

EC Meeting II - Neurological Society of India 19th December 2015, Hyderabad

Members Present:

B S Sharma, V Rajshekhar, RC Mishra, Deepu Banerji, VP Singh, Manas Panigrahi, Sanjay Behari, Bhavna Sharma, K Sridhar, Ashish Suri

Central Office : Navneet Arora

The meeting was called to order by President Elect Dr R C Mishra in the absence of Dr B S Sharma (who had informed that he would arrive late) and handed over to Dr V P Singh for taking up the agenda.

2015/19thDecember/IIIndEC/01 – Awards NSICON 2015

Dr V P Singh announced the awards for NSICON 2015: Allied Neurosciences Award – Dr S Ramesh from Hyderabad, Epilepsy Award–Dr Aanchal Kakkar from AIIMS Delhi, Neuro-oncology Award – Dr Suvaindu Purkait from AIIMS Delhi, Neurosurgery Award – Dr Satkyakam Baruah from NIMHANS Bangalore, NSI-AASAN Award – Dr Todd Vogel USA, Best Poster Award – Dr Shyam D from Chennai, MCQ –Dr SengoThevel from Chennai.

2015/19thDecember/IIIndEC/02 – Neurosurgery Curriculum

Dr V P Singh briefed the council about the Neurosurgery curriculum which could not be discussed during the first EC meeting but had been taken up in the GBM. The curriculum that NSI had drafted had been sent to MCI through Dr Daljit Singh for implementation. The MCI representative informed that they already have a Neurosurgery curriculum and a new curriculum cannot be taken up de novo. The NSI can suggest any change in the existing curriculum and the MCI could discuss that. It was resolved to ask the curriculum committee consisting of Dr V G Ramesh and Dr P Sarat Chandra to suggest the desired changes in the MCI curriculum to conform with the NSI requirements - which will then be forwarded to MCI.

2015/19thDecember/IIIndEC/03 – NSI Legal Cell

Dr V P Singh informed that the Legal Cell has been constituted and the following are the members: Dr Daljit Singh Convenor, Dr Deepu Banerji, Dr V S Sundar, Dr Ashok Panagariya, Dr V S Mehta, Dr Lokendra Singh, Dr S K Gupta, Dr B S Sharma. In addition the names of Dr R K Sharma (medicolegal expert), Dr Vani Santosh and Dr Shyamal Das were proposed but their consent is awaited. The legal cell shall also use the services of one lawyer. The council approved the same.

2015/19thDecember/IIIndEC/04 – Newsletter

Dr V P Singh mentioned that in the last EC the council had resolved to abolish the printed newsletter. Dr Deopujari had communicated in this regard that a copy had to be given to the office of the charity commissioner every year which mentions change of office bearers. The council deliberated over this matter. It was resolved to stop mailing the newsletter to the

members as it is a very costly affair. The council decided to print 10 copies of the newsletter inhouse and use it for all technical purposes.

2015/19thDecember/IIIndEC/05 – Neuronurses issues

Dr V P Singh mentioned that he had had a meeting with the neuronurses and they had three requests. The neuronurses are developing neuro-nursing protocols and they seek help to get the same printed. The second request was to start a neuronursing e-journal. The last request was that the Indian neuronursing society wants to be attached to the World Federation of Neuronurses for which the subscription is USD 3 per person. The total strength of the Neuronurses Society is 508 at present but only about 20 to 30 nurses attend on a regular basis. At present the life membership is INR 1100 and annual membership is INR 300. There are some issues with their elections also. The council deliberated over the issue and decided that the Neuronurses would need to strengthen their own organization first and then these requests could be considered. It was suggested to identify the active neurosurgery centres in the country and select a nurse from each centre to form a core council which would select the office bearers. This way all major centres would have representation.

2015/19thDecember/IIIndEC/06 – Recommendation for posts in WFNS

Dr V P Singh mentioned that several mails have been received in the past seeking recommendations for various posts in WFNS. President, NSI has already sent a recommendation for Dr Christopher Loftus for the Vice President's post. The council deliberated over the matter and resolved to wait till the last date and keep all office bearers in the loop before sending any further recommendations.

