

## **EC Meeting Minutes - 16th December 2015**

### **KIMS Hospital, Hyderabad**

#### **Meeting attended by:**

Dr B S Sharma, Dr R C Mishra, Dr V P Singh, Dr Deepu Banerji, Dr V Rajshekhar, Dr V G Ramesh, Dr M D Nair, Dr Sanjay Behari, Dr Ashish Suri, Dr Malla Bhaskar Rao, Dr P Sarat Chandra, Dr Suresh Sankhla, Dr C E Deopujari, Dr Geeta Chacko, Dr Daljit Singh, Dr N Muthukumar, Dr S K Gupta, Dr K Sridhar

**Central Office :** Navneet Arora

#### **1. Call meeting to order**

The President Dr. B S Sharma welcomed all the EC members to the meeting and asked Dr. V. P. Singh, Secretary NSI to conduct the proceedings.

#### **2. Obituary**

Dr. V. P. Singh informed the EC about the sad demise of Dr. S. P. Agarwal & Dr. Sanjiv Sinha from Delhi, Dr. Chandramouli Shah from Bangalore and Dr. G M Taori from Nagpur. The EC members stood in silence for one minute to express their respect to the departed souls.

#### **3. Minutes of last midterm EC meeting**

Dr. V. P. Singh informed the EC that the minutes of the last EC Meeting had been circulated well in time and there were no discrepancies reported. Dr. V. P. Singh then pointed out an error in the EC acceptance of a proposal from Dr. Chitra Sarkar to name the Allied Neurosciences Best Paper Award in the name of Dr. Subimal Roy. The Allied Neurosciences Award is already in the name of Dr. K. K. Bisaria and therefore it cannot be replaced with another name. He proposed to name the best paper in Neurology India for Allied Neurosciences as Subimal Roy Award for Best Paper in Allied Neurosciences for a period of 5 years. The minutes were accepted with this modification.

#### **4. Secretary's Report**

Dr. V. P. Singh informed the EC about the applications for new membership of the society for the full year. This included 34 new full members, 184 new associate members and 21 associate members who have converted to full membership. All these members fulfilled the requirements and their applications were approved by the EC. At present the Society has a total of 2785 members including 1828 full members and 957 associate members. Dr. V. P. Singh informed that there are many associate members who obviously could not still be in training and informed about the efforts being made to convert them to full members. Physical mails are being sent to such members to convert to full membership – failing

which their associate membership would be terminated (as one can only be an associate member for 3 years or 6 years). Dr. Rajshekhar suggested that HODs of various institutions could be contacted to check if the associate members were still studying in that institution. As decided in the last EC meeting – the membership number given to the associate members now also reflects which branch they are training in.

Dr. V. P. Singh next updated the EC regarding the International activities of the NSI. He reported the successful friendship meeting with the Russian Neurosurgical Society with a five member NSI delegation going to Kazan, Russia in June this year. A special Indo–Russian symposium was conducted in English with simultaneous Russian translation which was very well attended. Now the Russian delegation is coming to Hyderabad for the reciprocal friendship meeting. The French speaking Neurosurgeons invited a NSI delegation of 7 members to Paris in end November for the reciprocal meeting. Unfortunately only 4 members went. The three members who did not attend for personal reasons would be considered as having availed their chance to be a part of NSI delegation. The Saudi Arabian Neurosurgical Society has invited a 3 member delegation to Riyadh in March 2016 as part of the reciprocal Pan Arab Society initiative. Thus now only the German Society has not reciprocated – the others have fulfilled their commitments. For 2016 Dr. V. P. Singh informed that he had opened negotiations with the SBNS of UK – the initial response has been positive and we hope to have them in Chennai with our delegation attending their meeting next year either in April or November. For 2017 we have a broad agreement with the South African Neurosurgical Society to have joint meetings in Durban and NSICON Nagpur. On the local front the NSI Instructional course & Foundation course were successfully conducted in August in GB Pant Hospital and were well attended.

