

**MINUTES OF THE 25TH ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF ISCCM HELD ON 2<sup>nd</sup>  
FEBRUARY 2019 AT 5.30 PM AT MUMBAI**

The Twenty fifth Annual General Body Meeting of the Indian Society of Critical Care Medicine was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 at 5.30 P.M. at The Renaissance Mumbai Convention Centre Hotel, Mumbai

Dr Pradip Kumar Bhattacharya welcomed all the members present. The President Dr Yatin Mehta called the meeting to order with required quorum present at meeting.

**1. Apologies**

Nil

**2. Condolences**

Dr Rameshwar Pande, Dehradun, Dr Hamendra Patel, Baroda and Dr Bhupendra Shah, Baroda.

One minute silence was observed in respect of departed souls.

**3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the last Annual General Body meeting held on 8th March 2018 at Varanasi.**

The minutes of the last AGM were confirmed. Dr Manish Munjal proposed and Dr Yash Javeri seconded and minutes were passed.

**4. Involvement of local branch in Annual Conference**

Dr Yash Javeri enquired regarding involvement of local branch in Annual Conference. Dr Kapil Zirpe clarified that as per Constitution, the local branch could select their 4 Organizing Committee members by consensus.

**5. To confirm the Audited statement of accounts for the year 2017 -2018**

Dr Rajesh Chandra Mishra proposed and Dr Susruta Bandyopadhyay seconded passing of accounts and Audited accounts for year 2017 -2018 were passed.

**6. General Secretary`s Annual report**

Dr Pradip Kumar Bhattacharya presented General Secretary`s Annual report. He thanked all Executive Committee members for their contribution made during the year.

He informed about activities of society during year. The important updates were as follows:-

**General**

1. The major exercise of Membership database update was undertaken. More than 4,000 email id and mobile numbers of members were updated.

2. He informed about ISCCM day celebration.
3. IJCCM publishers have been changed. Jaypee Brothers are managing IJCCM from Jan 2019 issue. IJCCM is available to all members in soft copy form only. Dr R K Mani completed his tenure as editor on 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2018. He thanked him for his efforts. Dr Atul Kulkarni has been appointed as Editor, IJCCM for 3 years from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2019. The members applauded appointment.
4. To strengthen Accounting and compliances, new Consultants have been appointed. A full time Accountant also has been appointed.
5. A budget has been prepared. The aim is to minimise the administrative expenses and to allocate maximum funds for research and academic objects of society.
6. Rs 1.50 lacs were paid to ISCCM Kochi and Calicut branch each for heavy rains relief.
7. The bankers have been changed from HDFC Bank to Axis Bank.
8. The provision has been made for applicants to apply for membership totally online with payment of fees. It has been proposed to make the membership application procedure mandatorily online after Criticare 2019.
9. It is planned to bid for World Congress 2025 and endeavour is to bid till we are successful.
10. FCRA registration – ISCCM is FCRA registered. We are expecting an educational grant of Rs 20 lacs for our online CCIDC course.
11. Like every year, Critical Care Update Book has been released this year also.
12. Administrative Aspects of Critical Care book is another book that has been released this year.
13. With more activities being planned, we have finalised purchase of neighbouring office. The possession is expected in near future.

## **Research**

1. ISCCM Initiated research INDICAPS II PI Dr J V Divatia has got 33% better response than INDICAP I.
2. We appreciate Dr Vidya Menon, Dr Mahuya Bhattacharya and Dr Sukanya Mitra - Research grant awardees.
3. CHITRA: The data entry platform has been transferred from St. John`s Bangalore to ISCCM server. It has been officially launched and it will soon start after Criticare 2019.
4. Research Methodology E course prepared by Dr Anirban Hom Choudhuri has been launched during the conference.

5. We have brought out a Compendium book of Abstracts of all research done in India for 2008-2018. We thank Dr Atul Kulkarni and Dr Subhash Todi for their efforts for the book.

6. We plan to have research conclave soon.

7. The monthly Podcast: Review of Critical Care literature and Author interview is in progress and it is expected to start soon.

