

Indian Orthopedic Association (IOA) General Body Meeting (GBM) Held on Friday, December 2, 2022 from 3.00pm onwards during IOACON 2022, at HALL – A, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar Presided by Dr Ramesh Sen, President IOA

General Body Meeting of Indian Orthopaedic Association

Venue: HALL – A, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar IOACON 2022,

Day and Time: Friday, December 2, 2022 from 3.00pm onwards

On Dias : President – Dr Ramesh Sen , President Elect – Dr Atul Srivastava , Vice President – Dr Ram Chaddha , Immediate Past President and Election officer -Dr B Shivashankar Hon Sec- Dr Navin Thakkar ,Treasurer- Dr Sandeep Kumar , Joint Secretary – Dr Dinesh Thakkar, Joint secretary – Dr Pardeep Bageja , CAO IOA – Mr Ramesh Pandey

The meeting started with the IOA Secretary General instructing Mr. Ramesh Pandey and other members of the assisting team to distribute copies of the agenda amongst the members seated in the hall. Dr Navin Thakkar stated that the agenda had already been mailed to all members and now was again being physically handed to them. He then he gave few instructions:

Those who are not life members to please leave the hall and repeated two times as Non-Life members are not entitled to remain present in proceedings of GBM of IOA

1. Those having a question / query were requested to come to the microphone or use portable mikes available in the house.
2. He requested them to introduce themselves first
3. He requested them to be brief and to the point only
4. Express themselves fully but please only speak for value addition and to avoid repetition of what was said already.
5. These etiquettes will help to save time and conduct the meeting in a timely order

IOA Hon. Secretary took permission from Chair -Dr Ramesh Sen to start the GBM Proceedings. On behalf of the Indian Orthopedic Association, Dr Navin welcomed all members and then requested Dr Ramesh Sen to deliver his welcome / Presidential address.

Presidential Address:

Dr Ramesh Sen welcomed all the members to the GBM. He stated that the GBM was one of the most important pillars of the association's democracy and so it was important that all members felt positive about it. He hoped that the positivity would make a good IOA.

Agenda 1 Obituaries:

Dr Navin Thakkar displayed the list of the members who had left us and also read out their names:

1. Dr Manish Chharparwal: LM 05732 Rajasthan
2. Dr Ashok S Pagrut: LM 03248 Maharashtra
3. Dr P Dhanarajan: LM 01588 Tamil Nadu
4. Dr Sandeep Manna: LM04473 West Bengal
5. Dr Gurinder Singh Mann: 10397 Punjab
6. Dr Mohanan C: LM 02641 Kerala
7. Dr K M Mathew; LM 00354 Kerala
8. Dr Pankaj Jain: LM 06092 MP
9. Dr D K Mishra: LM00443 West Bengal
10. Dr Dharam Nath Singh: LM08456 Bihar
11. Dr Arvind Kumar: LM 03773 Bihar
12. Dr Darbari Singh: LM 00765 Bihar
13. Dr Tiratha Nand Singh: LM 02161 Bihar
14. Dr Mahendra Choudhary: LM 07525 Bihar

15. Dr Manoranjan Mohapatra: Odisha
He stated that Prof Dr Satyanand from UP and one more from Odisha needs to be added to the list being displayed. He then requested all members to stand up for one-minute silence and pray for the departed souls.

Agenda 2 : Confirmation of the minutes of the meetings:

Dr Thakkar Screened slide showing list of meetings held

- A. Confirmation of the minutes of the meetings held on 24.12.2021 (GBM) at GOA Post Valedictory ECM at GOA 25 Dec 2022,**
- B. EC Meeting Jan 23, 2022 (Online),**
- C. EC Meeting 1, May 2022 @IOA House**
- D. EC Meeting 7 August, 2022, (Online),**
- E. Emergency ECM**
 - 1.23-10-2022, for single agenda of Rescheduling IOA Election2022(Online)**
 - 2.ECM 31-10-2022(Online) for Complaint of Dr Anup and other contestant,**
 - 3. Emergency ECM on 6-11-2022 (Online) for matters related to Resignation of Election Officer Dr Ram Chaddha and Appointment of New Election Officer - Dr B. Shivashankar,**
 - 4 Emergency ECM 18-11-2022 (Online) for Accept Resignation of Shri Shashikant Gupta - Retired High Court Justice and Appoint Other Retired Justice as observer**

Sub Agenda A : Confirmation of the minutes of the meetings held on 24.12.2021 (GBM) at GOA and Post Valedictory ECM at GOA 25 Dec 2022

Dr Atul Bahadur Singh LM 2020 challenged the minutes on two grounds: (a) He had never suggested that the VP conduct the election (b) He received an invite to attend the EC meeting on 10th from Dr Navin Thakkar. On December 12 his mother passed away and he informed the EC members on 16th about his inability to attend. It was acknowledged by then President Dr Shivashankar, Dr Atul Srivastava and others. Sadly nowhere in the minutes of EC or GB this is recorded; instead it states that he did not attend in spite being called (c) the point he said he is challenging is IOA election case: the CyPad or the Cyber Crime Unit of Delhi Police has filled a charge sheet in CMM Patiala Court, which negates all the charges against him. He said that he had hired a personal lawyer after taking permission from then President Dr RC Meena, since he was party No. 8. He had filled a FIR as there was a conspiracy to defame him in various meetings without taking my version, and I was given no opportunity (d) He added that the house was misled by Dr B Shivashankar and further I was asked to apologize. I would like to know, apologies for what? There is no fault; He had not indulged in any anti-IOA activity. Whatever he said in the high court was because he did not get the relevant papers to present in EC. He further added that he was forced by WhatsApp messages to change his affidavit which he refused. Today his stand was vindicated by the Cyber Crime charge sheet. He asked that if anybody has any documents for his anti IOA activities, he would please request that such documents be handed over to him. He has submitted over a thousand pages to the police putting in his issue.

The meeting was temporarily halted due some interruption by the students of the university who protested about smoking in Non-Smoking area. The same was amicably solved by few members who spoke apologising for the same. The protestors left the venue within minutes.

Dr Atul Bahadur continued that in agenda No. 19, member points 4 & 7, two of his letters which were read in the GBM, they have not been recorded in the minutes. It was stated that he said if you don't read his letters, he will take you to court. In the ratification of minutes, it is stated by Dr Navin Thakkar saying no objections. So he didn't know why Dr Navin is saying two things. (e) He added that the third letter was received which was sent to the Legal & Grievance cell. Till date he had not heard from them. So the chronology of his letters (1) Dec 4 he filed objections to the minutes in the amendments in the constitution. Sadly, most of them are coming true today. (2) Second mail he received on Dec 10 from Dr Navin Thakkar (3) December 17 he received letter of condolence (4) He filed objections to the minutes on December 23. Now the question that comes is that as per constitution, he needed to be given 8 weeks' time. No show cause notice or intimation has been sent to him as of date. He asked:

Why has he been suspended and what are the complaints against him? What are his anti IOA activities? In the light of charge sheet that has been filed. If he was suspended, he would like to as the house: why is he still the administrator of the IOA Facebook page?

Dr. Sameer Agarwal stated that if no charge sheet has been sent and no enquiry has been done against Dr Atul Bahadur, you cannot keep him suspended for one year. So, he requested the house that you should revoke his suspension and he should be back as a member. He added that last time also he told that suspension of any member should be for 6 months and during that time you have to complete the enquiry. If found guilty, take him out. But you can't keep a member in the dark. Maximum suspension is one year, which is already over he thought that Dr Atul Bahadur should not have been suspended from day one. Dr Pratyush Chatterjee stated that he was surprised to learn that Dr Atul Bahadur had been suspended. He further said that he had the opportunity of working with Dr Atul Bahadur as a committee member and he had seen how sincerely he works. His suspension should be revoked, and the members should know what the exact reason he was suspended was.

Dr ShivaShankar stated that "he was suspended during my tenure therefore I wanted to reply to this question." Dr Sameer Agrawal said, let the president decide. Dr B Shivashankar said as a President I received a police complaint from the Najibabad Police named Satyendra Singh, he has his SMS and number, where he was asked by the said officer to present himself at Najibabad and give the evidence and that was the reason why such decision was taken during GBM. He further stated that now he is requesting the President to revoke the suspension.

Dr Harpal Selhi, with due permission of the chair, made an announcement requesting all members to refrain from smoking since the venue was a non-smoking campus. Dr Harpal made an announcement with a humble request to all members not to smoke as the whole university venue is a non-smoking zone and as per the regulation of Govt. of India. He further said that it was a very difficult time and there are videos on which they are asking us to identify the member and hand over to them as this is a criminal offence and FIR can be lodged. Now it has been informed so now onwards the organising team will not be responsible if anyone is caught smoking in campus. Dr B Shivashankar said that he was not knowing this, and came to know just that time, and that there would have been proper announcements with signage of No Smoking everywhere. Dr Sameer Agrawal informed that the announcements have been made. Dr B Shivashankar said, that he was not aware and, heard this as first time here only.

Dr Harpal made an announcement and he announced that the university campus is a non-smoking zone and he requested all not to smoke in open areas of the university. Dr. B. Shivashankar made a passing comment that he himself was not aware of this fact as there were no proper signage saying No Smoking Area.

Continuing with the discussion, Dr Rajiv Naik stated that suspension is too big a punishment usually given for extreme crimes. Just because Dr Atul Bahadur has gone against the then President should not be a ground for suspension. Dr Ramesh Sen concluded by stating that if the house agrees, we can revoke the suspension. Majority agreed so Dr Ramesh Sen stated that the suspension is revoked.

Dr SC Goel stated that there was an error in the agenda that had been circulated. Normally the first point is the ratification of minutes. Minutes are what has happened. Matter coming out of that are the next agenda. He added that ratification meant what content is given, actually happened. Agreeing to Dr Goel's assertion, minutes of IOACON 2021 Goa minutes were confirmed and then Dr Ramesh Sen said the conclusion of the discussion is that the suspension is revoked.

Dr AN Mukherjee said that being blamed is already a punishment for someone who is under suspension. Dr Shivashankar asked Dr Mukherjee if it was correct for a Grievance committee member to file a case in his town against the President. Dr Mukherjee replied with a no. Dr Shivashankar added that Dr Atul Bahadur should also apologize for that. He addressed Dr Atul Bahadur and added that he expected an apology from him because he was a Grievance cell member and should not have made a mistake like this. Dr Atul Bahadur replied by saying that he had made no mistake. Dr Shiva again asked him, if he had complained to the police against him: yes or no? To which Dr Atul Bahadur replied that yes, he had. He continued by saying that he

was being defamed. Dr Ramesh Sen interjected by saying that the suspension had been revoked so let's go to the next agenda.

Dr Vijayaraghavan stated his objection to the minutes of 31.10.2022 and 06.11.2022. He stated that despite repeated request to the Secretary, he had not received the minutes of these two EC meetings. He further stated that he had been provided the minutes by his friends and found that some statements that he wanted to be recorded were not mentioned in the minutes. He stated that he had mentioned that he objects to 'so and so' being the election officer and that has not been recorded. He reiterated that when minutes are written they have to be accurate information of what people say; who wins and who loses is not the point. He finished by saying that at some point of time, IOA must correct this and thus these minutes have to be revised and should mention that one contestant objected to the Election Officer. Dr Navin Thakkar replied by saying that Dr Vijayaraghavan's objection was noted.

Dr Arvind Diwakar asked the President why the Aadhar card should not be linked to the voter's identity as is done in other elections in India. Dr Ramesh Sen appreciated the suggestion and suggested that this should be considered for subsequent elections.

Sub agenda B: EC Meeting Jan 23, 2022 (Online)

Dr Navin Thakkar informed house that this meeting was for the selection of nominate members by president and making all sub committees. And he asked for if there were any objections, as there were no objections and it was passed . Dr Vijaya Raghavan reminded again for his previous objection for the minutes of 06-11-2022 meeting for selection of election officer . Dr Thakkar cleared that he is going sequentially one by one and passing of this minute will come later as one can see on screen. But, we have already considered your objection and minutes will be edited accordingly

Subagenda C: . EC Meeting 1, May 2022 @IOA House (Physical)

Dr Thakkar informed house that this was a physical meeting @ IOA house with inauguration of renovated IOA House . He asked if anyone has objection for minutes of 1-5-2022 meeting @ IOA house ? . All members said that no objection , so minutes were passed.

Sub Agenda D : EC Meeting 07.08.2022 (Online)

There was no objection, so minutes were passed unanimously.

Sub Agenda E: Emergency EC meeting 23.10.2022 (online)

This meeting had a single point agenda of rescheduling the elections from Nov 1, 2022 to Nov 8, 2022. No objections. Minutes passed. Dr Atul bahadur Singh had a technical issue of ratifying previous EC meeting minutes even in single agenda meeting , which was of technical nature and accepted and needful will be done

Sub Agenda F Emergency EC meeting 31.10.2022 (online)

Dr Thakkar mentioned that this emergency EC meeting was conveyed with the permission of President Ramesh Sen sir because of Dr Anup Agrawal's objection regarding few names deleted from UP in the final Voter's list. There was no objection to the minutes , so minutes were passed .

Sub Agenda G. Emergency EC meeting 06.11.2022 (online)

This meeting was called for matters related to resignation of Election Officer Dr Ram Chaddha and appointment of new Election Officer Dr B Shivashankar. Dr Vijay Raghavan's objection was taken to edit the minutes for his objection of XYZ as an election officer. Except this objection, there was no objection from house , so minutes were passed

Dr Atul Bahadur objected stating that without ratifying the minutes of the previous meeting you cannot proceed further in the next meeting. He stressed that whenever you have an EC meeting, you must ratify the minutes of the previous meeting. He said that it was technically wrong, and the house needs to know why this error occurred. Dr Navin replied that these were not regular meetings but emergency meetings with single agenda without wasting any time. Dr Atul Bahadur again said that even if it is a single point of agenda minutes must be ratified otherwise how cause of action will arise. Dr Navin said that we are ratifying here. Dr Atul Bahadur again objected. Dr Navin said in EC there were no objections. Dr Sameer Agarwal stated that if it's a technical issue, it can be corrected now by writing a line in the minutes that these minutes were ratified in Amritsar. Dr Navin Thakkar stated that he will do so.

Sub Agenda H. Emergency EC meeting 18.11.2022 (online)

This meeting was called to accept the resignation of Mr Shashi Kant Gupta, retired Justice and appoint another retired Justice as an observer. There were no objections and the minutes were passed.

