

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held at 3:00 PM on 18th December, 2008 in the Seminar Room Department of Internal Medicine AFMC, Pune

The meeting was attended by Dr. B. K. Misra , Dr. V.S.Mehta, Dr. V.K. Khosla, Dr. B. S. Sharma, Dr. Ravi Ramamurthi, Dr. K. Ganapthy, Dr. K. Bhattacharya, Dr. C.E. Deopujari, Dr. V. Rajshekhar, Dr. A.S. Narayanswami, Dr. P.N. Tandon, Dr. A.K. Banerji, Dr. S. R. Dharker, Dr. S.N. Bhagwati and Dr. S. Kalyanraman.

Dr. B.K. Misra President , NSI chaired and called the meeting to order. A 2 minutes silence was observed in memory of Dr. Setti S. Rengachari, Dr. Yoshio Suzuki and the victims of recent Mumbai tragedy. Secretary NSI, was requested to send condolence message to the family of Dr. Setti S. Rengachari and Dr. Yoshio Suzuki.

Secretary's report was presented by Dr. B.S. Sharma. It was confirmed, proposed by Dr. Ravi Ramamurthi and seconded by Dr. B.K. Misra. The EC requested the present Secretary Dr. B.S. Sharma to get January, 2009 newsletter printed at the earliest.

Following are the minutes of the meeting :

- 2008/Dec./EC/01** The minutes of NSI representatives and NBE officials meeting were briefed. It was decided in the meeting that 6 year DNB in Neurosurgery will be restarted. The curriculum for 3 year and 6 year DNB has been sent to the Executive Director, National Board of Examinations.
- NBE showed interest in carrying out joint academic activities with NSI.
Dr. S. Kalyanaraman will be the convenor of the core group.
- 2008/Dec./EC/02** Orators for Dr. Ginde oration and Dr. Ramamurthi Oration for 2009 to be decided by the committee & EC to be informed.
- 2008/Dec./EC/03** Dr. K. Bhattacharya proposed the topic of "Muscle diseases" for Neurology Symposium and he was nominated the convenor. Dr. H.S. Bhatoe proposed the topic of "Craniopharingioma" and he was nominated convenor for the Neurosurgery symposium 2009 annual conference at SGPGI, Lucknow.
- 2008/Dec./EC/04** The bid for NSI Conference 2010 sent by Dr. R. S. Mittal, Professor & Head SMS Medical College, Jaipur was not found in order as it did not come through a any state / city neuro club. EC decided to invite bids again. The last date of submission of fresh bids is 31st March 2009. The final decision will be made by EC after fresh bids are submitted.
- 2008/Dec./EC/05** The date of next mid term executive meeting (usually 2-3rd week of May) will be finalized by the President and EC members will informed accordingly.
- Prof. A.K. Banerji's suggestion of electronic meeting (Teleconferencing) instead of venue meeting in mid session, was discussed at length but EC did not agree. It was decided to hold mid executive meeting and inspect the venue of the conference as usual.
- 2008/Dec./EC/06** Regarding item for constitutional amendment "attendance of at least 2 out of last 5 annual conferences should be included as criteria for eligibility to contest for EC office bearer", one objection from Dr. S.N. Bhagwati indicating his reluctance to this constitutional amendment was read. EC did not agree with him. However, Dr. S.N. Bhagwati pointed out that a note of dissent should be recorded.
- 2008/Dec./EC/07** A committee including 9 NSI members who attended last meeting in USA has been formed to look after various academic and financial issues pertaining to NSI-CNS combined friendship meeting in New Orleans October, 2009. The efforts and contributions of Dr. Jogipattisapu and his team for arranging financial help to residents