8. We are informing our members to participate in ISCCM Endorsed surveys going on with international bodies.

### **Guidelines**

1. AKI guidelines have been completed and submitted. We thank Dr Arindam Kar for his efforts for these Guidelines.

2. We thank Dr Narendra Rungta for his commendable work and efforts put in for preparing the ISCCM guidelines on ICU Design.

3. " Indian antimicrobial prescription guidelines in critically ill immunocompromised patients, Chairman – Dr Atul Kulkarni have been published in IJCCM. Indian antimicrobial prescription guidelines in critically ill non immunocompromised patients, Chairman – Dr G C Khilnani have been also published in IJCCM supplement.

### **Criticare 2019**

1. First time center has conducted annual conference from center and he hoped that it will be successful conference.

2. A special discounted prices were offered to PG students.

3. There are 10 prizes for posters and 10 prizes for platform presentations.

4. He hoped that all must have liked Scientific programme.

### **Branches**

1. The branch management system has been developed. More than 50% of branches are actively using BMS.

2. For current year, the best branches were selected from branch management system.

3. Few branches conducted their elections through center`s election software. The cost was borne by center.

Dr Pradip Kumar Bhattacharya thanked all the ISCCM office staff for their contribution. Mrs Sunita Shukla has been working with ISCCM for 25 years. The members applauded.

All the ISCCM office staff were felicitated with Shawl.

Dr Pradip Kumar Bhattacharya thanked and concluded General Secretary`s report.

### **7. Felicitation of Dr Ashit Bhagwati, Past President**

Dr Ashit Bhagwati was felicitated.

Dr Ashit Bhagwati – happy to see society grow. He requested President for ISCCM should have its own text- book.

### **8. To declare election results for 2019-2021**

Dr Pradip Kumar Bhattacharya informed the election results.

Nominations were invited for the post of 1 President – Elect, 1 Vice President, 1 General Secretary - Elect, 1 Secretary , 1 Treasurer and 4 Executive Committee Elected Members.

The following members were elected unopposed:

**Secretary** Dr Khusrav Bajan, Mumbai

Elections were therefore held for 1 post of President-Elect, 1 post of General Secretary – Elect, 1 post of Treasurer and 4 posts of Executive Committee Elected Members.

The following contestants were declared elected.

**President-Elect** Dr Dhruva Chaudhry, Rohtak

**General Secretary – Elect** Dr Srinivas Samavedam, Hyderabad

**Treasurer** Dr Shilpushp Bhosale, Mumbai

**Executive Committee Members** Dr Gunjan Chanchalani, Mumbai

Dr Suneel Kumar Garg, Delhi

Dr Suresh Ramasubban, Kolkata

Dr Raymond Savio, Chennai

The members applauded all the elected candidates.

### **9. Elections for 1 post of Vice President**

Dr Subhal Dixit – 3 nominations were received for 1 vacant post of Vice President. The Election Commission had accepted nomination of Dr Rahul Pandit which was in order. The nomination of Dr Ravindra Sarnaik, Nagpur was rejected as it was not accompanied with valid payment. Dr D K Singh nomination was not accepted as it was received after last date for receiving nominations. No complaint was received for last date with 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019 for receiving nominations as Sunday. The election Commission have declared Dr Rahul Pandit as elected as Vice President.

Dr D K Singh thanked members who had attended Criticare 2018 conference. The members applauded. It is well practiced rule that if last day falls on Sunday or declared as holiday then the date is extended to next day.

Dr D K Singh – The election is for not new post. All rules applicable to last election are same. He does not want an election. The members applauded Dr D K Singh.

Dr Subhal Dixit – The Constitution is not clear. It has not been mentioned that if candidate has contested for 1 post then he cannot contest for another vacant post.

Dr Kapil Zirpe – The Election Commission is 5 members committee. The members should respect their intelligence, knowledge and decision.

Dr Kapil Zirpe – in past also there are occurrences where the candidates who had lost have got elected at Annual General meeting. Amendment can be made which can be followed from next year.