Dr Navin Thakkar finalised the agenda 2 with summary that all minutes in this agenda including Confirmation of the minutes of the meetings held on 24.12.2021 (GBM) at GOA Post Valedictory ECM at GOA 25 Dec 2022 , EC Meeting Jan 23, 2022 (Online) , EC Meeting 1, May 2022 @IOA House (Physical) , EC Meeting 07.08.2022 (Online) , Emergency EC meeting 23.10.2022 (online), Emergency EC meeting 31.10.2022 (online), Emergency EC meeting 06.11.2022 (online), Emergency EC meeting 18.11.2022 (online) are passed with the exception of the minutes of 06.11.2022 in which Dr Vijaya Raghavan had pointed out an objection to the appointment of the Election Officer XYZ; and other technical issues raised by Dr Atul Bahadur Singh that will be corrected.

Agenda 3 - Elections Report of IOA 2022 along with Declaration of results: Dr B Shivashankar, Immediate Past President & Election Officer 2022

Sub agenda A : Election Related Grievances Included first and then Report of IOA Election 2022

Dr PV Vijayaraghavan stated that there are a lot of grievances for which one-hour time had been allotted so he requested that the election results may not be announced now and be done so after the fourth point of Grievance report. Dr Raviraj Shinde asked the Election officer for the voted member's list.

Dr Shivashankar asked Dr Navin Thakkar to correct in the agenda. He stated that it should only be Election report since declaration of the result had already been done as per the constitution, after the counting of votes. Dr Navin agreed to correct the agenda. He further stated that he was now going to present his election report.

Dr Swarnendu Samantha asked Dr Navin to go back to the agenda slide he had displayed earlier. Dr Samantha said that he wanted to ask straight forward questions to Dr Ram Chaddha. While referring to the Past Presidents seated in the front row, he stated that it was the primary duty of the Vice President to conduct an election while maintain the 110% sanctity of the election procedure. He further added that during this procedure Dr Ram Chaddha reconfirmed that he would correct the voter list to his capability and thus appointed an agency for which IOA spent like 2.5 lakh. Dr Samantha

added that after correcting the list Dr Ram Chaddha supplied it to the IOA. He further stated that many people in this audience will be astonished to know that 621 members' data was edited and had the same email address: gobile.com, but it was later on found that 621 members had the same email address: gobile.com. He further said that he is quite computer savvy but had never heard of such an email address. He added that it was a sorry state of affair for the IOA that an Election Officer was responsible for adding 621 members spurious data . So, if Dr Ram Chaddha was responsible to hold the election with 110% sanctity, he cannot partially resign from his duty of election officer being the Vice President. Dr Samantha appealed to the house that they should remember the past incidence of Dr RC Meena during the Presidency of Dr Mandeep Dhillon where he was on the verge of suspension for changing data of only five members. He said that there can't be two rules for two different people. He said that if Dr Ram Chaddha has resigned from the Election officer post, he should also resign from the post of Vice President of IOA. He further stated that he cannot sit on dais in chair of vice president because he cannot partially resign from his duty of election officer. He went on to request Dr Navin to show all the members the video recording of the EC meeting in which Dr Ram Chaddha resigned and let the august house know what had happened in the meeting. He wanted it to be shown to the audience. They cannot have half-truth, it should be full truth .He wanted the video to be run to know why Dr Ram Resigned ?, why the Justice resigned and why the MOU with CDSL was not signed by Dr Ram . He further congratulated Dr B Shivashankar for signing MOU with CDSL and conducting the election. Dr Ram Chaddha did not answer these questions of Dr Swarnendu Samanta Chair, Dr Ramesh Sen told Dr Samanta that his point is taken and let others speak. Dr Navin Thakkar said that he has no problem in showing video. Dr Sen said no to Dr Navin and Dr B Shivashankar also advised Dr Navin not to play video till chair permits. Dr Sen said that first let others speak.

Dr Manish Dhawan stated that in 2020 elections the list was also updated after the closure of the updating deadline. Dr Sen replied to Dr Manish that his point will be taken. Dr Arvind Diwakar asked what the problem is in showing the video?. Dr Sanjay Dhawan stated that List prepared by IOA office finally after confirmation for election was not having any gobile.com , that was a duty of IOA office and IOA office has performed very well. IOA office has corrected list by removing all such email id , which may have happened by technical problem by anyone . Anyone can make mistakes , but list used for election does not have that gobile.com or members and he did not find any point in putting video recordings here.

Dr Vishal Kundnani LM 12764 agreed with Dr Dhawan and said that technical errors can happen with anyone. Pointing out that till date on website his name was mis-spelled, should he be running a public trial by sending emails to members and try to defame the website in charge? Dr Vishal asked where was the IOA office when the updating of the member list was supposed to be done? He stressed that was it not the IOA office the supreme body to approve and finalize the final voting list, even if Dr ram Chaddha has done this work voluntarily

Dr Navin objected to Dr Vishal and said IOA office is not responsible for these mistakes as gobile .com was in only and only in file received from Dr Ram Chaddha in his mail of 15th July . He further asked him not to deviate and blame the IOA office for it and raised strong objection . Dr Vishal asked Dr Navin not to speak loudly stating that he occupies a supreme position. Dr Navin again stated with firm voice that he cannot tolerate this without facts and Dr Kundanani is not knowing the facts fully . Dr Vishal countered by saying that Dr Navin cannot suppress him by shouting. Dr Thakkar replied to Dr Vishal that he was listening to him , but we cannot tolerate wrong facts. He continued by saying that Dr Ram has done it voluntarily and if he faces this problem , no one will take IOA job voluntarily . Dr L Prakash and others objected and said this is not done voluntarily and IOA is charged for it , so we do not agree to it. Dr L Prakash further said volunteer should do it for free , but here it is charged Rs 3 Lakh and further added numbers . Dr Vishal said that we cannot crucify volunteers , even if done anything grossly wrong by volunteer. Dr Thakkar asked does volunteering the job allow to add email ids to expired members ? sorry, we do not agree and said further to Dr Kundanani not to blame IOA office without knowing facts fully and do not try to misguide the house.

Dr Vishal said that Dr Ram Chaddha might have made a mistake with the data, but he sent it to the IOA office asking for it to be re-scrutinized. Dr Navin objected saying that Dr Vishal was trying to misguide the house, Dr Ram had taken responsibility to scrutinize himself of that offline data and further it was going to be updated on website online . Dr Vishal countered by saying that if volunteers are working in good faith for the benefit of IOA, they cannot be crucified. Dr Navin added that voluntary working does not mean that expired members email can be added. He said he will show the video and every excel

file so don't try to blame him. He again repeated that without knowing facts don't blame us. Dr Vishal stated that he pities himself that the honorable Secretary has to shout from the stage.

Dr SM Sharma requested Dr Navin to not shout since he is the Secretary of the Association. Dr Rajasekaran requested the President to ask the Secretary to take his seat on the stage. Dr Navin replied that he is listening but wrong facts cannot be passed. He admitted that his voice is inherently loud but it does not take away the facts. Dr Rajasekaran again asked Dr Navin not to shout. Dr Vishal said that no body on the dais can shout at the members since members of the GBM are supreme. Dr Thakkar replied to Dr Vishal that we are listening you, but we cannot tolerate wrong facts.

Dr Vijayaraghavan stated that unfortunately the one-point agenda of the October 31 meeting has not been pointed out. He stated that the one-point agenda was a complaint raised by one of the contestants that 22 names in the UP list were missing / had email IDs that were a problem. In that meeting so many irregularities were found, and it was announced that Dr Ram Chaddha accepting his error was resigning. Dr Vijayaraghavan said that he was of the opinion that Dr Ram should not resign but still he did. He further stated that for any election process anywhere in the country, one of the prime requirements is to have the voter list ready at least 2-3 months in advance. He said that only on going to court was the voter list sent to him as late as October 20. He further said that no election can be valid if the voter list is not perfect. He asked if IOA was so naïve that they must give this task to agencies? What sort of an organization are we running?

Dr Rajasekaran stated that acknowledging the fact that Dr Vijayaraghavan is very aggrieved, he has given a very balanced view on this issue. He stated that whether it is Ram, Raja, Ramesh or Navin, they were all incapacitated to verify 16000 votes. Even during obituaries, someone gets up and says two of our members have died. So, it is not possible for any one person to do this job, whether it is the Vice President or Secretary. He said that IOA had become too big and there was a lot of animosity developing between members. So, this responsibility should be removed for any one member. He asked why the IOA secretariat was not strong enough to publish this list? Dr Navin tried to respond, but, Dr Rajasekaran requested Dr Navin to please keep quiet and not interfere when he is making a point.

1. Dr Rajasekaran again stressed that like any other big academic organization in the world, the Secretariat should be responsible for maintaining its membership list. He asked all members of the GBM if anyone could verify all the membership list. Dr Rajasekaran asked the house (a) Do we know who all have died in last one year? Audience responded in No (b) Do we know who all have changed their email addresses? Audience responded in No. Then why should we put the onus on one person? What is the IOA Secretariat doing about this, and I am not meaning Navin. He is secretary for one more year and then he will be gone. Then there will be someone else and he didn't want that person also to suffer. Why doesn't IOA secretariat in all its good offices, just like any other big association, take up this job? He added that he couldn't see what is the difficulty in the IOA office giving the list? Why should it be Ram, Raja, Atul, Navin or anybody?

Dr Navin stated and cleared that there is nothing personal and the list is coming from the IOA office only. To this Dr Rajasekaran asked then why are you putting the blame on somebody? Dr Navin responded by saying that the IT committee has made a good website where online updating is possible; so, it is not the Secretary who is doing but the website is doing. Dr Sen affirmed on statement of Dr Navin Thakkar and said yes. Dr Thakkar said further that here the discussion is about offline update; the problem occurred in the offline update by agency in excel sheet, and members should know that it is was the offline data update done by agency, that is where gobile.com came and that is the problem. Dr Rajasekaran said that is Ok Navin

Dr Roshan Wade stated and raised the question that the general members are unaware as to what is happening, what the lists are, and there are different numbers in the list, and how these have been added? Why some members are there or not. All should know what is happening. Dr Roshan questioned that some one is saying 622 minus, someone says minus 22, we are completely unaware of all details, why these members added, why election officer resigned etc? Dr Rajasekaran exactly agreeing to statement of Dr Roshan Wade said that two things should be done:

(a) As accusation is already done, so the person in charge Ram must be allowed to explain why this has happened?

(b) He would request the GBM to pass a resolution that he was proposing: henceforth to maintain the sanctity of the election: because this was dividing our association into thread bear, people who were earlier hugging each other are now mudslinging and filing court cases on each other; so the election must be done from the Secretariat. He added that the responsibility must be borne by a group of responsible persons: it could be the President, Secretary, Presidential line etc. And also 2-3 members at large. He added that every big association has members at large who the association respects. He concluded by saying that the election should be a centralized process and let us bring all this bad blood behind and henceforth the list of voters must come from the IOA office. There was clapping from the house on this point. The list must be from IOA office.

Dr Navin categorically replied that the list is already coming from the IOA office since many years. Dr Rajasekaran asked that then why do you allow people to update? Dr Thakkar said answer to this why Ram Chaddha was allowed to update the list you will see in video , if allowed to play and how it was given to election officer ,where resolution was passed by President IOA- Dr Ramesh Sen in CEC meeting on 31st May 22.

Dr Rajasekaran countered by saying to Dr Navin that if he has got the video it means that he was already prepared for it and said, this is a ploy. Dr Rajasekaran asked Dr Navin to show the video of some other GBM. Dr Thakkar replied that he is explaining and repeated that he is explaining ..Dr Sharma requested that no one should shout. Dr Thakkar said that he is not shouting and requested that they are not knowing the sequence of events. Dr Rajasekaran asked how Dr Navin had the video of this meeting ready .Dr Navin countered by stating to Dr Rajasekaran that he didn't know the facts. He told him that Dr Rajasekaran was not knowing the sequence of events. -Dr Navin continued by stating that the video in question is not prepared by him but it was recorded in Zoom ID and Device of Dr Sen. Dr Sen had provided to him just a day before at Amritsar and it is not his video and we must know sequence of events

Dr Harpal said that he agreed with Dr Rajasekaran and that he had proposed in the EC meeting and it is in the minutes, that it should not be the Secretariat but a separate body. If the CDSL can hold the data for shareholders of big companies that run into thousands of crores, why cannot the IOA data be with CDSL and Aadhar linked also. .Dr Sen said yes and agreed to it. Dr Thakkar also said it should be Aadhar linked and repeated again that it should be Adhar linked . Dr Harpal made a second point by asking the chair who is the custodian of the voters list? Dr SC Goel responded by saying that it is the Secretariat and the Secretary. Dr Thakkar asked who is the vice president ?Dr Harpal again asked if the list sent to them was blindly accepted by the secretariat. Dr Navin replied that it was not accepted that is why it is filtered. Dr Harpal again stated that if it was filtered and sanitized by the Secretary then where is the controversy. Dr Navin responded by saying that he had not sanitized it, Computer System sanitized it. Dr Thakkar further said that IT committee will tell how it was filtered. Dr Jawahar jethwa moved towards mike to explain, but Dr Sen interjected and said loudly that Dr Navin has done work appropriately

Dr NK Magu said that we all are fighting and there should not be bad blood. He continued by saying that Dr Rajasekharan has given a good suggestion. Let Dr Ram Chaddha speak first. Dr Sen interjected and said to Dr Magu that he is very right and he is taking his point in a minute . Dr Magu said categorically that Dr Ram was a very good friend of him but once there is an allegation ,clarification has to come from Dr Ram first. Dr Sen responded to Dr Magu and said that it will be taken

Dr AN Mukherjee requested that the members were in the dark and so should be explained what is right and what is wrong and requested to show all actual picture. Dr Manish Dhawan demanded to show video

Dr Ramesh Sen interjected by saying that Dr Rajasekaran has made a good suggestion so the house to agree to that proposal first. Who handles the data? That is the most important point. Dr SC Goel replied to Mr President and stated that the constitution is very clear on this point. It is the job of the Secretariat and because the Secretary heads the secretariat, so it is his job. It is written in the constitution that the Secretary will give the voter list to the Election officer. And election will be conducted by a panel comprising the VP and three senior members. Dr Goel explained and cleared misunderstanding of Dr Rajasekaran that election is never done by one person only but by panel of past Presidents Dr Goel stated that this year he happened to be on the panel with other past Presidents: Dr Kanabar, Dr Sudhir Babulkar, Dr Sudhir Kapoor and Dr Rajeev Naik. And they were all involved in all the decisions with Dr Ram Chaddha and subsequently with Dr Shivashankar.