2015/19thDecember/IIIndEC/07 – Action regarding the 6 month govt. training scheme

The council deliberated over the issue regarding the government scheme for training general surgeons for 6 months and allowing them to do neurosurgical operations for head injury. The GBM had asked the council that as a society this should be discouraged. The council resolved that Dr V P Singh shall write a letter to the DGHS in this regard with a copy to MCI.

2015/19thDecember/IIIndEC/08 – Contribution to the International Society of Pathology

Dr V P Singh mentioned that a new society - Neuropathology Society of India has been formed with 87 members at present. Dr Sarala Das is the President, Dr A K Banerjee is the Vice President and Dr Chitra Sarkar is the Secretary. The contribution to International Society of Pathology for this year has already been made for 29 members by NSI. The issue of making the contribution from the next year onwards was discussed. The council deliberated over this matter and resolved that Dr V P Singh shall discuss the same with Dr Chitra Sarkar to sort it out.

2015/19thDecember/IIIndEC/09 – Arbitration Committee / Disciplinary Committee

The arbitration committee consists of 2 senior past presidents who have completed their term at least 5 years ago and a lawyer. Dr K Ganapathy and Dr S R Dharkar are in the arbitration committee along with Mr Devendra Vajpeyi - a lawyer from Agra. The committee term shall be over in 2017. Dr Rajshekhar mentioned that the same should be put on the website along with

the term. The disciplinary committee has the president, president elect and two past presidents as the ex-officio officers.

2015/19th December/IIInd EC/10 –criteria for institution of new awards– committee

Dr V P Singh mentioned that to decide the criteria for instituting new awards a committee has been formed consisting of President and two immediate Past Presidents who shall present their recommendations in the midterm. The EC suggested that no new awards be instituted and if anyone has to be honored a symposium or any other session in the next annual conference may be named after him for one year. The council resolved that the award committee should also decide on the criteria of M L Suri award.

2015/19th December/IIInd EC/11 – Change in Byelaws

Dr V P Singh proposed a change in the byelaws 12.6

Existing 12.6. Up to Rs. 5 lakhs may be transferred to the Conference account by the Treasurer.

Proposed 12.6 “Upto 10 lakhs may be transferred in the Conference account as seed money by the Treasurer.”

Justification: With the increase in expenditure in conducting a conference an increase in the seed money is needed.

The council approved the change in byelaws.

The EC proposed a change in the byelaws 19.1

Existing 19.1. The symposium topic should be broad based. Offers should reach Secretary NSI by 30th November two years before the conference. The EC would decide on the symposium subjects.

Proposed 19.1 “The topic and speakers of the symposia in the conference would be decided by the President of the Society.”

Justification: There are very few bids received from the members for conducting the symposia. As it is the President of the Society has no say in the Scientific Program of the conference he is presiding over. By this change both purposes would be covered.

The council approved the change in byelaws.

Dr V P Singh also proposed another addition to the byelaws.

Byelaws 25: “In case of a legal dispute in the society, the case will be filed in the city where the secretary of the society resides.”

Justification: This would make it logistically easy for the case to be handled by the Secretary.

The council approved the same and asked Dr V P Singh to take a legal opinion.

2015/19th December/IIInd EC/12 – Neurology India Awards

Dr Rajshekhar announced the three winners of the Neurology India Awards as follows:

Best paper in Neurology

Best paper in Neurosurgery

Best paper in Allied Neurosciences.

2015/19th December/IIInd EC/13 –meeting with subspecialty Society office bearers

Dr V P Singh mentioned that a meeting was conducted with the subspecialty societies office bearers/representatives – Dr A K Reddy from Cerebro-Vascular Society of India, Dr Sarat Chandra from Skull Base Society of India, Dr Paresh Doshi from Indian Society for Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery, Dr V D Sinha from Neurotrauma Society of India and Dr C Deopujari from Indian Society of Pediatric Neurosurgery. It was decided to have informal interactions between NSI and various subspecialty Societies, to involve them in NSI scientific programme, to have a Calendar to avoid clashing of dates of various meetings and setting up of a page on NSI website mentioning sub-societies with their respective councils.