Dr Subhal Dixit – there is no grievance redressal Committee for scrutiny of nominations.

Dr Narendra Rungta – the law of land is applicable to all. If last date falls on holiday, the last date automatically changes to next working day. Dr Rahul Pandit participated in election and had lost. Morally it is not correct. Dr Kapil Zirpe – The election is not for same post.

Dr Ashit Bhagwati – it has to be specified in constitution that if last day is holiday then the last day is extended to next day. There is no barrier to recontest for the post which candidate has lost.

Dr Dhruva Chaudhry suggested that a Committee of 3 Presidents should be made and a decision should be taken in AGM. The members applauded the suggestion.

Dr Kapil Zirpe – if everything is decided in Annual General meeting then why there is Election Committee.

Dr Kapil Zirpe – The election Committee has declared result. If Dr D K Singh wants an election then the opinion of members at AGM should be taken.

Dr Rahul Pandit raised objection on similar ground that if he could submit his nomination in time then the other members also should have submitted in time. If members at AGM have to decide then they could.

Dr Yatin Mehta expressed his displeasure with Conflict. He declared that election will be conducted in half hour by secret ballot.

Dr Kapil Zirpe – The committee of 3 past presidents Drs Rajesh Chawla, Narendra Rungta and Ashit Bhagwati will conduct elections and monitor the whole process.

Dr Pradip Bhatia – How only members at AGM only could take part in elections. Dr Kapil Zirpe – It is as per the Constitution.

Dr Ashit Bhagwati started election process and informed members regarding voting and valid vote.

The members voted by secret ballot. After counting Dr Ashit Bhagwati declared the result of Election Committee. He declared Dr Rahul Pandit who had polled higher number of votes as elected as Vice President.

The members applauded Dr Rahul Pandit.

#### **10. The annual report of the Indian College of Critical Care Medicine**

Dr Pradip Kumar Bhattacharya highlighted the important details of ICCM mentioned in annual report.

He informed that exemplary work has been done by all ICCM board members.

The member with substantial experience in Critical care and who is awarded FICCM can become teacher.

Dr D K Singh requested that members having PDCC from institutes like BHU, SGPGIMS should be considered as valid for teacher. Dr Pradip Kumar Bhattacharya – It will be discussed in next ICCM Board meeting.

Decision has been taken that institute fulfilling criteria can run IDCCN course solely. The members applauded decision.

The Associate Life membership has been made mandatory for nursing candidates.

The policy for refund of student fees has been formulated.

It is planned to have meeting of ICCM fellows every year. Dr Deepak Govil is coordinating that meeting. Rs 5 lacs have been sanctioned for this meeting.

The website is fully active for college section.

The names of all toppers awardees in exams who had received their award during Convocation were informed. The members applauded the awardees.

Dr Anuj Clerk – due to criteria of 2 teachers, smaller hospitals are unable to apply for ISCCM courses accreditation. Dr Pradip Kumar Bhattacharya - The decision was taken for interest of students. Dr Palepu Gopal – the feedback has been received from various teachers. It has to go through process. In next ICCM Board it will be discussed and considered favourably.

The Member raised a point that senior members who were in Critical Care for long time but who did not have IDCCM or IFCCM should be considered for teachers. Dr Subhal Dixit – A gateway has been opened for them. If they apply for FICCM and are awarded FICCM then they can get the recognition as teachers.

The presentation of the annual report of the Indian College of Critical Care Medicine concluded.

#### **11. The annual report of the IJCCM**

Dr Pradip Kumar Bhattacharya highlighted the important details of IJCCM mentioned in annual report.

## **12. Presentation of budget by Dr Rahul Pandit, Treasurer**

Dr Pradip Kumar Bhattacharya thanked Dr Rahul Pandit for preparing the budget.

Dr Rahul Pandit presented the budget.

The college has annual expense of Rs 70 lacs and income from college is Rs 81 lacs.

On an average, the society gets a surplus of Rs 1.80 crores to Rs 1.90 crores from last 3 conferences. There can be a problem if 1 conference occurs a loss.

