

INDIAN PSYCHIATRIC SOCIETY

Draft Minutes of the 75th Annual General Body Meeting of Indian Psychiatric Society (IPS) held on 4th February 2023 at Hotel Mayfair, Bhubaneswar

The Meeting of Annual General Body was convened at 4:00 pm. AGB was adjourned for 30 minutes and reconvened at 4:30 PM. The President Dr. Vinay Kumar welcomed all the members to the first in-person AGB after the difficult covid times and expressed his happiness that members are sitting together under one roof to discuss the agenda of the AGB and important issues of the society.

IPS President Dr. Vinay Kumar called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. VINAY KUMAR, Dr. ARABINDA BRAHMA, Dr. M. ALEEM SIDDIQUI, Dr. OM PRAKASH SINGH, Dr. NN RAJU, Dr. T.S.S. RAO, Dr. K K MISHRA, Dr. N.P. SINGH, Dr. INDIRA SHARMA, Dr. GAUTAM SAHA, Dr. VISHAL INDLA, Dr. IRS REDDY, Dr. ANOOP VINCENT, Dr. VISHAL CHHABRA, Dr. RAVINDRA MUNOLI, Dr. SAMIR K PRAHARAJ, Dr. HARSHA G.T., Dr. NEHA SHARMA, Dr. KAUSHIK CHATTERJEE, Dr. PRATEEK YADAV, Dr. VIRENDRA VIKRAM SINGH, Dr. T SAGAR, Dr. (BRIG) R.K. SAINI, Dr. ASHOK KUMAR K., Dr. PHANIKANTH KONDAPARTHI, Dr. SAMRAT KAR, Dr. HARPREET SINGH, Dr. SUVENDU MISHRA, Dr. PRASANTA KUMAR MOHAPATRA, Dr. NARESH YADAV, Dr. GYAN NIHAL N., Dr. SIVA ANOOP YELLA, Dr. BRAHMANI DANTALA, Dr. SHANTI MOHAN, Dr. NIVEDITHA SAMALA, Dr. KEETA RAJEEVI, Dr. K. GANGARAM, Dr. K. NARSHIMA REDDI, Dr. D.G. MUKHERJEE, Dr. PARAG S. SHAH, Dr. CHINTAN SOLANKI, Dr. PALAKRISHNAN, Dr. BHAVESH LAKDAWALA, Dr. SWAMINATH G, Dr. N M PATIL, Dr. VIJAYKUMAR HARBISHETTAR, Dr. SUDARSAN K, Dr. JOSEPH VARGHESE, Dr. DHANANJAY CHAUDHURI, Dr. DHANANJAY ASHTURKAR, Dr. VIKAS BHUTE, Dr. ASHISH SABOO, Dr. ATUL PATIL, Dr. ASIM MALLICK, Dr. JITENDRA NANAWALA, Dr. MUKESH JAGIWALA, Dr. ARUN V. MARWALE, Dr. UTTAM GARG, Dr. KADIVETI UDAY KUMAR, Dr. GEORGE REDDY, Dr. SANTANU GOSWAMI, Dr. T.SUDHIR, Dr. MOHAN RAJ, Dr. SURESH KUMAR GUNAPALLI, Dr. MAHESH GOWDA, Dr. ANIL KAKUNJE, Dr. P.K. DALAL, Dr. MRUGESH VAISHNAV, Dr. MSVK RAJU, Dr. ROY A KALLIVAYALIL, Dr. PRADEEP KUMAR SAHA, Dr. TV.ASOKAN, Dr. SANDEEP GROVER, Dr. SHAHUL AMEEN, Dr. R.PONNUDURAI, Dr. RAM GHULAM RAZDAN, Dr. ROOP SIDANA, Dr. V.D. MEEL, Dr. JASWANT SACHDEV, Dr. KAUSHIK GUPTA, Dr. DEEPAK RAHEJA, Dr. N.G. DESAI, Dr. RANJAN BHATTACHARYYA, Dr. LAXMIKANT RATHI, Dr. SAVITA MALHOTRA, Dr. K. ASHOK REDDY, Dr. B.S. SHEKHAWAT, Dr. C. PANEER SELVAN, Dr. CHOUDHARY LAXMI NARAYAN, Dr. RAJEEV JAIN, Dr. S. NAMBI, Dr. SHASHI RAI, Dr. SHERIL VERMA, Dr. SARMISTHA CHAKRABARTI, Dr. PROSENJIT GHOSH, Dr. JAISUKH PARMAR, Dr. ABHAY MATKAR, Dr. ROSHAN JAIN, Dr. SOMASHEKHAR BIJJAL, Dr. A. JAGADISH, Dr. P. VIJAYA KUMAR, Dr. K.R. SRIDHAR, Dr. ARUNA YADIYAL, Dr. K.S. SHUBRATA, Dr. MARULA SIDDAPPAN, Dr. A.B. GHOSH, Dr. BISWAJIT MANDAL, Dr. PAVAN KUMAR K, Dr. MINHAJ ZAFAR NASIRABADI, Dr. MALAY DAVE, Dr. SAI KRISHNA TIKKA, Dr. SHOBIT GARG, Dr. LOKESH KR. SINGH, Dr. MANISH KUMAR, Dr. SAGAR LAVANIA, Dr. ARCHANA SINGH, Dr. B R MADHUKAR, Dr. GURVINDER PAL SINGH, Dr. ARUNKUMAR NAGASUNDARAM, Dr. J.BABU BALASINGH, Dr. DINESH K. NARURKAR, Dr. R.K. SHUKLA, Dr. ALFRED V. SAMUEL, Dr. VIJAYA SAKPAL, Dr. RADHAKRISHNAN M P, Dr. RAVI KUMAR, Dr. NARESH VADLAMANI, Dr. M. PHANI PRASANT, Dr. SARAT CHANDRA I, Dr. P. LOKESWARA REDDY

1. CONDOLENCES:

Hon. Gen. Secretary Dr. Arabinda Brahma read the names of the members who had passed away during the year 2022. He mentioned that we have lost many senior and junior colleagues who had served IPS and society as teacher, clinicians and academicians. Some of them were internationally renowned for their contribution.

Membership No.	Deceased Member	City	State
04018	Dr. Sujit Kumar Das	Kolkata	West Bengal
12005	Dr. Pareshe Lakdawala	Mumbai	Maharashtra
13013	Dr. Puthan Madathil Madhavan	Palakkad	Kerala
18004	Dr. Rajeev Gupta	Ludhiana	Punjab
19062	Dr. Avdesh Kumar Sharma	New Delhi	Delhi
19184	Dr. Suhail Ahmed Azmi	Aligarh	Uttar Pradesh
24002	Dr. Balwant Singh Yadav	Agra	Uttar Pradesh

The members paid tributes to the departed souls and remembered the contributions made by the departed members and prayed to God to grant their souls peace. One minute silence was observed.

2. REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT:

The President Dr. Vinay Kumar said that every year we are losing few important and active members at the same time many new members are joining IPS and participating in the activities of IPS and keeping IPS lively and active, that's how the life goes on. He said that it's time to recall the good work done throughout the year and share the future aspiration with the members of IPS. Dr. Kumar said that last year we worked under the guidance of outgoing President Dr. NN Raju and we had many activities like CMEs, webinars, workshops, meeting with branches were performed and IPS is academically moving one step ahead.

Revisiting the history of Indian Psychiatric Society Dr Kumar said that our society was registered in 1948 and its registered office was at the European Mental Hospital, Kanke, Ranchi which is now the Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi and we were submitting our annual documents to the office of Inspector General of Registration, Patna, Bihar. To shift our registered office to Patna an office space was taken with the help of Bihar State Branch which was inaugurated by then President Dr. Gautam Saha. Last year we approached Govt of Bihar for the change of our registered office address from Ranchi to Patna. I personally visited the office of Deputy Registrar and got new information. A copy of 2005 Bihar-Jharkhand government decision was shown which states that all societies / NGOs will translocate their registration either under Jharkhand or Bihar Govt. based on pre-bifurcation location of their registered offices. He mentioned that now after Bihar-Jharkhand division, as per Govt. rule we can't have our registered office in Patna and so there is need to translocate of our Registration from Patna to Ranchi. Dr Kumar expressed gratitude to the Govt of Jharkhand which opened the window for such application for 6 weeks in mid-January 2023. We need a mandate of AGBM for translocating our registration from Patna to Ranchi. He thanked Imm. Past President Dr. NN Raju for guiding and helping in doing necessary arrangements. We have hired a space for 1200/ month at Davis Hospital, Kanke Ranchi with the help of our own member Dr. Milind Borde, Managing Trustee of Davis Family Trust. This was a necessity because as per Govt. Rule no NGO / Trust can have its office in Govt premises. Our sincere and energetic Hon. General Secretary Dr. Arabinda Brahma went to Ranchi on 23rd January 2023 for signing the rent agreement and doing required affidavits at Ranchi Civil Court. I am happy to inform that we have initiated the process by uploading required documents to the official web page of I.G. Registration, Jharkhand on 29th January 2023 and we are waiting for Govt's response.

Dr. Vinay Kumar mentioned that IPS is doing well in the field of research and publications. It's a matter of pride that IJP is improving day by day on all international parameters and from this January it has become monthly.

The President Dr. Vinay Kumar proposed that, to continue with the good work in academics, IPS Academy for Education and Research and the Executive Council to constitute it and frame its rules and regulations for functioning.

The President said that let's realize some bigger and unique dreams like Virtual Museum of Mental Health, a Virtual Mental Health Art Gallery and web based infotainment materials.

Dr. Vinay Kumar said that IPS every year observes its foundation day – 7th January, which was started by our past President Dr. PK Dalal. I feel we must celebrate the DAY to revisit history and strengthen our future endeavors. He also added that the theme for this year's Foundation Day will be "Happy Family Healthy Mind" Dr. Kumar requested all the branches and members to. focus on the theme and organize programs to promote mental health, training to the caregivers throughout the year 2023, which can be accumulated in a book.

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF 74TH AGBM HELD IN ONLINE ZOOM PLATFORM:

Hon. General Secretary Dr. Arabinda Brahma read out the minutes of the 74th Annual General Body Meeting held online on IPS zoom platform. It was confirmed and passed unanimously.

Proposed by Dr. Gautam Saha and seconded by Dr. Dr. Ranjan Bhattacharya.

4. READING AND ADOPTION OF HON. GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Hon. General Secretary Dr. Arabinda Brahma read the salient points of the report of the activities of the Society held during the year 2022-23. The President congratulated all the achievers and award winners for their distinguished services in the field of mental health. Dr. Shahul Ameen requested for a correction that Dr. Lokeswara Reddy is Hon. Secretary of IPS South Zone instead of Dr. G. Suresh Kumar, which was noted by Hon. General Secretary. Dr. Ponnudurai said that in the meeting of the Internal Audit Commission, the Chairperson of the Finance Committee should be invited, which was accepted by the AGB. Dr. Ponnudurai enquired about the re-registration whether valid from 2023 or 1948, which President Dr. Vinay Kumar explained that the term used is "re-registration" as it is shifting from Bihar to Jharkhand, but the registrar of societies will honor our 1948 registration status. Dr. Ponnudurai enquired about the installation of the new awards, which President replied that Hon. Treasurer Office received Rs. 10 Lakhs from the family of Dr. Shridhar Sharma and the award is being instituted. Regarding Dr. Anil V. Shah Award, Dr. Mrugesh Vaishnav said that he got a cheque of Rs. 6 Lakhs, instead of Rs. 10 Lakhs and the cheque has not been accepted by IPS. The AGB decided that the Award will be instituted after receipt of 10 lacs only. Dr. S. Nambi and Dr. CL Narayan mentioned that there should be a limitation of the number of awards, which was noted by HGS. Dr. Ranjan Bhattacharyya enquired about the 10 awards, passed in the EC Meeting, Delhi on 9th October 2021 during the tenure of Dr. MSVK Raju as Chairperson Award Committee. Dr. Vinay Kumar replied that in last online AGBM-2022, only these two awards were approved. Dr. Sandeep Grover mentioned that there should be a year limit for an award instead of running it for life-long. After discussion, AGB decided to have a special committee and present the proposal on it in the next AGB after the approval of the EC.

After the discussion, the Hon. Gen Secretary's report was approved unanimously.

Proposed by Dr. Rajeev Jain and seconded by Dr. Roop Chand Sidana.

