

Minutes of the 41st Annual General Body Meeting held on 18th December 2021 at Golden Ammon Resort, Hoskote, Bengaluru

The AGM was scheduled at 5:00 pm. Due to lack of quorum, it was adjourned for half an hour and reconvened at 5.30pm. When the members reconvened, Dr. Siddarth Ramji, President 2022 formally declared the Annual General Body meeting open and asked the Secretary-General to start the proceedings as per the agenda circulated in advance.

The Office Bearers present were:

Dr. Siddarth Ramji, President 2022

Dr. Ranjan Pejaver, Immediate Past President

Dr. Dinesh Tomar, Secretary-General (2021-22)

Dr. Surender Bisht, Treasurer, (2021-22)

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the last Annual General Body Meeting held on 24th January 2021 at New Delhi

The minutes of the previous Annual General Body meeting was read by Dr. Dinesh Tomar, Secretary-General. As no comments had been received in response to the circulated minutes of meeting of 24.01.2021, the same was passed unanimously.

Proposed by Dr UC Jagdish Chandra and Seconded by Dr Lalan K Bharti

2. Business arising out of the minutes

There were no business arising out of the minutes.

3. Consideration and adoption of the Annual Report of the Society

Dr Dinesh Tomar, Secretary-General presented the Annual report of the Society. It was considered and adopted.

Proposed by Dr Prakash Sanghvi and Seconded by Dr L. Bidari.

4. Consideration and adoption of the Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31.03.2021

The Annual Audited statement of the Society was presented by the Treasurer. The audited statement was adopted by the General Body.

Proposed by Dr Vishnu Mohan and Seconded by Dr Ravi Sachan.

Dr Alok Bhandari questioned the need for an internal auditor as the internal auditor had been engaged when NNF had received UNICEF funds in 2020 and it was a requirement of the funding agency. He suggested that NNF may dispense with the internal auditor. Dr. Ramji explained that presence of an internal auditor was good office practice and should be retained irrespective of any external funding. He also apprised the General Body that internal auditor's report with Action taken report would be shared with the Executive Board members on quarterly basis.

5. Appointment of Auditors and fixing their remuneration for 2021-2022

The term of RKSM & associates (Mr. Rajeev Singh) working as internal auditors and Mr. Suveer Sharma working as Statutory (external) auditor for this financial year was extended for 1 year on previous years remuneration.

6. Appointment of Honorary Legal Advisor for 2021-22

Secretary-General apprised the members that in the last AGM of NNF it had been resolved not to engage a legal counsel of regular basis and that legal services would be sought as and when required. In accordance with the previous General Body resolution a legal counsel has now been appointed to represent NNF in the case file by Dr. Ajay Gambhir against NNF.

7. Appointment of Election Commissioners for NNF election 2022

The President requested the members to nominate or suggest senior NNF members to serve as Election Commissioners for the election to be held in 2022. The following names (from amongst those present at the meeting and having given their consent) were approved to be Election Commissioners:

- (i) Dr VP Goswami, Chief Election Commissioner
- (ii) Dr Prakash Sanghvi, Election Commissioner
- (iii) Dr Asha Benakappa, Election Commissioner

8. Matter related to NEOCON 2022

Dr. Braj Gopal, Chief Organizing Secretary, NEOCON 2022 to be held at Kolkata apprised the house about the registration tariffs approved by Organizing committee in consultation with Executive Board members at its meeting on 17.12.2021. He informed that the registration tariffs had been reduced for nurses and PG trainees.

Dr Alok Bhandari suggested that since there were very few days left till 31.12.2021 and more registrations could be expected during PEDICON 2022 at Noida (to be held in January 2022), hence the pre-early bird registrations be extended till 31.1.2022. The house approved the same and the registration tariffs provided below:

Category	Pre-early bird Till 31.01.2022	Early bird Till 30.4.22	Regular Till 31.08.22	Advanced Till 15.11.22	Spot 16.11.22 onwards
Member	Rs.6000	Rs.8000	Rs.10000	Rs.11000	Rs.12000
Non-Member	Rs.7000	Rs.9000	Rs.11000	Rs.12000	Rs.13000
PG trainee	Rs.5000	Rs.6000	Rs.6000	Rs.7000	Rs.10000
Nurses	Rs.3000	Rs.3500	Rs.4000	Rs.4000	Rs.5000
Accompanying person	Rs.6000	Rs.8000	Rs.10000	Rs.11000	Rs.12000

9. Any other business for which 15 days' notice has been given to the Secretary-General in writing

No matter had been received.

10. Consideration of correspondence

There was no relevant correspondence for consideration of the general body of NNF.

11. Any other matter with permission of the Chair

- a) Dr V P Goswami pointed towards the breach of NNF conventions in inauguration ceremony of NEOCON 2021 viz. office bearers were not given their due and Secretary-General of NNF was sidelined as the “Master of ceremony” as per convention. The President reassured the member and the house that such transgressions would not be permitted in the future. Standard operating procedures would be drafted afresh which will accompany the MoU between NEOCON organizers and NNF in future. It will detail out “Dos” ad “Don’ts, including laying down principles of organizing scientific sessions, etc.
- b) Dr V P Goswami sought information about the progress made for acquiring a new NNF office. President assured that every effort would be made to take forward the steps initiated by the committee set up by the then NNF President Dr. AK Deorari.
- c) Dr L Bidari (on behalf of the Organizers of NEOCON 2021) apologized profusely about lapses in this NEOCON held in the shadows of the Covid Pandemic and fears of onslaught of Omicron covid outbreak. He informed about the difficulties faced by organizers from state health society as well as legal suit filed by a fellow Karnataka NNF member Dr Prashant Urs, against NEOCON 2021. He urged the house to recommend stern action against such a member. The President informed that the matter would be reviewed and thereafter further course of action would be considered.
- d) Dr Umesh Vaidya informed the house about the inadequate conduction of scientific program in all the halls, all of which was not due to COVID pandemic. He highlighted the haphazard organization of research posters or presentations of students, nurses or young researchers. President assured that SOPs for NEOCON which would be framed will certainly address all these very pertinent aspects for all future NNF national conferences. He on behalf of NNF Office bearers accepted in part, responsibility for the inadequacies, and expressed his sincere apologies to all NNF members.

The President thanked all the members for their constructive suggestions and cooperation. The meeting ended with thanks to the chair. The AGM was adjourned till its next meeting.