The publication expenses will reduce. Dr Rahul Pandit praised Dr Atul Kulkarni for financial terms arrangement with new publisher – Jaypee Brothers. Every year there was a deficit of Rs 30 lacs to Rs 40 lacs on account of journal. The deficit has reduced to Rs 20 lacs by not printing the hard copies.

Dr Rahul Pandit – At present the funds position is in just in balance.

Dr Rahul Pandit thanked and concluded presenting the budget. The members applauded Dr Rahul Pandit.

## **13. To discuss about the Constitution amendments**

Dr Pradip Kumar Bhattacharya enquired with members that whether they have any issues for proposed Constitution amendments.

Dr Rajesh Chawla – For many years canvassing has not been allowed for elections. If canvassing is allowed, then too much of canvassing may happen. It should be allowed through newsletter or website and not allowed through social media.

Dr Yatin Mehta – The matter has been discussed in detail and then subsequently it has been unanimously decided that the canvassing should be allowed. We are being hypocritical. Lot of canvassing was happening. The only objection to canvassing is that its commercialisation will not be allowed.

Dr J V Divatia – The society central body or Election Commission should officially do periodic campaigning by sending material of candidates to members.

Dr Subhal Dixit – The election process has been reduced only to one month.

Dr Kapil Zirpe – Can canvassing be opened with provisions proposed. The members proposed and passed the amendment.

The member had issue over 3 Executive Committee members from each zone. They perceived it as disproportionate to members per zone.

Dr Kapil Zirpe – If representation is based on numbers then North, West and South Zone will dominate and East and Central Zone will suffer. There are enough posts for contesting Pan

India. The intention is to take ISCCM to all parts of country. The purpose of amendment is not to do justice or injustice to anybody.

The members applauded Dr Kapil Zirpe.

Dr Gunjan Chanchalani agreed to representation from each zone. However, her contention was that how there can be equal representation with some zones having more members and some zones having lesser members. There is no equity in this.

Dr Kapil Zirpe – The members could participate in ICCM Board as well.

Dr Yatin Mehta – ISCCM is not political organisation. The proposed amendment is fair.

The members proposed and passed the amendment.

The members proposed and passed all the other amendments also.

Dr Rajesh Chawla – he had never seen attendance and discussion like this at AGM. He congratulated members for their attendance in large numbers and discussion at AGM.

#### **14. Presentation of the report of the Organising Secretary for 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of ISCCM Criticare 2020 at Hyderabad**

Dr Rajesh Chandra Mishra presented the report. He thanked members for providing him the opportunity to serve as General Secretary and Organising Secretary of Criticare 2020. He informed about composition of core Criticare 2020 Organizing team.

Names of international faculties were also informed.

Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC) is the venue of conference and negotiations are on with them. Criticare 2020 workshop and conference dates were announced.

Dr Rajesh Chandra Mishra assured that members will have best gala dinner experience. Criticare 2019 was like family event of Dr Rahul Pandit. Dr Rajesh Chandra Mishra informed about his passion for Criticare 2020 and working for it as his family event.

The registration rates for PG students have been never so low. Overall the registration rates also have been reduced.

Dr Rajesh Chandra Mishra – all members are welcomed to be present at Criticare 2020.

Dr Rajesh Chandra Mishra invited Criticare 2020 key Organizing Committee members – Dr Subhal Dixit, Dr Dhruva Chaudhry, Dr Srinivas Samavedam, Dr Ganshtyam Jagathkar, Dr Subba Reddy and Dr Venkat Kola on dais.

The members applauded the Organizing team and report by Dr Rajesh Chandra Mishra.



## **15. Pediatric section**

Member from Pediatric – Pediatric section is scrapped and we are never given proper representation in society. Dr Subhal Dixit – it has been merged. Dr Kapil Zirpe – We do not differentiate between Pediatric and adult members.

Dr Kapil Zirpe – The Pediatric members like to attend adult members sessions in conference.

His contention was that why a separate Pediatric section post is required. They should contest election for Executive Committee posts.