5. READING AND ADOPTION OF TREASURER'S REPORT WITH STATEMENT OF AUDITED ACCOUNTS AND THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2023-24:

Hon. Treasurer Dr. M. Aleem Siddiqui presented Hon. Treasurer's report and placed the audited accounts of the Society along with the submitted IT Return and the budget for the year 2023-24. Dr. Mahesh Gowda informed that the UDIN generated authentic audited statements of the last three ANCIPS are not available to the Hon. Treasurer office, only surplus amounts are submitted. Dr. E. Mohandas added that atleast for 7 years the audit reports need to be stored for any IT related matter. Dr. Gautam Saha Organizing Secretary ANCIPS 2020 said that the audit report was submitted to the Hon. Treasurer Dr. KK Mishra and the same system should be followed for state and zonal levels also. Dr. Mahesh Gowda added that the digital information should also be transferred to carry the trail of communication from last Treasurer Office to current Treasurer office, which is missing as mentioned in Hon. Treasurer's report and now Dr. Aleem Siddiqui would be responsible for all the missing documents. The President replied that a manual of proceedings will be created where all these things will be mentioned and followed accordingly. Dr. KK Mishra mentioned that he has handed over the audited statement of ANCIPS to Dr. Aleem Siddiqui. Dr. Anukant Mital enquired about the corpus fund differentiating membership, award, surplus from conferences. He also enquired about the pre-mature liquidation of FDs and reinvesting that amount for better interest rates, as mentioned in the Treasurer's report. Dr. Mital also enquired that how to validate the online membership documents, without physical copy. Dr. Savita Malhotra asked for the preparation of book of procedures like other international organizations, which AGB accepted. The members enquired whether all the accounts of the ANCIPS & Mid-Term CMEs can be included in the Treasurer's report; corpus fund for membership and awards which needs to be treated separately as its purpose is different. Dr. KK Mishra enquired about the mentioning of the staff salary in the audit report. Dr.

Asim Mallick enquired about what amount of income tax paid for last financial year, which Hon. Treasurer replied that we have filed and claiming IT Refund. Dr. Gautam Saha asked to increase the budget for the research foundation and Dr. Sandeep Grover proposed for 5 different researches having each of Rs. 2 Lakhs as budgetary approval, which AGB approved. Dr. Ponnudurai congratulated both the Current and Imm. Past Hon. Treasurers for the timely submission of the ITR and warned that IPS must be careful with the 12A and 80G and finance code needs to be followed properly. Dr. Ponnudurai thanked Dr. IRS Reddy Dr. RR Ghosh Roy and Dr. NN Raju for taking the initiative in closing the case of Dr. Thirunavukarasu and IPS and paying the lawyer fees. Dr. Ranjan Bhattacharyya enquired about the delay in filling the ITR for FY 2021-22 and getting the email password from the previous Hon. Treasurer, which President replied that covid created the delay. Dr. KK Mishra replied that income tax can be filled only after the month of June, and as he was not having the accounts detail, hence he could not file the ITR. Dr. Mukesh Jagiwala congratulated Dr. Aleem Siddiqui and explained that when IPS will get refund from IT department then penalty will not be levied. After discussion the Treasurer's reports with statement of audited accounts were approved unanimously. Proposed by Dr. Arun Marwale and seconded by Dr. Mukesh Jagiwala.

6. ADOPTION OF STATEMENT OF AUDITED ACCOUNTS OF ANCIPS 2022, VISAKHAPATNAM AND NATIONAL MID TERM CME 2021, DELHI.

Hon. Treasurer informed that audit report and statement of accounts received from the organizers of ANCIPS 2022, held at Visakhapatnam. Dr. Nimesh Desai Organizing Chairperson, National Mid-Term CME 2021 held at Delhi handed over the surplus amount and the audit report to the President Dr. Vinay Kumar.

7. READING AND ADOPTION OF EDITOR'S REPORT:

Hon. Editor Dr. Om Prakash Singh read the salient points of the report. Dr. OP Singh mentioned that IJP is now a monthly journal with increased impact factor 2.983 and ranking 4th highest among all biomedical journals published from India with a Cite Score of 3.1 and is now Q2 Journal. Dr. OP Singh emphasized on the institutional subscriptions of IJP for medical colleges and not to use personal journal copy in the library of the institute. Dr. E. Mohandas congratulated and suggested for an online journal library, which was noted by Hon. Editor. Dr. Roy Abraham congratulated and requested to continue with the print copies of the journals, which Dr. Singh replied that for the sustainability, the Hon. Editor's office will make a survey to know who wants hard copy and on that basis printed copies will be sent to a maximum of around 3000 members. Dr. Ranjan Bhattacharyya enquired about the article processing charges, which Dr. Singh denied as the quality will get compromised. Dr. Vinay Kumar informed that a meeting on Psychiatry Teachers' Forum will be organized in Delhi where we will promote IJP.

The Editor's report was approved unanimously.

Proposed by Dr. Sujit Sarkhel and seconded by Dr. Sandeep Grover

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS:

The EC listened to all the following proposals and passed its recommendation to the AGB 2023 for final approval.

ARTICLE and Clause	Existing	Proposed	EC recommended and AGB approved
Article V, Clause 5 (c)	Life Member: Registered Medical practitioners under Schedule I or II or part II of Schedule III of Indian Medical Council Act (1956), or who have any other recognized medical qualification which is considered equivalent to the above by the Council of the Indian Psychiatric Society, who	Life Member: Registered Medical practitioners under Schedule I or II or part II of Schedule III of Indian Medical Council Act (1956), and who are pursuing any post-graduate course in psychiatry recognized by the National Medical Commission shall be eligible for Life Ordinary Membership. Their membership shall be liable to be terminated if they have discontinued their PG Courses or if they have not upgraded their membership to Life Fellowship within three years after becoming eligible for upgradation. Membership of existing Life Ordinary Member before the implementation of the above amendment will be	

	are actively engaged in the pursuit of the aims and objects of the Society shall be eligible for Life Ordinary Membership.	allowed to continue as such.	NO
Article V, Clause 5(d)	Life Associate Member: Professionals working in the allied fields of social, educational, psychological, legal and medical sciences who hold appropriate professional qualifications recognized by authorities established by Law and who are interested in the aims and objects of the Society are eligible for Life Associate Membership	Life Associate Member: Registered Medical practitioners under Schedule I or II or part II of Schedule III of Indian Medical Council Act (1956), or who have any other recognized medical qualification which is considered equivalent to the above by the Council of the Indian Psychiatric Society, or persons holding recognized qualification as Mental Health Professionals as per criteria described in the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017. Membership of existing Life Associate Members will be allowed to continue as such.	YES
Art IV, Clause 10 (c) – Bye-laws of the Society	In case of the inability of the General Secretary, Treasurer, Editor to discharge the duties due to any reason the Asst Secretary, Asst Treasurer, Asst Editor respectively shall officiate in his place, unless decided otherwise by the Council.	In case of inability of the Hon. General Secretary, Hon. Treasurer or Hon. Editor due to any reason, the Council shall power to nominate an elected member of the Council Society to officiate in their place. In exceptional circumstances, if the fellow so nominated is not an elected member, he shall not have any voting right in the Council.	YES
Article XIII (heading)	Annual Conference	Annual Conference and Mid-Year Conference.	YES
Article 37 (b)	New article. Existing contents of Article 37 will be renamed as Article 37 (a)	In addition to the annual conference, there shall be a two day long mid-year conference also. It shall be organized usually in the month of August. This conference will focus on continuing professional development. and presentation of research from young psychiatrists, especially post graduate student members. All the constitutional provisions and rules for the annual conference shall be applicable to the Mid-Year Conference.	YES

Dr. Choudhary Laxmi Narayan
Chairpersons, Constitution Sub-Committee

Dr. Balaji Ramesh
Convenor, Constitution Sub-Committee

Dr. RR Ghosh Roy
Advisor, Constitution Sub-Committee

Dr. Laxmi Naresh Vadlamani
EC Coordinator, Constitution Sub-Committee

The proposal for translocate the registration from Patna to Ranchi was approved.