Dr. V. P. Singh proposed a Federation of Neurosurgical Societies – which would be a consultative group comprising the NSI and the President and Secretary of all neurosurgical subspecialty Societies. He informed the council that an informal meeting will be held on 18th December at 3.30pm to discuss issues on which we can collaborate and work together. The aim would be to maintain the independent identity of the various subspecialty societies and yet collaborate with NSI to further our common objectives. The details will be shared in the EC in the next meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

He proposed a new Subspecialty CME for young neurosurgeons (full NSI members upto 40 years of age) between May and July for one and a half days. This would cover three topics in one subspecialty and different subspecialties would be covered by turns. There would be 80 to 100 attendees and upto 10 faculty including maximum one foreign faculty. The course content and faculty would be finalized in consultation with the President & Secretary of the concerned subspecialty Society. Funding would be obtained by sponsorship from industry and Intas Pharma has kindly consented to give an educational

grant to NSI for this purpose. This CME will strengthen the involvement of the junior members of the Society – so that now the first year trainees have the Foundation course, final year trainees have the Instructional course and the young neurosurgeons have the Subspeciality CME. The council was appreciative of the idea and provided suggestions regarding the content of the scientific program, registrations for the course and the technicalities of organizing these CMEs. There were discussions about future company proposals – it was felt that these sponsorships should not be at the cost of their commitment to the national annual conference. After an indepth discussion it was decided to accept the proposal from Intas Pharma and to ask them to give a commitment for at least 3 years.

### **5. Inauguration of NSICON**

This year the Chief Guest for NSICON 2015 would be the Governor of Andhra Pradesh and his office wanted some changes in the Inaugural Function program. The Governor's office wanted only seven people on the dais instead of nine which was accepted. They wanted only four speeches i.e Welcome Speech by the Organizing Chairman, President's Speech, the Chief Guest Speech and the vote of thanks. Dr. V. P. Singh informed the council regarding the protocol for the Inaugural Function for NSICONS as described in the byelaws and that includes also the Secretary's Report and President Elect's Vision Statement. It was decided to go by the NSI Byelaws and protocol – but finish the inaugural program in the time frame stipulated by the Governor's Office. It was also opined to avoid politicians as far as possible and preferably invite academicians as Chief Guests in future conferences.

### **6. CME Convenor's Report**

Dr. N Muthukumar presented the CME report for this year. The CME program has already been published in the NSI newsletter. They have chosen topics that will be of interest to both the residents as well as experts in neurosciences. He informed that although every effort has been made to include speakers who have not participated in the CME program earlier - he has also invited some senior consultants to share their vast experience. Moreover, a "How I do it" Video session has been introduced this year. He further informed the EC that voting pads will be used to make the sessions more interactive. The CME book - Progress in Clinical Neurosciences Volume 30 with 27 chapters divided into seven sections (approximately 276 pages) is ready to be distributed to the delegates during the conference.

Dr. Muthukumar confirmed that Intas had fulfilled their commitments regarding the printing of CME Book. The contribution by Intas has been acknowledged on the copyright page. He further informed that everyone was happy with the collaboration. It was discussed whether the CME Book can be made available on the conference website for the registered delegates so that the same can be downloaded as an eBook. It was felt that this

needed more detailed discussions with the publisher and was left pending. It was also decided that in the future the number of foreign speakers in the CME Program should be restricted to give more chance to local faculty.

## **7. Editor's Report**

Dr. Sanjay Behari presented his detailed report on the performance of Neurology India. He informed that all the 6 issues of Neurology India have been published on time and every effort is being made to publish the journal by the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month of publication. The EC was appreciative of the efforts of Dr. Sanjay Behari to streamline the publishing process.

Dr. Sanjay Behari further informed the council regarding the changes made to the cover page. The main photograph on the cover page should have been taken by a neuroscientist, should highlight India without being religious or institutional and should also have a very high resolution. In addition two small photo inserts are there from the articles being published in that issue. He also informed about the other new initiatives like -Editorial debates: editorials from several viewpoints by different experts focusing on an original article published in the same issue; CENTS (Concepts, Ergonomics, Nuances, Therbligs, Shortcomings); Commentary on a technique or procedure by an expert in the field; Pathology Panorama: article focusing on neuropathology; The Quest: commentary focusing on resident education; Citadels sculpting future: commentary on the history of an eminent neuroscience institute of India; the Fourth Dimension: a summary of some of the recently published seminal papers in Neuroscience over the previous two months and Journey through the Eons: focus on abstract articles in Neuroscience. These features will highlight and enhance the content of Neurology India. Dr. Sanjay Behari further informed the council regarding his future plans regarding video libraries, webinars etc. The council was appreciative of the efforts made by Dr. Sanjay Behari to make the journal more interesting. There was concern regarding the effect on impact factor and regarding self citations. He also informed the council regarding the performance and impact factor of the journal.

