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April, 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019

## Notice

I am under directive of the Executive Council of the Indian Association of Clinical Psychologists (IACP) to issue notice here under to the effect that the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body meeting of the IACP will be held on **26<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 at 3pm** at the National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (NIEPVD), Dehradun (Uttarakhand). 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 in advance of the said date of the General Body meeting as per Rules and Regulations of the Indian Association of Clinical Psychologists.

The tentative agenda for the Annual General Body meeting:

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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 Regional branches
9. Reports of the subcommittees
10. Award Committee Report and Announcements of Award for the year 2020
11. Presentation of the audited statement of accounts of 44<sup>th</sup> NACIACP-2018 by the organizing committee
12. Constitution amendment
13. Online Election.
14. EC meetings on Skype
15. Fixing the date and venue of the next general body meeting and Annual Conference
16. Future plan and programs
17. Any other matter with the permission of the chair.

Signed for and on behalf of the EC of IACP

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April, 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019

## **Minutes of the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at Gautam Buddha University, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.**

### **44.0.0: Following members were present (names as signed in)**

Dr. Manoranjan Sahay, Dr. Jashobanta Mahapatra, Dr. Mata Prasad, Dr. S.C. Gupta, Dr. Dweepchand Singh, Dr. N.R. Mrinal, Dr. Manoj Kumar Bajaj, Dr. Vikas Sharma, Dr. Lalit Kumar Singh, Dr. Mohit Narayana Lal Mathur, Dr. J. Mahto, Dr. Laxmi Narayana Rathore, Dr. Preeti Singh, Dr. Narendranath Samantaray, Dr. S. Bhaskar Naidu, Dr. Barre Vijaya Prasad, Mrs. S. Mamatha, Dr. C. Venkata Subbaiah, Dr. K.B. Kumar, Srinivasan Jayaraman, N. Suresh Kumar, Amal Thomas, Nithya H.M., B. Sudhakaran, Dr. Bhasi S., Dr. Shabhu Rivees, Ushma Mishra, Dr. Sany Varghese, S. Vandhana, B. Suschandra Sharma, Dr. Priyadarshree Abhishek, Biju P. George, Dr. Joseph P. Anto, Muhammed Sabih, Dr. Uday K. Sinha, Pradeep Kumar Gupta, Srijita Gupta, Ankita Biswas, Dr. Manish Jha, Dr. Vibha Sharma, Dr. Rushi, Deepali Batra, Dr. Usha Banerjee, Priyanka Podder, Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Gupta, Dr. Deoshree Akhouri, Dr. Dherendra Kumar, Sayli Agashe, Harpreet Mehar, Lalitha Subramanian, Dr. M. Thomas Kishore, Dr. Ranjeet Kumar, Surender Kumar Dhalwal, Dr. Indra Bhushan Kumar, Ashok Kumar Patel, Dr. Mudassir Hassan, Dr. Ajay Sharma, Meha Jain, Purva Dixit, Dr. Gauri Choudhary, Ami Pathak, Amruta Sardesai, Dr. Susmita Halder, Amrita Mitra, Rudrani Chatterjee, Dr. Bidita Bhattacharya, Dr. Anisha Shah, Zena Deb, Priyanka Bhattacharyya, Sonali Choudhury, Somdeb Mitra, M. Nithya Poornima, Jini K. Gopinath, Dr. Gitanjali Natarajan, Dr. R. Jagathambika, Dr. Thiyam Kiran Singh, Dr. Ashima Nehra, Dr. Sanjukta Das, Dr. Basavarajappa, Dr. S.L. Vaya, Dr. Adarsh Kohli, Dr. Bholeswar Prasad Mishra, Jagdish Sadiza, Dr. Shweta Singh, Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Dr. K. S., Dr. Krishna Dutt, Dr. Tej Bahadur Singh, Dr. A.K. Singh, Dr. Amool R. Singh, Dr. K.S. Sengar, Dr. Kalpana Srivastava, Dr. Roopesh B.N., Ms. Japneet Ahluwalia.

### **44.0.1 Agenda**

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14. Any other matter with the permission of the chair.

**44.0.2** The Hon. Gen. Secretary invited the President to declare the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual GB open and the President called the meeting to order at 6:25pm.

**44.1.0 Condolence resolution:** Dr. Satish Sharma passed away in 2017. Dr. Amool Ranjan Singh, President IACP, read out the condolence message and the house observed two minutes silence.