9. DECLARATION OF THE AWARDS:

The Chairman Awards Committee Dr. TV Asokan heartily thanked all the judges of the award papers.

SR. NO.	AWARD	AWARD WINNER
1	DLN MURTHY RAO ORATION AWARD	DR. PRATIMA MURTHY
2	TILAK VENKOBA RAO ORATION	DR. ABHISHEK GHOSH
3	MARFATIA AWARD	DR. SANDEEP GROVER
4	BHAGWAT AWARD	DR. GOPIKA JAKOTA
5	COL. KRIPAL SINGH AWARD	DR. (COL.) VIRENDRA VIKRAM SINGH

6	PPA-I AWARD	DR. BISWAS RANGAM MISHRA
7	PPA-II AWARD	DR. ABHISHEK GHOSH
8	BPSS AWARD	DR. CHANDRA MOULI ROY
9	PROF. JK TRIVEDI AWARD	DR. P K DALAL
10	PROF. KC DUBE POSTER AWARD	DR. KASHYPI GARG, DR. SHIPRA SINGH
11	PROF. MURUGAPPAN POSTER AWARD	DR. ADITYA S
12	YOUNG PSYCHIATRIST AWARD	DR. ARPIT PARMAR
13	PROF. SRIDHAR SHARMA AWARD	BRIG. MSVK RAJU

The President Dr. Vinay Kumar announced the winners of branch awards for the year 2022:

Best Zone	IPS Southern Zonal Branch
Joint Second Best Zone	IPS Western Zonal Branch
	IPS Eastern Zonal Branch

Joint Best State Branch	IPS Telangana State Branch
	IPS Karnataka State Branch
Second Best State Branch	IPS Assam State Branch

The winning certificates were handed over by Dr. Arabinda Brahma, Hon. General Secretary

10. DECLARATION OF ELECTION RESULTS BY CHAIRPERSON, ELECTION COMMISSION:

The President Dr. Vinay Kumar requested Dr. K. Ashok Reddy, Chairperson, Election Commission to declare the results for the Election 2023.

Dr. K. Ashok Reddy declared the results of the Election 2023.

- Dr. Laxmikant Rathi elected as Vice-President cum President Elect.
- Dr. Mahesh Gowda elected as Direct Council Member.
- Dr. Shahul Ameen elected as Direct Council Member.
- Dr. Vishal Akula elected as Direct Council Member.
- Dr. (Brig) R.K. Saini elected as Direct Council Member (Military).
- Dr. Ram Ghulam Razdan elected as Zonal Representative – Central Zone
- Dr. Prosenjit Ghosh elected as Zonal Representative – East Zone
- Dr. Dipayan Sarkar elected as Zonal Representative – East Zone

Dr. Tophan Pati, contestant for the post of Vice-President cum President Elect in the Election 2023 requested the President to give him a chance to speak on the IPS Election. President Dr. Vinay Kumar said that he is allowing Dr. Tophan Pati to speak on the issues related to IPS Election in AGB as every member has the right express his/her views, but President mentioned that Election Commission is an independent body appointed by the AGB.

Dr. Tophan Pati repeatedly expressed his grievance and said he was not satisfied with the result. He said that when the counting was over, he had given in writing to the president and also an email after that His complaints included following in the first letter dated 04/02/2023 morning is as:-

Q1) The person-in-charge today (04/02/23) stated that he knew who had not voted at different stages.

Q2) Access/ log in history should be provided by the vendor

Q3) System generated password did not work, but agency password worked.

The email conveying his complaint was received by the President Dr. Vinay Kumar during the proceedings of the AGBM on 4th February 2023 at 6:40 PM which was seen by the president when Dr Pati mentioned about it. The content of the letter -

A) I had intimated my lack of satisfaction with the process of election and stated the reasons for it in my written complaint in exercise of my right as per Art VI 16.g (I).

- B) I continue to be still dissatisfied and request you to withhold the result for the said post and refer it to the Tribunal of IPS as per the above-mentioned constitutional provision.
- C) I demand proper scrutiny about the electronic voting management by the concerned vendor and its office.
- D) The related access must be available. The login dashboard should be shared with our experts.

Responding to Dr Pati the President told that immediately after counting was over chairperson, election commission called the vendor who explained everything, and another complaint letter came after commencement of AGBM and I could see only when you pointed out now, after declaration of result for the post of vice president cum president elect, hence declaration of result cannot be withheld.

Dr Pati continued to object. Dr. CL Narayan, Chairperson Constitution Committee asked whether the communication from Dr. Tophan Pati came before the declaration of the result, to which Dr. Vinay Kumar replied that it came within the progress of the AGB at 6:40 PM through email. There was discussion at length in the house regarding the complaint. Many members participated in the discussion. Dr. Shashi Rai, another contestant for the post of Vice-President cum President Elect in the Election 2023 had also registered verbal complaint and said that the vendor changed his statement. Initially he told that the reminder messages were sent to those who did not vote and later he told that messages went to all. Many members complained about getting OTPs without any attempt of voting from their side. The President also cleared that the election commission and the office bearers may not be able to answer to the technicalities of the software involved in the election process. Dr. Rathi mentioned that the complaint should come before the commencement of the AGBM and as the result being declared in AGB by the election commission, it cannot be taken back. After hearing all the views, the AGB decided to handover the grievances and complaints registered by Dr Tophan Pati to the IPS Tribunal, to examine the election process and the data security.

Dr. Vinay Kumar and Dr. Arabinda Brahma congratulated Dr. K. Ashok Reddy and his team for successful conduct of elections. Dr. K. Ashok Reddy appreciated the cooperation and commitment of his team members – Dr. Asim Mallick as Returning Officer and Dr. B.S. Shekhawat as Election Officer. Dr. Ashok Reddy presented certificates of Election to the newly elected members. Dr. Asim Kumar Mallick took charge as the Chairperson, Election Commission for the IPS Election 2024.

