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## Minutes of the 59<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING

The 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Central Council Meeting of the IPHA was held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 at Seminar Hall of IPHA Bhavan from 06.00 PM onwards.

The following members were present in the meeting.

1.	Dr. J. Ravi Kumar	President
2.	Dr. Surajit Ghosh	Vice President-East
3.	Dr. Prabir Kumar Das	Vice President-West
4.	Dr. Sanjay K. Rai	Vice President-North
5.	Dr. G. Krishna Babu	Vice President-South
6.	Dr. Dipika Sur	Secretary General
7.	Dr. Sanghamitra Ghosh	Joint Secretary (HQ)
8.	Dr. Rajiv Kumar Jain	Joint Secretary (Railway)
9.	Dr. Rabindranath Roy	Joint Secretary (East)
10.	Dr. N.K. Yadav	Joint Secretary (North)
11.	Dr. K.S. Karuna Murthy	Joint Secretary (South)
12.	Dr. Subhra S. Basu	Treasurer
13.	Dr. Sarmila Mallik	Managing Editor (IJPH)
14.	Dr. T.S.R. Sai	Chief Editor - IJPH
15.	Mr. Tapan Kr. Dutta	C.C. Member (East)
16.	Dr. Subhash S. Dodwad	C.C. Member (West)
17.	Dr. C.M. Singh	C.C. Member (North)
18.	Mr. A.K. Sur	Member from branch
19.	Ms. Manju Chatterjee	Member from branch
20.	Ms. Biva Dutta	Member from branch
21.	Dr. Phalguni Duta	President, WB Branch
22.	Dr. Pradeep Aggarwal	Secretary, Uttarakhand Br.
23.	Dr. Rakesh Kakkar	Treasurer, Uttarakhand Br.
24.	Dr. Ashok Kumar Reddy	Invited member
25.	Dr. Sitanshu Sekhar Kar	Secretary, Pondicherry Branch
26.	Dr. Ganesh Kumar S.	Treasurer, Pondicherry State Branch
27.	Dr. Pankaja Raghav	Vice-President, Rajasthan State
28.	Dr. Ajit Saha	President, Pondicherry State Branch
29.	Dr. Jitendra Gajjar	Br. Member, Gujarat
30.	Dr. Parthasarathy. Ganguly	Br. Member, Gujarat

At the outset of the meeting Dr. J. Ravi Kumar, President IPHA took the chair and presided over the meeting. He stated that 14<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Public Health is going on; CC members of all branches are participating in this Congress. He heartily welcomed them all. On behalf of all the CC members he expressed his sincere gratitude and thanks to the past Presidents and Secretaries of IPHA for successful conduction and organization of the 14<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Public Health at Kolkata.

Discussions were held on the following agenda:

**1. Election of the Chairperson of the meeting (if necessary).**

President Dr. J. Ravi Kumar took the chair and presided over the meeting.

**2. Condolence for departed soul.**

Dr. J. Ravi Kumar appealed to the house to observe 1 minute silence as condolence for the sad demise of one of the PG student who was a life member of IPHA (who had committed suicide last year) as narrated by his Professor, Dr. Sitangshu Kar, Prof. Community Medicine, Medical College Pondicherry.

**3. Confirmation of the minutes of previous annual central council meeting.**

Before confirming the minutes of the meeting:

Dr. Dodwad raised issues of compliance about SOE and UC of:

- 1) WHO World Tobacco Day advance - 10,000/-.
- 2) Funds for the study on underutilization of services of NRHM in three districts amounting to almost 2,00,000/-
- 3). Funds for awareness on cancer cervix amounting to 10,000/.
- 4). NIDD project of WHO

Dr. Subhra Basu, Treasurer IPHA explained that for want of time the SOE is still pending. He commented that there has been a change of project place and the collaboration was from IPHA to individual members. However the members opined that it cannot be done ethically. So he mentioned that the SOE will be submitted shortly.

Dr. Basu suggested to write-off all the pending advances including that from Kerala branch (for organizing annual conference) but it was also declined by the members and suggestion was made to send letter to the Organizing Secretary of the previous conference with copy to Organizing President. If there are no results, copy of the letter will be sent to Govt. of Kerala to help for refund of seed money.

Treasurer also raised the issue of compliance to the deadline of accounts of any Annual Conference by March of that year. The CC members opined that organizers will be asked to return the advance after that and accounts for the conference would be closed after audit and report to be sent to HQ. The previous conference organizers will be given notice to return the advances.

