

## **EC Minutes: 20.07.2025**

**Physical at IOA House Delhi**

IOA secretary welcomed everyone to this EC meeting on 20.07.25 at IOA House New Delhi and requested IOA President Dr Ajit Shinde & Dr Anup Agarwal to order the meeting for medallion ceremony.

The Medallion ceremony for Dr Vijayraghavan, Dr Manish Dhawan, & Dr Ajith Shinde was done ceremoniously in presence of the EC members of IOA.

### **Agenda-1 : Welcome**

The Lamp lightening was done which was followed by welcome address of both the Presidents

### **Agenda-2 : Obituaries**

1. B H Prabhakar from Odisha as narrated by Dr Satya Patra
2. 3 from Karnataka as told by Dr H Murthy—Dr Thomas Chandy, Raghuveer Adiga. Dr Rajeev then told him to send mail to IOA with details. Dr C.B. Prabhu, Dr T R Nagraj.
3. Prof Vilas Jog and prof K V Tahulkar and dr Ashok Desai as told by Dr Abhijit Wahegaonkar from Maharashtra.
4. Dr Debotosh Bhattacharya, Dr Sanjay Bhattacharya, Dr Kedar Banerjee, Dr Tapan Kumar Chattopadhyay and Dr Dipak Saradhikary as told by Dr Sabyasachi Santra

One minute silence was then observed by all EC members

### **Agenda-3 : Minutes of last EC Meeting – Ratification**

Dr Rajeev Informed that he had already shared the minutes with all the EC minutes. Dr Bhuwan Singh requested to include the central zone IOA in EC as they are already apart of it. Dr Anup Agarwal informed that yes it will be included. Then EC passed the Minutes of last EC Meeting.

### **Agenda-4 : Appointment of editor**

Anup Agarwal briefed EC about transparent procedure followed for editor selection according to eligibility criteria given in amended new constitution. Applications were invited for the post of editorial board by Hon Sec IOA. Those candidates' nominations/applications who were not eligible due to new eligibility criteria of amended constitution were rejected

for interview and process of selection. Only 3 nominations were eligible as per amended constitution.

Search committee interviewed all 3 selected candidates eligible as per criteria. Markings was done by search committee and send to IOA office, then results were prepared and sealed by IOA office. He then opened the sealed envelope. Rank 1 was Dr SRINIVAS BS Khambapati, rank 2 was Dr Murali Poduwal, rank 3 was Dr Bhavuk Garg.

Dr Anup then told that There was a question which we discussed whether we need to appoint two editor or one editor during our CEC meeting, we decided that we will appoint two editors, one would be the editor in chief and editor to be ratified by the Constitution amendment in future whenever constitutional amendment takes place. Anup said I need to clarify a bit on this. I went through the minutes of GBM and EC of 2023, which were held during the IOACON 2023 Lucknow were prepared and circulated and signed by Justice Middha Sir, at that time I went through the editor, report which was passed. I have that minutes with me. I just tell you what it is exactly. Proposal was made for Expansion of editorial board on completion of present team at the end of 2024.

Dr Naveen Thakkar told that any such proposals can be effective only after amendment regarding it get passed in Extraordinary GBM and further ratified as the post of Editor is only one as per even newly amended constitution. Post of editor in constitution is defined as officer of IOA with some privileges attached to it. So, we cannot take decision to appoint two editors till further constitutional amendment done next year along with other amendments following due procedure prescribed in constitution.

Dr Anup Agrawal said that let us follow that we have two editor one is editor in chief and second as the editor later we can appoint 4 associate editor and 15 assistant editor and whatever we are passing today has to be rectified into extraordinary meeting for the change of the Constitution

Dr Naveen Thakkar told that until new constitutional amendment we can't appoint two editors as editors are officers of IOA.

Dr Anup Agarwal then told that there will one editor in chief and one editor but only editor in chief will be IOA officer.

Dr Naveen Thakkar also said that we must balance the situation by taking two editors but only appointing one as IOA officer.

Dr Anup Agarwal summarized by saying Dr Srinivas Khambapati, as editor in chief and Murali Poduwal as editor subject to ratification of both the post after constitutional amendment, but both will work together from

now. EC also approved for associate, editors, and 15 assistant editors, which was passed in EC.