**44.2.0 Agenda:** The circulated agenda was read by the Hon. Gen. Secretary, Dr. Kalpana Srivastava. Dr. U.K. Sinha enquired about the significance of 29<sup>th</sup> January as the date for Clinical Psychology Day. Dr. Amool Ranjan Singh clarified that our association was officially registered on this date. Prof. J. Mahto further added that he has given 2 Indian journals that provide details of the genesis of IACP. Dr. S.C. Gupta was asked to confirm this date later. The agenda was adopted with minor modifications. It was proposed to be approved by Dr. S.C. Gupta and seconded by Dr. Rakesh Kumar.

**44.3.0 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. Kalpana Srivastava. The minutes were proposed to be accepted by Dr. S.L. Vaya and seconded by Dr. K. Sengar.

**44.4.0 Action taken on the minutes:**

The Hon. Gen. Secretary, Dr. Kalpana Srivastava presented the report of action taken on minutes. The house deliberated on issues related to recruitment rules for posts of clinical psychologists across the country and the variation in rules between different states – this was identified as a major concern that requires efforts from the association. It was proposed to be accepted by Dr. C. Venkata Subbaiah and seconded by Dr. Jashobanta Mahapatra.

**44.5.0 Reading and adoption of the Hon. Gen. Secretary's report:**

The Hon. Gen. Secretary's Report was presented by Dr. Kalpana Srivastava. Dr. T.B. Singh congratulated the Hon. Gen. Secretary for the School Mental Health initiative and shared his efforts of revising the syllabus of Psychology in collaboration with UGC. Dr. Manoranjan Sahay enquired about the nature of the collaboration between IACP and School Mental Health and if it involves any financial implications. Dr. Kalpana Srivastava clarified that the nature of this collaboration was purely academic – by providing resource persons from IACP – there were no financial implications. The report was proposed to be adopted by Dr. Manoranjan Sahay and seconded by Dr. S.C. Gupta.

**44.6.0 Reading & adoption of the Hon. Treasurer's report & audited statement of accounts**

Treasurer's Report and audited statement of accounts were presented by Dr. Roopesh B.N. Dr. Adarsh Kohli suggested that the IACP Fixed Deposits with the Andhra Bank can be all put together in one bank – State Bank of India. Dr. Roopesh B.N. shared that this is a lengthy process that requires a lot of time. Dr. Amool Ranjan Singh further added that the bank manager of the Andhra Bank has also been dissuading them from shifting the Fixed Deposits to another bank. Dr. U.K. Sinha suggested that as IACP has a substantial amount of funds, we can consider consulting a financial expert for further planning. Dr. Roopesh B.N. further shared difficulties in opening a current account for the association. Dr. Adarsh Kohli suggested consulting a Chartered Accountant for this purpose. The incoming IACP Treasurer, Dr. Manoj Kumar Bajaj expressed willingness to consult a CA and Dr. Adarsh Kohli, past IACP Treasurer, expressed willingness to provide guidance for the same. Dr. Manoranjan Sahay enquired about the discrepancy between the numbers quoted by the Hon. Gen. Secretary and the Treasurer. Dr. Roopesh B.N. clarified that this difference was due to the timeline difference of the 2 reports (Hon. Gen. Secretary's Report – February, 2017; Treasurer's Report – April, 2017). The report was proposed to be adopted by Dr. S.C. Gupta and seconded by Dr. Mata Prasad.

#### **44.7.0 Reading and adoption of the Hon. Editor's report**

Dr. K.S. Sengar read the Hon. Editor's report. He reported that the journal is now listed in the UGC list. He also reported that like the past few years, no money is being taken from the association for the expenses incurred on the journals. Dr. Krishna Dutt appreciated the editor's efforts and asked the house to applaud this achievement. Dr. K.S. Sengar then shared details about the Membership Directory compiled for the occasion of the association's Golden Jubilee. Dr. Manoranjan Sahay expressed that the Membership directory is a good effort but also enquired as to why the Golden Jubilee Journal was not published. Dr. T.B. Singh suggested that the Golden Jubilee Journal can be published as a supplement to the journal this year. He also shared with the house that Dr. Anand Pratap, organizing secretary of the current conference has offered to provide financial help for publishing the Golden Jubilee Special Issue. Dr. Amool Ranjan Singh shared that the Golden Jubilee Issue would be published with the editorials and orations along with the journal and the Conference Proceedings can be published by the Organizing Committee. Dr. R. Jagathambika proposed that the Membership Directory should contain the member's name, address and photograph. Dr. K.S. Sengar shared that the Hon. Gen. Secretary has already circulated requests for these details and updates from the IACP members. The report was proposed to be adopted by Dr. Krishna Dutt and seconded by Dr. S.L. Vaya.