Similarly SOE & UC of Rs. 2,00,000/- advance given to Kochi Conference ( as has been discussed earlier) has not had been received by IPHA HQs for which Dr. R.N. Roy requested

treasurer to issue letter to organizing secretary with a copy to organizing chairman for compliance of advance given.

Dr. J. Ravi Kumar, President IPHA requested treasurer to study the details of pending advances and also about SOE & UC and brief them during AGB to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

Minutes of the meeting were confirmed after vivid discussions by CC members.

**4. Presentation of Annual Report 2014.**

Annual Report was presented by Dr Dipika Sur, Secretary General and discussions held.

**5. Presentation and review of the audited statement of accounts.**

Dr. Basu, circulated audited accounts for the year 2014 done by the current auditor M/s Mitra Roy & Dutta.

Members opined that long pending advances for IPHACON 2012 and WHO study on SCF should not be written off before undertaking necessary procedures including reminders for submission of SOE & UC.

**6. Consideration of the budget estimate for the period January – December 2015.**

Proposed Budget of Association journal and Bhavan was presented and accepted with necessary corrections.

**7. Formation of Election Committee**

Dr. J. Ravi Kumar, President, IPHA initiated discussion about forming election committee since elections are due to be held in 2016 at the time of Dehradun Conference.

After prolong discussions following 2 names were finalized:

1. Dr. Alok Bajpayee- Chairperson.
2. Dr. Swaraj Halder- Convener.

It was decided to communicate with them immediately to get their consent and finalize the proposal.

**8. Reports of Bhawan committee and the discussion on lawsuit.**

Mr. Tapan Dutta briefed the members that an architect has been appointed for valuation of the Bhavan. The primary works have been finished and all the papers submitted to Nabadiganta Office. Mr Dutta assured that valuation and settlement of Tax issue will be settled within 2 or 3 months, expected by end of May 2015. Regular follow-up is going on.

Thereafter Dr. Dodwad pointed out about necessity of immediate repairs required for IPHA Bhavan. He said he took detailed round of IPHA Bhavan along with caretaker and details of immediate repairs required are as follows:

1. Fitting of 2 instant Geysers in room no. 3 and common bathroom.
2. Replacement of 3 doors-

- (a) Because of heavy rains and exposure to cloudy weather, 2 doors opening to balcony are totally out of order and require replacement by waterproof strong ply doors.
  - (b) Door of caretaker's room on the top floor also needs to be replaced with locking system from outside.
3. Fitting of new wash basin along with angles in common bathroom as the basin has fallen down because of the broken supporting angles.
  4. Repairs/ replacement of holder of CFL bulb in the verandha.

The whole repairs may be entrusted to a small contractor who can bring carpenter, plumber and electrician etc. All the repairs may require funds to the tune of Rs. 40,000 to 50,000 which may please be sanctioned for available funds.

Secretary General and President agreed to do the needful and directed Dr. Phalguni Dutta, Chairman Bhavan Committee to pay personal attention to get these repair done.

#### **9. Discussion regarding the next Annual Conference 2016 at Dehradun, hosted by Uttarakhand state branch.**

Dr. Pradeep Aggarwal, Secretary Uttarakhand Branch came forward and expressed to host 60<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference (Diamond Jubilee Year) at HIHT University and Himalayan Hospital, Swami Ramnagar, P.O.-Doiwala, Dehradun. The tentative dates decided were 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016

He also briefed in short about the amenities available at Dehradun, viz., medical college guest house, hostel, nearby hotels, close distance from airport and also about the auditorium of the medical college which can accommodate about 1000 delegates.

All members unanimously agreed to the proposal.

It was decided to organize next central council meeting at Dehradun tentatively after 3 to 4 months.

#### **10. IPHA accredited scientific conferences or programme. This was not applicable for this year.**

Dr. Aggarwal was requested to approach MCI for getting credit hours for the conference (scientific presentations and attendance) after approval of the AGB on 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015.

#### **11. IPHA's role in Swach Bharat Abhiyan**

Dr. Dipika Sur, Secretary General, IPHA requested all branches to actively participate in Prime Minister's Swach Bharat Abhiyan. Dr. Ashok Kr. Reddy, Ex-organizing secretary, Tirupati Conference requested for use of IPHA Logo for organising drive of Swach Bharat Abhiyan at Tirupati with help of medical college students.

Similarly Mr. Tapan Dutta, CC member proposed that he is using the slogan of "Clean India, Healthy India" while implementing Swach Bharat Abhiyan in West Bengal Branch.