Dr Naveen Thakkar further emphasise that the constitutional amendment is necessary as IJO is an international Journal.

Dr Vijay Raghavan suggested that the third person contested for the post of editor will be offered the post of associate editor if he's willing to work in that post. Dr Thakkar suggested that those nominations/applications, who are rejected due to eligibility criteria as per new amended constitution should also be involved in editorial board in some way to take their services also positively.

### **Agenda-5 :Appointment of legal team**

Dr Anup told In the last EC meeting, Dr Samarth Mittal and Dr. Sandeep were instructed to consult legal teams for appointment of the legal team for IOA. CEC advise both to take quotations from legal firms and put it on CEC as well as legal team of IOA and we need to finalise the legal firm at the earliest at this. This is an urgency. Dr Thakkar said what we have passed that we will have 3-4 quotations send it should be given to CEC members to scrutinise and then we should recommend to EC, because there are many issues for legal issues and cost is involved in IOA.

Dr Anup concluded that Dr Samarth &Dr Sandeep will send all 3-4 quotation to CEC and legal committee, CEC will take decision in consultation with legal committee and if you allow, please pass it that the decision taken by CEC will come to force immediately as urgent issues are coming up. Which was passed

Case of Dr Adke which is coming up was discussed and informed to EC .and we have already decided to not keep any Lawyer or firm related to office bearers or party in court.

### **Agenda-6 : Registration at Registrar society**

Dr Anup Agarwal brought up the points regarding the letter by Dr Atul Bahadur Singh,

And asked following questions:video {48.00 till 54.00}

- 1.Status of registration of our association with registrar of society
2. Papers for renewal of the IOA registration has been submitted
3. Is there any legal restriction on our association if we have not submitted renewal papers

Dr Anup Agrawal informed that he had already written an email to CEC in this regard

- 4.present status of new constitution which were amended during Goa IOACON

5. Where are signed minutes of GOA IOACON
6. Were they properly read & Approved by the general body
7. Whether these amended constitutions were submitted to the registrar of society if yes, when
8. What is the present legal status of these amended constitution  
If by fault if we have not submitted or we haven't got approved copy of amended constitution from the registrar of society

For all these questions we need proper legal answers and evidence.

Dr. RamChaddha then emphasise the urgency for this renewal of registration as well as submission of all the documents required for the renewal of registration to the society, and he also emphasise that this point number five is linked to the point numbers six that is Appointment of legal firm as these jobs are better done by experts of the legal firm. Let us inform the members present status

Dr. Sandip Kumar briefed about the status of this renewal of registration, and he said that in 2021 our file is missing from registrar office, then again in 2023, we filed for renewal of registration which is still pending. He further emphasised that we will investigate the matter again, and will try to expedite the thing.

Dr Vijayraghavan pointed out that these are very important things, and we must do it, and emphasised that we should submit the minutes also

Dr Naveen Thakkar briefed in detail to EC Members about the same incident and said that he during his secretaryship EC gave that job to the chartered accountant of the IOA, as they are the person who does this job of renewal of registration with register Society and not legal experts as there are no courts in it. Dr Thakkar explained chronologically that as we took charge we applied, but we got official certificate from authority that IOA is having so and so registration number and that is not the issue but it is one of the missing file amongst other institution. We came to know that as there was partition allocation of different areas and territory of Delhi to newly opened other registrar office, file is shifted to other office and missing. Now as per allegation in this letter of Dr Atul Bahadur is for 30 years GBM minutes are not submitted in Registrar office, that means previous all officers have not submitted to registrar office all previous amendments also? Then how we worked with all amendments since last 30 years. We cannot accept such vague allegations about our previous leaders as file itself is missing and that file will be containing all documents submitted by all Past Secretary and Presidents. So, fault was not of previous officer or IOA, Faultline is in registrar office of missing file. Dr Thakkar further said that we discussed solution, and someone said that these offices does corruption to find even a file. Solution was done and

chartered account was given responsibility to liaison it with office and official liaison fees will be paid to our Chartered accountant Mr Garg. As per advice CIOA Chartered Accountant Mr Garg again after corona crisis we filed gain all documents in 2023 (First was done in 2021) with all signatures and Aadhar and all required documents to registrar office, but there was no reply, but we have acknowledgement receipt of that office. He further mentioned that the fault is currently not on the IOA Office, but on the office of registrar and many such files are missing in Registrar office, that does not mean that we are at fault, once we have acknowledgement slip of submission, it is their duty to process further as per rules.