Dr Vishal Kundnani requested to make two quick last points. He said that first if CEC is there, there should be collectively responsibility of the voter list. Number two the public trial where one person is made the scapegoat to speak and give clarification and justification is not the right way. When we have a Legal & Grievance committee, why not make a committee to investigate this matter with a specified deadline? Have one judge, one commissioner, one lawyer, and five past presidents on it. Dr Rajasekaran objected by saying why do we need to have a lawyer and judge in everything. Dr Sameer Agarwal said that it is a family matter; we have so many seniors, they are more experienced. Dr Raviraj Shinde said that all these points came to existence because of a letter from one of the contestants objecting to the deletion of some members from a particular state list. And then it was found that the list was tampered. He stated that this tampering might have been done by the agency but they must not have done it by themselves and asked question that does the agency was going to contest election ? He said his point was how one candidate knew about the list. This point must be taken into consideration and investigated. And if this person is found guilty, he should not be elected at all. Dr Sameer Agrawal agreed to point of Dr Raviraj and his father (Dr Ajit Shinde) has lost by a single vote so they have demanded the voter's member's data because the list has been tried to be tampered with. And this current list also has many dead and expired members. So, they want to know if any expired members have voted or not. He asked then why you are denying that; keep transparency. He added that then they will accept their defeat. Audience clapped on this point. Dr Sameer Agrawal Suggested to Make a committee of five people

Dr Ramesh Sen said that all points raised are very well taken. He asked the members to suggest names for enquiry committee panel . Dr Sameer Agarwal suggested the name of Dr Sudhir Babulkar. Dr Navin Thakkar said that to clear matters he wants to point out that in the election Emergency EC meeting of 31-10-2022 the retired justice and observer was present and he advised to have an Enquiry Commission. That was a fact. Dr Ramesh Sen asked for suggestion of other names. Dr Samanta objected saying that as President you cannot dictate on the issue. He said this issue needed further discussion. He stated that members were not being allowed to speak so it is not a proper GBM, and why to talk about enquiry committee. He asked Dr Navin to run the video and let Dr Ram speak. At this point of time Dr L Prakash said Dr Rajasekaran asked Dr Ram to speak and asked other members to please be quiet and asked Dr Ram Chaddha to speak. Dr L Prakash said that why you are not allowing Dr Ram to speak. Dr Sen responded that we will do that. Dr Ram did not speak or responded to this request also Dr Vishal Kundnani disagreed and said this trial in the open should stop and instead an enquiry committee should be formed and let them investigate in detail submit a report. Dr Vishal further said that after submission of report we will see video also and listen to Ram . Dr Ramesh Sen agreed and said that was exactly what he was also suggesting.

Dr Manish Dhawan suggested and demanded that , till that time we cannot ratify results of election 2022 and it should be withheld till that time - Dr Rajev Naik interjected and requested Dr Ram to speak and clear himself everything as everyone has asked .

Dr Rajasekaran stated that if the committee is made, it should not only comprise Past Presidents but should also include members who stood for election this year. He further suggested that either Dr Vijayaraghavan or Dr Samanta or Dr Shinde must be part of this committee, so they have clarity on what transpired. Dr Sen said that Dr Shinde is the best person for this. Again, Dr Raviraj Shinde said that till that time the result of the election should not be declared. At this point Dr SC Goel stated that the constitution says that the result will be declared in a specially constituted EC meeting. He further stated that in the new constitution passed in Goa, there is no mention of ratification of election in the GBM. So, result has already been declared on November 29. Dr Raviraj stated that there is a law of the land beyond IOA constitution so don't show us the constitution, and result is not declared and can be revoked if found anything wrong.

Dr Vijayaraghavan said that he wanted to clarify certain points since lot of things had not been understood. He said that the recording that Dr Navin wants to show us has a video. Dr Navin countered by saying that it is a recording in Dr Sen's computer and that he had received it only two days back. Dr Vijayaraghavan continued that he was referring to the recorded video of meeting on October 31. Dr Navin again countered by saying that there are minutes of that meeting. Dr Vijayaraghavan continued further that there was a complaint regarding the missing members from UP list. Dr Sen asked Dr Thakkar whether he was having 31-10-2022 video ? Dr Thakkar replied positively and said we are having it and can run that also without any problem ,but the video is very long. He further said that if

you want the IT committee can briefly demonstrate the five files. He said that Mr Ramesh Pandey has all the five files. It can be shown in front of all the members from where the go-bile.com came.

Dr Jitendra Maheshwari interjected by saying that we have been sitting here discussing the same point for 30 minutes; and multiply that by 500 members in the GBM. So, he requested that we should proceed to the next agenda. All audience said in one voice NO, NO, NO , Not at all. Dr Pratyush Chatterjee stated that the general members were confused by now.,why Dr Ram Chaddha is not speaking out ? Dr Ram Chaddha did not speak or respond .

Dr Ramesh Sen then proceeded to a vote. He asked the house as to how many people want a committee to be formed and enquire into the issue. Dr L Prakash said that there are very few hands for a committee. Dr Atul Srivastava requested Dr L Prakash not to speak out of turn and speak one by one. Dr Ramesh Sen stated that look at the hands. There are enough people to support that there should be a proper committee which will look at all these grievances which are interlinked with each other

Dr Rajesh Gandhi stated that there are currently two court cases going on and hence this matter is subjudice. Dr L Prakash interrupted saying that this matter is not subjudice and he had legal evidence/precedence to show. Dr Rajesh Gandhi took objection to being interrupted and complained. Dr Ramesh Sen asked him to continue. Dr Gandhi continued by saying that all those sitting on the dais would be liable for contempt of court. Dr L Prakash again interrupted and said that he will be liable and will take all liability. He said that this was absurd. According to Section 161 CRPC, 183 CRPC, 1211 CRPC contempt of court is specifically designed and defined. Dr Gandhi requested again the Chair to tell Dr L Prakash not to shout in between when he is speaking. Dr L Prakash said discussing these issues is not a contempt of court at all. Dr Pratyush Chatterjee pointed out again that Dr Ram is not speaking at all .

Dr Sanjay Chaturvedi said that all members must observe rules. Only speak when the President allows you to speak and please don't speak in between. Dr Sanjay Chaturvedi requested for attention of chair and requesting to him show complete sequence of details. For this Dr Sen replied that it will take long time, let us make a committee which will look after everything. He stated that these election complaints started from 2012 and there was a committee which was formed. The committee submitted a good report. Unfortunately, the agenda in the IOA always keeps changing and the report was never discussed. He stressed that we must have proper recordings of everything. He said that the previous committee had suggested that only one electoral list will be given by the President, and it will be via net. He further stated that getting the list corrected by the Election Officer every year is totally wrong. And so, the EC must be held responsible to know what order has been passed and that it should not be changed. He continued to say that there must be errors in the list because no member sends his details every time. He asked, when the rules have been passed earlier, why another committee form. To conclude he said that only one list must exist and there should be a cutoff date after which no correction should be permitted.

Dr Ramesh Sen stated that it is hereby decided that the responsibility of maintaining the membership data and voter list must be that of the Secretariat. He further informed the members that this year the entire IOA office is being digitalized. Dr Sanjay Chaturvedi said that when the IT Committee Chairs change, they want to change everything on the website. He stressed that this was not correct and we must have a continuation of the website. Dr Sen said that it is Quite Ok and your Point is well taken.

Dr Jamal Ashraf said that we have some very junior members; some first-time members sitting in the GBM. He added that some very senior members are setting a very bad example for them. He stated that we are not following decorum, we are not addressing the President, everyone is speaking out of turn, people are being impolite, and they are shouting. He asked if that was the message you want to give to the youngsters that they should behave like this in future IOACONS?

Dr Ramesh Sen said that as the majority has decided that there will be a committee comprising 3-4 Past Presidents and that will take care of all issues and said it will be done with Dr Shinde as one of the members. Dr Sen further suggested Dr Govardhan who has been a secretary in the past to head the committee. Dr Sen asked the house if they agree. Dr L Prakash said that we have not had a show

of hands and we have not had a voting. Dr Sen stated the names of Dr Sudhir Babulkar, Dr GS Kulkarni and Dr Shinde is already there. On some suggestion, for a member from North, Dr Sen announced that the name of Dr Mandeep Dhillon can be taken from North to be in the committee.

Dr Vijayaraghavan said that this time while he was a contestant in the election, there were at least 10-12 lists going around. So, this suggestion what is happening is good but its activity should start as of today. And this official list should be over by May 1 each year and only this list should be provided to the contestants for canvassing . Dr Prottyush Chatterjee asked for opportunity to listen to Dr Ram Chaddha. Dr Raviraj Shinde said that we should also pass that if someone is found guilty the result will be revoked and if not guilty no problem and why not to pass this resolution now. Dr Sen agreed saying definitely everyone will say that . Dr Raviraj Shinde further said that for the transparency, the voter's data should also be handed over to the contestants and we are asking for voted member list and not a data of who voted whom and that should not be a problem . He added that they had given a legal notice only because Dr Shivashankar had asked for a legal notice. He added that he wanted to make it clear that he was not going to go to court but by not giving the list, the Election officer was forcing them to go to court. He further said we request GBM for voted member list and things will be sorted out here only

Dr Vijayaraghavan requested all to go point wise and discuss this when this point comes. He added that it pains him a lot that his good friend Dr Ram Chaddha had failed in his duties. He added that till the Enquiry report is available he should be suspended. Dr Sen replied that we are not the judge, let enquiry committee find the truth. Dr Samantha again requested Dr Navin to run the video which shows that Dr Ram took the responsibility to verify and scrutinize. Dr Samantha also said that till the time the committee report comes the GBM has to suspend Dr Ram from his post for adding 621 false emails. If Atul bahadur can be suspended for no reason for one year, Dr Ram should also be suspended. Dr Sen responded that Dr Atul Bahadur was suspended because he has filed a wrong FIR against President IOA. Dr Samanta again asked Dr Navin to run the video to be known to all what happened in background.

Dr Sameer Agarwal said that once we have formed an enquiry committee, we should have faith in that. If the committee finds Dr Ram Chaddha guilty, he can be suspended, that is all . He further said that he agreed to Dr Vijayaraghavan suggestion to have final list by May 1 after which no changes should be allowed and members joining later should not have voting rights. Dr Navin countered by saying that it was not like that. The date of 10.10.2022 was the cutoff date and it was decided by the election officer himself in the notification. He clarified that it is not the IOA office that decides. Dr Sameer supported the suggestions of Dr Vijayaraghavan that all changes in address etc must be at least four months in advance. Dr Navin said that data update should be only online and with Aadhar card only.

Dr Chinmoy Nath LM 03609 wanted to make two points and objected in selecting names of committee members: (a) Let the GB know what has happened in the zoom meeting in which the election was rescheduled. Dr Sen told to have faith in the enquiry committee. But Dr Chinmoy Nath persisted for running the video and then select members to make the enquiry committee. He insisted firmly to Run the video Infront of GB and then to decide who will be the members of the enquiry committee .

(b) before declaring the result officially, run the video.

Dr Abhishek requested that he be allowed to speak since he was waiting for long. He said he represented the voice of the young surgeons and demanded that they be told the sequence of events of the last one month. He asked why they are been kept in the dark. He read of the message received about the postponement of election and again demanded clarity on the matters being discussed about the 621 members and their emails whole thing. On request of Dr Sen Dr Navin said that all these minutes are already there in the newsletter on website. Dr Abhishek continued with reading from mobile message received by him and requested to give one minute to read message to IOA members, that due to unavoidable circumstances, IOA election 2022 is postponed for some time as per the emergency EC meeting. Decision will be taken on 6th, we will announce details soon. We invite all life members of IOA to attend GBM at IOACON on 2-12-2022, Time 3.30. He further said that he wanted the reason for postponement. He further said that he knows 1000 to 2000 people are kept in shadow. Why can't all know the whole sequence of events and know from where these 621 members came, 28 members came and why there is juggling around. Dr Sen said that is what is being done now. Continuing further Dr Abhishek didn't accept that and EC meeting are done while

members keep on sending mails. There is only one meeting at IOACON, and ratifies all EC meetings. He said all want to know the whole sequence of all EC meetings, in which EC meeting, what started, from where Gobile.com emails came and why there was objection for 28 members from one contestant and why not from all. But sequence should be told.

Hon Secretary asked CAO IOA Mr Ramesh Pandey and Dr Jawahar Jethwa , IT committee , to come on dais and prepare to project excel files from computer and sequence of events on screen for members

Dr Vijayaraghavan stated that he wanted to clarify that suspension does not mean punishment. He added that suspension is a ray of doubt that has been raised by members. The enquiry will be done appropriately and then the result, like Dr Atul Bahadur got exonerated. So, this should be a temporary suspension and the result of the enquiry committee should decide what will happen in the future. He continued by saying that the video is very important, and the honorable high court judge seriously objected to the tampering of the data of the voters list. That will be mentioned while we see the video. The judge had told that we should institute a disciplinary committee and it was promised so what happened to the committee? He argued that the excerpts of the video of the meeting should be shown to the GB meeting now.

Dr Amit Ajgoankar said that if you show one video, he would like to see all the videos and not just one biased video. He also said that we should not individualize the responsibility since it's a collective responsibility of all those sitting on the dais. Dr Ramesh Sen agreed and said quite right, and now we have a proper committee and let all the videos be seen. Dr Ajgoankar continued by saying that suspending a Vice President is not right because it is a collective responsibility of all. Dr Ramesh Sen said quite right and we are going to have proper committee and let all videos be seen

Dr S N Saraf objected to some members talking repeatedly and said that each member should be allowed to speak for a max of 5 minutes. He added by saying that in his opinion all this campaign was directed against one person and we must remember that Dr Ram Chaddha was the role model of the young generation. Dr Saraf added that majority of people in the country are still in favour of Dr Ram Chaddha. He agreed that some mistakes may have been inadvertently committed but his intention was clear and that is why he had put a cover note saying that scrutiny should be done. Dr Navin Thakkar disagreed and said that such a note was not written. He asked Dr Saraf not to say wrong facts. Dr Saraf stated that it has to be mandated from today that anyone having a complaint should come to the Grievance committee and not declare it publicly on social media. He said that an attempt to tarnish the image of one person was very wrong. He added that all should remember that anyone could be the next to face this campaign. Dr Ramesh Sen appreciated Dr Saraf's comments and again stated that if the house is agreeable to the committee we can move forward. He asked the members of the house to raise their hands. After the show of hands, Dr Sen said that it is evident that the majority of the members want the enquiry committee to take this matter forward, so showing video is not required at this moment and to go on for next agenda.

Dr D P Bhushan requested the members to not repeatedly speak and let the other members also voice their point of view and opinions. He took objection to certain members repeatedly speaking and also objected to some asking for suspension of others. He then posted a question to the members and asked them to raise their hand if they wanted Dr Ram Chaddha to be suspended. Seeing a few hands Dr DP Bhushan said that only 5-10 hands had been raised. He added that we should all be ashamed for talking such negatively. He pleaded to members to remember that we have to run an institution, teach youngsters, and make them better orthopaedic surgeons; should we be wasting our valuable time on this? Dr Ramesh Sen thanked Dr DP Bhushan for his wisdom. Dr DP Bhushan continued by saying that we should not set an example of this type. It is not right that one person wants another to be suspended and it is now seen by all that only 5 people in a crowd of 500 supported his views.

