

Midterm EC Meeting
May 16-17 2015, Hotel ITC Grand Chola, Chennai

Meeting attended by:

BS Sharma, RC Mishra, VP Singh, P Sarat Chandra, V Rajshekhar, Chandrashekhar Deopujari, Deepu Banerji, Sanjay Behari, Daljit Singh, Ashish Suri, Bhawna Sharma, Geeta Chacko, Malla Bhaskara Rao, N Muthu Kumar, Paritosh Pandey, Suresh Sankhla, Vinay Goyal, V Rajesh Babu and Manas Panigrahi

Special Invitees:

BK Misra
K Sridhar
V G Ramesh

Central Office:

Navneet Arora

Absent with Apologies:

SK Gupta

The President welcomed the members present and called the meeting to order.

2015/MEC/01 - Obituary:

The Secretary Dr. VP Singh informed the EC about the demise of Dr. R M Varma who was the first Director of NIMHANS Bangalore, Prof Subimal Roy who was a former Professor of Neuropathology AIIMS Delhi and Dr Jawahar Dar who was a Neurosurgeon from Delhi. The members of EC stood up in silence to pay homage and respect to the departed souls.

2015/MEC/02 - Approval of minutes Annual EC, GB Meetings, December 2014

The Secretary informed the council that the minutes of the last annual and post conference EC Meetings and GBM held at Coimbatore had already been circulated in the newsletter. The council discussed and approved the same. The President and the Secretary signed the minute book to confirm the minutes.

2015/MEC/03 - Secretary's Report:

The Secretary welcomed all the members present to the meeting and thanked everyone for reposing faith in him. He thanked all the past office bearers for their guidance and

encouragement in the last 6 months. He informed that the meeting has now gone green and the agenda along with the annexures would be circulated electronically only.

Dr V P Singh informed the council regarding the election of Dr. BK Misra as the President of Asian and Australasian Society of Neurological Surgeons. The council congratulated Dr. Misra for the same. The council was apprised of the gracious withdrawal by the official NSI nominee for the President's post Dr Atul Goel at the last minute - to avoid an unpleasant situation.

Dr. Singh informed that the annual conference of Asian and Australasian Society of Neurological Surgeons for the year 2019 is coming to India for the first time. Mumbai will be the venue for the same and Dr. BK Misra will be the Conference President.

He then reported on friendship meeting with various societies. He was happy to report that the Russian society of Neurosurgeons has accepted our proposal to partner NSI this year. Their annual meeting is going to be held in Kazan, Russia from 2nd – 5th June and they have invited an official delegation of 5 members of NSI for the same. There would be a Russian Indian symposium with presentations from both sides. The reciprocal friendship meeting will be held at Hyderabad during the NSICON 2015 and NSI would be hosting the Russian delegation of 5 members. The members of the Indian delegation would be Dr. Keki Turel, who was instrumental in the collaboration, Dr. R. C. Mishra, Dr. V. P. Singh himself, Dr. Manas Panigrahi and Dr. Ari Chacko.

The council was informed that discussions were on with the Spanish Society for collaboration for 2016. For the year 2017 a tentative confirmation has been received from the South African Neurosurgical Society for their meeting in 2017 at Durban. These efforts were appreciated and approved.

The confusion about the impact factor of Neurology India in the last year's GBM was set right by putting on record the figures got from the publishers: **2006 - 0.623, 2007 - 0.645, 2008 - 1.095, 2009 - 0.796, 2010 - 0.834, 2011 - 0.956, 2012 - 1.044, 2013 - 1.084.**

The Secretary informed the council that the NSI Membership now is around 2600 with around 1800 full members comprising 1207 Neurosurgeons, 487 Neurologist full members and 94 Neuro-allied full members. In addition there are approximately 800 associate members. This number appears quite excessive considering that the membership is for only 3 or at most 5 years. Dr. Singh informed the council regarding the efforts being made to induce those associate members who have completed their training to become full members. Dr. RC Mishra raised the issue that there should be some distinction in the associate membership number so that one can distinguish if they are training

neurosurgeons or neurologists and this was accepted. At present we have mobile numbers of 1485 members and proper email addresses of 1888 members. Efforts are being made to update these details.

He further informed that after 17th December 2014 there were 70 new membership applications, out of which 42 applications were complete. These included 15 Full Member Applications and 27 Associate Member applications. One application was rejected as the applicant does not qualify for membership. There were 28 membership applications which were incomplete and are under process. Following are the names of the applicants whose admission to the Society was approved by the EC:

Full Members

1	Dr. Narinder Ahlawat
2	Alugolu Rajesh
3	Bhatt Yogendra B
4	Sachin Ashokrao Giri
5	Harsha KJ
6	Jinendra Kumar R
7	Nandeesh B. N.
8	Devi Chendira Pemmaiah
9	Amol Raheja
10	R Subasree
11	Dr Umesh S
12	Dr Dattaraj Paramanand Sawarkar
13	Dr Manjul Tripathi
14	Ratnakar Vupputuri
15	Qazi Zeeshan

Associate Members

1	Ananth P Abraham
2	Ankur Bajaj
3	Borde Tushar Deepak
4	Neeraj Basantani
5	Debarshi Chatterjee
6	Mohammed Sultan Dar
7	Wilson Prashanth D'souza
8	Ananth Egoor
9	Naresh Kumar G
10	Dhanunjaya Rao Ginjupally

11	Mohanraj G
12	Shruti Gupta
13	Akarsh J
14	Jujuvarapu Dheeraj
15	Yogesh Kataria
16	Chandu Lingolu
17	Lila Aniket Vijay
18	M Mahesh Kumar
19	Adarsh M
20	Santhoshi Poonacha
21	Perikal J Parichay
22	Sandeep Raja Pittala
23	Bhavinkumar Ramesh Chandra
24	Phelix Rufus
25	A. SK. Ahamed Sharief
26	Mrityunjoy Sarkar
27	Bhaskar Satsangi

Dr. Singh also talked about his plans to form a Federation of Neuro-Societies with various sub-specialty neuro – societies. This would meet once a year during the NSI conference and discuss various issues like coordinating dates of different conferences. Discussions were made regarding the same.