11. INVITATION OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICE BEARERS AND EC MEMBERS TO DAIS AND THEIR REMARKS:

The President Dr. Vinay Kumar invited the newly elected Vice President cum President Elect Dr. Laxmikant Rathi, newly elected Direct Council Members Dr. Mahesh Gowda, Dr. Shahul Ameen, Dr. Vishal Akul and Dr. (Brig) R.K. Saini, who was elected unopposed by the house.

12. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER OF ELECTION COMMISSION:

The members from IPS Central Zone were requested to propose the name of a member who is Life Fellow for 10 years and served EC for one full term as needed for the post of the Election Officer, Election Commission. The Central Zone proposed the name of Dr. Rajeev Jain as the new Election Officer which AGB approved.

13. APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITOR:

Dr. M. Aleem Siddiqui, Hon. Treasurer proposed to continue with the current auditor D.S. SHUKLA & CO. Chartered Accountants, Lucknow, which AGB approved and asked to issue an appointment letter for FY 23-24.

14. AMENDMENTS OF THE RULES & BYE-LAWS, IF ANY

PROPOSALS RECEIVED BY THE HON. GENERAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, PRESENTED ALONG WITH THE COMMENTS OF IPS CONSTITUTION SUB-COMMITTEES.

NAME of the Proposer	Existing reference	Proposed	Comment of Constitution Sub-Committee
DR. ABHAY MATKAR	Art III Clause 18 – Memo	All Investments should be in Government secured Instruments	It should be preferable but not mandatory. Therefore, not recommended as of now. Precise proposal required in this respect. AGB may adopt a resolution for the purpose.
	Article XIII Bye-Laws	In order to improve IPS membership & participation at local, state & zonal level any member elected as member of IPS is deemed to have become member of respective local, state & zone as per his proof of address. Out of the total subscription paid by member, the local body, state body & zonal body should respectively be remunerated with Rs 500. Rs 1000 & Rs 1500 respectively. The status of national membership will be passed on to respective local, state & zonal body as & when it is changed.	As the Branches have been financially delinked, this cannot be done. All our branches are registered independently. It may be considered after creating a legal structure legally.
	Article VI – Bye Laws	ARTICLE -VI; The entire election process should be preponed by two months & results should be announced the day voting is completed. While results can be declared the day voting is completed, the same can be ratified by AGB when due. This will help in better planning by respective office bearers, improve transparency in handing over charge & make the office functional with new team from day one post AGB.	Whole matter has been separately discussed under Election reforms, including the change of date and appropriate proposals
IPS GUJARAT STATE BRANCH	Proposals not in precise form with reference to IPS CONSTITUTION. Matters relate to membership Criteria	1. Membership to be restricted to MBBS + MD Psychiatry/DNB Psychiatry/ Diploma Psychological medicine / CPS in Psychiatry / Postgraduate Psychiatry pursuing PG student. 2. Life Associate Membership category to be removed.	Constitution Committee is submitting its proposals separately regarding changes in this respect.
DR. KK MISHRA	Election related matters	The proposals are extensive and are attached separately. Many of the matters have already been discussed in the report of Election Reforms. (Annexure – 1)	Matters have been discussed under the Election Reforms and proposals being submitted accordingly. However, the proposal sent by Dr. Mishra is circulated.
DR. P. KISHAN	Bye-laws – Article VI Clause 20	(a) The Life Fellow nominated for the post of Vice-President-cum-President-elect must be a Life Fellow of the Society for at least 10 years and must have served for at least one full term of three years as a member of the Council or any Life fellow who served as President to any Zone of IPS. (b) The Life Fellow nominated for the post of Honorary General Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Editor must be a Life Fellow of the Society for at least 5 years and must have served for at least one full term of three years as a member of the Council or any Life fellow who served as President to any Zone of IPS.	It has been discussed several times previously, but cannot be done as experience at the national level is necessary to hold responsible post of office bearers at the national level.
DR. SANDEEP	ARTICLE-V Classification of	to consider only those who are medically qualified (as minimum MBBS and above) to	Constitution Committee is submitting a proposal in this respect.

SHAH	Members 5. (d) Life Associate Member	be eligible to be members of our esteemed IPS. I earnestly request the committee to abolish the clause of Life Associate Member for anyone other than having minimum qualification as MBBS (Medical).	
DR. UTTAM GARG	Article VII – Rules of the Society	(C) Ex Officio (AMENDMENT PROPOSED) i) Immediate Past President ii) Immediate Past Hon. General Secretary iii) Immediate Hon. Treasurer iv) Immediate Hon. Editor. Reason being given 1-No where in the world any past office bearer can be counted as office bearer because they are elected for a specific period of their tenure and have completed the roles assigned. 2-In the constitution of IPS no where the Power and functions of the Immediate Past office bearers are defined except mentioned that they will be part of the council as EX Officio. 3- The presence of the Immediate Past Officers dilutes the Roles and Responsibilities of the current Office Bearers.	Constitution Committee cannot recommend, as they were included in the list of office-bearers as various matters remain pending due to a variety of reasons, like taking over/ handing over finance related matters, journal related matters and various other Society related issues in the transitional period.
DR. PAWAN KULKARNI	Article IX – Privileges of the Members	Propose to have ONE CATEGORY OF membership for all the members who are Psychiatrists as Life Fellow Members / Life Member of Indian Psychiatric Society and Voting rights to be extended to all the members of the IPS.	It cannot be done as voting rights cannot be extended to Life associate members.
	Art VI, Cl. 18 – Electronic voting – Dispute	Existing - I. If a contestant is not satisfied with the election process, the matter shall be referred to the President who shall give his decision before commencement of AGBM. If, however, the complainant is still not satisfied with the decision of the President, the result of that post shall be withheld and the matter shall be referred to the tribunal as per Article – XXI clause 37 a) of rules of the Society. In all such cases the tribunal shall give its verdict as quickly as possible, which in no case shall exceed 90 days. Proposed I. If a contestant is not satisfied with the election process, the matter shall be referred to the President Elect or Vice President who shall give his decision before commencement of AGBM. If, however, the complainant is still not satisfied with the decision of the President Elect, (who, by the time of AGBM, will be the President), the result of that post shall be withheld and the matter shall be referred to the tribunal as per Article – XXI clause 37 a) of rules of the Society. In all such cases the tribunal shall give its verdict as quickly as possible, which in no	COMMENTS of the Constitution Committee – To be replaced by following text - I. If a contestant is not satisfied with the election process, the matter shall be referred to the President who shall give his decision before commencement of AGBM, regardless of fact that he has become immediate past president after the inaugural ceremony. If, however, the complainant is still not satisfied with the decision of the President, the result of that post shall be withheld and the matter shall be referred to the tribunal as per Article – XXI clause 37 a) of rules of the Society. In all such cases the tribunal shall give its verdict as quickly as possible, which in no case shall exceed 90 days.