Dr Neeraj Bijlani said that he wanted to applaud the efforts of the secretariat and Dr Ram Chaddha in managing to update the data of 14500 members and there was alleged mistake of 621 and that too was rectified and did not go to final voter list. He added that he did not understand if, it is already been rectified, and it is done so well by secretariat seating there and so well by Dr Ram Chadha , out of 14500, anybody can make mistake of 621 and that 622 the secretariat has removed. Instead, we must give the secretariat a big round of applause. Also, to Dr Shivashankar who was appointed as an emergency Election Officer.

Sub Agenda B : Election Report of the Election Officer

Dr B Shivashankar began his report by stating that this was a brief report of the election results that have already been declared. He stated that he will get corrected if there is any objection coming to him from the President.

He stated that:

- He took over charge of the Election Officer in a Special EC meeting on 06.11.2022 after Dr Ram Chaddha resigned.
- He started working and immediately contacted Mr Anand Tirodkar of CDSL. Initially Mr Tirodkar refused to conduct the election but after repeated request agreed and asked to have the MOU first which had not been sent to him in spite of repeated reminders.
- He officially received a letter of appointment from IOA along with voters list on 08.11.2022. Same day he purchased the stamp papers and sent the MOU to CDSL along with the Final Voter list and other contestants list.
- Mr Tirodkar in spite of being in Jaipur responded to his emails and messages and assured to start work on the IOA election on returning to Mumbai on 14.11.2022
- Mr Tirodkar sent addendum of MOU on 12.11.2022 for legal coverage of CDSL. After discussion with the Past President's he signed it and sent it back.
- He requested him to give a zoom demonstration which was declined since two earlier demonstrations had already given.
- Once addendum was signed on 12.11.2022, CDSL was ready to conduct elections on 15 or 16.11.2022.
- After discussing with Secretariat, he sent out a revised election schedule starting on 16.11.2022 and finishing on 29.11.2022. Online counting and declaration of results in the EC meeting on 29.11.2022 in Amritsar. And formal declaration in GBM in Amritsar.
- On 15.11.2022 he received an email asking him to appear in person on 16.11.2022 in Saket court, New Delhi for a case filled by Dr Vijayaraghavan. The case was filed against.
 - a. IOA
 - b. Election officer Dr Ram Chaddha
 - c. Observer Justice Shashi Kant Gupta
- Though the case was dismissed on 16.11.2022, the observer Justice Gupta resigned the previous night citing receiving a notice from a lower-level court when he had retired as a judge of the High Court. For the record, Justice Gupta had insisted that the meeting with him, in which he tendered his resignation, not be recorded.
- Emergency EC meeting held on 18.11.2022 where they accepted the resignation of Shri Shashikant Gupta and appointed a new observer: Retired Justice Rajesh Tandon, and there was no gap in observer in whole election process.
- On 19.11.2022 he shared the summary of the election procedure with the newly appointed observer. He sent him 11 attachments containing all details.
- He enumerated the steps taken to encourage maximum voting by sending multiple emails and messages and updating the IOA website.
- He stated that his WhatsApp message sent to 13125 IOA voters was successfully delivered to 11182 members.
- He displayed some of the messages that were received by him from members complementing him on the simple and efficient election procedure.
- He also enumerated the problems with members who had DND or whose site was using memory cache of the webpages.
- He also displayed messages from members who initially faced issues with voting but were eventually able to vote because of the help from CDSL.
- Then he showed the slides with numerous messages, he had received congratulating him for the successful completion of the voting process.
- He displayed the complaint received from Dr Sushil Vijay against Dr Samarth Mittal for not being a resident of Delhi. He elaborated the procedure adopted to ensure that Dr Samarth Mittal was eligible to contest as representative from Delhi. He also apprised the house of the legal

opinion received from the IOA lawyer which was: “the challenge to the candidature of Dr Samarth Mittal in the present is untenable.”

- Results of the elections:
 - a. He enumerated the expenses incurred.
 - b. Elected unopposed (as sent by Dr Ram Chaddha)
 - i. Karnataka: Dr Anil B Patil
 - ii. Tamil Nadu: Dr A Mohammad Zubair
 - c. Election conducted for the following:
 - i. Kerala:
 - 1. Dr Ajith Kumar AN: 290
 - 2. Dr Anshu Anand: 254
 - 3. Dr Sudheer Shareef: 208
 - ii. Maharashtra:
 - 1. Dr Sandeep Biraris: 1089
 - 2. Dr Prashant Tonape: 651
 - 3. Dr Avinash Patil: 462
 - 4. Dr Rajesh Gandhi: 398
 - iii. Venue of IOACON 2024
 - 1. Bengaluru, Karnataka: 2890
 - 2. Trivandrum, Kerala: 2170
 - 3. Pondicherry: 1949
 - iv. Vice President IOA
 - 1. Dr Anup Agrawal: 1454
 - 2. Dr Ajit Shinde: 1453
 - 3. Dr PV Vijayaraghavan: 1435
 - 4. Dr Swarnendu Samantha: 1311
 - 5. Dr Shubhranshu Mohanty: 1207
 - 6. Dr Ashok Sirohi: 406
 - d. Total Eligible votes: 13125
 - e. Toted: 7266
- Now the GB is to nominate one person from Tamil nadu and one from Gujrat.
- In the end Dr Shivashankar made certain suggestions:
 - We should update IOA membership with Aadhar card / PAN card. there should not be any cutoff date. We can change regd mobile number with Adhar number any time.
 - CDSL does election for big companies and has a robust system. Internally they have got very good system giving good security. If we make an MOU for 5 years, they might bring down the cost and design an even better system for IOA with a customized software.
- He enumerated certain lacunae in the IOA system:
 - Eligibility criteria for state representatives needs to be rewritten and further clarified.
 - This time win was with a single vote, what if there is a tie? Will we elect the person with seniority in IOA according to LM number or will we go back to a quick re-election? We need to rewrite our constitution.
- I got two contestants asking for voters list. He stated that the IOA constitution states that the Election Officer shall conduct the election in complete secrecy and shall not disclose the voting details unless legally obligated to. And because he is bound by constitution, he will not be able to do it.
- He advised members not to believe in rumors and to get evidence before making accusations.
- He displayed the emails sent by Dr Rohit Gupta expressing doubts about the voting being done for deceased Dr Santosh Kumar of Lucknow. Dr Shiva informed that he contacted the said member Dr Rohit Gupta and told that this is not possible due to secrecy of the system. There was no proof that Dr Santosh Singh vote has been casted but, just a doubt. On mere suspicion, it cannot be told. If there is any proof of the deceased person voting, like confirmation mail or SMS from CDSL, then only investigating further can be considered.
- He displayed a legal notice received on 02.12.2022 from Dr Ajit Shinde, Dr PV Vijayaraghavan and Dr AK Sirohi and also read out their objections:
 - 1. Discrepancies in voters list, inclusion of deceased and invalid members. Except assurances nothing has been offered by EC.
 - 2. Alleged possession of updated voter list by Dr Anup Agrawal prior to its official circulation without explanation obtained. No other member had the said list.

3. Election of 2022 was shrouded in many doubts.
4. Resignation of election officer and observer
5. Despite an order of Delhi high court, Election was held without any observer in contempt of court directives.
6. Elections of 2020 are still being challenged in court with many allegations against the whole process. A charge sheet has been filed after investigations
7. Margin of votes is miniscule and hence it is necessary to disclose the list of voters who voted in election 2022.
8. Margin of votes is very minimum of 1 vote and 19 Vote and hence it is necessary to disclose the list of voters who voted in election 2022.

Immediate five demands /points

- a. They be provided with list of voters who voted.
 - b. They be informed as to what action has been taken with regards to supply of voter list to Dr Anup Agrawal
 - c. Action by IOA against Dr Ram Chaddha and VAMA Agency of Mr Nikhil Mittal and paid 2.5 lakhs. Why action has not been taken.
 - d. Beneficiary of Tainted Election 2022 should not be allowed to assume charges without providing information sought.
 - e. Brought into the notice of all concerned including the Court of Law pressing for debarring such candidate, and it will be presumed that the IOA Election 2022 has again been rigged. Copy of notice also sent to observer.
- He stated that the above three demanded that:
 - They be provided with list of voters who voted.
 - They be informed as to what action has been taken with regards to supply of voter list to Dr Anup Agrawal
 - He stated that the legal notice concluded by stating, “You the notices are hereby called upon to do the needful within 24 hours from receipt of this notice, and in any event prior to the next GBM whichever is earlier, failing which our client shall be constrained to initiate legal action in the regard. We would also make it clear that in case in the GBM the beneficiary of this tainted Election 2022 is allowed to assume charge without first providing the information and documents as sought, the same will be brought into the notice of all concerned including the Court of Law pressing for debarring such candidate, and it will be presumed that the IOA Election 2022 has again been rigged.”
 - He finally thanked the CDSL, Corporate Makers LLP, Justice Rajesh Tandon, Past Presidents panel, all contestants, IOACON bidders, IOA office, IT Cell lead by Dr Jawahar Jethwa, Dr Ram Chaddha, Justice Shashikant Gupta, Mr Ramesh Pandey, and all EC members.
 - Dr Shiva thanked the EC for believing in him to have given this job.

Dr Atul Srivastava said that he wants to make two points related to this: (1) As Dr Shiva mentioned there is a typing error for criteria to be a contestant in the IOA elections. There are two criteria: (a) The person should be a life member of IOA with a standing of more than five years (b) For state representatives, it says that he should be practicing and residing in India. It should be practicing and residing in that state. Dr Atul continued by saying that with the GB's permission he would like to get that rectified. (2) He said and as we saw, Telengana has two vacancies, we have received a mail. Dr Srinivas Kasha said that as Secretary of TOSA, he is proposing two names for the two vacant slots: Dr Hari Prasad Rao and Dr P Sudhir Kumar. Dr Navin Thakkar confirmed that a mail to this effect had already been received.

Dr Navin further asked if there was anybody be nominated for the vacant position from Tamil Nadu. Dr Vanasekaran proposed the name of Dr Prahalad Singhi. It was passed. Dr Navin Thakkar continued by informing the members that one member from Gujrat had resigned so there was one vacancy. Dr Vikas Jain proposed the name of Dr Jawahar Jethwa and it was seconded by Dr Navin Thakkar.

Dr Sudhir Kapoor said that the point made by Dr Atul Srivastava about the eligibility criteria for a state representative is correct but it cannot be changed in constitution by this GBM. Dr Navin Thakkar agreed and said that it will require an extraordinary GBM next year to correct this error. Dr Atul Srivastava said that it was correct in the previous constitution but has been wrongly written in this constitution. Dr Sudhir Kapoor again said that somebody might object to this and then there might be a problem. Dr Atul Srivastava said that he would like the verdict of the esteemed audience

present. Again, Dr Sudhir Kapoor said that if this GBM corrects the error it could be subject to challenge by someone. So, he suggested that it should be done in a proper manner. Dr Ramesh Sen agreed.

Dr Sen asked that if we are asking for Aadhar to be linked, is it a constitutional point? Some members opined that it is a constitutional point. Few members argued that Aadhar has become the basic requirement of everything from SIM card to Bank accounts so constitutional amendments not necessary. Dr Sudhir Kapoor said no to constitutional point. To this Dr Sen said that let us leave just now Aadhar if it is constitutional but let us propose that CDSL to continue conducting IOA election for five years. He asked if it was agreed upon.

Dr Vijayaraghavan said that in one of the previous EC meetings it was mentioned that one of the criteria of selecting an agency was that they should not have conducted a previous election of IOA. Dr Ramesh Sen said that it was the very reason why he was discussing this point here. Dr Vijayaraghavan said that he would request not to give it to any agency for five years because a lot of things can happen in that time. So, he requested that CDSL be given the election conduction for three years. Dr Ramesh Sen asked the house if they approve and then stated that it is passed by majority.

Dr Sanjay Chaturvedi said that his submission was not to change anything that is in the constitution here. Dr SC Goel stated that the requirement about agency was not in the constitution but only a GB resolution. He added that one GB can change the resolution of an earlier GB. He added that all of us are believing on CDSL for millions of our rupees, but we can't believe them for one vote, what is this? Dr Sudhir Kapoor agreed with Dr Goel and said that appointing a vendor is not a constitution matter. Dr Sanjay Chaturvedi said that IOA is a big organization, and we can have our own voting mechanism because most of the time the problem is with the electoral list. Dr Sameer Agarwal requested all to finish this topic and proceed to the next topic.

Dr Ramesh Sen concluded by stating that it is proposed that we will have CDSL to conduct the IOA elections for three years. Dr Thakkar asked all who say yes to raise hands. All raised their hands. Dr Navin Thakkar said that this is proposed by Dr Vijaya Raghavan and seconded by Dr Vikas Jain. Resolution was passed to have CDSL to conduct election for three years.

Second point asked by Dr Ramesh Sen " Do we make electoral process based and linked with Aadhar? Dr Thakkar and others raised their hand and All raised hand in favour for it. It was proposed by Dr P. Vijaya Raghavan and seconded by Dr K P Raju. Resolution to link Aadhar verification in subsequent election process was passed unanimously after discussion of a single odd voice from audience by Dr Sanjay Chaturvedi and arguments done in favour of Aadhar verification and linkage by Dr K P Raju from Karnataka and stated that all doctors are having Aadhar, so no dispute.

Dr Thakkar put the resolution for accepting the nominations for vacant post of state representatives made for Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Gujrat in the GBM. He asked the members if it was approved. It was proposed by Dr Ajit Saigal and seconded by Dr Bharath Raju. Resolution was passed for selection of state representatives from Telangana, Tamilnadu and Gujarat for vacant seat on that date of GBM

Dr Rahul Katta reminded the house that it was mandatory for all those whose name had been proposed to be present in the GBM. Dr Navin replied by saying that all of them were present in the house.

Dr Vijayaraghavan said that he wanted to congratulate and appreciate the work done by Dr Shivashankar. But please be warned. He continued by saying that he was not here to win a race but to point out certain facts. He wanted to appreciate Dr Ram Chaddha's democratic principles for holding four zoom meetings with the contestants where he allowed free access of opinions of many people. He added that this he appreciates but that also had probably caused problems. He continued by saying that this time they had an autocratic election officer who did not have sufficient discussions; that is why he had objected to certain points. He added that the Election Officer was

a great worker, he had done a brilliant job all that is fine. But he should have the magnanimity to allow the contestants to have a little discussion. So personally, he was not satisfied with him. Dr Sen said that Dr Vijayaraghavan's point was well taken.