2015/MEC/05 - Treasurer’s report - Dr. P Sarat Chandra

Dr. P. Sarat Chandra, Treasurer NSI presented the Treasurer’s report and thanked the past office bearers for their support and guidance in the past few months. He emphasized that it is important for the organizing secretary of the annual conference to maintain the receipts of all income and expenditure for auditing purposes. Full auditing of NSI conference with original copies kept with NSI office has started with NSICON 2015. He then presented the detailed financial report of the society. The NSI account has been opened in NSI Delhi and a sum of Rs 50 lacs has been transferred from the Mumbai account. So far a total of Rs 6,395,788.00 has been received in the account and after the expenditure, the balance amount currently available is Rs 4,737,840.00.

I.	BALANCE IN DELHI ACCOUNT	4,737,840.00
II.	MUMBAI & OTHER ACCOUNTS	

Part A RECEIVED AMOUNT:-

Payment received from Mumbai, NSICON 2013	6,400,000.00
Payment received from Coimbatore, NSICON 2014	500,000.00
Payment received Sponsorships in Agra Account 2014-15	243,000.00

TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED FOR MUMBAI & other ACCOUNTs 7,143,000.00

Part B PAYMENT & EXPENSES:-

Payment made to Editor, Neurology India, Dr J M K Murthy	800,462.00
Payment sent to Editor Neurology India, Dr J M K Murthy,	700,000.00
Money Transferred to NSI, Treasurer Account, Delhi	
From maturity of Fixed deposit of HDFC Bank [42,00,000.00]	5,000,000.00
Payment sent to NSICON 2015, Hyd. Dr Manas Panigrahi,	500,000.00
Payment sent to Secretary office,(for buying tickets)	320,000.00
Payment sent to Website Development etc. to Naman Inc.	53,100.00
Payment made for Thieme Publications Pvt Ltd. For CME book	775,056.00
Money paid for orations (Coimbatore Conference 2014):	
Dachling Pang:62910; Robert Harbaugh: 62910	125,820.00
CNS-NSI fellowship & travelling fellowship awards NSICON 2014:	
1 lifetime @18,180, 14 NSI @10,000, 1 CNS @50,000	26,310.00
Nurses travelling awards 3@1800, 1@2500	7,900.00
TOTAL EXPENSES FOR MUMBAI ACCOUNT	8,361,748.00

Part C FD & INVESTMENTS

A INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK (IOB) MARINE LINES	11,592,688.00
Rs 50, 00, 000/- (Rs Fifty Lakhs). Matured Value	6,459,552.00
Rs 10, 00, 000/- (Rs Ten Lakhs) Maturity value	1,291,911.00
Rs 25,00, 000/- (DOC:- 28/08/2012). Matured amount	3,243,809.00
Rs 5, 00, 000/- (Expires on 28/03/2016	597,416.00

B HDFC BANK	2,843,181.19
FD in HDFC Bank. Rs. 1299942.09 [DOC: 29.08.2014] Maturity	1,421,294.09
Rs.1300482.10 [DOC: 22.09.2014] Maturity 23.09.2015 at 9	1,421,887.10

TOTAL FIXED DEPOSITS FOR MUMBAI ACCOUNT 14,435,869.19

TOTAL BALANCE IN MUMBAI ACCOUNT (after maturation of fds) 13,217,121.19

TOTAL BALANCE IN CURRENT ACCOUNT (WITHOUT FIXED DEPOSITS)

TOTAL BALANCE OF NSI (DELHI & MUMBAI)

DELHI ACCOUNT	4,737,840.00
MUMBAI ACCOUNT	13,217,121.19
MUMBAI ACCOUNT HDFC Bank	647,046.36
OTHERS (AGRA HDFC Bank)	1,502.50
TOTAL NSI ASSETS	17,956,463.69

Dr. Sarat Chandra sought the permission of the council for the appointment of Mrs. Shanta Devi as the Chartered Accountant for the society and an accountant at the same remuneration as the last ones employed by Dr Deepu Banerji. He also sought permission for appointment of an assistant who will be receiving a salary of Rs. 6000/-. Dr. Deepu Banerji also requested for the continuance of his assistants for around 6 months to windup the treasurer's work at Mumbai. All the requests were approved by the council.

2015/MEC/06 - CME Convenor's Report - Dr. N Muthukumar

Dr. N Muthukumar presented his report on the CME to be conducted during the NSICON 2015. There would be a combined session for two hours. The concurrent session in Neurosurgery will have Evidence Based Neurosurgery - Management of Incidental Lesions in Neurosurgery to be followed by a session on Controversies in Neurosurgery, Surgery for Intracranial Arachnoid Cysts and Complications in Neurosurgery. A Consensus Session on Osteoporotic vertebral compression fracture without neurological deficits will then follow and the program will end with a video session. Dr. Vinay Goyal presented his set of topics and speakers in the Neurology section of the program.