Dr. Behari then informed the council regarding the financial aspects of the journal - anticipating an increase in the publishing and printing costs of the journal. He urged the members to seek advertisements from companies so that the financial burden of the journal on the Society can be minimized.

He then appraised the council regarding the effort to upgrade the mailing list. The last two issues have been sent by First Flight couriers at no extra cost to society. The list of two hundred members whose addresses were wrong and to whom NI was not delivered has been forwarded to the Central office for updating. It was also suggested to ask all the members if they want to opt out of getting hard copies.

In the end the council was appreciative of the efforts of Dr. Sanjay Behari and his report was passed unanimously.

## **8. Education Committee Report**

Dr. V. Rajshekhar informed the council that the 2nd Foundation Course and the 8th Educational Course in G B Pant Hospital, Delhi on 8 and 9 August 2015 was attended by over 30 candidates each. In spite of the sad demise of Dr. Sanjiv Sinha on the same day, Dr. Daljit Singh and Dr A K Srivastava conducted the course successfully.

There were discussions as to the number of faculty to be invited to the education course. It was decided to keep the faculty from outside the city of the course to a minimum (not more than ten) and to involve more local faculty.

Dr. V Rajshekhar further informed that the next set of courses will be held on 30 and 31 January 2016 in J J Hospital, Mumbai with Dr. Vernon Velho as the convenor. The responses received thus far were good for the Instructional Course though the registrations for the Foundation Course were not as much. The subsequent course will be in Jaipur under the guidance of Dr. VD Sinha in August 2016. For each course it was decided that upto 10 observers could be accepted whose registration fee would not be refunded.

## **9. Board of Education**

Dr. V. P. Singh informed the council that nominations for the post of Chairman Board of Education and five members were asked for through the newsletter. Only one nomination was received from Dr. V. Rajshekhar for Chairman and two nominations for members - Dr. V. G. Ramesh and Dr. Malla Bhaskar Rao - both from the South. He informed that there were no nominations from other zones. As per protocol a special EC Committee will meet and nominate the members of the board and report in the next EC meeting.

## **10. Private Practitioners' Forum Report**

Dr. Suresh Sankhla presented his report on the Private Practitioners forum. They would be discussing "Careers in private practice in India" and there will be short lectures of 5 minutes each followed by an interactive panel discussion.

Dr. Suresh Sankhla further informed the council regarding the Head Injury Programs supported by NSI since May 2015. The first was a meeting organized by Facebook India on Road Safety Initiative on June 9<sup>th</sup> 2015 at Hyderabad and the second was the Walkathon - a walk for Safer Roads organized by the Save Life Foundation on August 8<sup>th</sup> 2015 at New Delhi.

The council discussed the impact of these activities on the general public. It was suggested to have these activities at the school education level. The council further suggested to Dr. Sankhla to formulate a committee of interested members involving all the zones of the country and try to form a road map for the activities that can make a difference to the society. It was felt that NSI should take a lead in the head injury initiative in the country rather than just support other organizations efforts.

### **11. Young Neuroscientists Forum Report**

Dr. Paritosh Pandey presented his report on the Young Neuroscientists forum. He informed the council that a Facebook page has been started with 406 members. The forum has regular discussions, sharing the problems, thoughts and solutions. It is anonymous and moderated, and hence the privacy of patients is maintained.

He further informed the EC that a 1 hr session is planned for NSICON Hyderabad. This focuses on the needs of the residents finishing the neurosurgery training. He then outlined his future plans for the forum to improve online activities and to liaise with the residents to find out their needs, especially in the Educational courses conducted by NSI.

