

## Minutes of Executive Committee held on 31<sup>st</sup> May AFMC Pune

The meeting was attended by Dr. B. K. Misra, Dr. V. S. Mehta, Dr. V. K. Khosla, Dr. B. S. Sharma, Dr. Ravi Ramamurthi, Sr. Atul Goel, Dr. K. Ganapathya, Dr. K. Bhattacharya, Dr. C. E. Deopujari, Dr. V. Rajshekhar, Dr. Chitra Sarkar, Dr. A. S. Narayanswami.

### Special INVITEE:

Dr. S. P. Gorthi, Organising Secretary, Pune conference, December, 2008.

Dr. B. K. Misra, President Neurological society of India chaired the meeting. The meeting was called to order by the President.

Secretary's report was presented by Dr. B. S. Sharma. It was proposed by Dr. V. S. Mehta and seconded by Dr. K. Ganapathy.

### 2008/May/EC/01

Dr. B. K. Misra presented the process through which the NSI representatives on the NBE board were chosen. This was in response to Dr. Ravi Ramamurthi's query as to how this was done and his center being oldest in DMB training is not represented. Dr. Misra clarified that the NSI representatives will be ex-officio (Past Presidents-2, President, President Elect, Secretary, EC member-Neurology). Dr. Ravi Ramamurthi stated that center training NBE candidates know the problems faced better so faculty from such hospitals should be on this board. Dr. C. E. Deopujari suggested that NSI should have an "education committee" which should be the group interacting with national credential bodies. The majority felt that the tenure of this, "education committee" should be three years.

Dr. V. S. Mehta suggested that one person amongst these NSI representatives should be stationed in Delhi for better liaison with NBE. Dr. K. Ganapathy and Dr. B. S. Sharma were nominated as coordinators of this "education committee".

### 2008/May/EC/02

Dr. C. U. Velumurgendran's proposal of nominating and dedicating this YEAR'S Neurology Symposium on "cognitive neurology" at annual conference, Pune and a letter of no objection from Madeas Institute of

Neurology, was put forward. There was an unanimous agreement that no symposia should be dedicated or named on an institution unless that year marks an important associated event e. g. Golden Jubilee etc.

Dr. C. U. Velumurugendran along with Dr. A. V. Srinivasan of Chennai are the convenors of the symposium. This symposium will be named as Prof. N. H. Wadia symposium.

**2008/May/EC/03**

Dr. Atul Goel mentioned that he needs two months to publish the abstracts of the annual conference of NSI. Dr. V. Rajshekhar suggested that an abstract center be set up through the website to expedite the abstract publication. There was discussion whether there was a need to publish the abstracts twice – abstract book during the conference and in Neurology India later. It was decided that this year NSI annual conference abstracts will be published both as abstract book by organizing secretary and abstract publication in Neurology India supplement. Regarding only online abstract submission it was decided that this year there will be both paper and electronic submission. From next year (2009) there will only be electronic submission. The deadline for abstract will be strictly adhered to as 31<sup>st</sup> August, (midnight) of the year of the conference.

**2008/May/EC/04**

The proposal of requirement of attendance of two NSI annual conference in last 5 years as an eligibility criteria to contest for office member of NSI” should be brought as constitutional amendment agenda in the proper format duly proposed and seconded. This should be sent to Secretary who will publish it in the newsletter for any objection by any member and will be brought to the GBM for constitutional amendment in Pune in December, 2008.

**2008/MAY/EC/05**

Editor’s report: Dr. Atul Goel suggested that the treasurer should update and send address list of members in Excel format to all EC members for change or correction of addresses. The names of addresses from where journal has returned should be deleted from this. All future mailing of Journal “Neurology India “ will be based on this list. Editor should make a note of any information or communication to him directly by a member about change of address of members.

“The address list is available on the NSI website. The address (only address) can be changed by logging in name & password allotted by

webmaster Dr. V. Rajshekhar. This piece of information would be published in the following newsletter.

The report was accepted proposed by Dr. V. S. Mehta & seconded by Dr. V. Rajshekhar.

**2008/May/EC/06**

Treasurer's report – forty associate members and 7 life members have been removed from the membership list due to non – payment of dues. Dr. b. k. Misra pointed out that the treasurer should send the notice of payment of payment of pending dues by registered post 3 months before the termination of membership. Thirtyone new life members and 9 new associate members have joined since December, 2007.

