

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BODY MEETING OF INDIAN ORTHOPAEDIC ASSOCIATION

Date: 06th December, 2024

**Venue: IOACON 2024, Bengaluru Palace,
Hall-1, Bengaluru, Karnataka**

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BODY MEETING

At the outset, few members namely, Dr. L. Prakash, Dr. Mohan Mantri, Dr. Rajendra Abhyankar, Dr. N. J. Karne, Dr. A. K. Sirohi raised an objection as to why the Agenda of the GBM was changed one day before the meeting whereupon the Ld. Administrator informed the members that previous Agenda was issued by Dr. Navin Thakkar as Officiating President appointed by the undersigned in the Eighth Report. However, vide Order dated 20th November 2024, the Hon'ble High Court stayed the paras 9 and 15 of the Eighth Report whereupon the undersigned permitted Dr. Ram Chaddha to officiate as President and Dr. Anup Agrawal as President Elect. The Order dated 20th November, 2024 was made available only on 27th November, 2024 whereupon the fresh Agenda was issued by the President, Dr. Ram Chaddha. The aforesaid members then raised another objection that the Govardhan Committee Report be taken up first. The Administrator rejected the objection and informed the House that the meeting shall continue as per the Agenda circulated and the Govardhan Committee Report shall be taken up in Agenda Number 16. The members were requested to maintain decorum of the meeting.

1. Agenda 1: Welcome Address

Dr. Ram Chaddha, President, IOA welcomed all members of the House and requested them to maintain the decorum. The President invited Dr. Rajeev Raman, Secretary General to start the meeting as per the Agenda.

Agenda 2: Obituaries

The Secretary General read out the obituaries received from IOA Office and further requested the IOA members to give names of the deceased members whereupon the members gave the names of the deceased members which were noted down by the IOA Officers. The Secretary General directed to IOA Office to delete the names of the deceased members from the list of members. The members paid homage to the departed souls by observing one minute silence.

2. Agenda 3: Ratification /Confirmation of the minutes of the meetings held on 13.12.2023 [EC Meeting at Lucknow]; 17.12.2023 (GBM held at Lucknow); under Hon'ble Lt. Administrator Justice J. R. Midha. Minutes of the EC Meeting held on 17.11.2024 and 03.12.2024 [EC Meeting at Bengaluru]

After brief discussion, Minutes of Meeting of Lucknow Executive Committee dated 13th December, 2023 and Lucknow GBM dated 17th December, 2023 were passed by the House.

With respect to the EC Minutes dated 17th November, 2024 and 3rd December, 2024, the Administrator informed to the House that the Executive Committee meeting of 17th November, 2024 was conducted and chaired by the Vice President, as officiating President in terms of the Eighth Report which has now been stayed by the Hon'ble Delhi High Court and therefore, the Minutes of the EC meeting dated 17th November, 2024 and 3rd December, 2024 should be considered afresh by the subsequent Executive Committee and General Body Meeting. The decision of the Executive Committee upon fresh consideration of the Minutes of the EC dated 17th November, 2024 and 3rd December, 2024 be placed before the General Body Meeting.

At this juncture, Dr Navin Thakkar, Vice President IOA, stood up at mic and further informed the house that:-

(i) On 25-10-2024 after taking charge, the Vice President (Officiating President) along with other office bearers held Central Working committee meeting from IOA House Delhi under instructions of learned Administrator for smooth functioning of IOA and IOACON 2024. The decision was taken to have meeting with Local Organizing team of IOACON 2024. The discussion in Central Working Committee on 25-10-2024 was briefed to learned administrator. Zoom meeting with agenda was planned 29-10-2024. The Agenda was finalized and informed to learned Administrator and local organizing team by IOA office.

(ii) On 29-10-2024, Central Working Committee conducted Zoom meeting with Organizing Team of IOACON 2024 -Bengaluru in presence of Administrator for all issues. Minutes /notes prepared on the basis of zoom recordings about decisions taken were briefed to Administrator.

(iii) On 6-11-2024, Venue visit at Bengaluru was planned under instructions of Administrator and successfully done along with the Secretary General - Dr. Rajeev Raman, Treasurer - Dr. Sandeep Kumar and CAO IOA - Mr. Ramesh C. Pandey. The detailed note about agenda discussed and certain policy decisions asked by local organizers were kept open for execution and briefed to learned Administrator.