### **12. Women in Neurosciences Forum**

Dr. Bhawna Sharma appraised the council regarding the forum. She informed that there has not been much input from Dr Asha Bakshi the co-convenor and as yet there was no concrete program for the session. Dr. V. P. Singh suggested that they should have a forum meeting nevertheless and try to discuss the activities desired by the women members.

### **13. Legal Cell Report**

Dr. Daljit Singh informed the EC that the Legal Cell has been formed with the objectives to provide knowledge of Consumer Protection Act to the members, to practice safe medicine ethically so as to minimize the risk of litigations and to guide members in case of litigations against them. NSI shall conduct programs for teaching members so as to achieve these objectives. A Group of Consultants (GOC) would be formed who could be contacted by the members in case of litigation against him/her. The opinion of GOC can be of tremendous help for the doctor in case of litigation.

The members of GOC should have adequate experience in Neurosciences (at least ten years plus) and some basic knowledge about legal issues pertaining to medical practice. There shall be one member from each major Zone of India with a maximum of 11 consultants. GOC shall have Neurosurgeon, Neurologist, Neuroanaesthetist, Neuropathologist and Neuroradiologist. GOC can co opt any member to the group in case he / she is needed for addressing a particular issue related to the case in litigation. The term of each member shall be for three years and new members can be incorporated by the NSI as per the guidelines of Legal Cell. Members may be allowed to continue for the next term if necessary. Dr Daljit Singh suggested some names for the cell but the council opined that the members may be announced in the next council meeting after taking their consent.

Method for Obtaining Opinion from GOC: The member of NSI against whom a case has been registered shall apply to Secretary NSI directly (not through intermediary) for the opinion of GOC quoting his/her NSI membership number. All relevant details pertaining to allegations shall be provided to the GOC without exception. GOC will go through the records and communicate its opinion to the member through the Secretary of NSI. The secrecy of

the GOC opinion shall be maintained by the NSI office and shall not be disclosed to any member, person or organization. The services rendered by GOC shall be free.

Legal Validity - It is clarified that the opinion of the GOC is not binding on the court; however it is likely to have some influence in avoiding harassment in courts/council. In case the GOC is asked to depose its observations in the court, one of the GOC members may be deputed to do so. The expenses incurred for travel /TA/DA /legal reply etc shall be the responsibility of the member against whom the case has been filed.

The council requested Dr Daljit to finalize the finer details regarding the workings and modalities of the Legal Cell.

#### **14. Website Educational Content Report**

Dr. M. Bhaskar Rao informed that he has partially succeeded in improving the educational content on the website. The last Presidential oration and the educational content and lectures from the course conducted at NIMHANS Bangalore have been uploaded on the NSI Website. He informed that he will also try to upload the content of the education program conducted at GB Pant Hospital, New Delhi and that in Mumbai in January 2016. He further explained that he has plans to start a cyber museum with the help of NSI Members. He also put forth his plans to making the educational page on the website more interactive. Suggestions were made regarding starting of webcasts of lectures.

#### **15. Report on the NSI-CNS Simulation Workshop**

Dr. Ashish Suri informed that both the last Workshop at Coimbatore and the current one have been fully subscribed. He informed about the problems faced by him in the conduct of the workshop. He explained that this year the CNS has reduced the number of faculty to two and two national faculty also withdrew at the last minute. It becomes difficult to conduct the workshop if there is no local faculty available. He requested NSI to provide local accommodation for the national faculty at least for the day of the workshop. Modalities of improving the workshop were discussed. Dr. V. P. Singh suggested that the basic modules can be done by the national faculty and the advanced module can be taken up simultaneously on the same day by the CNS Faculty. The council decided to continue the workshop as suggested and resolved that no accommodation shall be provided for the national faculty. The financial implications of the course were also discussed in detail. The CNS has asked for partial reimbursement of expenses and Dr. Ashish Suri was asked to work out the financial arrangements with the CNS and report to the EC. The EC also felt that EC members should not accept any invitation to participate in the preconference workshops / activity on the day of the EC meeting – so that they can fully contribute to the EC discussions.