Dr. V. S. Mehta suggested that all funds of NSI should be kept in MOD (Multiple Option Deposit) account. Members subscription fees should go to corpus deposit. Dr. C. E. Deopujari pointed out that all financial communications of NSI still come in Dr. S. N. Bhagwati's name, because NSI is registered in Mumbai and Dr. S. N. Bhagwati was Secretary at the time. Now NSI has a permanent office in Delhi so the address should be changed. Dr. C.E. Deopujari will do the needful in getting it changed. Secretarial assistant to Secretary NSI-Dr. B. S. Sharma should look after the correspondence at the permanent office. A post box should be kept in NSI office, Mata Channan Devi Hospital and mails should be checked twice a week to smoothen NSI office correspondence. Rs. 50,000/- is sanctioned to Dr. V. K. Khosla for conducting of elections and scientific programme proceedings.

The treasurer's report was proposed by Dr. Atul Goel and seconded by Dr. B. S. Sharma.

**2008/May/EC/07**

Dr. S. Prabhakar's proposal of "Select editor a year before the term of ongoing editor finishes so that next editor can decide articles to be published during his tenure" was discussed. It was decided that he should send it as an item for constitutional amendment duly proposed and seconded for publication in newsletter and further action.

**2008/May/EC/08**

CME convener's report – Dr. V. Rajshekhar presented the plan for CME. The themes in neurosurgery are spine and functional Neurosurgery. In neurology, the themes are CNS Infections and Epilepsy. The common session will have lectures on basic neurosciences which will be finalized in collaboration with Dr. Vijaylaxmi of NBRC. Manesar It was also

agreed that there should be no restriction of number of articles and pages to be printed in the CME book. Articles not presented in CME but theme based can also be printed in the CME book. It was accepted proposed by Dr. Ravi Ramamurthi and seconded by Dr. V. S. Mehta.

**2008/May/EC/09**

Dr. S. P. Gorthi, Organising Secretary for the annual conference 2008 presented the arrangements for the conference. He was advised that no satellite programme is allowed preconference. The neuronurses registration was fixed at Rs. 2000. Dinners outside Pune city was not agreed upon in view of heavy traffic. It was suggested that all dinners should be within 10 minutes, drive or walk and preferably within the conference venue. Official hotel arrangements should be restricted to 5-6 hotels near the conference venue because of transport problems, and transport for pick up should be arranged. For nurses, hostels in nursing hostel of AFMC should be organized.

The conference brochure, scientific, should be put on website. Round the clock tea will be provided during scientific deliberation. Reception centres at railway station and airport will be arranged. NSI desk and counter will be provided for secretary and treasurers office at the conference site.

**2008/May/EC/10**

Webmaster's report – Dr. V. Rajshekhar presented the webmaster's report. It was suggested that the website should be given more publicity by mentioning the website in all the publications of NSI – Journal, Newsletter and all stationery. All conference information should be available on website. Dr. B. K. Misra suggested that NSI website should be linked with WFNS website calendar. Uniform electronic letter heads should be made for all NSI executive members for routine use.

It was accepted proposed by Dr. K. Ganapathy and seconded by Dr. Atul Goel.

**2008/May/EC/11**

Various option to conduct of SBNS – NSI combined meeting were discussed. It was the general view that British guests should be integrated into our general session along with inclusion in breakfast sessions and evening video sessions.

**2008/May/EC/12**

Audited statement of Agra conference though sent, to Treasurer (as per telephonic conversation between Dr. Ravi Ramamurthi and Dr. R. C.

Mishra ) has not been received. It will be put in the agenda of the annual EC meeting at Pune.

**2008/May/EC/13**

Regarding Dr. A. K. Singh's letter "Neurosurgeons must retain leadership role in management of CNS & PNS tumors" was read. It was felt that NSI should have a "guidelines committee" to formulate guidelines on various neurological and neurosurgical disorders. A committee consisting of A.K. Singh (Convener), Dr. V. S. Mehta and Dr. Chitra Sarkar were formed to make NSI guidelines for management of gliomas. As a step in this direction it was suggested that the theme for next year's CME should be "Management of brain tumors – evidence based approach".

**2008/May/EC/14**

For combined friendship meetings of NSI with CNS from 24-29 October, 2009, at New Orleans, partial is available for deserving candidates. Interested members should apply to secretary, NSI.

AANS has offered to cover registration expenses for the next WFNS World Congress in Boston, USA, August 30- September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Interested residents should apply for the same with two recommendation letters (one from HOD) before 30 September, 2008, to Secretary, NSI.

**2008/May/EC/15**

DNB student's and Dr. Dilip Panikar's letter received by President Dr. B. K. Misra regarding issue of only 3 candidates out of 38 getting through in DNB theory examination was read. Students have visited President NBE who mentioned that already existing NSI subcommittee should look into it. Students have informed that re- evaluation in other subjects have been done by NBE. EC expressed concerned about it and authorized Dr. K. Ganapathy to co-ordinate with President, NBE for calling an urgent meeting with the full committee of NBE alongwith NSI representatives to discuss all matters pertaining to it.

The meeting concluded with thank to the chair.

