Minutes of Annual General Body Meeting (GBM) of IACTA

Chairperson: President IACTA
Conducted by: Secretary IACTA
Date: 23.02.2019 (Saturday)
Time: 05:30 PM to 07:30 PM

Dignitaries on dais: Dr. Anil Sant (President), Dr. Rajesh Arya (Secretary), Dr. Sandeep Mutha (Treasurer), Dr. Poonam Malhotra (Sr. Vice President), Dr. P.K. Neema (Associate Vice President) and Dr. Prabhat Tiwari (Chief Editor, ACA).
Venue: Main Hall, IACTA 2019 conference. The meeting will be audio and video recorded.
Start time: 06:00 PM
Meeting clerks: Mr. Manoj KM, Mr. Satinder Pal Singh.

President called the house to Order and asked the secretary to start the proceedings.

1. Welcome address by the President, IACTA:
   President welcomed all the members present for GBM. He thanked all the members of IACTA EC for doing lot of hard work on reform issues, insurance issue and many more. He appreciated the work by reform committee, IACTA FATE committee, Professional Insurance committee and research fund committee.

2. Confirmation of the minutes of previous GBM held on 3rd Feb. 2018 at Hyderabad:
   The minutes of GBM 2018 were open for discussion and approved by members present there.

3. One minute silence in memory of Dr. Paritosh Mazumdar:
   General body was informed that sudden demise of Dr. Paritosh Mazumdar, pioneer and a senior cardiac anaesthesiologist. The house observes a silence of one minute in respect to the departed Soul. A letter of condolence was sent to the family from IACTA.

4. Selection of Assoc. VP, Executive Council members.
   The process of applications, the applications received, and after eligible check, candidate eligible list was displayed on the screen. President was asked to permit to start the election process for the posts where more than one applicants were there i.e. for Associate Vice president (Dr. Rajesh Chand and Dr. Suresh Rao KG), EC member east zone (Dr. Shubendu Sarkar and Dr. Saibal Roychaudhary) by Dr. Thomas Koshy, election officer, and his team.
   The details of selected members un-opposed are: West zone EC member: two seats (Dr. Sangeeta Umbarkar and Dr. Rajesh Thosani), South zone EC member: 3 seats (Dr. Nandumaran, Dr. Rajesh Kumar Kodali and Dr. Nagaraja PS), Central zone (Dr. Harish Babu, Dr. Nagaraja R)

5. Announcement of travelling fellowship.
   For travelling fellowship (international): Dr. Shradha Rose Anthappan
   For travelling fellowship (national): No applicant.
   As there was no applicant, the GPM approved the decision of the EC to re-advertise this again and take the decision in mid-term meeting for the year 2019.

6. Presentation of Janak Mehta Best Paper Award & Participation by President IACTA:
   President IACTA presented the award for Janak Mehta Best paper award to Dr. Ragavendran S.
   The decision of recall of The Janak Mehta award presented to Dr. Ira Dhawan for the year 2017. Dr. K Durga Sudheshna, who won with Dr. Ira as joint winner was declared as single winner for that year. The prize money which was shared between the two and after return from Dr. Ira Dhawan, will be given to Dr. K Durga Sudheshna.

7. Venue of 2021 conference:
   GBM was informed that the applications received for 2021 conference were incomplete and the EC could not take a decision for the venue. EC proposed that the applications should be re-invited and the decision should be taken in mid-term meeting.
8. Permanent endorsement of TEE workshop at Medanta approved. (Organizing secretary Dr. Manisha Mishra)

9. Secretary’s report:
   a. IACTA website: Secretary showed the new website online to the audience and the new changes made e.g. different segments of the website. Dr. Nedumaran requested that all the conference academic lectures/workshops etc. should be attached to the IACTA website so that more and more people can benefit from this. Secretary thanked him for raising this important issue and informed that IACTA is working in this direction and the same has been done on Echo library website.
   b. Report of IACTA endorsed conferences: The report of the three IACTA endorsed conferences i.e. TEE conference at Bangalore, 3D workshop at Ahmadabad and the IACTA national conference 2018 at Hyderabad were presented (circulated in newsletter also).
   c. IACTA endorsement of various guidelines: Secretary informed the protocol and procedure for endorsement of guidelines. Four guidelines were endorsed by IACTA. Details are present on website and IACTA name present in final print at respective journals.
   d. Approval of Dr. Vipul Sharma as EC member for the tenure 2018-20.
   e. Outgoing treasurer as ex-officio member of EC for one year after changeover (i.e. every three years).
   f. Report of International symposium conducted during IACTA conference at Hyderabad. Main feature of the report was that the membership and conference fee and other partnership should be at the level of society and not individual. The partnership should be on a reciprocal basis. Secretary proposed that “IACTA International Symposium” should be every two years during the national conference which GBM approved.