The matter of printing the CME Book was also discussed. Dr. V. P. Singh further informed the council that he had received a proposal from Intas Pharma regarding sponsorship of the CME book. The offer was tentatively for three years but positively confirmed for the first year. Intas had requested a full page ad in the beginning of the CME Book. Dr. Singh informed the council that their advertisement will be carried in only those books that will be distributed to the delegates attending the CME or copies which Intas buys for their own distribution. Those books being sold in the market would not have the sponsorship page. He also informed the council that Intas pharma were keen to negotiate and pay the publishers directly. The technicalities regarding the sponsorship i.e. royalty, copyright etc. were discussed in detail. The EC discussed whether a single sponsor or multiple sponsors should be approached for the funding of the CME Book. There was also discussion whether the pharma company should be allowed to negotiate directly with the publisher. The final consensus of the EC was a. A single company may be permitted to sponsor the book (with dissent from Dr BS Sharma and Dr N Muthukumar), b. a general advertisement can only be given, no product advertisement will be allowed c. MCI guidelines need to be appraised before finalizing the sponsorship.

2015/MEC/07 - Editor's report - Dr. Sanjay Behari

The Editor's report was presented by Dr. Sanjay Behari. He informed that the publishing of the first two issues of 2015 has been done on time, but there are some distribution issues that are being streamlined. Dr. Behari informed the council that the journal had 47,050 hits online for the January - February issue and around 10,625 hits for the March - April issue so far. Also at present there are three advertisements on the journal website.

He informed that the Neurology India Bank account has been opened in SBI, SGPGI branch Lucknow. The authorized signatories to the account are Dr. BS Sharma President NSI, Dr. RC Mishra President Elect, Dr. Sarat Chandra Treasurer, Dr. Sanjay Behari Editor, Dr. Awadhesh K. Jaiswal, Dr. RN Sahu, Dr. Arun Srivastava and Dr. Anant Mehrotra. He informed about the appointment of Madhur Jain and Associates, Lucknow as the Chartered Accountants for Neurology India. They are also the official accountants of SGPGI and are noted and trustworthy. This proposal was approved by the EC.

Dr Behari and Dr VP Singh then informed that a new contract to be effective from Jan 2015 has been negotiated and is put to the EC for proposal. The salient features of the contract which are different from the previous contract are as follows:

1. The contract will be for a period of 6 years.
2. There is a new Annual system maintenance fees which would be INR 12,500 + Taxes as applicable. This fee will remain same over the period of the contract.
3. There is also an additional 10% handling charges on the postage charges.
4. The printing cost would be based on actual number of copies and pages printed.
5. For the advertisements for printed issues and for electronic media sourced by the Publisher, the Society will get a royalty of 80% of the amount received.
6. NSI can retain 100% of revenue generated by advertisements in print & online version.
7. There will be a 6% increase in the publishing and printing charges every year.

These changes were approved by the EC and it was decided to get the contract vetted by the lawyers before signing.

In the end Dr. Behari requested all the members to promote Neurology India by sending and quoting articles, review the articles regularly & to generate advertisements.

2015/MEC/08 - Education Committee report - Dr. C. E. Deopujari

Dr. C. E. Deopujari presented the education activities taken up by the NSI in this year. He first informed about the 7th NSI Instructional Course which was held at National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru, Karnataka on 31st January and 1st February, 2015 under the stewardship of Prof B Indira Devi and Dr Dhananjay Bhatt. Apart from faculties of National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences it was attended by eight faculty. The course was attended by 35 final year candidates.

Another 35 candidates of 1st and 2nd year, MCh and DNB from all over India joined for the first time for the foundation course. They attended the model case presentations with the senior batch. Thereafter, they were subjected to various lectures on clinical evaluation and various other aspects required for the beginners.

The next course will be at G. B. Pant Hospital, Delhi on 8th and 9th of August, 2015 under the leadership of Dr A K Srivastav. The January 2016 course will be held at J. J. Hospital, Mumbai by Dr Vernon Velho and the August 2016 course will be held at CMC, Vellore. The sponsorship by Sun Pharma will continue for one more year. The NSI Office will do the flight ticketing & the course expenses will be paid by an education grant from Sun Pharma.

The EC thanked Dr. Deopujari for his stupendous efforts in conceptualizing and steering the education cell activities in his term. Dr. V. Rajashekhar was unanimously chosen as the new convener and Dr. R. C. Mishra and Dr. Malla Bhaskar Rao were nominated as co convenors. Dr. V. P. Singh would be the Ex-officio member as the Secretary of NSI.

2015/MEC/09 - NSICON 2015 – Dr. Manas Panigrahi

Dr. Panigrahi appraised the council members regarding the preparations for NSICON 2015 which is to be held in Hyderabad in December 2015. He detailed about the venue and the other facilities at the venue. There was discussion regarding 3D projection of videos, voting pads for the CME and the option of a conference app during the conference. Logistics for the same were discussed and it was suggested that Dr. Paritosh & Dr. Ashish Suri would help out Dr. Manas Panigrahi in this context.

Dr Panigrahi requested permission to hold a post conference symposium. This was approved subject to the condition that it would not form part of the main conference. It was also clarified that the organizing committee has to provide the venue for Alumni meetings of different institutions on the free evening but food and drinks would need to be paid by the institutions concerned.

Dr. V. P. Singh enquired that the conference had been awarded to the Twin Cities Society and now the local society name has been changed. The matter was discussed in detail and it was decided that some solution will need to be reached regarding the same between Dr. Manas Panigrahi and the NSI Office Bearers.

2015/MEC/10 - Practicing Neuroclinicians Forum Report - Dr. Suresh Sankhla

Dr. Suresh Sankhla informed the council that there were two potential topics for this year's forum. The first one was "**Clinical Research in the laboratory**" and the second one was

“Careers in private practice”. The matter was discussed and the second topic was accepted.

2015/MEC/11 - Young Neuroscientists forum report - Dr. Paritosh Pandey

Dr. Paritosh Pandey planned to have a Panel discussion on ‘How to plan your career after Mch/DNB Neurosurgery’ this year and this was accepted. The forum also planned to encourage online communication using social network like Facebook and Twitter. There were also plans regarding Mentors from International societies for helping in further training and to create a moderated online forum on the NSI website which will facilitate communication among young neurosurgeons. It was suggested to start these things on a small scale first.