## **16. Permanent Central Office**

Dr. V.P. Singh informed the council that a decision has already been taken in the midterm EC meeting to have the Central Office as the official address of NSI. Dr. Sarat Chandra informed about the procedure for the change of address as advised by the CA. He informed that an application has to be given in the charity commissioner's office and then passed by the General Body and then sent to the Court. The EC requested Dr. Chandra to expedite the process and asked him to submit a progress report in the next midterm EC meeting.

## **17. CNS Delegation Report**

Dr. R. C. Mishra informed about the NSI Delegation headed by the President NSI - Dr. B. S. Sharma which went to the CNS annual meeting. The NSI Delegation was welcomed cordially. Dr. BS Sharma delivered an impressive lecture though it was not in their plenary session and was in the afternoon sectional meeting. The registration and accommodation of the President, NSI was taken care of. The consensus was to continue the reciprocal arrangements with emphasis on a more interactive venture. He further informed that the MOU is expiring in 2016 and the CNS is keen to renew the MOU.

## **185. SNCLF Paris Delegation Report**

Dr. R. C. Mishra informed that the NSI Delegation to SNCLF Paris was well received and welcomed by them. The NSI delegates who gave presentations were Dr. Keki Turel, Dr. Dilip Panicker, Dr. Paritosh Pandey and himself. Thus from the NSI side 3 out of the seven delegates selected by NSI and included in the SNCLF scientific program did not attend and they were Dr. Sarat Chandra, Dr. V. D. Sinha and Dr. A. K. Purohit. This was not a good reflection on our society. Dr. V. P. Singh announced that as a policy decision of NSI, the members who were nominated once are deemed as gone and will not be considered for further NSI delegations.

## **19. Russian Delegation Report**

Dr. V. P. Singh presented his report on the Russian Friendship meeting. A delegation of 5 NSI members went to the Russian Congress of Neurosurgeons meeting in Kazan from 2nd to 6th June 2016. The delegation consisted of Dr RC Mishra, Dr VP Singh, Dr Keki Turel, Dr Manas Panigrahi and Dr Ari Chacko. The delegation was received by staff from the Burdenko Neurosurgery Institute, Moscow who showed them around the Institute. Next day the delegation went to Kazan and on the 5th of June a joint Indo – Russian symposium was held for 3 hours in English in which 5 Indian speakers and 5 Russian speakers made presentations. This was well attended and appreciated. There was a lot of interaction with the Russian neurosurgeons. The same night a special dinner was organized for the Indian neurosurgeons with the senior Russian neurosurgeons. Overall it was a very satisfying and fruitful meeting and helped to build bridges of friendship with the Russian Neurosurgical Society. A five member Russian delegation is coming to attend the NSICON 2015.



## **20. WFNS-NSI Education Course Report**

Dr. Sanjay Behari presented his report on the WFNS-NSI Education Course which was held from 23rd to 25th January, 2015 at Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow. Around 130 delegates from all over the country and 29 faculty members (including nine foreign faculties) participated in the educational course. The course was well received.

## **21. Neurology India Awards**

Dr. Sanjay Behari proposed to have best paper awards for Neurology, Neurosurgery and Allied Neurosciences instead of the previously decided awards (best original paper, best case report and best letter to Editor). Dr. Behari presented his proposal on the selection process – where the Editor would shortlist the five best papers in each category and then three to five Senior Professors would grade them. For this year Dr. Sanjay Behari has already shortlisted the five papers for each of these three awards. Dr Rajshekhar along with two other senior members would select the winners this year. The council opined that Dr. Rajshekhar along with Dr. Sanjay Behari, Dr. K. Sridhar and Dr. Muthukumar would devise the selection criteria for awards for the future conferences.

## **22. International Liaison Committee**

Dr. C. E. Deopujari appraised the council regarding the International Liaison Committee. He felt that the international friendship Society delegates should be given presentations in prominent slots during the conference. There should also be a proper structure to take up the liaison with various international societies on a long term basis. Dr. R. C. Mishra proposed that the President, the President Elect, the Secretary and the Immediate Past President should constitute the International Liaison Committee ex-officio for adequate communication and continuity. The council accepted the same.