10. Report of outgoing treasurer: Dr. Abraham Cherian could not be present, and Dr. Sandeep presented the accounts for the year 2017-18.
   a. Audited IT return for financial yr. 2017-18. The accounts copy along with the copy of IT return were circulated to the members present in GBM and signed by members present in audience. As a requirement, the copies of these signed accounts and IT returns will be given to the CA for further necessary action. Treasurer presented the accounts of Annals of Cardiac Anaesthesia also and the same were approved GBM.
   b. Status of previous years of IT returns: The new CA found that there are lot of objections raised by IT department. EC decided that the new CA should work on them in co-ordination with present and past treasurer and secretary and brief with clarity on this issue in mid-term meeting.

11. Treasurer’s report:
   a. Accounts from April 2018 till date: Treasurer also presented the accounts of income and expenses form 01.04.2018 till date and the accounts were approved by GBM.
   b. Meeting with WKIL on 01.12.2018: Dr Sandeep informed about the meeting with WKIL on 01.12.2018 at Gurugram. He explained the extra charges levied by WKIL and the discussion and presented the minutes of the meeting. The minutes were approved which broadly says that the APP charges will be reversed by till in totality, the circulation will be improved, WKIL will communicate only with the office bearers namely chief editor, secretary, treasurer for all academic and administrative issues. The expenses of the meeting were presented and approved by GBM.
   c. Appointment of new CA for IACTA: GBM approved the appointment of new CA and auditor Mr. Ashish Gupta from NBA and company. The appointment letter and resolutions related to changeover process for IT department and RoC were approved by GBM.
      The issue of IACTA having GST was left on CA’s opinion and further discussion. For the previous IT returns which show errors, he shall present his expert opinion and EC shall take the decision to further pursue that on not.
   d. Resolution to change of names of new office bearers at IT dept, PAN and RoC was passed by GBM.
   e. Future plans for various accounts: The treasurer and the secretary were authorized to take action in consultation with CA and Asso. Vice President.
12. Meeting with WKIL representative on 01.12.2018: Meeting was attended by ACA editor, treasurer and secretary. The WKIL accepted the cancellation of the APP charges and saved around Rs. 5 lac. The expenses for the meeting were approved by GBM (travel tickets of Dr. Sandeep Mutha).

13. ACA Chief editor’s report: Dr. Prabhat Tiwari projected the plan of ACA print issue on payment. The last date of free print issue would be 31.03.2020 and after that ACA print issue would be available on subscription of Rs. 500/- per year.

14. Echo Library Chief editor’s report: Dr. Rajesh Arya presented the membership number of echo library. He thanked Dr. Deepak Tempe for his consistent and tireless efforts to keep this project going. GBM thanked Dr. Tempe with loud applause. The budget was presented to GBM. The maintenance cost was approved by EC to increase from Rs.95,000/- per year to Rs. 1,00,000/-. GBM approved the increase. Dr. P. Kumar has been appointed as associate editor of IACTA Echo Library.

15. Report of the Indian College of Cardiac Anaesthesia: ICCA Registrar Dr. Thomas Koshy presented various procedures and protocols. The position of all forms, guidelines and protocols on the website were demonstrated. The conduct of FI Acta and FTEE were presented. The chance to diploma candidates for FI Acta is at discussion stage. The accounts of ICCA were presented.

16. Report of regional branch coordinator: Dr. Harish Babu presented the report on regional branches. Three new branches have formed i.e. Nagpur, Jodhpur and Madurai. On basis of academic activities, ACTA Mumbai earned the maximum points and received the IACTA President’s Trophy for yr. 2018.

17. Inauguration of Website prepared by Dr. Ranjith Karthikeyan: Dr. Ranjith K. is known for his “RA online” website and online teaching. On request from him, the course were inaugurated by Dr. Gopinath and Dr. PSN Raju.

18. Presentation of the report of IACTACON 2018: Dr. Ramesh Babu and Dr. Nagaraja Ramados presented a report on IACTACON 2018 at Hyderabad. He presented the gross budget and informed that out of balance of 33 lacks, 26 lacks has been transferred to IACTA parent body as contribution from Hyderabad conference. GBM applauded the efforts. Dr. Nagarajan also thanked all the participants and the office bearers.

