

Indian Association for the Study of Traditional Asian Medicine

THE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BODY MEETING OF ALL MEMBERS OF IASTAM – INDIA HELD ON 19th August 2021 AT PUNE

Date - August 19, 2021

A General body meeting of all the members of the Indian Association for the Study of Traditional Medicine [IASTAM (India)] was held on Thursday August 19th 2021 at 3.30 pm after time required for the quorum at the College of Ayurved, Bharati Vidyapeeth Deemed to be University, Pune Satara Road, Dhankawadi, Pune 411043.

Thirty-Three (33) members were present. Dr. Narendra Bhatt, President of the association chaired the meeting.

1. WELCOME

Dr. Narendra Bhatt welcomed all the members.

CONDOLENCES

Right in the beginning the members of the association were informed of the sad demise of several of its members during the tenure. A list of office bearers and members and their contributions were shared by the president.

All the members stood and observed a moment of silence to pay their respects.

2. REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES - Oration & Awards Functions, Conclaves and other Meets

Dr. Manasi Deshpande, Secretary General updated members about various activities that were held and highlighted on activities during 2017-2021. A detailed graphical power point presentation covering IASTAM history, institution of awards, award functions activities, collaborators, conclaves, meets on different subjects of relevance as *Challenges for Global Competitiveness, Cancer Care & Research, Regulatory Aspects, Viral Infections - Translational Modalities, Awareness programme on Pharmacovigilance for Ayurved Drugs* organised at Delhi, Kochi, Pune and virtual meets was made. She updated members about membership drive, execution of Baidyanath awards and activities sponsored by Dr. G. V. Satyavati - Dr. P. J. Deshpande Fellowship, and Short-Term project. A detailed report of 40 years in a tabular form is published in September 2021 issue of the Newsletter.

3. REVIEW OF FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

Dr. Vandana Kozarekar, Treasurer, presented the financial report to the members for the term 2017-2021. Points are as follows:

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The filing of IT returns has been completed regularly in time without fail for the financial year 2017-2018, 2018-19, 2019-2020. Accounts for FY 2020-21 are under audit and will soon be submitted. The submissions to the Charity Commissioner are under process. She shared a comparative financial statement based on the audited accounts for the last four years along with the financial report and briefed the members about the details and need for increase in the corpus.

IASTAM receives the funds from Award Sponsorship, Membership and others. The funds of IASTAM have been used mainly for two/three activities (1) Award Functions, (2) Newsletter published every month, (3) Events. The corpus collected for Awards has been exhausted against the series of Award Functions and events and related expenses. 67 out of total 91 experts have been awarded in last six (6) years. The sponsors have been approached for funds and continuation of the Awards.

All these expenses for the awards and award function have been undertaken with due procedural considerations and approvals by the managing committee.

A special thank you was expressed for the monitory supports received from time to time from M/s. Emami Ltd. for contribution towards expenses of international Awards, BVDU Awards, Shree Baidyanath Ayurved Bhawan Pvt. Ltd. Awards, and special contributions from Shri Girish Parikh, Dr. DBA Narayana, Dr. M. H. Paranjape, Prof. A. J. Baxi, Dr. C. K. Katiyar and Dr. Narendra Bhatt. She explained of urgent need to get funds for the corpus.

Dr. Bhatt gave details of the follow up interaction with the sponsors. Out of 12 Awards, 3 - Pandit Shiv Sharma Oration, Prof. K. N. Udupa Award were instituted by IASTAM. Dr. G. V. Satyavati returned amount similar to the Gold Medal that was offered at that time. Zandu Emami has already provided funds and assured support for the international award. He informed that against the sponsorship amount of Rs. 1,50,000 to Rs. 2,00,000 for almost 6-9 awards have been given. The average cost per year per award is approximately around Rs. 55000-60000/-. After due and repeated consideration with the members of the managing committee all remaining sponsors have been informed of the conclusion of the awards unless further funds will be made available. The association will need to think and make efforts for funds. These awards have gained a unparallel recognition and credibility with high standards adhered to and the regularity. This will definitely help getting new sponsorship. The continuous support of our members is always a great source of encouragement and is appreciated.