## **23. Congratulations**

Dr. V. P. Singh informed the council that Dr. Ashish Suri has been enrolled as the youngest Fellow of the National Academy of Medical Sciences (India). He also delivered the NAMS Golden Jubilee Commemoration Award Oration on “Simulation Based Skills Training in Neurosurgery and Contemporary Surgical Practices”. He was also selected for National Bioscience Award 2014, Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India and was made an adjunct professor at IIT, Delhi. The council applauded the achievements of Dr. Ashish Suri.

## **24. CNS Report by Dr. Shekar Kurpad**

Dr. V. P. Singh welcomed Dr. Shekar Kurpad – representative of the CNS President to the EC meeting and expressed satisfaction with the ongoing collaboration between the CNS and NSI. Dr. Shekar Kurpad thanked NSI for the welcome given to the CNS delegates. He

informed that for the last two years the CNS President has been attending the NSI annual conference. He also informed that the delegate response for the CNS Simulation Course is improving from year to year. Dr. Kurpad expressed concern about the cost of the workshop and wanted some revenue generation measures. He also suggested the addition of the advanced simulation module which could be chargeable. Another proposal was to market the online learning module SANS on a chargeable basis. These suggestions were discussed by the council and it was decided that Dr Kurpad and Dr Rajshekhar would work on them and come back to the mid-term EC meeting with a concrete plan.

### **25. Need of publishing quarterly newsletters**

Dr. V. P. Singh informed the council that at present the quarterly newsletters are published online and one newsletter ie the November Newsletter goes to the members as a printed hard copy. The council was of the view that there is no need for a physical copy of the newsletter and the same can be done away with. It was suggested to make the necessary changes in the Bye-laws of the society.

### **26. Constitution and Byelaws Printing**

Dr. V. P. Singh informed the council that the constitution and byelaws will be reviewed and the same will be printed and circulated to all the members.

### **27. Election Results**

Dr. R. C. Mishra informed that the election notification was circulated to the members in June 2015 and nominations were received from Dr. Deepu Banerji and Dr. V. G. Ramesh for the post of President Elect. The polling started at midnight of 10th of November 2015 and ended on 15th December 2015 with 346 members casting their vote. He further informed that two observers - Dr. V. S. Mehta and Dr. Girish Menon were appointed. Both the observers have confirmed the fairness of the elections in writing. He announced that the election process is now complete and Dr. Deepu Banerji has won the election for the post of President Elect. The council applauded the effort of Dr. Mishra for the conduct of elections.

### **28. Central Office Report**

Mr. Navneet Arora presented the Central Office report. He informed that updating the membership data is an ongoing process and going on smoothly. The website is also being updated regularly and the website domains and hosting have been renewed for the next 9 years. He further informed that a module has been created in the NSI Website which would allow members to print their membership certificates themselves.

### **29. M. L. Suri Award**

Dr. V. P. Singh informed the council that nominations were invited for the ML Suri Award for outstanding service in rural India. However there were no nominations received in

spite of adequate publicity. There is a need to decide if this award needs to be changed or to continue like this. It was decided to ponder over the issue and discuss the same again in the midterm EC meeting next year.

### **30. International Travel Fellowship Program**

Dr. V. P. Singh informed the council that there were no eligible applications received. Most of the applications were from the residents and hence not qualified. The council was of the consensus that the criteria for granting this fellowship needs to be reviewed and updated.

### **31. Symposia bids for NSICON 2017 Nagpur**

Dr. V. P. Singh informed the council that initially there were no bids for Symposia to be conducted at NSICON 2017 at Nagpur and hence the last day for receiving applications was extended. There were two bids received for Neurosurgery – one from Dr Atul Goel which did not have any details of presentations or speakers and the other from Dr. Deepak Agarwal who is conducting the next year's symposium and there was no bid from Neurology. The EC deliberated upon the lack of enthusiasm in bidding for symposia. It was finally decided that from 2017 onwards the symposium topic and content and speakers can be chosen by the President of NSI that year. It was also decided to put the amendment of the bye law to the general body for approval.