- and NSI members working in non practicing jobs were appreciated. It was informed that participants should search website www.cns.org for last date of abstract submission and other details. It was discussed that younger members and residents of the society should be encouraged to participate in this meeting. There is a competition for residents and for one resident from India who wins the competition everything (travel, accommodation and registration) will be free. Dr. B.K. Misra was advised to write for funds from WFNS for attending this conference in New Orleans in 2009.
- 2008/Dec./EC/08** From 2009 ONLY electronic submission of abstracts will be accepted through an abstract centre in the website.
- 2008/Dec./EC/09** Members should ask for their login password from webmaster Dr. V. Rajshekhar for any change in their post address and profile. It was decided to announce this in GBM.
After obtaining the login password from the webmaster, the members can themselves change their addresses available in the Excel format on the website. At present there are 3 address lists in circulation. It was decided that Secretary, Treasurer and Editor should coordinate and finalize one address list in Excel format. The correction of address and issuing of address list on demand to members will be responsibility of the Treasurer.
- 2008/Dec./EC/10** It was decided that the incoming new executive should make a uniform electronic latterhead for routine use and NSI website should have linkage with WFNS website calendar.
- 2008/Dec./EC/11** The audited statement of Agra conference has been received by Dr. Ravi Ramamurthi, Treasurer, NSI and found in order.
- 2008/Dec./EC/12** Dr. B.K. Misra was authorized to write a letter to Dr. A.K. Singh for a meeting before the Neuro-oncology conference. Dr. V.K. Khosla and Dr. V.S. Mehta were nominated to prepare combined guidelines for brain tumor management with Neurooncology Society.
- 2008/Dec./EC/13** It was reiterated that next year's theme of neurosurgical CME at Lucknow should be on "Management of brain tumors - evidence based approach".
- 2008/Dec./EC/14** Treasurer's Report was presented by Dr. Ravi Ramamurthi was confirmed, proposed by Dr. K. Ganapathy and seconded by Dr. B. S. Sharma. EC authorized Dr. Ravi Ramamurthi and Dr. K. Ganapathy to be the signatory and operate NSI accounts till 31st March, 2009, after which the Treasurer, Dr. Ravi Ramamurthi will transfer the account to the incoming Treasurer, Dr. C.E. Deopujari. Dr. B.K. Misra was authorized as signatory in addition to Treasurer Dr. C.E. Deopujari, to operate the NSI accounts in Mumbai from the new financial year.
- 2008/Dec./EC/15** The Editor was unable to attend the meeting and his report was not presented.
- 2008/Dec./EC/16** Dr. B.K. Misra informed that there will be free registration for residents from India for WFNS conference in Boston in 2009.
- 2008/Dec./EC/17** CME convenor's report was presented by Dr. V. Rajshekhar it was confirmed, proposed by Dr. Ravi Ramamurthi and seconded by Dr. B. S. Sharma. Dr. P.N. Tandon reiterated the issue of relevance of basic scientists as speakers in the CME programmes.
- 2008/Dec./EC/18** Webmaster's report read by Dr. V. Rajshekhar. The new features of website were reported. All members are encouraged to visit the website and update their profile.
- 2008/Dec./EC/19** EC decided that M.L. Suri award for cost effective management in Neurology is changed to "M.L. Suri Award for best paper in Neurosciences".

2008/Dec./EC/20 1353 ballot papers were dispatched and 355 were received back. Non receipt of ballot papers, the Journal Neurology India and Secretary NSI's Newsletter by members was discussed. It was decided that there will be single database of addresses of members which will be web-based. The members are requested to cooperate and inform change of address to Treasurer / OR directly change on the website after obtaining a login and password. It was also decided that from next year the ballot papers will be accepted till 5 PM of the first day of annual NSI Conference i.e. CME day.

The following were declared elected

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| 1. President (Elect) | Dr. S. Prabhakar |
| 2. Treasurer | Dr. C.E. Deopujari |
| 3. EC Membres | A Neurosurgery
Dr. Deepu Banerjee
Dr. R.C. Mishra |

The following were declared elected unopposed.

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| Secretary | Dr. V. Rajshekhar |
| Editor (Neurology India) | Dr. J.M.K. Murthy |
| EC Members | Neurology
Dr. Apoorva Pauranik
Dr. M.A. Aleem |
| Allied Neurosciences | Dr. N. Khandelwal |

Dr. Deepu Banerjee was nominated as CME Convenor and Dr. Apoorva Pauranik as Co-convenor.

2008/Dec./EC/21 Dr. Prabhakar's proposal "Editor should be selected one year before -----" for constitutional amendment was discussed and it was decided to bring it to the GBM.