		case shall exceed 90 days. Reason Firstly, The incumbent President will be handing over the charge in the Inaugural function of the ANCIPS and as such the President may not have sufficient time to reach an opinion or may not give a decision at all (as an outgoing president, generally they want to end on a good note) Secondly, by the time AGBM is convened, the Newly Elected President would be the Chair of the AGBM and results are declared at AGBM where the Immediate Past President will not have any decision to make.	
DR. MAHESH GOWDA		The proposals are extensive and are attached separately. (Annexure – 2)	As the proposals are very extensive and not in a precise form, it is difficult to consider them in the regular AGB. Extra-ordinary GB Meeting will be required to consider these proposals. It is for the Executive Council and the AGB to consider these proposals. Few of the comments of the Constitution Committee are written below.

Comments on the Dr. Mahesh Gowda proposals.

1. To formulate consensus guidelines – CPG is already there which are regularly updates as well.
2. Regarding rights of the Psychiatrists and to provide safe environment of professional work – It is already there in the aims and objectives. Regarding providing safe environment – it is not within the domain of the Society.
3. Single window membership and sharing of the subscription amount– A task force is going to be constituted for the purpose.
4. Branch / Chapter to be independent bodies and to sign a MOU with them – It is being explored and special meeting with all the branches is planned to be held after seeking expert legal opinion.
5. Operation of the accounts with two signatories – Not practically feasible as the President, Hon. General Secretary and Hon Treasurer usually live at far away places. But all payments are made by the Treasurer after the payment is approved by the Hon. General Secretary.
6. Regarding Two years term for the EC members – It is up to the Executive Council and AGB to decide. The proposal is being circulated.
7. Election related matters – Separate report are being submitted on the matter by the Task force on Election Reforms.
8. Regarding Conferences and CMEs in hybrid mode – It is already being done in many of the Conferences. It is not practical to make it a rule. It is up to the Organizing Committees and Sub-committees to decide on individual basis as per the cost factors involved.

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EC Coordinator, Constitution Sub-Committee.

15. RESOLUTION FROM MEMBERS, IF ANY:

**The Constitutional Amendments proposed by Dr. Kshirod Kumar Mishra (LF 13133) and
seconded by Dr. Ashrumochan Sahoo (LF 01336)**

ARTICLE-VI: Election of Office Bearers and Executive Council Members

Existing clause 14(a)	Proposed Amendment	Reason
The Hon. General Secretary/Treasurer of the Society shall provide the list of Fellows of good standing (electoral rolls) as on 30th June to all members of the election commission by the 15th July. The Honorary General Secretary shall inform the CEC by 15th July about the posts for which election is to be held. The Hon General Secretary shall inform the CEC about the date of AGBM by 15th September. Existing Clause 14(b) By the 15th August every year CEC shall address through e-mails to all the eligible fellow members (voters) of the Society (as per the electoral roll given to the Election Commission), informing them about the details of the e-voting procedure and also vacancies due to occur in the ensuing year and inviting on- line nominations, for the posts to which elections are to be held; along with the Election Schedule. Existing Clause: 15 The eligible fellow willing to contest the election for the post of his/her choice, shall have to fill in the information on-line in the prescribed nomination form uploaded on the Society's website, by 15th September. At the time of filing of the nomination, the contestant shall have to upload his/her recent photo, required information & brief bio data (not exceeding 100 words). Nominations without bio data and photograph are liable to be rejected The nominations forms received on-line shall be duly scrutinized by the Election Commission at the Scrutiny Meeting of Election Commission, which shall be held before 30th September and the quorum for this meeting shall be two members of election commission. The Election Commission shall invite the Hon. Gen. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer of the Society to attend Scrutiny Meeting as representative of the Society.	The Hon. General Secretary/Treasurer of the Society shall provide the list of Fellows of good standing (electoral rolls) as on 31st Augst to all members of the election commission by the 15th Sept. The Honorary General Secretary shall inform the CEC by 15th July about the posts for which election is to be held. The Hon General Secretary shall inform the CEC about the date of AGBM By the 15th Sept every year CEC shall address through e-mails to all the eligible fellow members (voters) of the Society (as per the electoral roll given to the Election Commission), informing them about the details of the e-voting procedure and also vacancies due to occur in the ensuing year and inviting on- line nominations, for the posts to which elections are to be held; along with the Election Schedule. The eligible fellow willing to contest the election for the post of his/her choice, shall have to fill in the information on-line in the prescribed nomination form uploaded on the Society's website, by 15th October. At the time of filing of the nomination, the contestant shall have to upload his/her recent photo, required information & brief bio data (not exceeding 100 words). Nominations without bio data and photograph are liable to be rejected The nominations forms received on-line shall be duly scrutinized by the Election Commission at the Scrutiny Meeting of Election Commission, which shall be held before 30th October and the quorum for this meeting shall be two members of election commission. The Election Commission shall invite the Hon. Gen. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer of the Society to attend Scrutiny Meeting as representative of the Society.	New members who are elected during the Ec meeting of Mid Term CME can participate in the Election process New members who are elected during the Ec meeting of Mid Term CME can participate in the Election process

Existing Clause: 16(d) The CEC shall inform Scrutiny Report to all the candidates about the validity of all nominations by 5th October. Invalid / Rejected nominations shall also be intimated to the concerned contestants. The means of communication shall be through SMSs / e-mail. Existing Clause: 16(e) Candidates wishing to withdraw their nominations shall do so on-line to the CEC. The last date for withdrawal of nomination shall be 20th October. Existing Clause: 16(f) The CEC shall display the final list of candidates for various posts on-line on the website of the Society by 27th of October. Existing Clause: 17(a) The CEC shall disclose on the Society's website the list of all the contesting candidates & the posts for which they are contesting, along with their photograph, Bio data and also the detailed instructions for all the voters for casting of their votes through e-voting process by 21st November.	The CEC shall inform Scrutiny Report to all the candidates about the validity of all nominations by 10th November. Invalid / Rejected nominations shall also be intimated to the concerned contestants. The means of communication shall be through SMSs / e-mail. Candidates wishing to withdraw their nominations shall do so on-line to the CEC. The last date for withdrawal of nomination shall be 20th November. The CEC shall display the final list of candidates for various posts on-line on the website of the Society by 21st November. The CEC shall disclose on the Society's website the list of all the contesting candidates & the posts for which they are contesting, along with their photograph, Bio data and also the detailed instructions for all the voters for casting of their votes through e-voting process by 21st December. The election process will complete by 31st December 5:00PM	In the e-voting process 70% of voting occurs in the 1st week. Hence 10 days should be enough for the voting. Reducing the duration of voting will reduce the chance of mal-practice by the candidates.
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The Constitutional Amendments proposed by Dr. Mahesh Gowda (LF 13153)

