

MINUTES OF MEETING

INDIAN ACADEMY OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES (IABS)

MINUTES OF THE 12th ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD ON 04.03.2023 at

7.30 PM at NIMHANS Convention Centre, Bengaluru.

Members Present:

1. Prof. Bipin M, Tiwale, Kolhapur, President – in the chair
2. Prof. Hari S. Sharma, Founder President
3. Prof. Abbas Ali Mahdi, Secretary – General, Lucknow
4. Prof. Najmul Islam, Aligarh
5. Prof. Moinuddin, Aligarh
6. Dr. Thuppil Venkatesh, Bangalore
7. Dr. A.S. Bhatia, Jammu
8. Prof, Sarman Singh, Bhopal
9. Prof. Jyotdeep Kaur, Chandigarh
10. Prof. Sadhna Sharma, Chandigarh
11. Prof. Indu Verma, Chandigarh
12. Dr. Sukhes Mukherjee, Bhopal
13. Prof. Farzana Mahdi, Lucknow
14. Prof. Seema Bhargava, New Delhi
15. Dr. Medha R, Pondicherry
16. Dr. Naresh Kasoju, Trivandrum
17. Prof. Alpana Sharma, New Delhi
18. Dr. Savita Yadav, New Delhi
19. Dr. H.P. Gurushankara, Kerala
20. Prof. Sadhana Sharma, Patna
21. Dr. Kamlakant Shukla, Jodhpur
22. Prof. BSS Rao, Bangalore
23. Dr. Neerja Agarwal, Lucknow
24. Dr. Prasenjit Mitra, Chandigarh
25. Dr. Shyam Prakash, New Delhi
26. Dr. Gunjan Sharma, Hyderabad
27. Dr. Belu Sharma, Netherlands
28. Prof. Lindsay Brown, Australia
29. Dr. Wahid Ali, Lucknow
30. Dr. G.K. Sonkar, Lucknow
31. Dr. Israr Ahmad Lucknow
32. Dr. M. Kaleem Ahmad, Lucknow
33. Dr. Kalpana Singh, Lucknow

34. Dr. Shivani Pandey, Lucknow
35. Dr. Shweta Kumari, Lucknow
36. Dr. Manoj Rawat, Agra

1. The meeting was called in order and President, IABS; Prof. Bipin M. Tiwale welcomed the Hon'ble members to the 12th Annual General Body meeting. He said that the Academy has made commendable progress during last few years due to the concerted efforts of the members. He further complimented Prof. B.S.S. Rao and his team for organizing an excellent meeting at NIMHANS, Bengaluru.
2. Prof. Abbas Ali Mahdi informed the Hon'ble members about the sad demise of one of the Life Members of the Academy, Prof. Asif Ali (Aligarh). Members observed two minutes silence as a mark of respect to the departed soul.
3. The minutes of the 11th Annual General Body Meeting of the Academy held at Era University, Lucknow, on 08.05.2022 at 11.00 a.m. were presented. Prof. A.S. Bhatia proposed that the same may be accepted. The proposal was seconded by Prof. Alpana Sharma. Thereafter, the minutes were unanimously approved and confirmed by the members.
4. Prof. Hari Sharma, the Founder President, in his remarks appreciated the progress made by the Academy and expressed satisfaction with regard to the growth achieved during last few years.
5. Secretary General in his report briefed about the progress made by the academy during the year under report:
 - a) He informed that since last general body meeting, 32 (Thirty two) new life members have joined the Academy. Now total life members are 371 (as of the date of this meeting).
 - b) He also informed that in the year under report quite a large number of applications were received for various Academy Awards. He further stated that as usual the applications were initially screened by a committee and thereafter processed by the award committee and the recommendations of the awards committee were unanimously approved by the core committee. He informed that the recipients of the various Academy Awards for the year 2022 are as follows:
 1. Lifetime Achievement Award: Prof. Jayshree Bhattacharjee, New Delhi
 2. Padma Shri Prof. Mahdi Hasan Award: Prof. Sarman Singh, Bhopal
 3. Prof. Sohail Ahmad Award: Prof. Sunit Kumar Singh, Varanasi
 4. Smt. Kusum Sharma Award: Dr. Nidhi Gupta, New Delhi
 5. Shri. Om Prakash Sharma Award: Dr. Naresh Kasoju, Thiruvananthapuram
 6. Mrs. Farha Deeba Haq Award: Dr. H.P. Gurushankara, Kasaragod, Kerala
 7. Mrs. Abida Mahdi Award: Prof. Rajat Sandhir, Chandigarh

8. Dr. Shyam K. Narang Oration Award: Prof. RK Garg, Lucknow

Fellowship

1. Padma Shri Dr. C.N. Manjunath, Bengaluru (Honorary Fellow)
2. Prof. Jayshree Bhattacharjee, New Delhi (Honorary Fellow)
3. Dr. Indu Verma, Chandigarh
4. Dr. N.B. Ramachandra, Mysore
5. Dr. Amita Jain, Lucknow
6. Dr. Sadhna Sharma, Patna
7. Dr. Gopeshwar Mukherjee, Kolkatta
8. Dr. Moinuddin, Aligarh
9. Prof. Savita Yadav, New Delhi

Members appreciated the efforts made by the Academy in appropriately recognizing the talent and approved the recommendations of the awards committee.