2015/19th December/IIInd EC/14 – Neurosurgery Board of Education

Dr V P Singh mentioned that a meeting has been held to nominate the members as per proper procedure and the board consists of Dr V Rajshekhar as Chairman Board of Education with the members being Dr Manmohan Singh - Delhi, Dr V D Sinha - Jaipur, Dr V G Ramesh - Chennai, Dr C E Deopujari– Mumbai and Dr Sandip Chatterjee – Kolkata.

2015/19th December/IIInd EC/15 – Saudi Arabian NSI delegation

The NSI delegation to the Saudi Arabian Neurosurgical Conference (1st- 3rd March Riyadh) would consist of Dr R C Mishra, Dr Ashish Suri, and Dr VP Singh. Members who were offered and declined the offer were Dr Atul Goel, Dr Sanjay Behari and Dr Malla Bhaskara Rao. A mass mail shall be sent to all NSI members informing them about the meeting and asking them to attend.

2015/19th December/IIInd EC/16 – CNS collaboration issues – Advanced simulation & SANS

Dr Ashish Suri informed that he would arrange the basic and advanced NSI-CNS simulation course during NSICON 2016 with three faculty members from CNS. He shall also try to arrange some funding - around USD 5000 for them. The council asked Dr Ashish Suri to talk to Dr Shekhar Kurpad for the final negotiations. There shall be three categories of registration - firstly residents who shall pay INR 5000/- which is refundable. The second category is participants who have completed MCh– they would pay INR 5000/- (not refundable). Participants for the advanced course would pay INR 10000/- (not refundable). Dr Sridhar was informed about the logistics of halls and meals bookings and 2 nights accommodation for the CNS course faculty. The other issue of SANS resource offer from CNS was kept in abeyance at the moment – till some sponsorship or revenue model could be proposed.

2015/19th December/IIInd EC/17 – Making the scientific program of the Conference

The council deliberated over the issue and resolved that the current status of the President Elect making the scientific program would continue. The organizing Secretary would be free to suggest specific persons that he wishes to invite to the President Elect for due consideration.

2015/19th December/IIInd EC/18 – Symposiums NSICON 2017

The council discussed the issue of symposia topics for NSICON 2017 and resolved that the President in that year would coordinate and select the topics.

2015/19th December/Ind EC/19 – Financial issues

The council resolved that as per the wishes of the General Body - a fresh detailed Treasurer report needs to be submitted by January 2016 – so that it can be circulated as an addendum with these minutes.

The issue of accounts of Coimbatore conference was also discussed. Dr Deepu Banerji mentioned that the accounts shall be cleared soon by the CA and shall be submitted by 15th of January. Subsequently the Income Tax Return for financial year ending March 2015 would be expeditiously filed.

For the future the council requested Dr Sridhar to send the income and expenditure details on a bimonthly basis till September and thereafter on a monthly basis.

Regarding the oration corpus issue raised in the General Body - the council was of the opinion that there is only one society corpus and it would serve no purpose to separate it into corpus of different categories.

2014/14th December/IndEC/20 – Central Office

The EC resolved to extend the contract of Event Architects Inc. for the next 5 years. It also resolved to sanction a new laptop and a printer to the central office for better efficiency.

2014/14th December/IndEC/21 – Other matters

Dr Sanjay Behari mentioned that the abstract book should have names of all the authors and institutions. Only the award papers should have the name of the presenting author only.

Dr Deepu Banerji informed that the change of office bearers of the Society has to be communicated with the charity commissioner in Mumbai. The council resolved that Navneet shall provide the details and Dr Deepu Banerji shall follow up the same.

The EC resolved that the ex-treasurer office in Mumbai will continue their services till March 2016 – by which time all accounts should be closed.

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The EC applauded Dr B S Sharma for his leadership and guidance of the Society during his tenure and gave him a standing ovation. The Council also applauded the outstanding hospitality and arrangements made by Dr Manas Panigrahi and his whole team during the NSICON 2015.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks.