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Dear Colleagues,

At the outset please accept my season's greetings and best wishes for a happy and prosperous 2006 to you and your near and dear ones.

I am happy to bring before you the November, 2005 issue of the newsletter of the Association. We had an excellent annual conference of the Association, at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi from 7<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2005. Hon'ble minister of state for tourism, Mrs Renuka Choudhary inaugurated the conference. She mooted the idea of medical tourism and saw a lot of potential for our country in this area. The conference went with clock like precision. A large number of papers of high quality were presented by the national and international faculty. In all, the conference was a grand success, due to the excellent groundwork done by the organizing committee, headed by Dr. R. B. Ahuja, and the diligent support provided by the members of the committee specially Dr. Prabhat Srivastava and Dr. Sameek Bhattacharya.

The conference was earlier preceded by a pre-conference workshop (6<sup>th</sup> Nov.2005) on Surgery of the breast. Different surgeries on the breast were live telecast at the R&R hospital, New Delhi. Maj Gen L P Sadhotra and his team of uniformed officers had made superb audio-visual arrangements. Dr K S Bhangoo, (USA) Dr Venkat Ramakrishnan (UK), Dr Moris Topaz (Israel), Dr Abdul Reda Lari (Kuwait), Dr Niri Niranjan, (UK) and Dr S C Vyas (USA) were the faculty for the operative workshop.

## Minutes of the General Body Meeting

The general body meeting of the Association of Plastic Surgeons of India (APSI) was held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2005 at 6:00 pm. in Stein Auditorium, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi, under the chairmanship of Dr R B Ahuja, president of APSI.



The following agenda was discussed:

1. **Opening remarks by the president:** The president Dr. Ahuja welcomed the members and thanked them for attending the conference in large numbers.
2. **Reading the notice of the meeting:** The secretary read the notice of the meeting as circulated in the July 2005 issue of the newsletter.
3. **Condolences to deceased members:** Dr A.C. Ganguly our past president and also our past trustee passed away on 23-6-05. The members stood in silence for 2 mins as a mark of respect to the departed soul.  
The Secretary and President had already sent condolence messages to the family. The family acknowledged it and had expressed desire to start a fellowship/ award/appropriate medal/ etc to perpetuate the memory of Late Prof A C Ganguly. The members agreed in principle if adequate finances could be raised to initiate an award. Presently, the association requirement is Rs 1.25 lacs.
4. **Confirmation of the minutes of the last general body meeting** (already circulated in newsletter Vol. 39 of November 2004 and also available on the association website) held on 26-11-04 at 6:00 pm at Birla Auditorium, Jaipur.
  - a) Dr K S Bhangoo's membership- It was decided in the last general body meeting that Dr K S Bhangoo be awarded hon. membership of APSI. Dr Ahuja brought to the notice of the house ( it was discussed in the executive meeting as well) that Dr Bhangoo has already paid life membership fees of the association when Dr M. Ramakrishnan was the secretary, hence he may be awarded life membership of APSI.
  - b) Corpus fund of the editor- Last year it was decided to augment corpus of various APSI funds. The journal fund was also to be augmented by Rs 1.5 lacs from the buffer fund. However, in the list circulated to the executive trustee the journal fund was missing. It is resolved that a sum of Rs 1.5 lacs be transferred to corpus of the journal fund from the reserve fund. Proposed by Dr K Agarwal and seconded by Dr G S Kalra.  
The minutes were approved with the above amendments.  
Proposed by Dr S K Bhatnagar and Seconded by Dr Sada Shiv Murthy
5. **Secretary's report : Dr Arun Kumar Singh**  
It is my privilege and pleasure to present before you the secretary's report of the Association for the year

gone by.

I start with a happy note that our association is growing with each passing year. 46 new members have joined our association, this year.

The quality of plastic surgery work being done in our country is improving each year. Our members are being invited overseas to deliver to guest lectures, and orations by associations of different countries. Due to paucity of time, I cannot list all their names. A number of member plastic surgeons have presented their work in international conferences. Many have contributed chapters in books and few have written books.