- c) After last year Annual Conference held at Lucknow, two events were organized under the aegis of the Academy:
 1. South Zone IABSCON by Mysore University, Mysore on 8th & 9th September 2022
 2. North Zone IABSCON by PGIMER, Chandigarh on 4th November 2022
- d) Prof. Mahdi informed that the IABS is planning to start its own official journal, namely Journal of Academy of Biomedical Sciences (JABS) from this year. He further informed that it is proposed that the first issue will be launched in June 2023. He requested the Hon'ble members for their help, support and cooperation and appealed to them to submit manuscripts for the journal. Members welcomed the proposal and unanimously approved it.
- e) Prof. Mahdi informed that an Oration Award in the name of late Dr. Shyam K. Narang was proposed by the Dr. Shyama K. Narang MND Trust through its Trustee Mr. Vasanth Rao (IAS, Retd.). A sum of Rs. One lac only was also donated by the MND Trust to IABS for instituting this Oration. He further informed that the Oration has been instituted from this year onwards. Members welcomed the proposal and unanimously approved it.
- f) Prof. Mahdi apprised the Hon'ble members that some awardees/fellows are not turning up to attend the Conferences and to receive the award in person. He sought suggestions from the Hon'ble members regarding this matter. After detailed deliberations the members unanimously resolved that those who have as yet not turned up to receive the award/fellowship in person may be given one more chance to do so in one of the forthcoming Mini Symposia/Conference of the Academy, after which the award/fellowship may be deemed to have been withdrawn.

6. The financial statement and balance sheets of the Academy were presented for the year 2021-2022. The members were also apprised about the current financial status of the Academy. Balance sheets were unanimously approved.
7. Prof. Sadhana Sharma offered to organize the 12th Annual Conference of the Academy at AIIMS, Patna in February 2024. Hon'ble members welcomed the proposal and unanimously approved that the 12th Annual Conference of the Academy will be held at AIIMS, Patna in February 2024. Exact dates will be decided with the mutual consent of the organizers and office bearers of the Academy.

Any other matter with the permission of the chair:

1. Prof. Hari S. Sharma informed that Dr. V.K. Mishra from Abhu Dhabi, UAE has proposed to start an Award in the memory of his late father in the field of Forensic Medicine. He further informed that Dr. Mishra will be transferring an amount of Rs. 300,000/- (Three Lacs only) to IABS as an endowment towards the award. The members welcomed the proposal and unanimously approved the same and authorized the President and Secretary General to frame the guidelines for the award in consultation with Prof. Mishra.
 2. Prof. B.S.S. Rao requested all the zone coordinators and Hon'ble members to encourage other colleagues to join the academy as a life member. The members welcomed the proposal.
 3. Prof. Mahdi brought the matter of dwindling number of young investigators and students attending the conferences. He sought opinion/suggestions of Hon'ble members in this regard. Prof. Sadhana Sharma (Patna) proposed that young students shall be encouraged to join the Academy as Life Members. Dr. Medha R. proposed that more travel support may be provided to students so as to encourage them to attend the annual conferences. Prof. Lindsay Brown suggested that in annual conferences youngsters may be encouraged to chair a scientific session along with a senior faculty. After detailed deliberations it was decided that the organizers of the next conference and office bearers of the Academy may take suitable decision in this regard in due course of time while arranging for the next Conference.
- At the end of the meeting, Dr. Bipin M. Tiwale (Kolhapur) handed over the charge of President, IABS to Prof. A.S. Bhatia (Jammu/Rajouri, Jammu and Kashmir). Members congratulated Prof. Bhatia on assuming the charge of President and also put on record the services rendered by Dr. Bipin M. Tiwale in promoting the Academy and for introducing large number of new Life Members to the Academy.
 - After assuming the charge of President, IABS, Prof. Bhatia thanked the Hon'ble members for electing him the President and sought cooperation from all to take the Academy to newer heights.

- Prof. Mahdi moved a resolution, which was unanimously approved by the Hon'ble Members, to commend the host institution including Hon'ble Director, Dean (Basic Science), Prof. Dr. B. S. Shankaranarayana Rao (Organizing Chairperson) and his team comprising of Dr. B. N. Srikumar (Organizing Secretary), Dr. K. Vijayalakshmi, Dr. D. Yoganarasimha and others including the student volunteers for organizing an excellent academic feast at NIMHANS, Bengaluru.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

(Prof. Abbas Ali Mahdi)
Secretary – General, IABS

(Prof. Bipin M. Tiwale)
President, IABS

Dated: 4th March, 2023.