Dr Raviraj said that as Dr Shivashankar has himself shown in his presentation that Dr Gupta complained regarding bogus voting. He added that Dr Shivashankar had himself showed that he received a mail saying that there was some rigging of the election. Then why are we not being transparent. He added that he was not asking who has voted for whom but only demanding the list of members who had exercised their right to vote. He further added that it was the fundamental right of a contestant to know who has voted and in our list unfortunately multiple members who have died are still there, so why are we not being transparent? He said why are you asking me to go to court? You are forcing me to go to court. It is the GB who is forcing me to go to court. Dr Sameer Agarwal stated that it was a right to privacy. He gave example of not having voted for his Boss. And if list was displayed the boss will be his enemy for the rest of his life. Dr Sameer added that there is a provision in the constitution also against declaring the list. Dr Rajesh Gupta said that you can go to court and then if they allow you can get the list. Dr Raviraj said that he is not going to the court and objected at Dr Sameer Agarwal trying to misuse the right to privacy. Dr Raviraj quoted example that even PM of India shows on his finger that he has voted. Dr Sameer Agarwal asked if a contestant in India can ask the Election Commission to provide a list of voters. Dr Sameer Agrawal said that last year election officer made a mistake of giving the list of voted members. Dr. Raviraj again replied by saying that yes, they provide the list. Dr Raviraj addressed the chair and accused others of trying to suppress his voice.

On the request of the Chair, Dr Shivashankar spoke. He said that he agreed to Dr Vijayaraghavan's allegations that he did not conduct zoom meetings, but it was because CDSL people refused to do a demonstration after having done it twice earlier and said that if you are not satisfied with us we can't do any further. There was also no time to do zoom meetings between November 14 and 16 so it was out of his control. Dr Vijayaraghavan interjected by saying that during the 3rd zoom meeting with Dr Ram Chaddha it was promised that there would be a final demonstration on zoom. But it was not done. He said that he did not know why there was a daring hurry by Dr Shivashankar to conduct the elections fast and to get a name that he did a great job.

Dr Shivashankar then speaking about the list of voters said that he is following the provisions of the constitution. He said that if all members change the constitution, then he has no problem. He said that he has not gone what was told by Dr Ajit Shinde or Dr Raviraj Shinde but instead he has gone by the constitution which says that the voter list will not be shared. Dr Raviraj objected saying that the constitution does not say that but only says that it will protect the privacy for this Dr Shiva interjected and said sharing list of voting by a member is breach in the privacy. To conclude the matter Dr Sen asked the members to raise their hands if they wanted the voters list to be declared and then subsequently those to raise hands if they did not want the voters list to be declared. Majority raised hands for the voters list not to be declared. Then Dr Ajit Shinde said the house was forcing him to go to court. Dr Raviraj said that you are forcing us to go to court only because you are suppressing our voice and so we will go to the court. Dr Neeraj Bijlani said that Dr Ajit Shinde was contesting for elections, let him speak for himself. Dr Raviraj replied by asking whether as a member he has right to speak or not?

Dr Roshan Wade said that he must congratulate Dr Shivashankar for conducting a wonderful election and for presenting each and every step so nicely. He added that a similar presentation by the Secretary on what has conspired in the last three months would have cleared all matters. Because trust, truth and transparency are the ethos of IOA. And staying away from it will be inviting more trouble. He added that this matter should be over but requested the technocrat Secretary and Grievance committee to safeguard all evidence, videos to be linked on our website so in the members corner the members can see what exactly has happened in the last three months and come to their own conclusions. Dr Wade added that IOA is an open society, and he does not want like Dr Raviraj or Dr Sirohi to go with grudges. So, there should be complete transparency. He reminded the house that in a democracy even if one person is right, he is right. Just because GBM says no, that does not mean no. Dr Sen instructed Dr Navin to go ahead with the agenda.

Dr Vijayaraghavan said addressing chair that it is wrong to decide with only 200 members here in GBM

Dr Harpal Singh Selhi said that one of the contestant's Dr Vijayaraghavan said that CDSL conducted a wonderful election. He said that this portion of the video should be placed on record. He added that in the country, we are first Indians, then orthopaedic surgeons and then members of the IOA. Every election this happens; whoever loses blames the system. EV pads were wrong when BJP was winning. And then in Punjab when a Congress government was formed EV pads were right. Now the AAP government is formed again EV pads are right. So, this will continue to happen and hence this discussion on election should be closed down. He added that we were wasting time of 200 people for nothing. He added that enough opportunity had been given to all to make their point, all had been heard, legal notice had already been served. He added that in India we are a democratic country, and everybody had the right to go to a court, second court and finally the supreme court and constitutional bench. He concluded by saying that he did not know what importance was there in the chair of those sitting on the dais that people were ready to spend so much money for it.

Dr Om Pal Sharma said that he was the Secretary of the Himachal Pradesh state chapter for 15 years and was attending the GBM for the last 22 years. He added that Dr Shivashakar, his close friend must be appreciated for taking the responsibility of holding the election within 15 days. Dr Vijayaraghavan said that if our house is in order, no one will go to court. He added that he had had the pains for suffering for the last two years during which he had gone to the court and a lot of things had come out. Unfortunately, he was not given time to discuss those by saying they are subjudice. He added that within a close family, nothing is subjudice. He said his request was that 200 is not a sample for an organization of the size of IOA which has 14000 people. These days communication is not a problem. So, saying that it is a very important point he requested to take into consideration that one person has lost by a single vote, and he had lost by 19 votes. He pleaded to please satisfy this for future, please send out a mail through IOA office asking this question. And even if 2000 people reply, 3000 people reply, please take the decision on that. Do not take decision in this type of meeting.

Dr Harpal Singh said that all contestants had the opportunity to check the voter list before the election started. All contestants signed on the document that they are happy with the method and even before the result in the EC meeting, they agreed to everything. He asked why there is so much discontent after the result has been announced? Why cannot the contestant accept the result gracefully?

Agenda 4 : Grievances from Members and Letter from Members along with Grievance and Legal Committee report

Dr Ramesh Sen and Dr Navin Thakkar clarified that grievances pertaining to the election had already been discussed. Now any other grievances of members will be discussed followed by the report. Dr Navin asked Dr Purushottam to come to the dais to present the report.

Dr Manish Dhawan said that he needed to talk about the 2020 elections also. Dr Ramesh Sen said that you are already in the High Court. Dr Manish said that he had not been given anytime to talk about it. Dr Sen again replied that you are in Cyber Crime Court also before coming to this court. Dr Manish again said that he was not given any attendance with the Grievance committee that is why he had to go to court. Dr Sen requested him to please believe in the honorable court and wait for the verdict. Dr Sen said that we all believe in the honorable court.

Dr Atul Srivastava said that an agenda was discussed in the EC meeting and unanimously passed, and the minutes are stuck outside, that we should make it clear that a person coming to the general body is a member of the IOA and it is expected that he doesn't go to the court. If he goes to the court, he is not permitted to attend the GB. And if he is coming to the GB he should ideally not go to the court. Dr Atul added that he was just telling, what was passed in the EC meeting. Dr Roshan

Wade said that going to the court is a basic right and should not be mixed with the right to attend and speak in the general body.

Dr Atul said that Dr Roshan Wade, if a person goes to the court on a particular issue, he should not discuss that issue in the general body. Dr Roshan Wade agreed that he should not. Dr Sameer said that if matter is subjudice it should not be discussed. Dr SM Sharma said that it is not acceptable what Dr Atul said that such a member doesn't have the permission to attend. Dr Rajeev Naik said that it is his opinion if someone feels wronged by the GB or whatever he has every right to go to the court. If someone is wrong elsewhere why he cannot go to the court? He asked, why are you preventing anyone from going to the court? Dr Atul Srivastava responded by saying that if one person has gone to the court on a particular issue, he himself should not be discussing that issue in the GB. Dr Rajeev Naik responded by saying that is perfect.

Dr Purushottam started presenting his report by stating that he cannot be as energetic as some of the GB members. He said he will be presenting the report that was also presented in the EC meeting. He further informed the house that this report had been prepared by Dr NJ Karne, Chairman Legal Cell and because he was indispensable and was unable to attend so Dr Purushottam will be presenting the report on behalf of Dr NJ Karne. He stated that the GB had already discussed on some of the important grievance in the last one and half hours and so he will only touch upon the rest of the issues pertaining to the grievance of the members.

He stated that the 2020 case is being contested in the court and Dr Ramesh Sen through his lawyers had responded to all the accusations. He asked Chair whether he is correct or not? And since the matter is subjudice it will not be discussed here anymore. However, Dr Vijayaraghavan stated that although the matter is subjudice but since it is displayed on the report therefore, he is making one comment: Unfortunately, he had to open up and speak not because he is in the GB for popularity basis. He stated that as per the Cybercrime Police report there is a charge sheet on the following: Managing Director of Nityam, and Dr Ramesh Sen. Dr Vijayaraghavan added that ideally an idealistic person at that time when a report like that comes, should not be continuing as President. He added that he is sorry he has to say this and IOA will go like this only. He said that when a person is charge-sheeted, morality demands that he should not be sitting in the chair.

Dr Harpal Selhi said that if a doctor is blamed for negligence, a punishment of which is removal of his name from the register. So, the day the patient puts a blame on a doctor that the doctor has been negligent, does it imply that he should stop practicing Orthopaedic that day onwards? He asked if the house wanted that. Dr Selhi added that the police in their investigation had done it, but the judge needs to decide the final outcome. He added that you cannot make an accusation into a crime just because the police feel that the person is wrong. Dr Sanjeev Awasthi said that once we are talking about morality, we should also remember that once we have signed the voters list and participated in the elections, we should not complain about it after losing the elections and accept the result gracefully.

Dr Vijayaraghavan said that he wants to make it clear that he has no axe to grind and he will not contest another election in IOA and he openly declared that he completely accepts the result. He added that he has no problem whatsoever and though he was party to the legal notice, he will not participate in the legal case. He added that the 2020 case is a different thing and that 2020 will yield results for him because there were so many things that happened wrong. People think that he is not getting informed. He said that without quoting name, the person who got elected in 2020 had gone and told another person that actually he lost the election by 180 votes and thank you for your help. He added that people will ask for proof. He added that he wanted to tell everyone that he was not here running after everybody recording every phone.

Dr SS Yadav requested Dr Vijayaraghavan to calm down. Dr Yadav said that we have been hearing for nearly two hours what is going on. He agreed that members have the right to discuss their matters in the general body meeting and each member has his own ideas about points to be discussed in GBM because it is held once in a year. So, they have their point. He added that he just come to speak about matters that are subjudice. He added that they should not be discussed in the GBM. He further requested the President to instruct the Secretary to move to the next agenda and that this point of election must not be raised again.

Dr Purushottam continued with his report and stated the second point is about the MOU between APOA and IOA which according to some members is not beneficial for the IOA. He added that in the EC the decision was taken to stop payment and withhold the MOU with immediate effect and the place it before the GB to decide further. Dr Jamal Ashraf mentioned that there is a slight correction since EC did not decide to withhold the MOU but just decided to withhold the payment. Dr Purushottam agreed by saying sorry. He said that he stands to be corrected.

Dr Tribhuwan Singh asked the President, if the IOA has a physical copy of the MOU? He said that Secretary should tell this.

Dr Pratyush Chatterjee said that in his opinion the EC has taken a correct decision to withhold the MOU and we should not have further any relationship with APOA and we should stop sending national delegate to APOA and that the IOA should not make any further payment and should also not have any further relationship with APOA and consider this as a proposal from a member

Dr Tribhuwan Singh said that another question was that IOA had been in agreement with APOA since last six years, so he wanted to ask the GBM if they were ever notified by the IOA office? And if not then why?

He then added that his third point was whether the MOU between IOA and APOA was legally acceptable as it was signed on a plain paper, which in his opinion is not legally acceptable for transfer of money to any foreign association. He further asked if this was not a violation of FERA and FEMA?

He also asked what procedure was used to select these faculties and fellows in APOA conference and are the documents available to the IOA office? He also asked if common members were ever notified by email, newsletter or any other means about MOU between APOA and IOA ?. Does IOA office have any document that can prove? If not then why? He wanted to know who is responsible for cheating common members? Chairman, IOA secretary and Secretariat ? Why President & Secretary paid huge amount of twenty-five thousand dollars to APOA ? Why should the embezzled money not be recovered from the responsible people? Who have cheated IOA and its common members? These were his queries.

Dr Purushottam informed the house that these very queries were discussed in the EC where the decision to withhold payment to APOA was taken and discussed threadbare . Dr Tribhuwan Singh added that he is asking the Secretary and the Secretariat if they had these communications and documents available. Dr Navin asked him what he wanted? Dr Tribhuwan asked, do we have a physical copy? Dr Navin replied that he did not have a physical copy and had asked in last EC also. Dr Tribhuwan asked, why? Dr Navin replied, that he did not know why. He said that Mr Ramesh Pandey will answer because it was signed in 2017. Dr Tribhuwan Singh said that IOA is paying money since 2016. Dr Navin said that he had received the copy of the MOU only in the last six months. Dr Tribhuwan again asked, why? He asked further Why Secretary and IOA office is not taken in loop ? Dr Ramesh Sen responded that they will have to look back in the years 2016-2018 to find these papers.

Dr Tribhuwan Singh said that each committee gives a copy of any communication so does IOA have a copy of all those communications? On what criteria was selection of faculties, fellows, young ambassadors, national delegates done? He asked if IOA had these documents and if not, then why not? Who is doing all this? Is not the Secretariat responsible?

Dr Vishal Kundnani said that the questions asked were very valid. He added that before scrapping of an MOU with a very prestigious organization like APOA, do we have answers to these questions. Just because few of us feel that we should scrap the MOU on grounds that are better known to only a few, should we not go into the details of the questions asked here, find out the details, the basis on which the MOU was signed? And if money was the only issue, can we not continue the MOU for the benefit of the younger surgeons by keeping the money aside? Dr Vishal added that we should have answers to these points rather than scrapping the MOU.