2015/MEC/12 - Legal cell report - Dr. Daljit Singh

Dr. Daljit Singh presented a detailed report on his proposal for the Legal Cell of the NSI. He discussed the need for such a cell in view of an alarming increase in litigations against medical professionals. The Aims and Objectives of the cell would be to provide knowledge of Consumer Protection Act, to practice safe medicine ethically so as to minimize the risk of litigations and to guide members in case of litigations against them. The Legal Cell would constitute:

- Consultants with adequate experience in Neurosciences (at least ten years plus) who have some basic knowledge about legal issues pertaining to medical practice
- Two members from Each Zone of India with maximum of 11 consultants
- **Have** Neurosurgeons, Neurologists, Neuroradiologists, Neuropathologists and Neuroanaesthetists.

The council authorised Dr. Daljit to initiate the formation of this legal cell.

2015/MEC/13 - Website Educational Content Report - Dr. M. Bhaskar Rao

Dr. Malla Bhaskar Rao presented his proposals for increasing the educational content on the NSI website. He proposed to start a cyber museum, to update the archives section of the website, to upload the contents of the education and foundation courses conducted by the NSI and to increase the social media interaction on the website. The EC gave permission to Dr. Rao to go ahead with his proposals.

2015/MEC/14 - Spine Cadaver Course Report - Dr. V. Rajshekhar

Dr. Rajshekhar presented a brief report on the Spine Cadaver Course conducted in collaboration with AANS. There were two faculty members from AANS and 7 faculty members from NSI. Dr. Rajshekhar informed that the feedback received was very promising. He proposed to increase the number of attendees and to have an advanced course in the coming year in addition to making it self sufficient. In the end the EC

congratulated Dr. Rajshekhar on the success of the first course and hoped that Dr. Muthukumar who is the next course convenor would take it to greater heights.

2015/MEC/15 - Egypt - NSI Delegation Report - Dr. Suresh Sankhla

Dr. Suresh Sankhla informed the EC about the NSI Delegation to Egypt to attend the 1st International Congress of Neurosurgery, organized by the Dept. of Neurosurgery, Ain Shams University (AINAS), Cairo, Egypt from 16-17 April 2015 and attended by almost 1500 neurosurgeons. The NSI delegation included Dr. Deepu Banerji, Dr. K. Sridhar, and himself and was a consequence of the collaboration with the Pan Arab Society.

2015/MEC/16 - Permanent Central office - Dr. V.P. Singh

The issue of having a permanent central office was discussed. The objectives for having a permanent office was to have a place to store all documents and archives, to have an official communication address for income tax and official purposes and to invest for capital appreciation. The options which were considered were to purchase residential or commercial space or to lease a residential space. There were several problems including the fact that almost all purchases have a cash component; there are significant recurring expenditures like property tax, electricity & water bills, security expenses, employees salary, periodic maintenance – repair work, painting etc; the potential of illegal occupation or in any case of dispute, the litigation problems. Also discussed were who would be responsible for the property - office bearers, one or a group of people in the city. It was felt that the capital appreciation was only notional – it is unlikely that a situation will arise that we need to liquidate the property. The option to rent out a property (especially commercial area) was not considered viable as there was risk of losing 80 G exemption status if we have regular rental income.

The alternatives for the same could be to use the CAs address or Central Office's address as the official Society address. Initiative could be taken up to sort out the large number of documents collected over time and to keep only those which are important in digital format.

Dr. V. P. Singh sought the opinions of the council for the same and the matter was discussed in detail. The EC was of the consensus that instead of purchasing an office it would be better to have either the CA's office or the Central Office as the registered communication address. A decision was taken to change the office address to the Central Office as Mr Navneet was agreeable to take up the responsibility without any additional expenditure.

2015/MEC/17 – International Fellowships - Criteria for award - Dr. V.P. Singh

Dr. VP Singh informed the EC that there were plans to increase the number of international fellowships and he sought the opinion of the EC to formulate the criteria for granting these fellowships. The following points were approved.

1. Should be a life member of the NSI
2. Age should be less than 45 years of age or 7 years after completing MCh/DNB.
3. Should be an invited speaker or have a platform or poster presentation in a world or continental conference of neurosciences or should be going for training not available in India.
4. Have to give an estimated total expenditure with break up and expected sources of funding.
5. Have to apply at least four months prior to the conference or training period.
6. All applications will be pooled and decided by a committee in end March, June, September and December.
7. The deciding committee would comprise the President, President elect, Secretary & Treasurer.
8. The amount disbursed would be limited to Rs 50,000 or 50% of the airfare – whichever is less.
9. A total of 2 scholarships will be given every quarter.
10. Before disbursement the candidate has to submit his travel ticket with boarding passes and an account of all the expenditure and various grants received.
11. A person can get the NSI grant only once in a lifetime.
12. The decision of the committee will be final.

2015/MEC/18 - Life time achievement awards

Dr V P Singh informed the council that nine nominations have been received for lifetime achievement awards. Dr C E Deopujari informed that Dr. Homi M. Dastur had already received the lifetime achievement award and hence cannot be considered. Dr R C Mishra mentioned that Dr N D Vaishya had also been nominated last year. It was also resolved to increase the number of these awards from 3 to 5 awards per year as the number of potential awardees had increased. It was also decided that the nominations received would be valid for a period of three years. Appropriate changes would be made in the byelaws of the society.