Dr Naveen Thakkar then replied to another question in letter of Dr Atul Bahadur that whether the minutes of the extraordinary GBM were circulated or not? Dr Naveen told that Dr Shiv Shankar was the President at that time, and Dr Naveen Thakkar was secretary, Ramesh Sen was the President elect and Dr Atul Srivastav was vice president. We had an extraordinary GBM for constitutional amendment in 2021 at GOA. Whole year constitutional review committee, Dr SC Goyal, Dr Jamal Ashraf and others sent multiple reminders to members for suggestions for draft of constitutional amendments as per rule. Constitutional Committee made a special E mail Id to get reply from members and all mails were circulated to members multiple time by IOA Office. With this, the extra ordinary GB meeting was held at Goa and whatever suggestions were given by constitutional amendment committee, and the suggestions from the members of the EGM were written on screen live. Every amendment was passed by extraordinary GBM after discussion clause by clause as presented by Dr Jamal on left side of screen and corrected version on rt side of screen for comparison live in front of all attendees. There was only 15 minutes gap between EGBM and the GBM, So as per advice of Chair, there is no question of making of minutes of Extra Ordinary Meeting within 15 minutes. Dr Thakkar said that these amendments were passed in immediate GBM by agenda number 2 as per norms with proposer and seconded names recorded in GBM minutes. GBM minutes with explanation for EGBM amendments was published within month by Sign of four IOA officials and circulated to all members. Amended constitution with comparison with previous calluses was published on IOA website as PDF file immediately and it is available till today. Dr Thakkar said further that with agenda of Constitutional amendments as agenda 2 after circulation to all members in Jan 2022, again presented in GBM of IOACON2022 and was ratified without any objection. GBM minutes of IOACON Amritsar was ratified further at Lucknow IOACON2023 and further Lucknow GBM minutes are ratified again at Bengaluru

IOACON2024 without any objections. So now raising after so many ratifications suggest some other motives.

Dr Anup Agarwal asked Dr Navin Thakkar if EGBM minutes were prepared and circulated or not? Dr Navin Thakkar told that now you know the answer and Chair of that meeting Dr B Shiva Shankar has already replied in detail for the mail of Dr Atul Bahadur. Dr Navin Thakkar further explained again that when GBM was immediately after 15 minutes of Extra Ordinary GBM for constitutional amendments and all amendments were shown on screen clause by clause, chair felt that there was no possibility of preparing and circulating EGBM minutes. GBM was having agenda 2 of ratification of extraordinary GBM which were passed just before 15 minutes

EC concluded that process for missing file in Registrar office should be expediated.

Dr Bharath Raju asked whether minutes of EGBM were made at the later date after GBM to this Dr Naveen Thakkar answered that it was not required.

Dr Bharath further clarified that they faced similar situation in Karnataka also but they did make the EGBM & GBM minutes and were submitted, He suggested that we should make the minutes of EGBM.

Dr Anup Agrawal further clarified

Second part that minutes were not prepared because of thought process because they are not required as but they were read and passed in the subsequent GBM. And concluded

- a. that we need to prepare extra ordinary GBM for documentation & office purpose.
- b. we did not submit the amended constitution in registrar of society, But we will do it now

### **Agenda-7 : Treasurer report by Dr Samarth Mittal**

Before presentation of Dr Samarth Mittal, the badges were ceremoniously handed over to Treasurer & both Joint secretaries.

He started by presenting a slide and informed the EC that he is presenting the slides which have been prepared by Pandey Ji and soon as he have access to the records he will verify all the details .regarding the expenses in the last four months in which he has taken the charge, and he said that only 3% of the entire money about 40 lakhs spend was on academics.

Rest everything was on legal expenses and others. He then asked for the support of the past treasurer Dr. Sandeep as well as Office staff Ramesh Pandey Ji. He also informed that signatories change would be done soon. Dr Sandeep Kumar congratulated Dr Samarth. Dr Naveen Thakkar then suggested Dr Samarth to forward every mail regarding the finance to the finance committee, which was then modified by Dr Anup Agarwal that all the mails regarding the Finance would be forwarded to the CEC as well. Dr Ajit Shinde suggested that any expense of more than 50000 should be informed to both the Presidents.