Dr Rajagopalan said that he had attended a congress before it was APOA. At that time, it was Western Pacific Orthopaedic Association. At that time his dream was that India become a part of it. Then due to great effort of our seniors we became a part of the APOA and thereafter he attended

as a member and enjoyed the conference. He asked if in any association can everyone become beneficiaries. He stated that 21 years back he was IOA Vice President with Dr Babhulkar as the President. Thereafter he had not stood for any post. He said that everyone cannot become officials, only some can. He added that so many youngsters have gone for wonderful training, so talk to them. He said that this association is not for us; it is for youngsters so that they can learn to do better than what we do. Thanks to my teacher, my mentor, my father Dr Yadav I am here. He added that we have to look at the youngsters. If they are benefitting then this money is nothing. Even if one PG benefits from my state it's worth it. He pleaded that we all should not look at it on the basis of personal benefit. He added that it really pains him to hear Dr Ram Chaddha's name; it is the saddest day for him. He further added that he is sorry to say this but in his opinion the GB was being very unjust. He added who doesn't make mistakes during surgery or making a file and further said thousand three hundred names, somebody will not make mistake? So, he requested all to calm down and not get heated about it. He said that now he cannot afford to go to an APOA conference but knew what is happening. He said that Dr Jamal had done a wonderful job. He ended by saying that if this MOU is benefitting the juniors, then we should be less aggressive and look at it more positively. Dr Tribhuwan Singh said that he wanted to clarify that he was not against any association or against any member in particular but for common members, who are not notified at all for benefits of APOA since 6 years

Dr Rajasekaran said that many points have been made but they should not be mixed. He said that all points made by Dr Tribhuwan Singh were good, but what are we going to do about it. The 2016 President & Secretary: should we suspended them and send them to a court? Because they have done a mistake. Same for 2017 President, Secretary, Foreign Affairs in-charge. He asked, shall we also suspend them? He added that it seemed that all were in that mood: find fault, suspend people, put court cases. He added that APOA was WPOA and Past President Dr Raza, some senior and he himself struggled for six years to get IOA to join, and because of that it changed from WPOA to APOA. As a result, so many advantages have come to younger Indian delegates even though senior members may not have benefitted.

But we must look into the whole picture. He added that we can investigate why MOU is not available etc. If that is the problem, then what were all the Secretaries doing. We should ask all the Presidents what they were doing. Dr Navin said that MOU was not available to anyone so no one can comment on that and how anyone can comment on that. Dr Thakkar requested to allow to give a reply to this point, as it was a wrong piece of information. When Dr Navin tried to give a reply. Dr Rajasekaran requested Dr Navin not to interrupt and give him his time to speak.

Dr Rajasekaran said that no one is blaming Dr Navin. Dr Navin countered by saying that Dr Rajasekaran turned towards him and said what the Secretary was doing. Dr Rajasekaran said that he did not look at Dr Navin when he made that point. Dr Navin disagreed and stated that no, you looked at me and said what the Secretary was doing? He again repeated that you look at me and said that he does not tolerate such wrong facts. He added that it was his complaint that the Foreign Affairs committee never ever communicates with the Secretary or the IOA house. He added that no MOU of any country has been submitted till date to the IOA office. These are the facts. And facts should be considered, and additional center of absolute power should not be there. Dr Navin added that the problem is about the mechanism and not MOU. The problem was the way it was dealt. It is not a problem with the MOU but the way it was dealt. He added that the complaint of the common member is that they did not get the information and advantage of MOU just because of mechanism and way it was dealt. He added that Dr SC Goel commented in the EC meeting that he was never, never informed about the advantages of being an APOA member. These are the grievances. He added that he had asked it multiple times. Dr Rajasekaran interjected and stopped Dr Thakkar to speak and did not allow to complete his point and said that Dr Thakkar has spoken enough. Dr Thakkar requested again to let him complete. Dr Thakkar replied no problem.

Dr Rajasekaran said that Dr Navin must keep quiet and let him complete first and not disturb. He stated that the problem is regarding the mechanism. It is an IOA mechanism so it is an IOA problem, an internal problem for us which we should set things right. He added that we are all agreed to that. Dr Rajasekaran added that he strongly objects that anyone should take a decision unilaterally that hereafter we stopped being a part of APOA. And before this decision was taken by the President, by other EC members, by this GBM, does any one member, whether he is the Secretary or the President, have the right to declare and write a common email to the APOA executive council and

wash our dirty linen in public? Dr Rajasekaran added that this had brought a lot of discredit to the country. He said that what these two or three emails have done to the international image of our country and IOA, we cannot rectify it over a long period of time. So, if we say that the mechanism is wrong, whose mechanism is wrong? It is the IOA's mechanism. Dr Thakkar asked Dr Rajasekaran can you answer sir why mechanism was wrong ? Dr Rajasekaran asked who was wrong ? Dr Navin said that the reason was that there was no information.

Dr Rajasekaran asked Dr Navin on what basis did you write to the APOA council? Who gave him the authority? Dr Thakkar requested Dr Rajasekaran to allow him to clear the facts. Did he discuss with the IOA President about writing the email? Dr Navin said that he will narrate the sequence of events, previous evidence and these evidences. He said that charges are made to the IOA that the membership list has not been provided. He said that it was provided by him as IT Committee Chair in 2017 but still no member has been included in the APOA. He said that he had a documentation of the email that was sent to the APOA with an excel sheet containing the membership list.

Dr Rajasekaran asked the President to direct Dr Navin not to speak till he has finished. He said he is not against any action being taken by anybody or any rectification method being undertaken. He said that he is strongly objecting to the Secretary, without the permission of the President, without the permission of EC, without the permission of the GBM to directly write to the APOA, to all the council members from all countries with very bad language and very bad instances. He said that it could have been said that we are considering. Dr Navin said that he is opening the letter and there is no bad language. Dr Rajasekaran asked him to please keep quiet and let him complete. He again repeated that there was no reason for Dr Navin to have written that email. Dr Navin told Dr Rajasekaran not to misquote. He said that he had full respect for Dr Rajasekaran but he was using wrong words since there was nothing bad in his email. He said he will screen the letter. Dr Rajasekaran also asked Dr Navin to screen the letter. Dr Navin said that he will also screen in which he has removed him from the WhatsApp group very rudely. Dr Ramesh Sen asked Dr Navin to calm down to which he replied, No Sir, that cannot be allowed. Dr Rajasekaran again asked Dr Navin to screen the letter. Dr SC Goel asked the President why there was a shouting being allowed in the meeting?

Dr Pawan Kumar asked the IOA President saying that he is a very senior member of IOA with LM number 3575 wanted to know why the Foreign Affairs Committee has not reported to IOA Secretary/ Office since 2017 till today. Where is the wrong? He said that he wanted to know one more point although the chapter is closed. He wanted to know why Dr Ram Chaddha resigned as Election officer. Dr SC Goel said that voting has already been taken on this point /issue and now we are discussing the next agenda. He reiterated that he wanted to speak previously , but he was not allowed to speak so he is making point now that why Dr Ram Chaddha resigned and Dr B Shivashankar took charge and it is very important issue and house must know this .

Dr Jamal Ashraf said that there are certain accusations and asked the President if he can respond. Dr Navin said that first let me screen the letter as certain allegations are made and he is going to screen the letter to answer all these allegations . Dr Ramesh Sen told Dr Navin to let Dr Jamal speak. Dr Jamal Ashraf said that it was his turn. He knew that Dr Navin Thakkar was the honorable secretary, but he cannot interrupt. Dr Sameer Agarwal said that the President should decide who speaks first. Dr SC Goel said that his name was also taken so he should be allowed to speak. Dr Sen asked Dr Goel to speak first and then Dr Jamal.

Dr Goel said that Dr Navin took his name in reference to the EC. He said yes, correct, he had asked the question why he had not received the communication. But he is not a party to the decision that we are coming out of APOA. They are two different things. One is India, which is going to be a future global leader should be part of APOA or not? Do we want to come out where Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri Lanka are represented and are paying the money? And we cannot pay that much money while getting these many fellowships and other things. He added that the problem is only of communication. That is an important point: why common members did not get the information. That we should discuss. MOU has to be there, there are on two points about it.

Dr Sen asked Dr Jamal to speak. Dr Jamal said that he will be as brief as possible and will try to answer the allegations. He said that first point was that the first application for IOA to join the APOA was sent by then Secretary Dr Sanjay Jain by his personal email. He added that the said MOU was

signed in Indore and sent to APOA by Dr Ram Prabhoo's personal email. He said that he understood the problem that existed in the IOA and that he would spell it out. Each Secretary, each President, even the existing Secretary uses his personal email to communicate. When their term ends all the emails that have been sent by them are not transferred to the next Secretary and then they say that they don't have it. He said that APOA has these emails which have been sent by the IOA. The original MOU was in the possession of Dr Ram Prabhoo and APOA received a copy on email. Dr Jamal said the third accusation is the amount of money. He said that for the information of the house, IOA pays USD 5000 per annum which works out to be Rs 29 per member per year. He said that the IOA joined the APOA in IOACON 2016 at which time he was not the Foreign Affairs person in charge. He added that he was not in the EC meeting, in-fact he did not even attend the IOACON since he was in Davos. The relevant papers were sent by Dr Sudhir Kapoor and Dr Sanjay Jain at that point of time. He said that coming to the point why members are not being intimidated, he said that the APOA Secretariat changed from Singapore to Hong Kong. Hong Kong law required that confidentiality of every member be maintained. The APOA wrote an email to Dr. Atul Srivastava the IOA Secretary at that time informing that the APOA will provide a username and password so that you can upload your data because law does not allow the APOA to ask for data. He said that a reply was received from Dr Atul Srivastava stating that this information should be sent to Dr Mangal Parihar and team. Then APOA sent the username and password to Dr Mangal Parihar and his team and an acknowledgment was received from Mr Ramesh Pandey saying that they had received it and shall do the needful. He said that fast forward to the GB minutes of IOACON 2018 Coimbatore where it is minuted that Dr Jamal asked for uploading the data. He said that Dr Navin Thakkar was not the Secretary at that time. He said that there were three Secretarial terms, each using his personal email. Dr Navin Thakkar said he is using secretary mail. Dr Jamal said that even your email this time was from your personal email. Dr Navin responded by saying that copy goes to Secretary email. Dr Jamal asked Dr Navin not to interrupt. Dr Jamal said that next accusation was cheating, fraud, FERA, FEMA, siphoning, and embezzlement. He said IOA has paid 5000 dollars per year and taken fellowships in return. He added that because of so many accusations, he actually got information from the APOA finance committee as to how much money was spent for each fellowship. For the benefit of the members, during the 6 years that IOA has paid, the Indian fellows, 37 of them, who went on fellowships where accommodation, airfare and meals are taken care by the APOA. He said that they are not comparable to IOA fellowships which are three days, the APOA fellowships are 3 weeks, 6 weeks and 3 months duration. So, in these 6 years where IOA paid 30,000 dollars, the APOA spent on these 37 Indian fellows 77,640 dollars. He said that is the house going to compare three days visitations to Australia, Hong Kong to APOA fellowships. He asked the President and Secretary if there was a single IOA fellowship in which the fellow scrubs in the OT? Not a single one. Look at the MOUs. He said IOA fellows go for visitations. He said APOA has protocols that they will scrub in. He said there are 11 APOA fellows sitting in the hall and he has asked them to tell the GB what the APOA fellowship meant to them.

Dr Jamal said that Dr Navin had said that he removed him from a WhatsApp group for which he has sent an email today. He said that the APOA term changed in November 2022. Dr Rujuta joined as the President of the Women's section. Dr Anup Agarwal joined the trauma section. Dr Rajiv Shah finished his term. Dr Parag Sancheti took over the knee section. When a new term starts, there are members who are finishing their term and there are members who are joining. So, in the group, they removed 8-9 people. Dr Navin on October 11 had written an email to the APOA, 106 members across 26 countries, that he was resigning as National delegate of the APOA. He wrote on October 11, so when the term changed on November 26, naturally he was removed. Dr Jamal said that Dr Naveen written that he had resigned. He asked if the house expected someone to say that he has resigned and then he will be continued in the new term? He said, we cannot Sir. It was not an insult to the IOA. It was a matter of principle. He added that Dr Ram Chaddha was present in the meeting where it was mentioned that Dr Navin had resigned. Dr Jamal said that his only submission was that it should not be assumed that APOA is him and he is APOA. The APOA stands for education and training of youngsters and unless and until the IOA looks after its youngsters we are not doing what we are there for. He said that we are not glorified conference organizers. That we will conduct one conference, a banquet, and a cultural night. We are supposed to train the youngsters. Please live up to that.

Dr Rujuta Mehta requested that with the permission of the President and the permission of the august house, she be given a patient hearing for two minutes. She said that through the President she wants to address the Grievance committee, that it would be nicer if you don't put someone's

queries or letter or points in it as the final verdict. She said that you are the grievance committee; you are supposed to give a fair hearing to both sides and distill out your wisdom and then say that. She said that she was present in that EC meeting and from the trend that she saw in the last two hours, maybe she should now ask for the video of that meeting to be put up because no such resolution was passed that we are out. The resolution was passed that we are deferring this matter to the AGM and till then the matter is on hold. Please keep this on record. She said that she is a silent witness to everything that has been going on and what she was learning is that after every 3-4 years somebody will get up and question the wisdom or question the decisions of duly justly elected President, their committees; whatever hard work they have done and because they are not informed they suddenly call names to those Presidents and past office bearers. And just wash off the good work that has been done. This kind of a behavior must stop. She said that APOA had definitely benefitted a lot of the common PGs, her male PGs and female PGs. She said her standing here did not mean she was talking only for the women orthopaedic surgeons. And that she is personally witness to the kind of fellows that have visited Wadia from there and our fellows who have gone from here over there. She said that the benefits definitely outweigh whatever payment that we have done. If anyone is not informed, that can very easily be solved; just inform him and answer his queries. That does not become a grievance, that does not become a matter enough to accuse someone and say that IOA did everything wrong. If there is a problem with the execution, work out a system and improve it. She added that all this is solvable. It does not have to be a conspiracy theory always. And it today, this house passes a resolution saying that we are out from APOA, it will be the saddest day and that she will be hanging her head in shame completely that although she will be the Chair of the APOA Women's section. She said that the President Sir was witness to the lecture she gave in Australia & New Zealand of how India's name was shining because how respected women are in Indian orthopaedics. It will be a shame if we are thrown out just because some people cannot manage communication. She ended on a lighter note saying guys resolve it over a glass of wine tonight. Please resolve your differences the way men deal with it. But separate out the issue: membership of the APOA and the execution of the APOA. Dr Harpal Singh Selhi asked the President to put it to vote for membership of the APOA. Dr Sen said that first Dr GS Kulkarni will speak and then we are putting it for vote. Dr Navin Thakkar said that he will speak then. He said that he must get the time to show the letter and everything.

Dr GS Kulkarni told Dr Navin that he can show after him. Dr Kulkarni said that he and Dr Sudhir Babulkar were members of the APOA. He added that they had immensely benefitted and academically it is a very good connection between the APOA and IOA. Whatever has happened has happened. You cannot blame anybody, find fault, and remove the connection. He said that is not correct and he requested that the GB reestablish the connection and APOA should be continued. Dr Sameer Agarwal said that as International Fellowship committee chairman, he would request to continue the APOA connection and include these fellowships. The only problem is that these have not been circulated. He said reason being that we are now 14,000 members and we have only 10 foreign fellowships out of which only one is fellowship and other nine are observer ships as rightly told by Dr Jamal. He said that IOA has to increase the fellowships, and this is a golden opportunity given by APOA. He said that the criteria would remain the same which we are giving, the marking would be same, everything will be there. He added that his request was to continue and that it will give IOA 10-15 fellowships and the members will be benefitted by this. He added that right now IOA has only one fellowship for three weeks rest all are between 3-5 days.