2008/Dec./EC/22 Dr. Mehta's proposal "President NSI taking over on inauguration day instead of last day" was discussed. It was decided that the present convention should continue. It was proposed that all activities of annual conference of NSI should be by concurrence of the President, NSI.

2008/Dec./EC/23 Dr. Mehta's proposal of appointment of a committee for interpretation of rules and regulations of the society were discussed and he was authorized to make such committee and inform the EC.

2008/Dec./EC/24 Dr. Pauranik's proposal for advocacy in NSI is to be discussed in next EC.

2008/Dec./EC/25 Dr. K. Bhattacharya's proposal "Less or no interest of Neurologists" in NSI was discussed. He was authorized to contact Secretary and senior members of IAN for a combined meeting every 3 years.

2008/Dec./EC/26 Dr. V. Rajshekhar was authorized to prepare logistics regarding honoring of NSI members above 75 years of age during annual NSI conferences.

2008/Dec./EC/27 Regarding formulation of fresh guidelines for naming of symposium it was decided that previous guidelines should be followed.

2008/Dec./EC/28 Regarding the policy of holding joint international meetings with other national societies it was decided the such joint meetings should be encouraged. However, it should be restricted to one per year in another country and one per year in India.

2008/Dec./EC/29 EC decided to name Allied neurosciences award after Dr. K.K. Bisaria once the payment of 6 lacs Rs. is made to NSI by the applicant.

- 2008/Dec./EC/30** EC decided that NSI award papers to be presented on first or second day of NSI meeting should be screened by a committee upto 31st August, every year. The committee should select a maximum of three papers in each award category to be presented for Institutional affiliation and coauthors names should not be mentioned in the presentation.
- 2008/Dec./EC/31** "At this juncture, Dr. A.K. Banerji was quite skeptical about the feasibility of annual meeting in Lucknow as there are only 180 rooms available for the guests at the venue. The rest would have to stay way away from the site and transportation will become a big problem" How are we going to solve it?
- 2008/Dec./EC/32** Dr. K. Ganapathy expressed thanks to all the members as this meeting is his last as an executive member.

The meeting concluded with thanks to the chair

Minutes of General Body Meeting held at Bharadwaj Auditorium on 19th December, 2008

Dr. B.K. Misra the President , NSI chaired the meeting. The meeting was called to order by the President. A 2 minutes silence was observed in memory of Dr. Setti. S. Rengachari, Dr. Yoshio Suzuki and the victims of recent Mumbai tragedy.

The corum was not complete and meeting was adjourned and restarted after ½ an hour.

Secretary's report and the executive committee meeting proceedings were read.

- 2008/Dec./GB/01** The constitutional amendment item "attendance ----- contest of NSI Executive or office bearer" and a note of dissent by Dr. S.N. Bhagwati was submitted in detail as suggested by EC. The discussion regarding implementation involved lot of implications and bindings. An amendment was suggested by Dr. A.K. Banerji and Dr. Deepak Palande & finally, it was decided that this constitutional amendment should be effective after 5 years (2014 election).
- 2008/Dec./GB/02** All the members were informed that a combined friendship meeting of NSI-CNS is being held at New Orleans USA from 24-29 October, 2009. Interested members should search website www.cns.org for dates of abstract submission and other details. Financial help shall be available for members working in nonpracticing jobs and residents.
- 2008/Dec./GB/03** It was informed that from next year (2009) ONLY electronic submission of abstract through an abstract centre in website will be acceptable. Members are requested to visit NSI Website www.neurosocietyindia.com and obtain a "login password" from webmaster Dr. V. Rajshekhar. Members can update their profile or change their address themselves.
- 2008/Dec./GB/04** There will be free registration for residents from India in WFNS Conference at Boston 2009.
- 2008/Dec./GB/05** Dr. S. Prabhakar's proposal for constitutional amendment regarding election of editor one year in advance was discussed. It was agreed that the new editor will act as associate editor for one year, till he takes over as full time editor. It should be taken up for constitutional amendment as per rules.
- 2008/Dec./GB/06** It was decided that in future ballot papers, for NSI elections will be sent by speed post or registered post.