#### **Agenda-8 : Editor Report**

Report of IOA editor, Anup Aggarwal said that we have already decided on the IJO editor. Let's move onto the next agenda.

#### **Agenda-9 : Report of IOA election 2024 & 2025**

Dr Rajeev Raman showed the proposed dates of elections of 2024 & 2025 to the EC and promise to forward those dates to the Justice Midha. This was passed by EC.

Dr Anup Agrawal further clarified that EC has already sent the names of Election panel to Midha Ji and now we will send the election dates also.

Dr Biswajit Sahu raised one point that whether we are going to follow the old constitution or new Constitution regarding the eligibility criteria of the electoral candidate. Dr. Ajit Shinde clarified that we are going to follow the new amended constitution passed at GOA and ratified further. Dr Anup Agrawal further clarified on this that right now we are following the new amended constitution, unless any legal issues arise in any court.

Dr Anup Agarwal further raised issue that we need to recommend now in EC that in Guwahati GBM, constitutional review committee needs to be formed if GBM approves, then we will form constitutional review committee. EC approved.

#### **Agenda-10 : Report of international fellowship by Dr Dr Arun Sharma.**

Dr Arun Sharma confirmed that he has received all the reports from the Dr. Sameer Agarwal and he will publish the fellowship Application in first week of August. He requested all the CSRC team to circulate this among I members so that maximum number of people can apply for this fellowship.

Dr Anup Agrawal, added that the BIOS has agreed to start 2 more fellowship with IOA and the money for the fellowship will be given to IOA

in rupees, principally we agree on this . The fellowship committee is requested to publicise this application as well along with the others if this is passed by EC. EC Approved this with great support. Arun further requested all the senior members of the EC to increase the number of international fellowships are currently 10 or 12 only for 15,000 members which is very less.

Dr Anup Agrawal also informed that he already had talk with BIOS regarding few more fellowships.

Dr Samarth raised an issue on this regard that IOA is losing significant amount of its fund in the last few years, and this international fellowship might increase the spending, so he requested members to follow the money saving drive, which the current EC is already showing by not taking accommodation at hotel during this current EC meeting.

In this regard Dr Anup Agarwal proposed that reimbursement of IOA president international travel should be stopped for next three years, the proposal was passed by EC.

He promised that during his entire presidency ship, he will not take any reimbursement of the international travel which he had to make during his President ship. This was welcomed by all EC members.

Dr Anup Agarwal read the constitution, regarding whole process of amendment and forming constitutional review committee as prescribed in constitution, need to be passed first in next GBM. Dr Naveen Thakkar further clarified that the same procedure was followed for last amendments.

He concluded that

any IOA member can write an official email to the secretary general of the IOA regarding any point which they think needs to be included in constitutional amendment, 2. EC recommends that a constitutional amendment is required, and a constitutional amendment committee should be formed after proposal passed in the coming Annual general body meeting.

Dr Vijayaraghava appreciated the announcement of Dr Anup Agrawal proposal of no reimbursement of IOA Presidents international travels.

#### **Agenda-11 : IOA Inland fellowship report by Dr Sandeep Biraris**

He started by thanking Dr Rajeev Raman for handing over all the previous documents for this fellowship and then suggested that he has prepared all the application forms and Google forms required for the application invitation for the inland fellowship suggestion from the President that the last date should be around 15<sup>th</sup> August. And the list should be made after that as early as possible, so that we can start inland fellowship at the earliest.

Dr Sandip Biraris read letter from Dr Girish Dutta as he requested for an endoscopic Spine fellowship under his guidance for two fellows of one year each. However, he suggested that the stipend to be paid with the IOA. This proposal was welcomed by Dr. Ram Chaddha, but concluded that there is no provision of giving stipend from IOA currently, hence this proposal cannot be taken forward.

A new google form has been created for adding the mentors as well for this inland fellowship.

Dr Anup Agarwal. Further clarified on this issue that this entire form will only increase the number of data for the mentors. IOA does not give any acquisition to the centres or recommend their Institute as accredited centres. After discussion with EC members, Dr Anup Agrawal concluded that the inland fellowship committee should come up with SOP for data for centres for inland fellowship, including guidelines for mentors and mentees. Dr Anup congratulated Dr Sandeep & Team.