Dr Rajasekaran said that with due respect to everybody, this matter should be resolved and divided into two. One continuation for which there has been an over positive response for that. Second is internal affairs of the mechanism and that is for the EC to decide. He added that in the meantime he would request that the house must pass a resolution that any single member whether he is the President, he said he is sorry to say this, or whether he is the Secretary General, he has no right to write to an international body by himself accusing other members of EC of IOA. He has no right to ask explanations in public. He added that today afternoon Dr Navin has again written an email that he had just read it and he was shocked. He added that Dr Navin has written to all the APOA council members from 24 countries asking few questions which what has Ramesh Sen got to explain. What has Rajasekaran got as reply, what Dr Anup Agarwal has to say etc. He has put so many names. This is not becoming of a person of senior leadership of IOA. He added that you cannot write to the council members of 24 countries and say that nothing is right in our IOA. Why should our internal mechanism be brought to light? He added that did Dr Navin as Secretary, since he is not writing as Dr Navin as an individual, forget that he is a Secretary General of IOA, He has got a

big responsibility. With every big right comes big responsibility. Dr Rajasekaran asked who gave him the right to write to all these individuals on behalf of IOA. And down he signs as Secretary IOA. If he writes as Navin its ok. Dr Rajasekaran added that Dr Navin became the member of the APOA council not because he is the greatest orthopaedic surgeon but because he is Secretary IOA. And when he has taken up the position on APOA council as Secretary of IOA, he has the responsibility to maintain the dignity of IOA 24 hours. He cannot write unilaterally. Dr Rajasekaran asked the President if Dr Navin Thakkar took his permission before writing these emails. Dr Ramesh Sen replied in negative. Dr Rajasekaran asked if he got permission of the Presidential line of IOA? He added that he has not got either the permission of the EC to write it also.

Dr Navin said that EC gave him permission, once every one will read the letter on screen, they will come to know, it cannot be one sided story.

Dr Rajasekaran said that no, EC did not give permission to write to APOA. Dr Navin said that he will show the letter then everyone will come to know. He added that this is only a one side story. Dr Rajasekaran said that you had no right to write like that. Dr Navin replied by saying, No, it is not like that. Secretary General of the IOA can talk to the Secretary General of the foreign office. He added that we are devoid of the communication from foreign affairs and that is the problem. Dr Rajasekaran said to Dr Navin that in the afternoon mail that he had written did he think before sending? Dr Navin responded that let Dr Rajasekaran complete first ,then he would give answer point by point. He added that he knew that Dr Rajasekaran had come from London directly to Amritsar and that he was in the jetlag. And that he knew about that. But still, I have full respect for you.

Dr Rujuta Mehta raised a point of objection saying that personal remarks should not be made. Dr Navin replied by saying that he knew that Dr Rajasekaran was in the jetlag. Dr Harpal Selhi demanded that these remarks be expunged. Dr Vishal Kundnani also objected saying that Secretary cannot speak like that to such a senior member. Dr Ramesh Sen said that Navin jee that is a very odd statement. Dr Navin Thakkar said, expunged, no problem. Sorry. Dr SM Sharma demanded that he not talk about London. Again, Dr Navin said sorry and said he fully appreciates but he is telling a fact that Dr Rajasekaran must have a jetlag. Dr Rajasekaran said, thank you Dr Navin for the concern, but that is my problem.

One member said that we need to be very humble when we talk from the stage. He requested Dr Navin to mind his language. Dr Abhay Elhence said Dr Navin Thakkar I don't know if you understand who you are. When you are standing on the stage and on that podium. But, I understand that for the last two and a half to three hours, there are people who have put this august body on the international platform, starting from Dr Tuli, who are just sitting and are a witness to the fact that you are standing on that podium and with absolute disrespect and disregard to everything and every senior person in this august office. Dr Navin countered saying that is not correct. Dr Abhay Elhence insisted with that Navin should listen to him and if you cannot listen then he should get down from the podium and should resign from his post. He added with loud voice that Dr Navin should learn to shut up. Dr Navin Thakkar responded firmly by saying that Dr Abhay cannot use this word and say shut up. He added that he will show the video of what he spoke in the EC for a senior member Dr Taneja. He again said that you cannot say shut up. He shouted again that you cannot say shut up. He repeated that he will play the video of what Dr Abhay had spoken in the EC. Dr Magu at this point got from his seat and moved towards Dr Abhay and said that he cannot say 'Shut Up' to Hon Sec on Dais. Dr Abhay said that I will apologize for saying shut up to him. Dr Navin insisted on Dr Abhay not speaking like this. Dr Abhay again said that he apologizes to Dr Navin. Dr Navin again repeated what apology. I can show the video of what you have spoken in the EC. It is not that you only know everything. Dr Abhay again said that he apologizes to Dr Navin Thakkar for saying that. Dr Navin said that Dr Abhay may be the beneficiary. He added that it is the beneficiary who is speaking. Dr Abhay said that he has already said sorry three times. Dr Navin Thakkar again said that you cannot say shut up to me.

Dr Amiya Bera from West Bengal from the back spoke loudly saying that You seniors are taking so many hours. You seniors are talking, taking advantage of your positions. But we juniors are suffering. We are waiting for so many hours. We are listening you but you must have some respect for secretary. No one should talk like that.

Dr Sameer Agarwal added that Dr Abhay will apologize. Dr Navin said that Dr Abhay is a beneficiary nothing else. Dr Roshan Wade said that the EC had completely failed to explain to the members what has gone wrong. Dr Abhay said that he had already said sorry to Dr Navin Thakkar and asked Dr Magu Sir not to get angry like this. Dr Navin Thakkar said that he had no issue with APOA. He had no issue with anybody. Only problem is when it was discussed in the EC meeting ... (and then his mic was muted).

Dr Sen requested all members to go to their seats and requested Dr SS Yadav to speak.

Dr Yadav requested all to sit down. He said it is our body, please sit down. He requested the members to be seated so that the meeting can proceed. He requested to let this heat calm down. He said that one objection came from the house for which Dr Navin Thakkar has apologized. Another comment came from the house for which the house has apologized. So he thought it was all balanced. Now please let the President go ahead with the proceedings of the meeting. He added that madam had said correctly that in the evening over a glass of wine, let us balance our differences.

Dr Sen thanked Dr Yadav. He proposed a resolution that asking how many wanted to continue with APOA? He continued by saying that look at the house. How many people want it to go on? He added that I am asking whether to continue or not then we can discuss mechanism. He added we are not talking about mechanism; we are asking whether to continue or not? Dr Sen concluded by saying that we will continue with the APOA. That is one part. Next part is mechanism. You want to be proper in mechanism or not? So all want a mechanism to be defined. Dr SS Yadav added that mechanism is a very vital thing. He added that it is good that it is passed that we are with the APOA. And the office of the Secretary has to be informed and improved. Dr Navin said it is not the Secretary's office; he is screening the letters. He said that he was having all the letters. Dr Navin said that we cannot be selective Sir. Dr Yadav asked him to wait. He added, you have letters, you have letters, you have letters and you want to show. Dr Yadav said that he was talking of the future, the future of the association.

Dr Navin said that we have decided that MOU with APOA should stay but mechanism should change. He added that he had no issue with any person or APOA. The only issue is about the mechanism. Prof Yadav made it clear that issue is solved. Association with APOA is to continue, and mechanism will be defined. Dr Navin said that what Dr Sameer suggested is fantastic. No APOA fellowship was under IOA. Applications were not coming to the IOA, they were going to the APOA. There was no right to IOA EC in selection process of APOA Fellowship. IOA EC has no right as said in the previous EC. That is something wrong. Dr Sameer Agarwal said that as Chairman International Fellowship committee he has made it very transparent. The marking system is there. Same will be applicable for all APOA fellowships/members. And every information about APOA fellowship will be displayed. Dr Thakkar agreed with Dr Sameer and reiterated that, it is problem of mechanism and that should become transparent

Dr Sen asked Dr Navin Thakkar to move on as we have to finish it. Dr Navin objected by saying that you cannot devoid the Secretary of his right to speak. He stated that an allegation had been made about the letter and he wants to screen the letter. He asked audiovisual team to start his screen and mike to display the letter. Dr Selhi asked everyone to take their seat and said that he will hold on to the mic and give it to whosoever the Chair says to. He said the meeting cannot be run like this. All other mics will remain silent, and this mic will be given on the direction of the chair.

Dr Navin displayed his letter to the APOA council. He said that there was an invitation to attend the EC meeting for APOA council. He added that there was an IOA EC meeting and in the EC meeting resolution was passed that we are not going to pay APOA because of irregularities and problem in mechanism of selection of fellowships and selected people were getting. That was allegation by one of the members. Discussion went on for two hours. He said that it was his humble request to find out any bad words in his email which was alleged. He added to all the members, if you find out any bad words please tell. He said he was against this allegation. He added that he will not tolerate any allegations when he is right. He read out his email with following points and facts to counter Dr Rajasekaran's allegation that Dr Thakkar wrote to APOA to terminate MOU with APOA.

Dr Thakkar point wise read from his email against this allegation and said that he never written to APOA or said to terminate the APOA - IOA MOU but he only resigned himself morally and ethically

from the post of National Delegate of APOA as there was no existing MOU between IOA and APOA as per EC decision till GBM in December 2022 at Amritsar.

A. Dr Navin said he had Addressed this mail to Cheryl Low - APOA admin Dr Arif Khan, Secretary-General of APOA President APOA, All Council Members of APOA and EC Members including members from India.

B. He said that Because of recent developments in the Executive Committee meeting of IOA, where it was decided to not to continue payment to APOA till it is discussed and decided in GBM at Amritsar we have not paid this year 5000 USD, which was due as per the federation invoice for the renewal of the year 2022 was raised.

C. He further read that members had representation that a draft of the MOU was never available to members, so there was a need to discuss in detail the draft and other issues in GBM of IOA, which was scheduled during annual meeting in December 2022 at IOACON2022, Amritsar, where decisions will be taken in this GBM for the terms and conditions of the future new draft of the MOU. As the annual subscription renewal is not done since Jan 2022, there is no existing MOU between APOA and IOA, so clauses of APOA session, inviting speakers and National delegates etc., are not applicable this year till GBM. As per records, the first payment was made by IOA in March 2016; MOU for five years ended in Jan 2021 - renewal terms are Jan to Jan each year.

D. He further read that during this EC meeting , One of the member Dr Taneja asked a specific question regarding renewal terms, which Dr Jamal Ashraf, Second Vice President of APOA and EC Member of IOA as foreign affairs chair, answered categorically and said in answer to Dr Taneja that IOA even did not need to write to APOA to terminate MOU between APOA and IOA, if IOA do not pay for one year, it automatically gets dissolved, because it is an annual membership fee and it is as simple as anything. Dr Jamal further said in this meeting for the kind information of all as people are saying that Indian Orthopaedic Association being a part of APOA, benefits him but , no, it does not benefit him and he has attained in APOA what he wanted to attain.

E. Dr Thakkar said that as per the EC of IOA, it was clear that there was no MOU between APOA and IOA operating as on that date and No Renewal of Subscription was done for the year 2022 till a decision is be taken in December IOACON2022 GBM. He said that as the MOU's clauses were not operating on that date , ethically and morally, he cannot remain as a National Delegate or Council member of APOA. So he humbly requested to accept his resignation as National Delegate of APOA and shown his inability to remain present in the council meeting of APOA scheduled on zoom on 24 November.

F. He further said that he is expecting from all EC members of IOA to accept and respect his decision.

Then, Dr Thakkar requested to read the letter on screen and tell him if any bad words are present in this mail as alleged. No member spoke about presence of any bad word in mail screened on screen after reading.

Dr Navin said that he had a question for Dr Jamal. Dr Sen asked Dr Navin if he consulted anyone of them before writing this letter. Dr Navin replied, No Sir, because I was invited. Dr Rajasekaran said to Dr Navin that when you are writing to an international body about such a matter, you have not consulted anybody. Dr Rajasekaran added that you are not greater than the President, you are not greater than the GBM, you are not greater than EC. If you recognise that it is more than enough. Dr Rajasekaran asked Dr Navin that from today please don't write such letters. Dr Navin added that EC members were asking him why he was still in the APOA council as a national delegate. Dr Rajasekaran asked Dr Navin, which EC members were asking you?

Dr Jamal Ashraf said that for the benefit of those in the hall, he would like to read out the minutes of the EC meeting written and circulated by the Secretary. "We are passing the resolution that we

are not paying now the money to APOA. We will be putting the matter in GBM and whatever GBM decides about it, we will follow". These are the minutes. Dr Navin said third point was there by Dr Rajesh Gupta. He said it was and Dr Jamal was not reading that. Dr Jamal said he will now read from above: "Dr Thakkar reminded Dr Sen Sir, we need to pass clear cut resolution about APOA to take right action Sir, resolution we are passing is. We are not paying APOA money this year. Dr Rajesh Gupta interjected and said 1, 2, and 3. Dr Thakkar asked him, what is 1? He said sir no money this year. 2. You are taking this matter to GBM. Dr Thakkar said Ok and 3 is.....Dr Tribhuvan interrupted and spoke to appoint the committee. Dr Rajesh Gupta said, "You want to investigate or not, is the prerogative of president of IOA. Dr Sen corrected that point 3 will also be with GBM and it is not his prerogative. So, in conclusion, we are passing the resolution that we are not paying now the money to APOA. We will be putting the matter in GBM and whatever GBM decides about it, we will follow. Dr Navin said yes, there are three points for the GBM.

Dr Rajasekaran asked Dr Navin why he wrote to the APOA. He asked with who's authority did Dr Navin write to APOA. He added that you have written without anybody's permission. He told Dr Navin that he did not involve the President, he did not involve the EC, he did not involve any of the Presidential line. Dr Ramesh Sen asked Dr Navin about writing the letter. Dr Rajasekaran added that Dr Navin was not the authority to communicate unilaterally. He said that Dr Navin had brought down the image of India. Dr Navin said that in his resignation letter he had to point out why he was resigning. Because EC members were asking him. How can he remain there when there is no MOU? Dr Sen said that you can always ask the President before writing any such email.