19. GBM approved the “IACTA FATE Committee” report. The report has been circulated to all IACTA members along with agenda to suggest. For the two prizes, IACTA will pay Rs.10,000/- and FATE group (through IACTA Maharashtra) will pay Rs. 10,000/-. The prize will be named as “IACTA Golden FATE contest” “Best Paper Award”.

20. GBM approved the IACTA Reform Committee “Phase-one” and “Phase-two” reports. Both the reports were displayed and discussed as circulated to all IACTA members along with newsletter. There was a discussion on conduct of IACTA endorsed conferences and it was again stressed that the total number of foreign faculty lectures should not be more than 30% of total. Still there were few issues pending before the reform committee and were asked to make recommendations in their “Phase three” report. After discussion, both phase I and Phase II reports were approved and passed as bylaws of IACTA.

21. “IACTA PPS Committee” report: EC decided that we should plan the things much more looking at the finances involved in this by member participating and give more thought and discussion on this and present the final opinion after taking opinion from all IACTA members.

22. Approval of the “IACTA Research Fund Committee” report. GBM asked the secretary to implement the report in bylaws and make procedure of the website.

23. Approval of the “IACTA Conference endorsement Guidelines”.

24. Presentation of the preparations for the IACTACON 2020 by organizing secretary: Organizing secretary for IACTACON 2020, Dr. Vijay Shetty showed a brief showcase about the conference scheduled on 5th to 7th February at GOA.

25. Inclusion of Dr. G.D. Puri back to IACTA as regular life member: Secretary requested all members to make Dr. G.D. Puri back as regular member of IACTA as approved by EC. It was decided that a letter should be drafted and then send to Dr. Puri. GBM unanimously with single voice approved Dr. G. D. Puri back to IACTA as regular life member.

26. Permanent legal cell for IACTA: a proposal was given by Dr. Anil Sant to have a permanent legal cell for IACTA. EC opined that at this stage we don’t need a permanent legal cell and we can take this proposal when the stage comes in future.
27. Any other issue suggested by EC meeting scheduled on 22.02.2019.
28. Result of voting: The election office Dr. Thomas Koshy presented the result of voting and informed that Dr. Suresh Rao KG is winner (93 votes Vs Rajesh Chand 52 votes) for Associate VP post and Dr. Saibal Roy Chaudhary won the EC member (East) (Saibal 108 v/s Subhendu Sarkar 34 votes). The voting and election procedure was approved President and signed by him GBM endorsed it.
29. Any other matter with the permission of the chair: There was none.
30. Installation of Office bearers for 2019-20: All the executive members for EC committee for 2018-19 was requested to come on the stage. This was followed by EC members of 2019-20 to come on stage for a group photograph.
31. Concluding remarks by outgoing IACTA president: Dr. Anil Sant thanked all present for their support for his tenure as President IACTA. He told new IACTA president that she is lucky to have two strong working hands Dr. Rajesh Arya and Dr. Sandeep Mutha with you.
32. The Changeover: The Chair of President IACTA was handed over to Dr. Poonam Kapoor Malhotra, Sr. Vice President to Dr. P. K. Neema and Associate Vice President Dr. Suresh KG Rao. New EC members were introduced and Dr. Vijay Shetty as part of EC (organizing secretary IACTACON 2020). Secretary thanked Dr. Rahul Guha Biswas and his team of IACTACON 2019 for conducting the national conference.
33. Welcome address by new President, IACTA: Dr. Poonam Malhotra thanked the outgoing president Dr. Sant and remembered and expressed her gratitude to her seniors in AIIMS and IACTA. She stressed the need to increase in number of IACTA and showed her wish that more and more females come forward for IACTA work. She welcomed the research fund proposal. She thanked all members and called meeting to be closed.
34. Meeting was closed with all standing in respect for National Anthem been played.

(The attendance sheet and the proceeding of the meeting are in record with the secretary office. The minutes of the meeting have been circulated to EC during mid-term meeting and this abstract is passed to be posted on website. The final approval will be taken from GBM during IACTACON 2020).

Secretary IACTA,

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Copy to:
1. President IACTA.
2. All EC members.
3. ICCA registrar.
4. Copy to IACTA CA along with all resolutions as related to accounts and finances.
6. Contents to be posted on www.iacta.co.in after approval of EC during mid-term meeting.