#### **44.8.0 Reporting the activities from the Zonal, State and Regional branches**

Telangana Regional Branch: The Hon. Gen. Secretary, Dr. Kalpana Srivastava shared with the members that in the last AGBM it was decided that there would be 2 regional branches – Andhra and Telangana – and that Dr. C. Venkata Subbaiah had submitted Rs. 100 to the association (after the audited statement) as part of the process of a new regional branch formation. She asked if the members accept this, the new regional branch of Telangana can be formed. The house accepted this proposal and Dr. C. Venkata Subbaiah then shared the details of the formation of this regional branch.

U.P. Regional Branch: The U.P. Regional Branch Report was read by Dr. Shweta Singh. The house acknowledged the presence of the founders of this regional branch, Dr. S.C. Gupta, Dr. Mata Prasad and Dr. Krishna Dutt who shared that both the Silver and Golden Jubilee of the association has been hosted by the state of U.P. Dr. Rakesh raised concerns regarding the selection of posts of the regional branches – to be done through nomination or election, and regarding bank accounts for the regional branches.

West Bengal Regional Branch: The West Bengal Regional Branch Report was read by Priyanka Bhattacharya. She reported that more posts have been created in the regional branch co-opted with ex-officio members and that the regional branch conducted some outreach programmes in the last year. She further shared that they faced difficulty in opening a bank account for the regional branch. Dr. Adarsh Kohli and Dr. C. Venkata Subbaiah shared some guidance on this issue. A point was raised about students enquiring the benefits of joining our association – the house deliberated on the same.

Kerala Regional Branch: The Hon. Gen. Secretary, Dr. Kalpana Srivastava shared with the members that in the last AGBM it was decided that the Malabar and Kerala regional branches would be merged. Dr. Gitanjali Natarajan reported that as both these branches were registered as societies, they would require some more time for the two regional branches to become unified.

Delhi NCR Regional Branch: Dr. U.K. Sinha read the Delhi Regional Branch report. He shared details of the activities done by the regional branch in the last year. A query regarding the use of the term “chapter” was raised. Dr. Kalpana Srivastava clarified that the official term is “regional branches” and not “chapters”.

Dr. Amool Ranjan Singh expressed that since there are many questions regarding regional branches, a separate sub-committee would be formed to address these issues, which would include senior members of the association. The reports were proposed to be adopted by Dr. Jashobanta Mahapatra and seconded by Dr. Rakesh Kumar.

#### **44.9.0 Reports of the sub-committees and Announcements of Award for the year 2019:**

Dr. Kalpana Srivastava informed that two nominations have been received so far. The report was proposed to be adopted by Dr. Bholeshwar Prasad Mishra and seconded by Dr. Krishna Dutt.

#### **44.10.0 Website related matters:**

Dr. Kalpana Srivastava informed the house that the cost to maintain the website is coming to 70,000-1 lakh approximately which is a huge amount for the association to bear and needs to be deliberated upon.

#### **44.11.0 Presentation of the audited statement of accounts of 43<sup>rd</sup> NACIACP-17 by the organizing committee:**

The report was read by Dr. Roopesh B.N., on behalf of the organizing committee of the 43<sup>rd</sup> NACIACP. The report stated that no money was left after payment of the various costs incurred in the conference. Dr. Adarsh Kohli suggested that it should be ensured that this account is closed and that the association acquires the account closure report.

#### **44.12.0 Fixing the date and venue of the next Annual General Body Meeting and Annual Conference**

Three proposals were made for the next conference – Central University of South Bihar, Bodh Gaya by Dr. T.B. Singh; Calicut by Mr. Muhammed Sabih and Kashmir by Dr. Mudassir Hassan. Dr. Amool asked these members to give the proposal in writing. He also reported that once the proposals are received in writing, the decision for the venue for the next Annual General Body Meeting and Annual Conference would be taken in the next EC meeting.