Our journal is also doing well and is now of international level. Even overseas plastic surgeons, take pride in publishing their work in Indian Journal of Plastic Surgery.

For the first time, we are providing membership certificates for our members.

On the financial front we are also on a sound footing. The association has instituted two new awards for the benefit of the postgraduates and junior members.

To acknowledge the contribution of seniors and to encourage the younger ones for their good academic work the association has initiated a number of awards. Mrs Renuka Choudhary Hon'ble central minister of state for tourism gave away the association awards.

The report was unanimously accepted.

Proposed by Dr S Bhattacharya and seconded by Dr Anil Behl.

6. **Matters arising out of executive meeting held on 06.11.05, at R & R Hospital, New Delhi :** To be informed after the reports, with permission of the chair.

7. **Editors report and accounts for 2004-05: Dr Mukund Thatte**

The journal has made reasonable progress in this year. The June issue is published and the Dec. issue is almost ready. Our online submissions exceeded fifty for the first time. Almost 25% of our papers now come from outside India---a major achievement in my opinion for a journal which once had difficulty in getting local papers. We have managed to pay most of the instalments of our web based system which I started in 2003.

Revenue generation is a constant worry and the Editor has to generate about 60% of the funds himself through advertisements. While it is true that this is how it always has been, it is equally true that this is how it ought not to be. In the future we must have a goal of a financially self sufficient journal with the Editor only looking at the academic part.

With the help of the 'Venture Fund' and partly through the Journal Account I have managed to digitise the entire (almost) back issues of IJPS. This is a valuable long term asset as well as a permanent record of our heritage to save for the future.

This is my last report of this tenure. I thank the various Presidents who guided me viz. Dr K. Sridhar, Dr. Malti Gupta, and Dr. RB Ahuja, I also thank the Hon. Secretary and the entire EC for supporting me and the treasurer Dr BB Mody and the trustees for their financial help. Finally I thank all members for

giving me this great opportunity to do some constructive work for APSI. With your blessings I hope to continue the same for another term and further consolidate the position of IJPS.

Executive's deliberations informed to the general body - Dr A K Singh informed that often overseas members request him for hard copies of the journal. The Editor agreed that he too gets similar requests, but due to financial constraints he is unable to entertain such requests. Dr A K Singh suggested that overseas members may be requested to bear the postage and handling charges, subsequent to which the journal can be mailed to them. The editor agreed to look into it and calculate the annual fiscal amount for sending two issues of the journal.

The report was unanimously accepted.

Proposed by Dr V S Singh and seconded by Dr V Jayaraman.

8. **Treasurer's report and accounts for 2004-05 : Dr Bimal Mody**

It gives me great pleasure to present the Treasurer's report. We are gaining in strength financially and our membership is also rapidly increasing.. When I took over from Dr Bilwani as Treasurer there were about 650 members. In the last 6 years we have increased our membership to more than 980 members today.

Our Association is in sound financial condition with almost a Crore in the bank and we are spending about Rs 6 lakhs for our activities each year.

We have increased the amount we used to give as prizes, for example in the. Gillies oration we were able to give Rs 1800, now we are able to give Rs 13,500/- to the orator.

We have been able to computerize the records and the turn around time between the 600 cheques I have received and sending a receipt is 24 hours.

Certain economy measures like sending a postcard instead of a letter has saved resources that are being used more constructively.

This frugal spending by the Executive and wise investments by the Trustees has made our finances strong and secure.

I once again appeal to our members to please apply for the training fellowships and grants that are available every year.

Like every year, I request the various people who send me their balance sheets to please send them to me by the 30<sup>th</sup> of June so that I can make my balance sheets and send them to the trustees.

I would be failing in my duties, if at this last time, when I stand before you as Treasurer. I do not thank you for your support.

I would also like to thank Dr Rajeev B Ahuja and Dr Arun K Singh, the two Hon. Secretaries I had the pleasure and Privilege to work with.

The Presidents Dr S K Bhatnagar, Dr P K Bilwani, , DrB Sadashiva Murthy, Dr K Sridhar, Dr Malti Gupta and Dr Ahuja were uniformly supportive and co operative.

The help and guidance of the Trustees especially Dr Jaju has made my tenure easy and successful.

Looking back to my tenure in the last six years, I am touched by the co operation of the executive members and the support that I received from this house.

With your blessings, I hope to be able to serve the Association, in the future too.

The accounts have already been circulated earlier.

It was unanimously resolved that the amount of Rupees outstanding as Buffer fund used to augment the corpus of following fund:

Gillies Memorial	Rs. 1,01,100=00
Kilner Memorial	Rs. 53,800=00
Peet Memorial	Rs. 57,350=00
Sushruta Oration	Rs. 1,04,250=00
Training fund	Rs. 70,000=00
Overseas Membership Corpus	Rs. 1,50,000=00
APSI Reserve Fund	Rs. 4,46,611=00
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Further resolved that a sum of Rs. 1,50,000=00 be allotted to corpus of the APSI Journal fund from the APSI reserve fund. Proposed by Dr K Sridhar and seconded by Dr K Agarwal.

It was also resolved that the recommendations of APSICON 2003 Chennai committee to institute two awards for promotion of scientific activities by post-graduates and junior members be accepted and the awards be instituted. Proposed by Dr K Ramachandran and seconded by Dr J Murthy.

The report of the treasurer was accepted unanimously.

Proposed by Dr J C Sharma and Seconded by Dr Samir Kumta

Dr M Thatte informed the house that the Asia-Pacific conference held in Mumbai has generated a surplus of about Rs 8 lacs. The organising committee of that conference has suggested that the utilisation of the savings be as follows- Rs 2 lacs to augment the Godrej visiting professorship, Rs 2 Lacs to augment the journal corpus, Rs 2 Lacs to augment he corpus of the international dues fund and Rs 2 Lacs to augment R G Sariya fund corpus. Dr K S Shekhar congratulated the organising secretary of Asia Pacific Mumbai conference for keeping his word, and for judicious and unbiased proposal for the use of surplus funds from that conference. It was resolved that as per recommendations of the IXth Asian Pacific Congress Committee of 2005, the amounts of Rupees two lakh each be accepted to augment the corpus of - Godrej Visiting Professorship fund, R. G. Saraiya fund, International dues fund and APSI Journal fund. The total amount being rupees eight lakhs only. Proposed by Dr Manoj Khanna and Seconded by Dr Vijai Kumar.

Dr Bimal Mody, apprised the house that next year too, the APSI annual conference and general body meeting shall be held after the last date for submission of accounts, i.e. 31st Oct' 2006 hence as done in the last two years the accounts be circulated by post. It was resolved that the accounts shall be posted to all members and objections invited. Resolved that accounts for the accounting year 2005-06 be circulated to members by post and objections invited by return. In absence of any remarks, the accounts shall be deemed as passed for submission.

Resolved that the Association accounts shall be circulated by post to all the members. Proposed by Dr P K Bhilwani and seconded by Dr P K Sharma.

**9. Trustee's report for the year 2004-05: Dr J R Jaju**  
The event during the year have been rather

disturbing, as you would have seen from the incompleteness of the accounts. Last year too, I had brought-out to your notice the problems, which have rather deteriorated further.

I feel rather strongly the way the concerned office bearers of the various sections pay their attentions to the responsibilities they shoulder in preparing and sending the reports to the Hon. Treasurer/Hon. Secretary, who in turn sends it to the Trust for final compilation and submission to the Income Tax department and Charity Commissioner.

This is the third year in succession that we are late in submitting the returns. Fortunately the income with T.D.S. deducted in within limits. Last year I had to rush to file the return to Bombay on 27<sup>th</sup> March i.e. before the closure of next financial year as:

- Our 80G was due to expire and continuous late submission for 3 years would have invited disqualification. Fortunately, "80G" has been renewed, as has been reported in bulletin.