SL	PROPOSED AMMENDMENTS	
1	PART I ARTICLE-II Aims and Objectives	Recommendation A. To promote and formulate expert consensus guidelines or clinical practice guidelines on various clinical issues for the benefit of members. B. To promote safe working environment for psychiatrists or to prevent violence on psychiatrists
2	ARTICE VI Election of members	6. Any person desirous of becoming a Member shall make an application to the Honorary Treasurer along with the prescribed fees, in prescribed form specifying preferred zone and preferred state. Recommendation. A. If subsequent changes are required in zone and state, another application can be made with the respective zonal/state after paying a prescribed fee. Any additional local branches within the state can have membership and affiliation by paying the additional membership fee if needed

3	PART II ARTICLE-IX Privileges of the Members	Recommendation A. Please add a chapter on rights of psychiatrists (ENCLOSED) which can be modified from time to time B. Add privileges to seek professional opinion on medico legal issues. Guided access to legal support. C. Suggesting policy makers for tax exemptions on conferences and CME. D. Strengthening the social security schemes
4	ARTICLE-XII Subscription	18. The Zonal/State/Local Branches shall have liberty to collect additional subscription fee only for any change in zone/state after initial enrolment through single window registration.
5	ARTICLE-XIII Branches	22. The Local, State and Zonal Branches shall bear the name of the Indian Psychiatric Society followed by Local Branch/Chapter , State Branch/Chapter or Zonal Branch/Chapter , as the case may be. 23. When a Local, State or Zonal branch fails to conform with the standards laid by the Society or acts in a manner contrary to the provisions made in Rules and Bye- laws of the branch concerned or of the Society, the Society shall have absolute power to take such measures as it deems fit including suspension of the branch concerned or loss of affiliation. Recommendation A. Single window registration and fee sharing should be agreed upon without charging extra membership fee. B. Branches that follow IPS shall abide by the process of election of members laid by the IPS constitution.
6	ARTICLE XIV Affiliation with other Societies or Bodies	28. Zonal, State or Local branches shall affiliate or be affiliated with legal/affiliated organization only. IPS shall associate with only registered legal entities to conduct conferences/ program. They must have their own pan, bank account, registration, bye laws and approved constitution in place.
7	ARTICLE-XVII Powers and Functions of the Executive Council	(e) The AGB shall constitute a Tribunal from floor of AGB and not by council. (f) The AGB shall have power to write off the whole or a part of the arrears against any individual members.
8	BYE LAWS ARTICLE II SUBSCRIPTIONS	Recommendation A. The amount so collected shall be shared in the suggested ratio of 75:12.5:12.5 between National, Zonal and State Bodies, single window membership ensuring a selection of Zone and State at the time of application. If a member wishes to change his Zone and state they can directly apply to the concerned body later after following the due process prescribed. B. Provision for automatic upgrade from LOM to Life Fellow could also be considered following due processes.
9	Bye Laws ARTICLE- IV Duties, Powers and Terms of Office- Bearers	(d) He has to be a joint signatory in addition to president/secretary. (e) Shall open an account as a joint signatory with a Nationalised Bank approved by the Council and shall have the authority to jointly operate this account for the expense of the Society. (g) All transactions should be in concordance.
10	ARTICLE-V Duties, Power & Terms of Office of the Direct Council Members & Representatives from the Zonal Branches to the Society	11. (a) Members of the Council whether elected directly by the Annual General Body or by the Zonal branches shall hold the office for two years and shall be eligible for re-election at the end of this period for another term only.
11	Bye Laws ARTICLE- VI Election of Office Bearers and Executive Council Members	14. (a) Election commission will suo-moto take cognisance of situation in case Hon. secretary does not intimate time of AGB before stipulated date, announce the date and time of declaration of results on hybrid mode and treasurer will undertake to reimburse the expenses (c) Canvassing by mobile/telephonic calls is only permitted. Campaigning in form of a question & answer or debate session where each candidate is allowed to respond in a virtual platform setup by Hon. Secretary, after identifying a suitable date and time. 15. The eligible fellow willing to contest the election for the post of his/her choice, shall have to fill in the information on-line in the prescribed nomination form uploaded on the Society's website, by 15th September. At the time of filing of the nomination, the contestant shall have to upload self-attested copies of his/her recent photo, required information & brief bio data (not exceeding 100 words). Nominations without self attested bio data and photograph are liable to be rejected.

		16 (b). Election Commission shall have the powers to scrutinize and establish the correct identity of the proposer, seconder and contestant and if any discrepancy found in establishing identity, shall reject the nomination. 18. (b) AGB meetings/date of declaration of results. 20. (a) Life fellow must have served a full term of 2 years as a member of the council or office bearer of his zone. (b) Hon general secretary.....should have served one full term of 2 years as a member of the council or office bearer of his zone. (e) should be eligible after 1 full term Recommendation A. the organizing committee consisting of organising secretary, chairperson and treasurer(Any person involved in communication with esteemed members) in that election year, cannot contest for the Office bearers and executive council members
12	Bye laws ARTICLE-XII Funds of the Society	36. Shall spend money in the direction to achieve aims and objectives of the society and in accordance to IT regulations to satisfy the 80 G exemption requirement.
13	Bye Laws ARTICLE-XIII Annual Conference	40.(V)(f) Fund raising in accordance with NMC guidelines. Revised from time to time. 40. (VI) Amount to be Rs. 50000/-not Rs. 500/- A MOU from the financial committee of IPS to be obtained Recommendations A. List of delegates for free entitlement in conferences can be reconsidered. It reduces the immense burden on organisers of future conferences. Extra privileges like lunch and dinners can be paid on actuals. B. Having conferences in hybrid mode would decrease the financial burden. C. Follow the Financial protocol specified by the finance committee IPS , and shall submit the book of accounts, bills, bank statements with closure statement, quotations and audited statement with UDIN numbers
14	(NEW ARTICLE TO BE ADDED) Bye Laws ARTICLE-XVI International Conference Conduct and IPS Office Bearers Representative to International Bodies	46. The society can participate in international conferences of member organisations as a host / co-host / lend their name to participate after prior approval from the EC or AGB as appropriate. In case any member bids for international conferences after approval from the EC, the organising chairperson is chosen by the EC and he could constitute his team and shall use financial credentials of the society following due protocol specified. 47. The president of the Indian psychiatric society shall represent IPS for holding office in international societies when required.
15	Appendix III FINANCE CODE	2. EC meeting to be preferably on virtual mode or to fix maximum 2 meetings in person. 5. There should be a capping of expenses of Rs. 50,000 per issue discussed at EC for approval. 7. Should consider consulting assets management committee to look at income and expenditures of building 8: Two signatories for all expenditures, a thorough Audit rationalizing the expenditure and not just verifying it is required. Review of quotation books, bank details at periodic intervals.

