those formulated by the CAC and consultants were suggested. However the EC decided to present the amendments that were proposed earlier by the CAC.

35.11.2 Dr. Krishnanand suggested that since all the members do not have email, the soft copy may not reach all and he had not received a copy of the same. As the discussion progressed for more than one hour the house felt that every clause of the proposed amendments has to be studied in detail by all the members before it is taken up for discussion. The house wanted a hard copy of the proposed amendments to be sent to all the members.

35.11.3 The President gave the final ruling that no further discussion on Constitution Amendment can be permitted and the discussion was concluded.

35.12.0 Presentation of the audited statement of accounts of NACIACP-08 by the Reception Committee: Dr. Saugata Basu on behalf of NACIACP-08 reported that the organizers were not informed about this earlier. Had it been informed sufficiently early, it could have been done.

35.12.1 Dr. G.G. Prabhu pointed out that this clause is legally questionable. The IACP neither provides any funds to the Reception Committee to organize the conference nor takes the responsibility to share the loss, if there is any. Hence its claim for the share of the excess funds for the left over funds is questionable. Hence, he wanted this clause to be scrapped from the constitution.

35.13.0 Fixing the date and venue of the next General Body Meeting and Annual Conference: Mr. Akshaya Kumar and Dr. Shobini invited IACP to hold the next conference at Manipur and Bangalore respectively. The Chair accepted the invitation by Dr. Shobini. Dr. Shobini informed that it will be held either in December 2009 or January, 2010.

35.14.0 Any other matter with the permission of the Chair: Gireesh and Sudheej again raised the issue of Psychological Council of India and de-linking with RCI.

The Secretary informed that the 'concept of resolving to de-link with RCI' is a misnomer. First of all, the IACP itself had approached the RCI to be made part of it. Second, IACP should have a collaborative approach with other organizations rather than confrontational one. Third, the so-called resolution of Chennai is not a resolution as per the constitutional provisions of the IACP. At this stage the president informed that IACP has to complete the task it has taken up.

35.14.1 Dr. Manoranjan Sahay raised the issue of the financial irregularity by the Secretary and the Treasurer which happened in 2005 during the time he was the president of IACP and wanted to know what the current office bearers are doing about it. The President assured that appropriate action would be taken to rectify the errors.

35.14.3 Dr Krishnanand and Mr. Prasanta wanted programs that would reach the community especially during the IACP conference. The President responded that he would look into the matter.

35.15.0 Dr. Krishnanand thanked the organizers of the conference. The secretary put on record, the gratitude and thanks of the IACP; GB to Dr. Rangaswamy and other organizing secretaries, Dr. Niranjan Reddy and Bhaskar Naidu and specially to Dr. Hanumanta Rao Chairman of the organizing committee and Mr. Vijayaragavan and all the volunteers for hosting the conference and making it a memorable one.

The President thanked all the members for their participation and contributions to the AGB meeting.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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L.S.S.Manickam

Hon. General Secretary

30-03-09