### **32. NSICON 2018 – Bids**

Dr. V. P. Singh informed the council that bids were invited for NSICON 2018. Three bids have been received in time from: Ludhiana – Dr Ashwani Chaudhary, Udaipur – Dr Tarun Kumar Gupta and Jaipur – Dr Hemant Bhartiya. Presentations were made by Dr. Bhawna Sharma in the absence of Dr. Bharatiya, Dr. Tarun Gupta and Dr. Ashwani Chaudhary. Dr. V. P. Singh further informed that the application from Udaipur has come from Udaipur Neurological society but is not signed by the President and Secretary of the society. Regarding the bid from Ludhiana, there is no neuro club registered and the bid has come from Dayanand Medical College and Hospital and not from a Neuro Society. The third bid has come from Jaipur supported by Fortis Escorts Hospital, STM Hospital and Jaipur Neuro club. There is however no letter received from Jaipur Neuro Club supporting this bid.

The matter was discussed in detail and a decision taken that as all the three bids were invalid – fresh bids would be invited in January 2016 (as per byelaws) and a decision taken in the midterm EC.

### **33. NSICON 2016, Chennai**

Dr. K Sridhar presented his report on the planning and preparations for NSICON 2016. He welcomed everyone to the conference and showed a video specially prepared to invite members. The conference will be held from 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> December 2016 with the pre

conference workshop on the 14th. He gave details regarding the various pre conference workshops that are being planned. The theme of the conference would be “Heritage to Modernity, an inspiring saga”. A public awareness program on Brain Health will be organized on the last day afternoon of the conference. He further informed the council that registration for the conference will start in Hyderabad on the first day of NSICON 2015.

#### **34. NSICON 2017, Nagpur**

Dr. Shyam Babhulkar presented the report about the NSICON 2017 Nagpur on behalf of Dr. Lokendra Singh who was unable to come for the meeting. The venue of the conference will be Hotel Centre Point. The dates of the conference will be 30th November to 3rd December 2017. The council requested him to book the rooms at the venue hotel immediately to avoid problems later. He informed that Nagpur is connected by air with 17 cities of the country and is also well connected by rail. He also mentioned names of the organizing committee of the conference. He was informed by the council about the necessity of submission of financial records every two months.

#### **35. Treasurer’s Report**

Dr. Sarat Chandra presented a detailed report regarding the expenses and revenues and the current financial status of the society. The council suggested that the expenses and revenues generated of the different education courses should be mentioned separately so that the financial viability of each course could be determined. He informed the council that till date there has been no contribution received from NSICON 2014, Coimbatore. The necessity of the organizing secretary of NSICONs to regularly submit financial reports to the Treasurer, NSI even before the conduct of the meeting was emphasized and Dr Sridhar, Organising Secretary NSICON 2016 agreed to this. The full Treasurer’s report (balance sheet) is still not ready and Dr Sarat Chandra has been asked to submit it on priority.

#### **36. Letters for Discussion**

Dr. V. P. Singh informed the council regarding the letters received from the members. The first letter was from Dr. V. G. Ramesh which was regarding the conduct of elections. Dr. V. G. Ramesh wrote that though he was in agreement with the process of e-voting, he suggested that an option to cast their votes by ballot papers should be available for those members who are not very handy with computers. The council was of the opinion that the e-voting process was very simple and everyone can vote with minimum of guidance.

Dr. Sandip Chatterjee had written that doctors from east India are not being involved as faculty for the CME or invited speakers. The council was of the opinion that there is no regional consideration in selection of faculty or invited speakers. The council suggested Dr. V. P. Singh to write an appropriate letter in reply to Dr. Sandip Chatterjee seeking his concrete suggestions.

The third letter was from Dr. K T Varughese regarding the acknowledgement of the services of Dr. K. V Mathai towards the development of Neurosciences in the country. It was suggested that Dr. Rajshekhar will write a remembrance for him in Neurology India.

### **37. Any Other matters**

Dr. Deopujari thanked all the members of the EC as well as the members of the past EC for the support given to him during his tenure in the council. The council applauded the efforts of Dr. Deopujari towards the betterment of the society.

### **Closing Remarks**

Dr. B. S. Sharma thanked the council members for the smooth and timely conduct of the meeting and closed the meeting.