The discussion concluded.

## **16. Distribution of prizes and awards**

Dr Yatin Mehta, President and Dr Subhal Dixit, President – Elect distributed prizes and awards. The presidential citation awardees were Dr Parshotam Lal Gautam – Ludhiana, Dr Palepu Gopal – Hyderabad, Dr Devi Prasad Samaddar- Jamshedpur, Dr Deepak Govil – Delhi, Dr Rajesh Pande – Delhi, Dr Subhal Dixit – Pune, Dr Pradip Kumar Bhattacharya – Bhopal, Dr Subhash Todi – Kolkata, Dr G C Khilnani – Delhi, Dr Rahul Pandit – Mumbai, Dr Rajesh Chandra Mishra – Ahmedabad, Dr Kapil Zirpe – Pune, Dr R K Mani – Delhi, Dr Narendra Rungta – Jaipur, Dr Jeetendra Sharma, Gurugram and Dr Atul Kulkarni, Mumbai.

The young talent hunt certificate was given to winners – Dr Sudipta Mukherjee – Kolkata, Dr Rupali Patnaik – Berhampur and Dr Nishanth S – Salem.

The Best Branch award (Metro) – ISCCM Kolkata branch was declared as best branch and the Best branch award (Metro) was handed over to senior members of ISCCM Kolkata branch.

The Best Branch award (Non- Metro) – ISCCM Pune branch was declared as best branch and the Best branch award (Non-Metro) was handed over to senior members of ISCCM Pune branch.

For ISCCM Day Poster competition – First prize Dr. Pratibha Toal, Mumbai. Second Prize -

Dr Sharmila Chatterjee, Tapas Kayal and Dr S K Todi (AMRI Hospitals, Dhakuria, Kolkata) and

Third prize (i) Dr Meena Sonone, Dr Padmanabh Kallole, Dr Ruchira Khasne, Dr Leena Bhangale and Dr Sujeet Bhamre, Nashik (ii) Dr.S.Nishanth, Coimbatore (iii) Suresh Kumar Angurana, Chandigarh (iv) Dr Wasimul Hoda and Dr Rakesh Garg, New Delhi (v) Dr Swati Chhabra, Jodhpur and (vi) Dr Arunashree S. & Zubair Mohamed, Kochi were given their prize and certificate.

For ISCCM Day Slogan competition First prize - Wasimul Hoda and Rakesh Garg were given their prize and certificate.

For ISCCM Day Video competition First prize – Ms Bency Benny, Pune and Second prize – Bhubaneswar City branch were given their prize and certificate.

The certificate was given to Research grant awardees – Dr Sukanya Mitra, Dr Mahuya Bhattacharyya and Dr Vidya Menon.

### **Installation of President**

Dr Yatin Mehta – he had satisfactory tenure. He was pleased with elections fairly conducted at AGM. The major Constitutional changes happened during Dr Kapil Zirpe`s tenure and few more steps have been taken this year for moving towards transparency. He thanked Drs Kapil Zirpe, Subhal Dixit, Pradip Kumar Bhattacharya and all other Executive Committee members for their cooperation in smooth functioning of society. With best wishes Dr Yatin Mehta handed over the President medallion to Dr Subhal Dixit.

Dr Subhal Dixit invited all the Executive Members 2019-20 on dais.

The video of welcome address of Dr Subhal Dixit was played. He informed about his journey with ISCCM as student. The society has grown by leaps and bounds with running of various courses, publication of books and guidelines and by association with various Asian and Western societies. He ensured that society will continue to grow at rapid speed during his tenure. He wished for working on constructive consolidation in different departments of conference.

He welcomed suggestions from members.

Dr Subhal Dixit concluded his address by thanking all members and welcoming them at next year`s Annual conference – Criticare 2020.

With no other business remaining, Dr Pradip Kumar Bhattacharya declared the meeting as closed.

Dr Yatin Mehta  
President, ISCCM

Dr Pradip Kumar Bhattacharya  
General Secretary, ISCCM