Dr Navin Thakkar said that his second question to Dr Jamal was, when was Dr Ramesh Sen included in the APOA group as a national delegate? Dr Jamal replied, that Dr Sen had not sent his resignation. And for clarification, Dr Sen attended the APOA session in Christchurch, New Zealand 15 days back and Dr Sen represented the Indian orthopedic session in the APOA session. He added that he should be allowed to complete. Dr Jamal said that to inform the GBM, Dr Navin wrote another email to the entire 106 people, while the IOACON is going on, Presidents, Secretaries and council members, forget Australia and New Zealand or Pakistan. And in that email, he asked what authority they had to remove him from the WhatsApp group. Dr Jamal Ashraf added that Dr Navin went on to say, Dr Ramesh Sen answer why I was removed. Dr Navin said that those are not the words. He said there are no bad words in his email. He said that the point was that he asked that the manner in which he was removed was not right. He said that Dr Jamal could have told him before removing him. Dr Jamal said that Dr Navin had resigned so what was the issue in being removed. Dr Navin said that if I remove you from EC group then that is not the behavior and manner. He added that he had no problem on being removed but on the way, it was removed. He added that he had no problem on being removed but had a problem on the way it was removed and he gave an example, if I remove someone from EC group without informing him, it looks odd, it is a question of manner.

Dr Jamal requested Dr Sen to be allowed to complete. He said that today's email read: "My question to Dr Arif Khan.....fine. Then it says, my question to Dr Ram Chadha, Vice President IOA, are you in consensus with group admin who has done act of removing. Then you say, my question to Dr Ramesh Sen, President IOA. Then you say, my question to Dr Anup Agarwal, candidate for Vice President IOA, then you say, my question to Dr Rajasekaran, Past President IOA. He said that Dr Navin is asking a question to four Indian surgeons and sending that email to 106 people out of the country.

Dr SS Yadav requested Dr Rajasekaran and Dr Jamal to please close this topic and please go ahead. Dr Ramesh Sen told the house to go for voting again. He said that the first part was already done. He asked how many people want the mechanism to be redefined? Then he said that both the things are done and passed. He added that first thing we are continuing with APOA, and second we are redefining our mechanism. Dr Navin asked how we will be doing the mechanism Sir? Responding to a question from the house Dr Sen said that payment should continue because we are with APOA. Dr Navin said that 100% we are with APOA. No problem. Dr SS Yadav said that everything had been solved, payment shall be continued, membership shall be there, and the mechanism will be looked into. He asked the President to please go ahead with the agenda.

Dr Jawahar Jethwa said thanks for giving mike and said further that he is not getting angry but his point is something need to be corrected now only. He said firmly that Yes, it is good that APOA is

there. But Mechanism is not good . Take it as a note . Now till mechanism get corrected or done , what to be done ? Do you want to suspend it till that time , because he is also a member of APOA .He said further that he did not know who selected Dr Kulkarni ? Who selected other people ? He is not aware though he is a senior member of IOA and APOA . He further said that he is never asked and given any information and not availed any fellowship or criteria and We do not know how to go and get membership or fellowship ? Dr Sen interjected that that is why we are correcting the mechanism. Dr Jawahar Jethwa said further that So Now house has to decide , till mechanism is not ready , what is to be done ? Dr Sen said we will have the mechanism ready soon , Let us go to next agenda

Dr Sameer Agarwal made a request to the house that the meeting also needs to be finished so all could enjoy the banquet. Dr Sen said that honorary secretary's report is accepted. The next agenda is Ratification of new members.

Ratification of New members

Accepted. Dr Sen said done and then asked the house if there was any point about ratification? He added that next is distribution of Awards by the IOA office.

Dr Harpal Selhi informed that the IOACON report was missed. Dr Sen apologized and asked Dr Selhi to present the report

IOACON 2022 Report.

Dr Harpal Singh Selhi said that with folded hands he wanted to thank all the IOA members for reposing faith in them. He informed the house that there were

1. Around 300 PG students for the PG course which was part of IOACON 2022.
2. There were more than 600 delegates for the 11 workshops that were conducted one day prior to the CME.
3. There were 1500 registered delegates for CME.
4. There were more than 4000 delegates for the main conference along with more than 1500 spouse and accompanying persons.
5. And the trade fair seen by all was full.

He hoped that the hospitality and academics had been up to the house's expected standards. He added that he wanted to assure the IOA leadership in front of the august house, as of this time, if all promised payments are made, IOACON 2022 is in the positive and will definitely contribute 10% or maybe more to the IOA. Dr Selhi added that Dr SM Tuli wanted to make an announcement because Dr Hardas Singh Memorial lecture was decided in the EC and is to be made an annual lecture only if the GB approves. Dr Pradeep Choudhari requested that the house first give a standing ovation to the IOACON team for an excellent conference organization. Dr Selhi said that the credit goes to Dr Parvinder Sandhu. Dr Rajasekaran said three cheer to Dr Parvinder, Dr Harpal and their team. Three cheers. Hip hip hooray. Dr Selhi informed the house that Dr Sandhu had gone to the banquet venue for looking after the preparations there. Dr Selhi asked the IOACON 2022 team members to please come on to the dais.

Dr SM Tuli said that Punjab Orthopaedic surgeons have suggested that IOA should create an oration in the name of Dr Hardas Singh. Dr Hardas Singh belonged to the second generation of orthopaedic surgeons of Punjab. The first generation included the name of Prof Karam Singh Grewal. Next to him came Dr Hardas Singh. And his contribution in services to people in orthopaedic discipline, teaching, training of so many people, particularly in Punjab deserves that IOA creates an annual oration in the name of Dr Hardas Singh. Dr Tuli added that this was his request and the general body has to approve. Dr SS Yadav said that he seconds the proposal. Dr Yadav added that Dr Karam Singh Grewal was a name under whom some of the senior members were surviving even now, like his students like Dr Maini and Dr Tuli. Second was Dr Hardas Singh Sandhu and he would like to tell the young orthopaedic surgeons from Amritsar and Punjab that there must be many more people like Dr Karam Singh and Dr Hardas Singh in the pipeline. They

will make Amritsar on top of the world. So, the young orthopedic surgeons should take a tip from this that they should start working, utilizing their mind, research and ideas which can be taken up and eventually shine the name of Amritsar and Punjab. Dr Tuli added that his request to learned members of IOA: We are a family. We are a large family. There can be differences of opinions in families. But a cultured family still maintains the love amongst the family. I pray that we all shouldn't use un-parliamentary words, un-parliamentary gestures, un-parliamentary behavior. Knowledge and culture are the soul of the society. They are the soul of the nation. Our duty as seniors is to pass on this knowledge and culture to the next generation. We pass it on to the next generation not by sermons but by setting a personal example. A practical example for the next generation to see, appreciate and adapt. He said that he prays that all continue as members of a warm and cordial family; a fraternity of orthopedic surgeons of the country. Thank you.

Dr Sen announced that he had been informed that the IOACON 2022 organizers will contribute 20 lakh rupees for this oration. Dr Sandeep Kumar thanked the organizers. Dr Sameer Agarwal said that the cheque will be given the next day.

Secretary's Report

Dr Shivashankar requested that since this report has already been presented in the EC meeting and also in the inaugural function, the Secretary may kindly present it quickly.

Dr Navin Thakkar displayed his slides and said that he is just running through them. He said and briefly touched few points like:

1. Indemnity Insurance bond and we have very good response (Screened on screen)
2. IOA TV was working vibrantly to show all academic content
3. IOA online project of membership and now membership is totally online and very easy
4. Revamping the design and content of the website, thanking to IT committee.
5. He showed the newsletter and said that everything is available on the website. He said that we must thank the IT committee and Dr Lalit Maini for putting up all issues of IJO from 1967 to 2022. You click the IJO issue and you will get all the issues of IJO. He showed the list of issues and said that every issue is available. So, it is up to 1967. He added that you can now view it very well and also download the PDF. Complete PDF you can download. He added that you can see the index page.
6. For foreign fellowship there are around 150 applications. The first time there are around 150 applications for foreign fellowship. And Dr Sameer Agarwal is looking after foreign fellowship.
7. For inland fellowship we have more than 100 Yuva mentorship and many fellowships.
8. Now member can join easily. We are connected with the heart and the brain. There are 112 issues of newsletter to members published .
9. Twice venue visit was done to Amritsar
10. Ratification of new enrolled members has been done already.
11. Distribution of awards by President & Secretary with IOA office
 - a. Awards during GBM
 - b. **Dr AK Gupta trophy:** Tamil Nadu already awarded in inauguration. Trophy will be given to them.
 - c. **Dr Shantaram Shetty Trophy:** Rajasthan
 - d. **Dr HR Jhunhunwala Trophy:** Jammu Kashmir
 - e. **Appreciation Awards by President:**
 - i. Dr Jawahar Jethwa for IOA IT Committee and website
 - ii. Dr Ashok Shyam
 - iii. Dr Shamshul Hoda
 - iv. Dr DP Bhushan and team for Rheumatology
 - v. Dr Lalit Maini, Editor IJO
 - vi. Dr Sandeep Kumar
 - vii. Dr Sameer Agarwal
 - viii. Dr Parvinder Singh Sandhu
 - ix. Dr Harpal Singh

- f. **Achievement by member.** Dr Ajit Saigal received patent for his HTO plate
- g. **CME for 2024 and 2025.** These are the four states that have bid for CME for next two years
 - i. Madhya Pradesh
 - ii. Rajasthan
 - iii. Uttar Pradesh
 - iv. West Bengal

Dr Jamal said that UP would be happy to withdraw in favor of West Bengal. Dr Navin said that Delhi is also there. So, there are five bidders looking for a good CME. Dr Ramesh Sen conducted a voting by raising of hands. Then he announced that the CME was given to West Bengal. Dr Navin said great. Congrats. Dr Ramesh Sen also congratulated West Bengal. Dr Navin said that for Dr KT Dholakia CME they were thankful to all faculty. It added that it was a full house on that day. He also announced that for the next CME in Lucknow he was proposing the theme "Innovation, Technique, Paper or Case which changed my practice and may change your practice also" He added that it will be conducted by Gujrat Orthopedic Association. And this is the theme that they had selected. Dr Ramesh Sen said that it was passed.

- h. **MOU with subspecialties:** Passed
- i. **IOA registry:** Passed

Progress & Preparation Report of IOACON 2023 Lucknow

Dr Navin Thakkar said he is playing the video. Dr Santosh Singh requested all members from UP and Lucknow to come onto the stage. Dr Jamal requested the house to pay attention as the Lucknow IOACON video was played. He said that on behalf of the entire team of IOACON Lucknow, they humbly welcomed everyone to Lucknow next year. The dates of the conference are December 14-17, 2023. The CME will be on Dec 14 and the conference per se on December 15-17, 2023. The venue of the conference is the Ekana Sports Complex which is a 137-acre property with an inhouse hotel, halls, parking space for 2500 vehicles, and lawn of 80 acres. It's a huge facility. He added that the best thing is that from the airport there is an elevated road without any traffic lights, so you will not have any problems in reaching the venue. Within the radius of 8 km there are seven five-star hotels and other three- and four-star hotels. He added that they hoped you will have a good time. Lucknow is famed for its hospitality what they liked to call their mehmanwazi. He said that they believed in atithi devo bhava, not just as a tagline, but because it identifies and describes who they really are. So please come to Lucknow and experience academics and hospitality; hospitality like you have never seen before. Dr Ramesh Sen thanked Dr Jamal.

Award for Bone & Joint Day

Dr Navin asked members of the Tamil Nadu chapter to come and collect the AK Gupta trophy. He said that the trophy could not be collected at the inauguration since the trophy was not available at that time. Dr Ramesh Sen and Dr Shivashankar handed the trophy to the President, Secretary and other members of TNOA.

Then Dr Vanasekaran congratulated the winners of the **Bone & Joint Day awards**. He announced

- Large state President's appreciation award: Tamil Nadu
- Secretary's appreciation certificate: Uttar Pradesh
- Medium state President's appreciate award: West Bengal
- Secretary's appreciation certificate: Punjab
- Small state President's appreciate award: Jammu & Kashmir
- Secretary's appreciation certificate: Pondicherry

Dr Navin asked Dr Ram if he wanted to present the Mumbai report. Dr Ramesh Sen said its ok.

Education Committee Report

Dr Ramesh Sen said that regarding the Education committee, it has been passed that now the Education Committee will be a standing committee. He asked the house if it was passed. Then Dr Navin said ok.

President Elect's vision

Dr Atul Srivastava said that he had prepared a presentation but due to paucity of time he will present it at the Valedictory function. He requested the members to reach hall A at 11.00am. Both for valedictory function and post valedictory meeting. He added that in one line his vision would be to have a peaceful, harmonious and cool IOA. No more fighting should be done. Dr Navin added 'and osteoporosis'

Letters from Members

Dr Navin said that letters from members is over. Then Dr Navin added that there is a letter from Dr Sanjay Desai and Dr Avtar Singh. Dr Sanjay Desai said that he would like to propose a best published paper award which is to be decided on the paper published the previous year. The members have to apply with their published paper to the President & the Secretary and it has to be selected on the basis of the best impact factor. So that there is no you scratch my back and I scratch your back. The work should have been done in India. Dr Sanjay Desai added that he was prepared to donate Rupees Ten lakh which is to be used for this purpose. He further requested the members to accept it. Dr Ramesh Sen asked what would be the name. Dr Desai added that if the house doesn't mind it will be the Dr Sanjay Desai best published paper award. Dr Ramesh Sen said that this will open a pandora box and everyone can then donate 20 lakhs, so it can mean that all the names will have to be there. Dr Rakesh Rajput said that if Dr Sanjay Desai doesn't want it in his name, it can be easily passed there itself. But if he wanted it with his name then it will be referred back to the EC. Dr Desai said that he will request the house to decide. Dr Atul Srivastava said that GB has taken cognizance of your proposal. It has been noted and minuted. Then the EC can decide on it. He added that even if the GB decides today it has to be ratified in the next GB. Dr Desai said that last year one proposal had been accepted with a name. Even today a proposal was accepted with a name. So, if the house feels it is right let them do it. Dr Ramesh Sen said that Dr Desai's suggestion is very good, but it has to be discussed. As stated, the best published paper with criteria of impact factor is noted. He added done. Dr Navin also congratulated Dr Sanjay Desai.

Dr Ramesh Sen said that earlier there was a question if there is a tie then what should be done. He added that there will be a three-member committee which will give an opinion on this matter. And it will be presented in the next EC. Dr Navin added that this is a very tricky issue. Someone from audience suggested to include Dr B Shivashankar as a member of Committee. Dr Sen affirmed and Dr B Shivashankar did a gesture of gratitude to all by making Namaskar bowing down to all

Hon .Sec Dr Navin Thakkar thanked all and requested all members to stand for the national anthem. He also appealed to all to Work Together for IOA

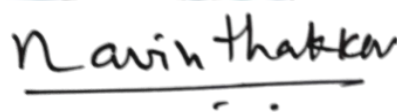
The national anthem was sung.

Hon Secretary requested all members to come in the front for a good group photoshoot . Meeting was declared concluded.



(Dr. Ramesh Kumar Sen)

President IOA



(Dr. Navin Thakkar)

Hon. Secretary IOA