I have been at the receiving end during discussion with the Tax consultants for the various irregularities – I will enumerate few – incomplete recording of the various income and expenditure incurred /incomplete resolutions for accepting or use of funds. Irregularities in observing the rules of 80G exemptions and Charity Commissioners requirements, funds lying idle in Bank accounts, ploughing back of un-utilized year mark funds. The Charity work of the Trust and Association is doing, sums left over at annual conferences and the details of sum which are accepted under 80G etc, by the organizers, activities carried out by affiliated sections with detailed reports, details of various funds allotted and expensed etc.

The laws for the trusts are getting more and stickier. We shall have to be more particular and transparent as far as utilization of funds is concerned. Finance Ministry is coming up with Amendments to Trusts basic functioning etc in next session of parliament.

I had sent out nearly 900 letters – pertaining to Trust audit – accounts and A.P.S.I. Accounts as sent by the Treasurer. Out of which as of today 42 have come back because of left /incomplete address and about 80 are marked no forwarding address. So far I have not received any (queries or remarks) feed back.

In spite of the fall in income from our investment this year we have been able to give Rs. 4,75,000/- towards the activities of the Association which is higher by Rs. 55,000/- as of last year. During the year Rs.15,50,000/- have been further invested over and above the redemption amount of Rs. 9,00,000/- from Bonds and F.Ds.

The gross interest and Dividend on U.T.I. schemes received is Rs. 5,75,424.78. The T.D.S. deducted is Rs.47,234.00, which will come back as refund – hopefully.

Rs. 2,43,700.00 has been used from Tata Research Fund and Leila Hutchinson research fund towards C.L.&C.P., projects under the guidance of Dr. B.M. Daver. We have received Rs. 2231.48 from Royalty-Oxford University press of Dr. N.H. Antia, our grateful thank to the pioneer.

As per the decision taken the Buffer fund money was

used to augment the following funds:

Gillies Memorial – Rs.1,01,100=00

Kilner Memorial – Rs. 53,800=00

Peet Memorial – Rs. 57,350=00

Sushruta Oration – Rs. 1,04,250=00

Trainees fund for attending Scientific meetings – Rs. 70,000=00

Overseas Membership corpus - Rs. 1,50,000=00

The Balance left was put as APSI “Reserve fund” – Rs. 4,46,611=00

The T.D.S. of the IXth I.P.R.S. Congress fund is still being carried-on inspite of tribunal’s judgment two years ago. Similarly the various laws of the Trust need to be observed for utilization of funds and the unutilized year mark fund (which is 90% today)

Please remember the submission documents are signed by the Trustees, who will be penalized for omissions and incorrect / incomplete submission amounting to “Concealment”.

Let me tell you, our Tax consultant was not at all happy for processing the accounts. The code of conduct laid down invites severe strictures and penalties for incompleteness. He refused to continue, but with lot of persuasions he did help us out in getting 80G renewal. Similarly the story was told by A.P.S.I. Auditor, when he came down to Ahmedabad for the discussion – last month for the various irregularities in preparing the account.

Chapters and regional bodies affiliation needs your rethinking as discussed last year. So also the organizers of National or other conferences under A.P.S.I. – mainly from the point of Income which needs proper monitoring and submission in time (i.e. during the accounting year), else amounts to concealment of the income, if completed before the submission e.g. this year Ex-President has informed that the “saving would be sizable” but the accounts have not reached us so far.

You may be upset with the observations and facts but I crave your indulgence. Times are changing; we have to follow the orders.

I would like to put on record our deep sense of gratitude to late Mr. D.P. Kanodia our tax consultant, who passed away following a short illness couple of months back. I had already talked and sent a condolence message to the bereaved family members. I am grateful to my colleagues on the Trust, our President Dr. Rajiv Ahuja and other office bearers for their co-operation

The report was discussed earlier in the executive meeting. The secretary reported that executive members have expressed concern that the accounts of the conferences are not submitted in time despite several resolutions to this effect in the past. It leads to immense problems for the treasurer, trustees and to the Association. It was therefore unanimously decided in the Executive meeting that in future no awards given / honours bestowed to the President of that APSICON of that year if the accounts are not submitted latest by 30<sup>th</sup> June of the year following the conference. This motion was placed before the hon’ble members for general body. It was unanimously passed. Proposed by Dr Lokesh Kumar and seconded by Dr Sadashivmurthy.