## **12. Proposal for felicitation, fellowships, orations, awards and prizes.**

At the outset Dr. Sanghamitra Ghosh, Jt. Secy. HQ narrated 3 names who are to be awarded the fellowship.

- Dr. R.R. Tiwari
- Dr. L. R. Sankhe.
- Dr. Utpal Das

A fourth name, that of Dr Subho Ganguly was disqualified because he had not completed 5 years of membership of IPHA, which is obligatory as per the constitution.

About B.C. Dasgupta Memorial oration, nomination of Dr. Sanjay Zodpey was finalized after getting responses from all CC members. Dr. Prabir Kr. Das expressed that there is a separate committee for finalize orations and he is Chairman of the committee. Dr. Das and the concerned committee were not consulted and approval of the committee was not obtained before finalizing the name.

Dr. Dodwad brought to the notice of Secretary General and President IPHA about Dr. Mishra's request for approving the name of Dr. N.S. Deodhar for I.C. Tiwari Memorial Life time Achievement Award. Dr. Dipika Sur told that Dr. Mishra's letter has been received and the proposal has been also approved and Award will be conferred during AGB meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015.

## **13. Journal related Issue**

President requested Dr. Sarmila Mallik, Managing editor, to brief about related activities of IJPH and she placed the following activities and recommendations:

- A total of 569 and 638 articles were received 2013 and 2014 out of which 87% and 72% were rejected and rest was accepted.
- The editorial board opined to develop a structured review format for reviewers and a committee has been formed for that.
- This is the year for renewal of agreement with Medknow, the board recommended to continue the agreement.
- The financial analysis of journal income and expenditure showed a deficit of Rs 4.97 during 2014. The editorial board recommended following measures to compensate the deficit:
  - Implementing a submission fees of Rs.500/ at submission of manuscript
  - The board recommended for e-journal publication and fees should be charged for those who opt for hard copy

The CC after elaborate discussion resolved following:

- Dr. Sanjay Rai commented that the numbers of copies being printed and distributed by Medknow should be scrutinized.
- Dr. Pradip Agarwal suggested that other vendors should be explored before giving the work to Medknow
- Many of the CC members opined for e-Journal
- The CC recommended two type of membership for future members as follows:
  - Those who opt for e-copy should be charged Rs 3500/ only
  - Those asking for hard copy should be charged Rs 5000/

#### **14. Discussion on the policies of IPHA regarding important public health issues and formation of committee to formulate the view of IPHA on new NHP 2015.**

It was discussed that IPHA should take a initiative in recommending some public health issues and policies to Govt. of India as now National Health Policy of 2015 is being finalized by the Ministry of Health.

Dr. ParthaSarathi Ganguly, Prof. I.I.P.H. Gandhinagar, Gujarat (PHFI) told that Govt. of Gujarat has requested Ministry of Health for 3 issues:

- Creating Public Health Cadre in Gujarat State.
- Replacing Commissioner Health by Director of Health Services (by Sr. Public Health Specialist.)
- Govt. of Gujarat is proposing for establishment of Public Health University in Gujarat.

Dr. Dodwad requested President and Secretary General to send a proposal immediately to the Ministry on first two issues which are very important as they are matters of great concern for all the states including Central Govt. President and Secretary General appreciated the proposal and agreed to do the needful.

#### **15. Resolutions brought forward by individual members/ branch CC member**

Different State Branches namely Gujarat and Pondicherry Branches stated their performance and there were elaborate discussions on the issues. It was resolved that suggestions and comments regarding Draft National Health Policy 2015 should be received from different State Branches and individuals of IPHA members and it should be compiled at headquarters for forwarding it to Ministry of Health.

#### **16. Any other matter with the permission of the chair.**

Dr. Madhumita Dobe told that the money is received by WFPHA and it is transferred to KW Conference account.

She also mentioned about a proposal for formation of South Asian Federation of Public Health and its functions according to the WFPHA guidelines formulating its own constitution and by-laws of WFPHA.

Dr. Dipika Sur announced that WFPHA has invited Dr. Madhumita Dobe to be lead facilitator of the South Asian Federation.

Central Council opined that IPHA will be a founder member of South Asia Federation and President and Secretary General nominated Dr. M. Dobe to be the lead facilitator representing IPHA.

The issue of pay hike of the association staff was also discussed and endorsed.

The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.



**Dr. J. Ravi kumar**  
**President, IPHA**



**Dr. DipikaSur**  
**Secretary General, IPHA**