The nominees chosen for this year were Dr Balaparmeshwar Rao - Hyderabad, Dr Raja Reddy – Hyderabad, Dr V Raghav Reddy - Hyderabad, Dr Sarala Das - Bhubaneswar and, Dr N D Vaishya – Gwalior. Communication will be sent to all those nominated and airfare travel and local hospitality will be provided. The remaining nominations Dr. I. Dinakar, Dr.

K.Srinivasan, Dr. M. B. Pranesh, and Dr. Sunil K. Pandya shall be considered for the next two years without the need for further nomination.

2015/MEC/19 - Curriculum Committee meeting update

Dr V P Singh mentioned that the uniform curriculum report was sent as a mass mail to all the members and also posted on the NSI website on 23rd February, 2015 – inviting suggestions. Dr V G Ramesh informed all suggestions received had been deliberated upon. A final proposal has been submitted which contains the minimum facilities required, contents of the course, duration of the course and the pattern of examination. This document is now ready to be submitted to MCI and the National Board of Examinations. Dr Daljit Singh mentioned that he had been approached by the MCI for the neurosurgery course curriculum and his help was asked to forward the NSI curriculum committee report to them. The council congratulated Dr V G Ramesh and Dr Sarat P Chandra along with Dr B S Sharma for this commendable effort.

2015/MEC/20 - NSI AASNS meeting 2019

Dr Basant Misra made a proposal for a joint AACNS and NSI meeting in 2019 as was done in Jeju Island where the AACNS 2015 was combined with the Korean Neurosurgical Society meeting. They had a very successful outcome with nearly 1500 participants. He has requested for the details of profit sharing between KNS, AASNS and Kenes (the official PCO till 2019) from the organizers of 2015 meeting. If NSI is not combined with AASNS, all the profit will go to AASNS account after paying the fees of Kenes. If NSI is combined with AASNS then some profit can come to NSI also. Dr Misra expected a minimum profit of Rs 1 crore. If there are separate AACNS and NSI meetings in 2019, it will definitely affect the attendance at both meetings adversely. Hence it was proposed to combine AASNS and NSI in 2019 for a win-win situation for both organizations.

It was proposed that the first day could be exclusive NSI meeting with the Presidential and other designated orations, the Award paper sessions and free papers if needed. The second to fourth day could be AACNS meeting with maximal involvement and accommodation of NSI members. Separate neurology sessions can be held in one hall everyday. The next generation of young neurosurgeons of India will have an opportunity to showcase their work and develop friendship and network with neurosurgeons from abroad. The meeting will be in November 2019 in Mumbai. The registration fee shall be 350 USD. Dr B S Sharma is the proposed Organizing Chairman and Dr R C Mishra is the organizing secretary for the event, and Dr Basant Misra would be the Congress President.

The council was very appreciative of the proposal and it was agreed to accept the proposal for a joint AASNS – NSI meeting in 2019. The modalities will be worked out in co-ordination with Dr Basant Misra.

2015/MEC/21 – M L Suri Award guidelines

Dr V Rajshekhar proposed that the M L Suri award for Cost Effective Medicine--- be converted to the M L Suri Award for Outstanding Service in a Rural Area with the following selection criteria:

The award shall be given to Life Members of the NSI of at least 10 years standing who have provided outstanding service in neurological sciences in a rural region of the country.

The candidate should preferably be working in a not-for-profit organization, either government or private.

Outstanding service should be for at least 5 years.

Rural region of the country defined as areas with a population of less than 49,000 (tier-3 to tier-6 cities- Reserve Bank of India)

Nominations will be invited in the March Newsletter and the last date for nominations will be 31 July of that year. The nominations should be supported by documents which prove the requisite credentials of the candidate.

The awardee will be chosen by a committee consisting of the President, President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor and Two past Presidents.

The awardee shall receive a cheque of Rs. 10000 and a certificate. The awardee's conference registration fees will be waived that year.

The council approved the same after deliberations.

2015/MEC/22 – Co-ordination with other societies IAN and ASSI

Dr V P Singh informed that he had discussions with Dr Gagandeep Singh - Secretary IAN. It is proposed that a lecture by President IAN can be had during NSICON plenary session for 20 min duration and this shall be reciprocated in the IAN meeting. They have agreed for this proposal but they will start the same from 2016 meeting. NSI will start from this year.

Dr V Rajshekhar proposed a joint session with the NSSI this year – reciprocating their hospitality earlier. This is a onetime activity.

2015/MEC/23 - NSICON 2015 Hyderabad

Dr R C Mishra mentioned that the scientific programme for 2015 is very premature at this stage. The orators for the Ginde oration is and for the Tandon oration is

2015/MEC/24 - NSICON 2014 Coimbatore Accounts

Dr V Rajesh Babu presented the accounts of NSICON 2014 and mentioned that the total savings from the conference are Rs 13,79,436/-. The accounts were as follows

1-Apr-2013 to 13-Apr-2015

NSICON-2014		NSICON-2014	
Particulars	1-Apr-2013 to 13-Apr-2015	Particulars	1-Apr-2013 to 13-Apr-2015
Gross Profit c/o	20113634.02	Direct Incomes	20113634.02
	20113634.02	Service	6119620.00
Indirect Expenses	18858825.05	Income(Registration Fees)	
Audio Vedio Rental Expenses	2303380.00	Service Income(Sponser)	961198.00
Bank Charges	1170.05	Service Income(Stall)	10355706.02
Barcoding Exp	592989.00	Sponsorship	2677110.00
Clarion Hotel			20113634.02
Commission- Gate Way	69292.00	Gross Profit b/f	20113634.02
Computer Maintanance	37050.00	Indirect Incomes	124628.00
Design Expenses	98700.00	Credit Interset Capitalised	124628.00
Entertainment Expenses	494680.00		
Event Management Expenses	621178.00		
Event Management Fees	650000.00		
Furniture Hire Charges	929550.00		
Gate Way Anual Fees	41169.00		
Generator Rental	26100.00		
Gift Expenses	456240.00		
INSURANCE PAID	155749.00		
Legal Fees	25000.00		
Meeting Expenses	55411.00		
Printing Expenses	1462777.00		
Rental for Stall Expenses	130000.00		
Room Rent	323000.00		
SINN NURSES EXP	20000.00		
Sofeware Development Charges	80000.00		
Spouses Programme Expenses	25000.00		
Stage and Deceration Expenses	378800.00		
Travelling Expenses	517367.00		
Venue Expenses	9122223.00		
Video & Photography Expenses	220000.00		
Web Hosting Expenses	22000.00		
Nett Profit	1379436.97		
Total	20238262.02	Total	20238262.02