### **Agenda-12 : Report of bone and joint day -Dr Bharat Raju**

Dr Prahlad Singh state representative from Tamil Nadu Association represented the case of membership of TNOA members which were not included till now while they had deposited the money in 2023 and 2024 Dr Anup Agrawal clarified the EC that the money which were deposited in 2023 and 2024 were reconciled by the IOA office, Mr Ramesh Pandey, there was confusion of 44 members money, which was confirmed and clarified by the TNOA office. So now there are two issues number one since they had deposited the money much before they should be allotted the life membership, second, whether they should be allowed for verification process and the election process of 2024/2025, which are going to happen very soon, however, Dr Anup was of the opinion that it is their constitutional right that they should be allotted the membership and they should also be allowed the verification process, but it is for the EC to take a decision on this

So finally, after lot of discussion, Dr Anup said that he does not have any personal opinion on this, but let me ask the EC the

Point number one, should we allow the life membership to these 269 members of TNOA after reconciliation of payment and receiving the form the EC unanimously approved

Point number two, should we allow these members to vote in the elections of 2024 and 2025. After lot of discussion and suggestions from EC members the voting was done by raising the hand, and most of the members of the EC were of the opinion that they should not be allowed to vote.

Point number three, should we allow them all the privileges of members? The EC unanimously approved this.

After further request from Dr Prahlad Singh, that Dr ThiruNarayan has some more document to prove that the membership form was sent. Dr Anup suggested that if we find more documents, then we should do it on this. Most of the EC members suggested that the resolution which we have passed should be final, and we should not try to change it so finally EC passed that we will follow all the three resolutions which were earlier passed. Dr Anup Agarwal further clarified, yes, okay, because all the memberships should be ratified into the GBM and this thing is mentioned into the GBM minutes along with their membership number allotted. Therefore, we cannot go ahead on this which is beyond the Constitution.

#### **Agenda-13 : Report of Academic Committee**

Dr.Kiran Mukherjee First presented the subcommittee report of Spine and he drift about the meeting, which were done in various places and welcome his works.

Prabhu Ajit Wahegaonkar, then presented hand committee report, and he briefed about the four courses underline in the near future.

#### **Agenda-14 : report of Legal & Grievance Committee**

Secretary Dr Rajeev Raman invited Dr. Piyush and Dr Bhuwan Singh to present the report of the legal committee

Dr. Piyush started presenting the report of the legal committee by saying that we could not send our lawyer for the last cases by Dr Adke and the court has asked to send our lawyer without failure in the next hearing, which is on the 11<sup>th</sup> August, and he requested the IOA EC office bearer please appoint a lawyer for the same as well as finalise a legal team for any further cases, and he also requested presidents of the IOA to send a list of the pending cases, which are there with the IOA, if any.

Dr Anup Aggarwal, then requested Dr. Sandeep and Dr Samarth to come up with solution for appointment of legal team and quotations to be circulated to EC members.

#### **Agenda-15 : Report of IOACON 2024 by Dr Ajith Kumar**

Dr Ajit Kumar, asked all his organizing team of IOACON2024 to the podium, and then brief about the conference by thanking all the stakeholders of the conference and all the members who helped the conference, including the official at that time. He briefly presented the account details of the IOA on 2024 and mentioned that he has already paid 1.6,00,00,000 to the IOA, and then he will top up with another 61 lakhs depending upon the recovery of all the pending amounts and at the end, he ended by saying that they will make it around figure of 2.5 CR.

Which came out to be the highest amount contribution by any IOACON to IOA.

#### **Agenda-16 : Report of IOACON 2025 by Dr Chinmay Das**

After briefing about the preparations of IOACON, Chinmay Das again said that he has opened two accounts for the operating and as IOA was facing lot of legal issues and only recently IOA officials have got again reinstated, so the signatory of the officials, that is, president of the IOA and treasurer of the IOA were not included in the account, and he said that he has initiated the process to get them included. Then again briefed about various planning he has made for conducting a successful Icon, which was pressed by EC and at the time of putting up various scientific sessions, he allotted various sub specialities two hours in which easy had an objection and requested him to allot two hours' time only to the facilities with which IOA has MOU rest. Every speciality can have Workshop, but not scientific session in main conference. Dr Anup Agarwal, further said that in this regard, he will send him the recommendations of IOA.