(iv) On 17-11-2024, Executive Committee meeting was conducted with around 60 members including Elected State Presidents, State secretary and State representatives and discussed pre-approved agenda and passed resolutions as decisions under instructions of Administrator. The Minutes of 17-11-2024 meeting/decisions, along with link of Zoom video recordings was briefed to Administrator by mail. IOA house circulated to all EC members minutes of meetings/decisions taken on 17-11-2024 collectively by EC, for consideration on 3-12-2024.

3. Agenda 4: Hon. Secretary Report

Dr. Rajeev Raman, newly elected Secretary General welcomed and thanked all the members and assured them that he will discharge his duties as per norms of IOA and its office.

4. Agenda 5: IOA Presidential Theme

Dr. Ram Chaddha welcomed and thanked all members for their support and regard. He shared his theme "*Harmonising Hearts Heads and Hands to Heal*". He applauded the efforts of Karnataka Orthopaedic Association and Bangalore Orthopaedic Society to make a grand success of the Conference.

5. Agenda 6: Ratification of new enrolled Life members from till 6th December, 2024

This year about 425 new members applied for membership on IOA website. The new members were ratified and passed by the House. The proper information with respect to the same shall be uploaded on the IOA website.

6. Agenda 7: Distribution of IOA Awards

The Awards were given to the awardees of Foreign Fellowships, Inland Fellowships, Appreciation award to Editor, Treasurer, I.T. Committee, IOA PG Teaching committee and book of Dr. Jujhar Singh was released by the President, Secretary, President Elect and Vice President of IOA.

7. Agenda 8: Treasurer's Report: Dr. Sandeep Kumar

Dr. Sandeep Kumar, Treasurer, IOA welcomed all the members of the House and presented his Report. The members of the House appreciated his work. The Report was unanimously passed by the House. The Report will be uploaded on the IOA website.

8. Agenda 9: Editor's Report by Dr. Lalit Maini, Editor IJO

Dr. Lalit Maini, Editor of IJO presented his Report and shared his journey as Editor of IJO. He thanked all the members of IOA, Executive Committee members, State chapter and officials of IOA. His Report was passed by the House.

9. Agenda 10: Dr. K.T. Dholakia CME for two years during IOACON 2026 & 2027: Applications from Affiliated State Chapters received by IOA Office

After discussion, the following proposal was passed by the House: -

- (i) Dr. K. T. D. CME will be allocated for one year only.
- (ii) Selection process will be by Online along with IOA Elections
- (iii) Criteria will be Zone wise like IOACON.
- (iv) The Zone eligible for Dr. K.T.D.CME would be eligible IOACON Zone + 2.

(v) Zone States

Zone I	West Bengal, Odisha, Jharkhand, Northeast States (NEROSA)	NEROSA will hold the 2025 IOACON & WBOA will hold 2025 Dr KTD CME
Zone II	Maharashtra, Goa, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana	Will bid for IOACON 2026
Zone III	J&K, HP, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand	
Zone IV	UP, MP, Bihar, Chhattisgarh	Will bid for DR KT Dholakia CME 2026
Zone V	Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Puducherry	

10. Agenda 11: IOACON 2023 Report

Dr. Jamal Ashraf, Organizing Secretary of the IOACON-2023 submitted his Report. The Administrator asked the Organizing Secretary of IOACON, 2023 as to why the accounts of IOACON, 2023 have not been submitted to the Auditor appointed by the Administrator as per

undertaking given by him. The Organising Secretary informed that he has already submitted the accounts with his Report and he has no objection to submit the accounts to the Auditor appointed by the Administrator, if all the charges for the audit are borne by Central IOA Office. It was resolved that the Central IAO Office shall bear the charges and expenses of the Auditor for the accounts of Audit of IOACON, 2023. The IOA Office shall take appropriate action accordingly.

11. *Agenda 12: IOACON 2024 Report by IOACON 2024 Team*

Dr. Ajith Kumar and his team submitted the Report in the House and thanked all delegates, members, participants, senior teachers and trade and media people for the grand success of this event.