The council felt very concerned over the low profits. It was resolved that the current and the past treasurer would go through the accounts and identify the reasons for the high expenditure and suggest remedial measures. Dr Deepu Banerji asked Dr Rajesh Babu to send all the original bills to get them audited and incorporated in the NSI accounts.

2015/MEC/25 - NSICON 2017 Nagpur

Dr V P Singh presented the NSICON 2017 report on behalf of Dr Lokendra Singh. The conference would be at Hotel Centre Point and the hall available there are as follows.

S.NO.	HALL NAME	SIZE	CAPACITY (THEATRE)
1	Palacio	10500 sq.ft – Big	1000 Pax
2	Millenium	5124 sq.ft – Medium	500-600 Pax
3	Sapphire	7500 sq.ft – Big	400- 450 Pax
4	Grand Millenium	4256 sq.ft – Medium	250 -300 Pax
5	Sammelan	2500 sq.ft – Small	200 Pax
6	Solitaire	1700 sq.ft – Small	100 Pax
7	Platinum	1400 sq.ft	60 Pax

A number of rooms at high quality hotels have been identified in the price range of Rs 5000 to 8000 plus taxes for single occupancy.

The organizers had requested for the conference to be held in end November as the Maharashtra Assembly would be convened in Nagpur in December for a month and getting hotels would be both difficult and expensive. The council deliberated on the revised dates and approved the same.

2015/MEC/26 - NSI Elections 2015

Dr R C Mishra informed that for this year there shall be elections only for one post – President Elect. This shall be circulated in the upcoming newsletter.

2015/MEC/27 - NSICON 2016 Chennai

Dr K Sridhar presented his report for the preparations for NSICON 2016 at Chennai. He mentioned that Dr V G Ramesh will be the organizing chairman and other senior neurosurgeons and neurologists of Chennai would be in the organizing committee. He himself shall be the organizing secretary.

The proposed theme of the conference is ‘Brain Health’. The dates of the conference will be from 14th to 18th December, 14th shall be the EC meeting and pre-conference meetings, 15th

shall be the CME day and 16th -18th shall be the main conference. The proposed preconference workshops were neuro-criticare, neuro-intervention, cadaver dissection and electro physiology. The council suggested Dr Sridhar to be in touch with Dr Ashish Suri who is in charge of the preconference workshops and discuss the details. The pre-conference workshops will have separate registration, they shall be self funding and all the expenses / income of the workshops shall be routed through the NSICON account. CNS-CNS simulation workshop shall be organised by the Society. The organizers wanted the public awareness program to be on 18th December ie the last day of the conference. The council agreed for the public awareness program to be from 2 to 3.30pm on 18th. Dr Sridhar mentioned that a small film inviting people to the conference would be prepared and uploaded on NSI website as well as played at major conferences.

The venue is ITC Grand Chola which is near the airport and has all the amenities required for the conference. 300 rooms have been blocked at Rs 7250+tax for a single room and Rs 7750/-+ tax for a double room including breakfast. In addition there are several hotels with varying charges around the venue. All the members had a tour of the venue. The council approved the same and were appreciative of the preparations. The registration fee was proposed to be kept the same as Hyderabad. Dr Sridhar requested the council to allow them to start registrations from August at Rs 8500/- to generate initial funding for the conference but the EC did not accept this and decided that registrations for 2016 would start during the NSICON meeting in Hyderabad in December. The council authorized Dr Sridhar to open an account in NSICON 2016 Chennai and necessary documents desired by the bank were handed over. The three names suggested by Dr Sridhar for the NSI nominee were Dr G Arjundas, Dr Soundappan and Dr Reginauld and the EC decided on Dr G Arjundas. The signing authorities shall be any two of the three - Dr K Sridhar, Dr Sarat Chandra and Dr Arjundas.

2015/MEC/28 - Increasing Seed money for future NSICONs

Dr Sridhar requested to increase the seed money to Rs 15 lakhs. The council after lot of deliberations decided to increase the seed money for conferences to Rs 10 lakhs and a cheque of Rs 10 lakhs as seed money was handed over to Dr Sridhar for the initial expenses. The bye laws will be updated accordingly.

2015/MEC/29 - NSI-CNS workshop

Dr Ashish Suri proposed the third NSI-CNS workshop to be conducted on 16th December at Hyderabad in 2 halls on 5 modules including one advanced module. Three modules will be coming from US and two from AIIMS Delhi. For the NSI-CNS course at Hyderabad it was resolved that the residents fee shall be refunded whereas the consultants shall have to pay. It was also decided that all the participants would need to be registered for the conference.

Dr Suri proposed a 2 week 'Skills Training' advanced module at the Skills Lab at AIIMS for which a non-refundable fee would be charged and sought the NSI endorsement. There will be no expenditure by AIIMS. The accommodation of the resident can be covered by grants and fellowships from the society. Three residents can be trained at one time. Dr Deopujari suggested that it should not be limited to only residents. It was resolved that Dr Suri will come up with the details for approval and then it can be advertised on the website.