The amendment to create provision for mid-year conference was passed. Due to time constraint and presence of less number of members the discussion at length on other constitutional amendments and resolutions from members was not possible. Dr. Rajeev Jain, Dr Savita Malhotra and many members proposed to have a separate EOGBM for the constitutional amendments, which AGB accepted.

After detailed discussion, AGB accepted to hold separate EOGBM for the constitutional amendments. The AGB recommended that the amendments as discussed in the house will be modified by the Constitution Committee and then will be presented in the EC Meeting, which will propose to convene an online EOGBM for the final approval.

16. APPROVAL OF NEW STATE AND LOCAL BRANCHES:

The EC recommended the new local branch – IPS Agra Local Branch, which was approved in the AGB.

17. SELECTION OF VENUE OF ANCIPS-2025 & NATIONAL MID-TERM CME 2024:

Dr. Anukant Mital mentioned that in the AGB Lucknow the proposal for ANCIPS at Mumbai was withdrawn keeping in mind that if no proposal come after ANCIPS, Kochi, then ANCIPS at Delhi could be considered. Dr. CL Narayan Chairperson Constitution Committee said that AGB cannot decide more than one ANCIPS at a time.

The Hon. General Secretary informed that he was in receipt of three invitations for ANCIPS-2025 from the following places:

SL	Place	Proposed by	On behalf of / Supported by / Endorsed by
1.	Delhi	Dr. Anukant Mital	Dr. Rajesh Nagpal
2.	Bangalore	Dr. A. Jagadish & Dr. Mahesh Gowda	IPS, Karnataka State Branch
3.	Hyderabad	Dr. P. Kishan & Dr. Vishal Akula	IPS, Telangana State Branch

After voting, AGB decided that ANCIPS 2025 will be organized by IPS, Telangana State Branch at Hyderabad.

Dr. A. Jagadish clearly mentioned that any event company/agency in association with any member in the capacity of the organizing committee of ANCIPS increases the price of accommodation at abnormal rate, then many members may boycott as a protest.

The Hon. General Secretary informed that he received one invitation for National Mid-Term CME 2024 from the following place:

SL	Place	Proposed by	On behalf of / Supported by / Endorsed by
1.	Agra	Dr. Sagar Lavania	IPS, Agra Local Branch

AGB unanimously decided to give responsibility to IPS, Agra Local Branch to hold NATIONAL MID-TERM CME (MIDCIPS 2024) at Agra.

18. IPS CO-SPONSORED MEETINGS / CONFERENCES:

An email sent by Dr. Gautam Saha as President of SPF to Dr. NN Raju, then President IPS on 31st January 2023 which says that the WPA Regional Congress 2023 at Kolkata will be organized by SPF on behalf of WPA, in collaboration with the Indian Psychiatric Society, along with the 7 other member societies/representations of member countries of SPF. (IPS will be the first country). There was discussion at on the pros and cons of “collaborating” or “Co-sponsoring”. Dr. Laxmikant Rathi said that Dr. Gautam Saha will reply after taking consent from the EC of SPF whether IPS will be “collaborating” or “Co-sponsoring” WPA Regional Congress 2023. The president Dr Vinay Kumar explained the meaning of collaborating and co-sponsoring and said that we should co-sponsor this meeting to avoid being party to financial transactions. The AGB decided to co-sponsor the WPA Regional Congress 2023, Kolkata. AGB gave the responsibility to the EC to send reply to the WPA.

19. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS:

Dr. Mahesh Gowda questioned about the tenure of Dr. Gautam Saha as President of SPF who being the sitting President of IPS became the President of SPF. Dr. Gowda mentioned that the Presidential baton should have been forwarded to the next President Dr. NN Raju when his tenure started and then to Dr. Vinay Kumar. Dr. Gautam Saha replied that he is the President of SPF as per constitution of SPF. Dr. Mahesh Gowda also questioned that PCO involved in the IPS conferences are not government authorized and NMC may question. Dr. Gowda also raised question that as Dr. Gautam Saha is representing IPS as President of SPF, then why not the financial aspects of the WPA Regional Congress 2023 be shared with IPS. Dr. NN Raju questioned how the EC members are elected in the SPF? President Dr Vinay Kumar assured the members that proper inquiry in SPF matter will be done.

20. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR:

Dr. Uttam Garg, as President of IASP said that he wants to contest for the WPA Zonal Representative and seek support from IPS. The President said that similar request for support came from Dr. Vinay Lakra for the post of President WPA and Dr. Mrugesh Vaishnav for the post of WPA Secretary Education. AGB decided to support both. Dr. Gautam Saha proposed and Dr Mrugesh Vaishnav seconded that the current President Dr. Vinay Kumar should be the candidate for zonal representative. Dr. Vinay Kumar gave his consent. His candidature was accepted by the AGB.

Dr. Rajeev Jain said that all the agenda, not conclusively discussed in the AGBM, can be postponed to the next GBM, not on single agenda like for constitutional amendment in the EOGBM.

VOTE OF THANKS:

The Hon. General Secretary Dr. Arabinda Brahma complimented the outgoing direct council members and wished all the best for the newly elected council members. Dr. Arabinda Brahma expressed his gratitude to Imm. Past President Dr. NN Raju, Vice-President cum President Elect Dr. Laxmikant Rathi, Hon. Editor Dr. O.P. Singh, Hon. Treasurer Dr. M. Aleem Siddiqui, Imm. Past Hon. General Secretary Dr. TSS Rao and Imm. Past Hon. Treasurer Dr. KK Mishra for their support. Dr. Brahma lastly mentioned his sincerest thanks and gratitude to the President Dr. Vinay Kumar. He also thanked all the members for their constructive participation in the AGB meeting.

The AGBM 2023 ended at 9:45 pm.



(Dr. Vinay Kumar)
President,
Indian Psychiatric Society



(Dr. Arabinda Brahma)
Hon. General Secretary,
Indian Psychiatric Society

4th February 2023
Bhubaneswar