4. PUBLICATIONS / COMMUNICATION - IASTAM TEXT, NEWSLETTER AND SUCH OTHERS

Dr. Manasi Deshpande also shared details of publications of the association as *IASTAM Chronicle*, *Proceedings of events*, '*An Aspiring Tradition*' an award booklet,

Newsletter Update

IASTAM India published Communiqué on quarterly basis before December 2016.

From December 2016, onwards *the Communiqué has been* converted into ‘IASTAM NEWSLETTER’ in a new design and form on regular monthly basis with eight pages; and is registered under the Government of India. This monthly published newsletter will be completing 5 years in November 2021. 56 issues are published till date and all are available on the website. Initially it was decided to publish the print copy for 3 or 5 years. It is a simple way to connect and share activities & information with the members. This has helped to strengthen the relationship with all the members. The new managing committee will decide about continuation of publication of the newsletter in hard or digital form.

Text – Integrative Perspectives: Ayurveda, Phytopharmaceuticals and Natural Products-

This text has made noteworthy contribution to the sector where 41 renowned expert awardees have shared their experiences, observations and suggestions in their area of activities with 9 contributions from the contributing editor, Dr. Bhatt that provide detailed perspective on ‘Integration’ in the context of Ayurveda based on his *47+ years of experience in the different areas particularly Clinical Research, Drug Standardization and Regulatory Aspects*. He informed of the sale of 332 copies till date. A special offer of Rs. 1000/- was made for the day of the meeting.

5. OFFICE & ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Anagha Vaidya joined IASTAM in October 2014 as an Administrative Executive for ICAAM 2016. Since July 2017, as IASTAM had limited funds, an alternate arrangement has been provided for continuance of her services by Dr. Narendra Bhatt through M/s CRIA Consultants Pvt. Ltd. Since then, she is working under dual contractual agreements.

Managing Committee and Office Bearer Meetings:

The members were informed of the regular Meetings of the members of the Managing committee held as mandatory and that the Agenda and the Minutes of Meetings have been maintained in proper format and bound for future reference.

6. IASTAM INTERNATIONAL - UPDATE

Dr. Bhatt informed of the new constitution for IASTAM-International. Prof. Angelika Messner, Mr. Reinhard Bogle and other 5 council members have taken initiatives to register the international body in Germany. This was required as the association didn't have registered record of previous management. Dr. Bhatt shared the historical details about the relationship between two organizations. IASTAM India has its own identity and managed more regularly. There is no conflict between International and India. Both the organizations though independent will remain complimentary to their activities.

Members were informed of active participation of Prof. Angelika Messner, President, IASTAM at the award function at Kochi in 2019. She had extended an invitation to all members to actively participate at the X ICTAM to be held at Taipei; that is postponed and now the new dates are awaited.

7. ELECTION OF MANAGING COMMITTEE

Dr. Abhijit Patil provided his honorary services as the ‘Electoral Officer’ as resolved by the members of the managing committee on the dates declared for the process of nomination and election. The election process for election of the office bearers and members of the Managing committee for 2021-2024 was initiated as per the norms.

On 17th August 2021 after scrutiny, 20 nomination forms for various posts were received. One nomination form was rejected as it was incomplete and not in order. No withdrawal request was received. Finally, nineteen nomination forms were eligible for consideration.

The office bearers were nominated and elected for the positions without contest for the term 2021-2024. One position of Regional Secretary (South) remained vacant. For 8 positions of the members of managing committee nine (09) eligible nominations were received. Thus, it was for the first time that the procedure of election was necessitated.

Therefore, an election process was conducted at the general body meeting of the association on August 19th, 2021. Under the supervision of the electoral officer the election was held while ensuring the required secrecy. After due declaration and announcement about the procedure; the ballot papers with names of 9 representative members were given to each of the 33 members present. They were required to select eight (8) members by a Tick (√) out of the Nine (9) as ‘Members’ of Managing Committee 2021-2024. The name and signature had to be mentioned on the specific part of the ballot papers which were teared off and kept separately to maintain secrecy of votes. The ballot papers were folded into 2 folds and put in the ballot box. At the end the number of signed slips and the ballot paper were tallied. The votes of the 09 eligible members for election were counted.

After due completion of the electoral process Dr. Abhijit Patil presented the election report and announced the names of the office bearers and the members of the Managing Committee for the period 2021-2024.