#### **44.14.0 Future plan and programs**

**South Zone Conference:** Dr. C. Venkata Subbaiah reported that Telangana is running a course on Child Mental Health and plans to host a south zone conference in the near future. The house supported the proposal.

#### **44.15.0 Any other matter with the permission of the Chair**

**Inclusion of Indian Psychology in the Psychology Curriculum:** Dr. Krishna Dutt reported that Indian Psychology is not being taught currently in our psychology curriculum. Dr. T.B. Singh shared that there are UGC guidelines for this available on this.

**Online Election Process:** Dr. Manoranjan Sahay proposed that the election process should be made online. Dr. Kalpana Srivastava suggested that this could be amended in the constitution. Dr. Basavarajappa shared with the house that he had raised these concerns earlier as well. Dr. Kalpana Srivastava clarified that this concern was not passed by the General Body at the time and so the constitution could not be changed completely.

**Student Membership:** Dr. Manoranjan Sahay also proposed that student memberships must be offered so we don't lose students. Dr. Anand Pratap added that a Professional Student Membership could be offered at a reduced fee. Dr. Kalpana Srivastava suggested this could be considered and amended in the constitution. Dr. Jashobanta Mahapatra also expressed that the membership process should be simplified and a special membership drive can be carried out during conferences. Dr. Kalpana Srivastava clarified that the membership process is stringent which is needed for transparency and that membership drives have been carried out during recent conferences to increase and speed up the membership process.

**Non-Practicing Allowance:** Dr. Ashima Nehra proposed the idea of uplifting our association e.g. by requesting a Non Practicing Allowance. She suggested that Dr. S.L. Vaya's guidance can be taken for this issue. Dr. S.L. Vaya shared that clinical psychologists of Gujarat have been receiving an NPA since 1984. Dr. Amool Ranjan Singh suggested that the GB should pass a resolution for such a letter to be written.

**Learning Disability Certifications:** Dr. Thomas Kishore requested the association to write to the concerned authorities for removing the term “child psychologists” in the Learning Disability Certification Process to prevent future conflict.

**Amendment of the criteria for renewal of RCI License for Senior / Retired Members:** Dr. Mohit Narayana Lal Mathur raised a concern regarding the renewal of RCI License for Senior / Retired Members. He shared that Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) is currently asking for 100 points for renewal of the license even from senior / retired members. He requested the association to connect with RCI on this issue and get this criteria amended. Dr. S. Bhaskar Naidu commented that RCI is only a recommending body and there is a need to form a legal cell in the association.

**Provision for Private Practitioners:** Dr. Bholeshwar Prasad Mishra requested that the association should have a provision for issues faced by Private Practitioners and they should have some representation as well. The President, Dr. Amool Ranjan Singh and the Hon. Gen. Secretary, Dr. Kalpana Srivastava supported the request.

**Salary discrepancies for Clinical Psychologists across different states:** Dr. Sonali Choudhury raised a concern regarding salary discrepancies for Clinical Psychologists across different states. Dr. N. Suresh Kumar echoed the concern and shared that people with inadequate training are being employed as professionals. Dr. K.S. Sengar shared with the house that about 5 months back the Supreme Court has declared that RCI and MCI are guiding bodies only. Many members in the house expressed that the association should hire an advocate for these legal issues. Dr. Kalpana Srivastava shared that the expenses of the advocate would be a concern, as it cannot be borne by the association. Dr. S.L. Vaya clarified this concern and shared that qualification related issues can be taken up legally but salary is a state government decision so a legal cell cannot be decided on this matter. The house deliberated on this matter and many members shared details about this issue from their respective states. The Hon. Gen. Secretary, Dr. Kalpana Srivastava acknowledged this concern and said that this matter would be taken up by the association.

The Hon. Gen. Secretary, Dr. Kalpana Srivastava acknowledged the presence of 90 GB members for the Golden Jubilee AGBM, the house applauded the GB attendance. The President, Dr. Amool Ranjan Singh and the Hon. Gen. Secretary, Dr. Kalpana Srivastava thanked the Conference organizers and all the Council members for their involvement and sincere contribution to the association. The house put on record sincere thanks and gratitude to Gautam Buddha University, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh; the Chairman; the Organizing Secretaries; and the whole organizing committee of the 44<sup>th</sup> NACIACP.

This was followed by the handing and taking-over of the EC by the new office bearers. The incoming President addressed the house.

The meeting came to an end with the house thanking the Chairperson.

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For and on behalf of the EC of IACP



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