The Issue of MOU with nails has been raised by Dr Ajit Kumar. However, upon consulting with Pandeyji and other IOA officials, it was discussed by Dr Anup Agrawal that we do not have any MOU with nails, hence we cannot allow them to have to our scientific session in main conference.

Dr Anup Agarwal further clarified on this issues by saying that he will look into the this matter and if MOU is there with IOA, then nails can have a session otherwise, it is not possible to allow them to have 2 hours session in the main conference, Dr Ajith Kumar further raised The issue about renewal of MOU with various sub specialities.

Dr Anup Agrawal on this issue, confirm that those MOU which were signed earlier which needs renewal will be renewed as soon as possible. One member of the EC raised the issue that in the scientific sessions of various subspeciality societies, which do not have MOU had their session in main conferences. On this is Dr Anup Agarwal clarified that those societies, which have MOU with IOA, there session is planned by the society and not by the IOA. A request has been sent to the President and secretary of the society to prepare a two-hour session and then they handover that details to the IOACON organizing Secretary and IOACON organizing Secretary incorporate this in the scientific session. However, IOA can always have session on various specialities with whom we do not have MOU in these sessions. It is a responsibility of the organising secretary of IOACON to prepare the scientific details; these two things are different. Dr Thakkar cleared that for scientific program, final authority is central committee as per constitution and blue book which was reaffirmed by Dr Ram Chadha.

Dr Samarth Mittal raised one point on this that various sub specialities like ISSH have non-orthopaedic surgeons like plastic surgeons as their members. if under the MOU, those society send their name as Faculty then what will be the stand of IOA as IOA does not allow any non IOA member to be faculty of IOACON. In this regard, Dr.Ram Chaddha clarified that we have been inviting various renowned persons of other specialities like rheumatologist, Endocrinologist to give guest lectures. The non-orthopaedic specialist can come on various sub-speciality society sessions in the same categories.Dr Anup Agarwal further clarified on this issue to Dr Chinmay Das, that please write a note while inviting the subspecialty society to prepare the scientific session that only IOA members are to be involved as Faculty. However, non-orthopaedic sub-speciality speakers can be faculty just like invited guest faculty.

Then, Dr Chinmay das raised an objection showing one picture of some CEC members, with the event management team of IOACON Guwahati by saying this should not have happened without information to local organizing committee. On which Dr Anup Agarwal clarify about that. Dr Anup told Since Dr Chinmoy has raised this issue in front of all EC members, I should clarify what is the wrong in having an update with the IOA event management team as they both were there in one conference at Delhi. The meeting was convened after information to Dr Chinmoy Das and treasurer and joint secretary of IOA were also present in this meeting. Dr Chinmoy Das again raise that he even asked for the minutes of the meeting on which Dr Anup Agarwal, further clarified that the minutes of the meetings were asked to be made so that everyone including the organisers can have an idea regarding the proceedings of the meeting. Dr Chinmoy said that this type of things has never been happened on which Dr Anup Agarwal further clarified. It's very difficult to understand why there is an objection to this meeting.

Dr Ajith further said that forget the meeting happened between the CEC members and the event management team. When CEC will come to visit the venue., there will be a lot of inputs and lot of changes which will be made, so organising committee must be prepared for that as all the suggestions are given by experts only to have a better IOACON. . There should not be any other issues about this meeting.

Lastly, Dr Chinmay Raj said that he is sorry for putting that slide and the matter ended there.

Dr Sabyasachi Santra raised an issue with Dr Chinmay Das, that in IOACON 25 website, the photos and messages of IOA Office bearers were not there. Dr Chinmoy clarified on this that due to the turmoil, he could not put any particular names of the CEC in on the flyer on which Dr. Rajeev Raman. The secretary of the IOA said that its three months now that this central executive committee has been reconstituted and Dr

Bharat Raju on this further said that they must put CEC committee member's message as well as pictures overnight during IOACON 2024.