The New IASTAM Managing Committee 2021-2024

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| 1. Dr. Chandra Kant Katiyar | - President |
| 2. Prof. Dr. Shivenarain N. Gupta | - Vice President - West |
| 3. Dr. Younis Iftikhar Munshi | - Vice President - East |
| 4. Dr. Narendra Nath Mehrotra | - Vice President - North |
| 5. Dr. Nedungadi Haridas | - Vice President - South |
| 6. Dr. (Mrs.) Kavita Vinayak Indapurkar | - Secretary General |
| 7. Shri Girish G. Parikh | - Treasurer |

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| 8. Dr. Ashok Kumar Jain | - Regional Secretary - East |
| 9. Dr. Vandana Kozarekar | - Regional Secretary - West |
| 10. Dr. Prasoon Kumar Gupta | - Regional Secretary - North |
| 11. Prof. Dr. Sanjeev Rastogi | - Member |
| 12. Prof. Dr. Vidhi Bapna | - Member |
| 13. Dr. Kirti Bhati | - Member |
| 14. Dr. Sanjay Sharma | - Member |
| 15. Dr. (Mrs.) Meera M. Paranjape | - Member |
| 16. Dr. Vikash Babu | - Member |
| 17. Dr. Manasi Deshpande | - Member |
| 18. Dr. Umesh Ghate | - Member |
| 19. Dr. Narendra Bhatt | - Member (Immediate Former President) |
| 20. Dr. Abhijit Patil | - Member (Nominee - Principal, BVDU, COA) |

The members of representation of other systems and disciplinarians as per geographical area will be elected by co-opted nominations.

The members applauded and welcomed the new office bearers and committee members.

The '**National Advisory Council**' will also be reconstituted soon. Dr. Bhatt acknowledged advise and support of members of NAC, particularly of Shri Shekhar Dutt, the chairman.

8. FUTURE PLANS:

Address by Dr. Narendra Bhatt

Dr. Bhatt informed members of relinquishing his position as decided in the previous General Body Meeting. He made reference to his efforts to prepare the new generation of office bearers and regretted the unfortunate loss of few. He appreciated the elected office bearers and members of the new managing committee and look forward to the development of IASTAM India by the strong new team under the able leadership of Dr. Chandra Kant Katiyar. He will always be there to support, suggest and give advice to the committee. He expressed sincere thanks for College of Ayurved, BVDU for the shelter, facilities and the support of the faculty for the several events that took place. He reiterated his belief that individuals are meant for organization and not the organization for individuals. He was overwhelmed with his 40 years journey which started on terrace of Zandu where he was asked to bring members for IASTAM. He thanked all members for their support and cooperation.

A photo frame of the 91 Awardees was unveiled by Dr. Katiyar, Dr. Bhatt and other senior members. Another photo frame of visionaries and functionaries of the association is in the making along with a separate listing of names of the presidents and the secretary generals.

Dr. Chandra Kant Katiyar, the incoming president was asked to share his views.

Dr. Katiyar mentioned that it was only due to continuous persuasion by Dr. Bhatt that he has could agree to become president of the association.

He updated members of their good chemistry together. He acknowledged that passion, seriousness and benchmark set by Dr. Bhatt will be difficult to match but he assured the members that he will try his best to continue the activities of IASTAM and that he will come up with new ideas and suggestions. He asked Dr. Bhatt for his continued support and guidance. He confirmed that the IASTAM has become much big than what we think and that it has the recognition and wealth of knowledge and its activities to spread. He assured to address different points that have been made and that he with support of his colleagues on the committee will carry forward all the events and activities of the association. He specifically referred to the efforts of Dr. Bhatt for continuous publication of the newsletter and for the IASTAM Text, being a landmark publication for the association.

9. ANY OTHER ITEM WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

The supportive presence and suggestions of the senior members Prof. Subhash Ranade, Prof. M. H. Paranjape, Shri Chandubhai Bhanushali, and all the members was appreciated. Once again, the sponsors as Emami, Zandu, Yoga Forum - Munich, Baidyanath, Dr. M. H. Paranjape, Dr. Satyavati and Bharati Vidyapeeth University were acknowledged for their kind support.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks.

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