2015/MEC/30 - WFNS 2021

Dr V P Singh mentioned that there were 5 countries who have bid for WFNS 2021 namely Dubai, Yokohama, Columbia, Indonesia and South Africa. The council resolved that NSI shall vote for Yokohama.

Dr V P Singh also mentioned that Australia, Malaysia and China have bid for the WFNS Interim meeting for 2019. The council members resolved that NSI shall vote for Australia.

The names of the new office bearers of the NSI have to be informed to WFNS Office so that NSI officials are communicated correctly. Dr V P Singh requested the council members to inform him who all shall be going to Rome so that the NSI nominees for the WFNS executive meeting may be communicated to WFNS.

2015/MEC/31 - Letters for discussion

The first letter was from Dr. Chitra Sarkar who proposed to have an award in the name of the late Dr Subimal Roy. The council deliberated over the issue. The council was of the opinion to name the award for best paper in Allied Neurosciences as Dr Subimal Roy best paper award. This award is for a period of 5 years.

Since more requests for awards may be received in future, it was further resolved to nominate the President and two past presidents to formulate guidelines for the constitution of awards. The committee would present the guidelines in the annual EC meeting in December.

The next letter was from Dr. Asha Bakshi who sought to highlight the role of women in neurosurgery. She proposed that a group of women neurosurgeons be formed and she volunteered to be the co-ordinator. The council was of the opinion that it was a good idea and expanded it to a 'Women Neurosciences Forum' which would be allotted a one hour session at the same time as the Young Neuroscientist Forum. The council opined that Dr Bhawna Sharma will be the Convenor of this group and Dr Asha Bakshi will be the Co convenor.

The third letter was from Dr. Bhawna Sharma who wanted to discuss how to enlarge the diminishing role of neurologists in NSI and to explore the convergence of allied specialities of neurosciences in improving quality medical education and adding value to patient care. She presented her view of combining morning sessions for neurosurgeons, neurologists and allied by taking common topics of interest. The council was of the view that she could help formulate the scientific program in NSI Conference to make it more attractive for neurologists.

The next letter from Dr. Suresh Sankhla suggested that NSI should play an active role in head injury management policies, formation of guidelines and protocols, education and training programs, public awareness campaigns, liason with the regional and central government authorities etc. The council deliberated on this issue and felt that there are other groups and bodies involved dedicatedly in this mission and NSI can actively join, endorse and support them and if possible emerge as the leader. Resolved that Dr Suresh Sankhla can take the lead and prepare the modus operandi to co-ordinate such activities from all aspects and present his report in December EC meeting.

Another letter from Dr. Malla Bhaskar Rao proposing the formation of Presidents club to guide the Society was discussed. The council felt that all past presidents are already invited to the annual EC meetings and no purpose would be served by forming a separate club. He also mentioned that NSI should do something about the Nepal earthquake. The council was of the opinion that the Nepal government has requested that no further teams are needed.

The next letter was from Dr. Maheswar K regarding the expenditure in hosting the 20 member EC committee in a 7 star hotel for inspection and the burden on the regional Neuro Club. The council was of the opinion that it is necessary to have a midterm meeting for the effective functioning of the Society. Having this meeting in the future conference venue enables the executive to inspect the venue and ensure that the requirements for the smooth conduct of the conference are met. The midterm EC meeting is a part of the conference preparations and the expenditure on this meeting is only a very small percentage of the total conference budget. It was felt that midterm EC meeting should continue as at present. Another issue raised was whether the EC members should be accommodated for 5 days by the organizing committee during the conference. The council was of the opinion that there are 3 official meetings EC-1, GB and EC-2 and hence the EC members have to stay for all the conference days.

The last letter was from Dr Hemant Bhartiya related to the movie Gabbar. The council was of the opinion that it need not be discussed as the movie had no relevance with ethical practice.

2015/MEC/32 - Organizing NSICONS by NSI

Dr Deepu Banerji mentioned that the NSI conferences are organized by local Neuro Clubs on behalf of the NSI. Though all finances have been managed by the local organizing committee – the Secretary and the Treasurer of NSI would also be liable in case there is any impropriety or dispute. So far the conferences have always made profits and contributed to the Society, but if there is a loss during the conference organization the Society would legally be responsible. In the present scenario the NSI Treasurer comes into the picture only after the conference is over. Dr Banerji proposed that the conferences be organised directly by NSI. The council deliberated the matter at length and was of the opinion that it will be difficult for the EC to handle the conference from a different city. Even with a conference organiser it would be practically impossible for the Secretary or Treasurer to look at the detailed arrangements. At present hosting the NSI conference actually brings the various Society members of the city together and it becomes a matter of pride for the local organizers to have a good conference in their city. At present the scientific program is prepared by NSI and if the conference is handled by NSI directly - there will be nothing left for the local organizers to do. Dr V P Singh suggested using a separate PAN card by the local organizers for the conference. Dr C E Deopujari suggested hiring an event manager for the next few conferences. Dr Sarat Chandra wanted to fix maximum rates for all activities including audiovisuals and fabrication and form guidelines for the same. After lot of deliberations voting was done on three options a. the same process shall continue b. an intermediate option where the NSI Treasurer is the deciding authority over the expenses c. NSI takes care of the conference totally. The EC decided on the intermediate way and suggested that the Treasurer and a member from the city nominated by the EC can be the signing authorities. The NSI Treasurer has to monitor the finances both income and especially expenditure since the inception of the conference. Any major expenditure or arrangement should be done in consultation with the NSI Treasurer. It was also resolved to have a periodic audit of the conference expenditure by the NSI Treasurer.