As per the Report by Dr. Ajith Kumar, the expected amount from the trade partners is Rs.16.6 crores as on 30th November 2024. The total registration amount is around Rs.6.63 crores. The amount received from the trade partners is around Rs.10 crores. The total expected collection is around Rs.23.3 crores. IOA has returned the seed money of Rs.20 lakh during the EC meeting on 3rd December 2024. The cheque for Rs.1.80 crore of IOACON 2024 contribution to IOA has been handed over to Dr. Sandeep Kumar, Treasurer, IOA during the GBM. The remaining amount will be transferred after the receipt of balance payments and settlement of account. Dr. H.S. Chandrashekhar, Org. Chairman welcomed and thanked all the participants, IOA Central members and delegates. The House applauded to the Organising committee for a grand successful event.

12. *Agenda 13: IOACON 2025 Report by Team NEROSA*

Dr. Chinmoy Das, Org. Secretary presented his Report on behalf of NEROSA and welcomed all members to attend NEROSA (IOACON 2025). The dates of the conference will be from 15th to 20th December, 2025 at Guwahati (Assam). He assured to follow the guidelines of the

IOA and all MOUs will be done as per IOA norms. Dr. Chinmoy Das requested the IOA office to release the seed money of Rs. 20 lakh. Dr. Chinmoy Das was requested to send the bank account details so that the IOA office can release the seed money.

13. Agenda 14: Elections Report of IOA Election 2023 -Admin Committee

The Administrator informed the House that IOA 2023 election was conducted from 5th October 2024 to 15th October 2024 through CDSL Limited. The result of the election was placed before the House which is as under: -

Total Votes: 6909 members

For the post of Vice-President:

- (i) **Dr. Navin Thakkar - 2302 votes**
- (ii) Dr.P. V. Vijayaraghavan - 586
- (iii) Dr. Rajagopalan Iyer - 358
- (iv) Dr. Shubhranshu Shekhar Mohanty - 1800

For the post of Secretary-General:

- (i) Dr. Iqbal Singh Ghai-111
- (ii) Dr. Manish Dhawan-1263
- (iii) Dr. Narayan Jivaji Karne-1466
- (iv) **Dr. Rajeev Raman-2044**

Result for the post of State Representative from Rajasthan – post 1

- (i) **Dr. Deepak Chaudhary-118**
- (ii) Dr. Rahul Katta-111

Result for the bid for IOACON 2025- 1 post

- (i) **North-East Region Orthopaedic Surgeons Association (NEROSA) 3001**
- (ii) Odisha Orthopaedic Association (OOA)-1667

Two candidates for the post of State Representatives of Karnataka and Odisha are elected unopposed.

Final result of IOA Election 2023

- (i) Dr. Navin Thakkar elected as Vice-President of IOA.
- (ii) Dr. Rajeev Raman elected as Secretary-General of IOA.
- (iii) Dr. Deepak Chaudhary elected as State Representative from Rajasthan (ROSA)
- (iv) Successful bidder for IOACON 2025- NEROSA chapter.
- (v) State Representative from Karnataka- Dr. Bharath Raju G- elected unopposed.
- (vi) State Representative from Odisha- Dr. Biswajit Sahu - elected unopposed.

14. *Agenda 15: IOA Election 2024. Admin Committee*

The Administrator informed the House that IOA, 2024 election became due in December 2024 and he proposes to hold the elections in March-April, 2024 subject to the Orders from the Court. He informed the House that the verified members will be permitted to cast their vote through their mobile number linked to the Aadhaar card. He proposed that the verification process shall be re-opened for one month for the following categories of members: -

- (i) Life members who could not apply for verification last time.
- (ii) Life members who applied for verification but were not verified for any reason.
- (iii) New life members who were not eligible to cast their vote in 2023 election; and
- (iv) Verified members who have updated their mobile number attached with Aadhar Card.

He informed the House that an agency for verification shall be identified shortly, and the members will be informed for initiating the verification process for the forthcoming elections in March-April, 2025.

The Administrator further informed the House that he proposes to publish a directory of life members of IOA like the directory of members of Supreme Court Bar Association. The final decision in this regard shall be taken after the verification process is complete.