### **Agenda-17 : Guest nation for IOACON 2025.**

The Ajit Shinde said that he gave the duty of choosing the guest nation to Dr Anup Agrawal on this Dr Anup Agarwal said that he had conversations with various nations, but since the IOACON is not too far away, the BIOS has agreed to be a part of the IOACON 25 as guest society. On this Dr. Biswajit, Sahu and Dr Ajit Kumar raised an issue that BIOS is a society, not the nations. Dr Anup Agrawal at the end, summarise this by saying that let us invite BIOS as invited guest society and give them the honour, they deserve in a bigger way as British Indian orthopaedic Society is the biggest Indian orthopaedic society outside India. he will try to invite other country as guest nation as well if possible. The EC approved the proposal.

### **Agenda-18 : SICOT corresponding members proposal**

Considering the involvement of finance, EC decided to take this matter in GBM

### **PG Committee report-**

Dr. Sandeep Kumar along with Dr Govind presented their report of IOA PG committee and say that within the short span, they have already received an application for the IOA PG course, and even today they are having one PG course at Lucknow.

### **Rural and social Orthopaedics report by Dr PRAVEEN Sahu**

He briefed that they are arranging district outreach program as many as possible to reach to rural people and help them and requested all the Ac members to organise as many district out which program as possible. Dr Anup Agarwal suggested to the rural committee that please give a "rural champions award" from each state to the person helping rural people. DR Bhuwan Singh raised an issue that each year IOACON has one hour session for the rural and social subcommittee, but this year's program is missing that. Central committee assured him that rural and social Orthopaedics session will be there in IOACON 2025.

### **Agenda-19 : , Orthopedics as a subject and Ayushman rates**

Dr Shinde requested all the EC to submit the proposal for the Orthopaedics as a separate subject as well as the rates of Ayushman package, which suits most of the orthopaedic surgery so that he can talk

to the concerned authority to implement them. Dr Vijay Raghavan on this issue raised suggested that we need to draft the proposal by stating importance of Orthopedics in current general practical scenario so that the concerned authority understands the importance of Orthopedics in undergraduate curriculum. Dr Anup Agarwal, then requested Dr Vijay Raghavan and Dr Ghani to prepare a draft regarding this and give it to him, and then he can take up this matter with the concerned authority.

### **Agenda-20 : Zonal chapters with IOA.**

Dr Bhuwan Singh raise an issue that Central zone has been invited in the EC Meeting irregularly while central zone is only zone which is officially affiliated with IOA. On this Dr Anup Agrawal accepted & assured that central zone should be invited in EC meetings, after discussion, Dr Anup Agarwal concluded that all the Zonal chapters will get affiliation of the IOA as per the guidelines provided by constitution or blue book. If any guidelines are not there for affiliations of the zonal chapters, then we should make one. He again said that all the affiliated chapters should be invited in EC after approval from EC & GB, but they will not have right to vote.

### **Agenda-21 : Letter from the members**

a. Letter by Dr HS Chabra regarding a Spine meeting, on which Dr Naveen Thakkar said that this is happening every year, and we are supporting it.

b. **Letter from Dr. Rameshwar Kumar,**

regarding association of IOA for a meeting on AI. Dr Anup Agarwal clarified that is meeting is not related to Orthopaedics. It's about artificial intelligence and it appears that the society it is not done by any society. It's by some kind of personal meeting on which EC suggested that IOA should not offer its Association for the meeting.

Dr Satya Patra informed all the EC that Odisha orthopaedic Association is completing the 50 years this year and they are planning to held grand conference to celebrate. Since this is the golden jubilee year, they are planning to change the dates to 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January. On which Dr. Rajeev Raman asked them to send a mail to Ioa Office.

c. **Letter from Dr Swarnendu Samanta, and Dr S Mohanty**

The letters were read by Dr Rajeev Raman and EC suggested that this matter cannot be decided by the EC.

Dr Anup Agarwal along with Dr Ajith Shinde handed over the IOA batch to all the state chapter president and secretary.

Dr Ajit Shinde and Dr Anup Agrawal Thanked the entire EC for join& contributing to the EC meeting.

EC meeting was then concluded with National anthem and followed by networking Lunch.



**(Dr Anup Agrawal)**  
President, IOA



**(Dr Ajit Shinde)**  
President, IOA



**(Dr Rajeev Raman)**  
Hon. Secretary, IOA