2015/MEC/33 - Board of Education Proposal

Dr C E Deopujari discussed that educational activities and scientific exchanges have been the backbone of our Society over the years and continue to remain the strongest bond across generations and strata of membership. Since 2011 the neurosurgical educational activities have been conducted by the Education Cell. He proposed the constitution of a Neurosurgery Board of Education (NBE) which would oversee all the academic activities of the NSI and would be answerable to the Society.

The aims of the board are

1. To oversee all the non conference related neurosurgical educational activities of NSI.
2. To provide a roadmap for neurosurgical education in the country.

The objectives are

A. Curriculum and standards formulation

NBE shall be the nodal agency to formulate a uniform curriculum for neurosurgical training in the country. It shall also suggest standards for neurosurgical training centres. It shall also be the point of contact of the Neurological Society of India with the governmental agencies that regulate neurosurgical education in the country.

It shall involve senior NSI members (minimum of 7) involved in neurosurgical education in the formulation and updating of the curriculum and standards. The curriculum and standards shall be updated once in 5 years at a minimum and more often if found necessary. These updated documents will be shared with the governmental regulatory authorities every 5 years.

B. Instructional courses and workshops

NBE shall conduct instructional courses and workshops for the benefit of its associate and life members and international members. These courses will include but are not limited to: NSI Educational Course, NSI Foundation Course, NSI Spine Workshop, pre-conference neurosurgical workshops and CNS-NSI Simulation course. The Board may propose the conduct of additional CMEs and other instructional courses in future which shall not conflict with the CME or other instructional courses conducted during the Annual Conference.

C. Create online educational content

NBE shall, in concert with the Editor of Neurology India and Web Editor, create online educational content for neurosurgeons. This could take the form a self assessment course that could be delivered online and provide CME credit hours.

D. Develop subspecialty fellowships

NBE shall strive to create accredited subspecialty fellowships through the establishment of an Indian College of Neurosurgical Education (ICNE). NBE will determine the eligibility criteria for candidates applying to these fellowships and will be the nodal point for application to these fellowships although the final selection of candidates shall be left to the individual training centres. It shall create course content, recommend course duration, identify centres where such training could be undertaken and conduct exit examinations. The ICNE will also be authorized to issue course completion certificates to successful candidates.

E. Selection of beneficiaries for traveling and other fellowships offered by NSI

NBE shall select members for the awarding of traveling and other fellowships offered by NSI in a transparent and efficient manner. The Board may evolve selection criteria which could include the administration of tests to choose the beneficiaries.

COMPOSITION OF THE NEUROSURGERY BOARD OF EDUCATION (NBE)

1. Chairman – One Post

Eligibility– Any member who is currently a full time head of the department in a teaching centre having an approved M.Ch. and DNB programs and has been a EC member in the past. Selection of Chairman – The chairman will be selected by a committee comprising the President, President elect, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer and editor from among the applicants after a notification by the Honorary Secretary in the Newsletter of the NSI. The application for the post of Chairman should be recommended by 2 full members of the NSI. The name of the selected member should be approved by the EC of the NSI and the decision of the EC will be final and announced at the GB.

Tenure of the Chairman - 1 year as chairman elect 2 years as Chairman. The selection will take place once in 2 years

2. Members of NBE – Five Posts (1 from each zone – North, South, East, West and Central)

Eligibility – Any member who is a Professor/Sr. Consultant with a minimum of 10 years experience as a teacher and is currently working as a teacher in any M.Ch./DNB training center.

Selection of members - The members for the NBE will be selected once in 2 years by a committee comprising of the President, President-Elect, and Honorary Secretary & Treasurer from among the applicants after the notification by the Honorary Secretary in the Newsletter of the NSI. The selection of members will be in consultation with the Chairman NBE. The names of the selected members should be approved by the EC of the NSI and the decision of the council will be final.

3. Ex-officio members

The President, President-Elect, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer and Editor will be the ex-officio members of NBE.

Tenure

Tenure of members of NBE will be 2 years. A member may be eligible for selection for another term of 2 years only once.

Meetings of NBE

The Chairman will interact on a regular basis with all the members of the Board and shall convene a meeting of the NBE at a suitable time and date. At least one meeting shall take place every year. During this meeting the planning for the activities of next academic year must be made to avoid clash of date with zonal activities.

Interactions with NSI EC

The Chairman will be a special invitee to the EC meetings of the NSI when matters pertaining to the NBE are being discussed.

The council deliberated over the proposal in great detail and approved the same and decided to work on it to form a board and take it further. The selection of the chairman of the board, shall be through a process of inviting applications to the committee consisting of Dr B S Sharma, Dr R C Mishra, Dr V P Singh, Dr Sarat Chandra and Dr Sanjay Behari. The education cell shall continue to function till the board of education comes into effect.

2015/MEC/34 - President's Vision Statement

Dr B S Sharma mentioned that he has written to SAARC countries and many aspirants have come to attend fellowships and conferences. More participation is expected in the coming time. SAARC neuroscientists will be treated as par as Indian counterparts.

2015/MEC/35 - Action Taken Report

Dr V P Singh mentioned that most of the points have been covered from the last meeting and hence nothing in particular is left to be discussed from the last meeting.

2015/MEC/36 - Central Office Report

Navneet Arora presented the report on the jobs taken up during the first half of the year which included data sanitation, website updation, new memberships etc. All the website updations have been routed through the secretary office. The most important achievement was that membership certificates and conference certificates can be printed by the member himself and need not be given by the organization. Dr V P Singh felt that the transition phase is almost over and all the activities including the website are being taken up by the central office. The council was appreciative of the same.

Concluding the meeting, Dr V P Singh in the absence of the President and President Elect thanked all the Council Members for their active participation, support and co-operation. The EC also thanked Dr K Sridhar for all the arrangements and the warm hospitality. The meeting was declared closed.