15. **Agenda 16: Any other item**

The members questioned as to why the Govardhan Committee Report is not being made public. The Administrator informed the House that the Govardhan Committee Report was received in the last GBM. Dr. Govardhan in his Report had observed that further analysis is required by computer experts. The Administrator, therefore, in the Third Report dated 14th February 2024, sought directions from the Hon'ble High Court as to whether the Govardhan Committee Report be circulated to the IOA members or after the Forensic Audit Report. The relevant portion of the Third Report dated 14th February, 2024 of the Administrator is as under: -

"24. On 17th March 2023, Dr. R.H. Govardhan submitted the Enquiry Committee Report; Analysis of Voter's list and Voted Members list of 2021 and 2022; and Interim Analysis of Voted Members list of 2021. The undersigned has examined all the aforesaid three Reports. Dr. Govardhan in his Report has opined that further analysis is required by computer experts. The relevant portion is reproduced hereunder: -

"There was discrepancy of 380 votes between data analysis and the result announced by Dr. Atul Shrivastava.!! This requires further analysis with computer experts".

25. In the Interim Report of Analysis of Voter's list and Voted Members list of 2021 and 2022, Dr. Govardhan states that "it will require some more time for further analysis to submit interim for 2021 and 2022 lists".

26. The undersigned is of the view that the Forensic Audit of all the three elections namely 2020, 2021 and 2022 elections are necessary. The undersigned is submitting all the three Reports of Dr. R.H. Govardhan Committee in a sealed cover for consideration by this Hon'ble Court as to whether the said Reports be circulated to the IOA Members at this stage or after the Forensic Audit Report."

After the 2023 election, large number of representations were received by the Administrator with respect to the Govardhan Committee Report whereupon the Administrator again approached the Hon'ble High Court and sought directions from the Hon'ble High Court in the Eighth

Report. The relevant portion of the Eight Report is reproduced here under:-

"10. The undersigned had also received multiple representations that the Govardhan Committee Report should be supplied to the IOA members. Copy of the representations received were annexure to Eighth Report as Annexure-A (Colly)."

The majority of members by raise of hands resolved to await the outcome of the Hon'ble High Court on the directions sought with respect to the Govardhan Committee Report being made public. The majority of members by raise of hands further resolved to await the outcome of the Hon'ble High Court on the directions sought in the Third Report with respect to the Forensic Audit of 2020, 2021 and 2022 election.

The Administrator proposed that GBM ordinarily takes place after the elections. The next elections are proposed to be conducted in March-April 2025 and the results are proposed to be announced on tentatively 20th April 2025, subject to the order of the Court. This GBM was therefore, deferred to 20th April 2025. The Administrator proposed that the present President should step down after the 2024 election on 20th April 2025 and the President's medallion should also be transferred on 20th April 2025. However, many members opposed this proposal. Dr. Jamal Ashraf read Clause 15(20) of the Constitution according to which the medallion has to be transferred during the valedictory function. Clause 15 of the Constitution reads as under: -

"Clause 15: Election of Officers and Venue of IOACON... xxx

20. The incoming Officers of the Association will assume charge at the Valedictory function of the Annual Conference....."

By raise of hands, the majority of members resolved that the President Elect should take over as President and medallion should be handed over by the President to the President Elect in the valedictory

function on 7th December 2024.

16. Agenda17: Vote of thanks

Dr. Ram Chaddha, President, IOA thanked all the Organizing Committee members- Dr. Ajith, Dr. Bharath Raju, Dr. Ashwini, Dr. H. S. Chadrashkhar and all team delegates. He also gave special thanks to Justice J. R. Midha, Administrator of IOA, Dr. Rajesh Malhotra and Dr. Anil K. Jain, Dr. Anup Agrawal, Dr. Navin Thakkar, Dr. Rajeev Raman, Dr. Sandeep Kumar. He also thanked Mr. Ramesh C. Pandey for his 30 years of service and full support throughout the year.

17. Agenda 18: National Anthem and Group Photograph

The General Body Meeting concluded with the National Anthem and exchange of pleasantries.



(Ramesh C. Pandey)
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Authorized by the Administrator of IOA