Dr J R Jaju, reiterated the according to the existing Govt of India rules for the trusts, 90% of the accrued income for that year is to be spent, whereas the IX IPRAS funds constitution allows only 70% of the accrued income is to be spent. After deliberations, the executive recommended that a committee consisting of Dr Suresh Gupta, Dr J R Jaju, Dr R B Ahuja, Dr Mukund Reddy and Dr A K Singh to be formed to look into the issue.

Dr J R Jaju informed that the utilised funds of the year can be utilised by the President of that year for activities of the Association. Dr A K Singh wanted to know that since the funds are ear marked for the purpose, will it not invite objections from the tax authorities? Dr Jaju replied that it is in order since it is being spent in the same year. Therefore, it is resolved that any sum of unutilized year marked fund out of the allocated funds for the current year be handed over to the President of the incoming year who will be required to utilize it by 31<sup>st</sup> March (i.e. end of the financial year) towards the promotion of the scientific activities of the association and shall submit the detailed accounts to the treasurer by 30<sup>th</sup> June of the year. Proposed by Dr P K Bhilwani and seconded by Dr S k Jena.

Dr B Ananthram informed that the I T dept. is getting stricter each year and any disbursing above Rs 10,000/- has to have the receipt’s PAN number. He also informed that awards do not fall in the ambit of charity. Dr Ahuja wondered if the association receives any donations under section 80 G. Dr Sridhar wanted that the number and validity of 80G exemption should be mentioned on each receipt issued by the Association. Dr Subodh K Singh said that the workshops are being done free of cost to the patients and the word charity may be prefixed. This could qualify as charity work of APSI.

The trustee’s report was unanimously accepted.

Proposed by Dr C P Sawhney and seconded by Dr K L Bora

Item no 6 postponed earlier was now taken up.

#### **DISCUSSION’S AT THE EXECUTIVE MEETING held on 6<sup>th</sup> Nov 2005**

**Nomination for Gillies Oration for the year 2006:** Dr Malti Gupta was to be nominated as Gillies orator for APSICON 2006. It was brought to the notice of general body that the accounts of APSICON 2004 have not reached the treasurer and could not be reflected in the accounts of the association submitted in the income tax dept., which could even invite penalties for concealment of income. The accounts were supposed to be sent by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2005. As a one time exemption the executive decided that she may be requested to submit the audited accounts of APSICON 2004 to the Treasurer latest by 31<sup>st</sup> Dec.2005, failing which the executive recommends that the Gillies oration be withheld for that year, as decided earlier.

In the general body members suggested ways to tackle this problem - Dr K S Shekhar suggested signing a contract between the organisers of the APSICON and the association. Dr Ahuja said it is not practical, since it has been tried in some associations without any satisfactory outcome. Dr L J Gupta, suggested looking for some inbuilt mechanism with some sort of punishment, for which legal opinion may be obtained. Dr Shekhar wanted that the punishment should be decided

right now. Dr S K Singh and Dr R Kalra suggested that the defaulting organising secretary and treasurer of APSICON should be debarred from awards and elections of APSI.

In the end the action suggested by the executive was carried through unanimously. Proposed by Dr S P Bajaj and seconded by Dr S Bhattacharya. The secretary was asked to convey the decision of the general body to Dr Malti Gupta.

**Nomination for M M Mukerjee Oration for the year 2006 :** Dr. V. Bhattacharya from Varanasi, was nominated by the West Bengal Plastic Surgery Association. The executive was of the opinion that the more than one name should be forwarded to the executive for consideration. It was agreed upon.

**Nomination for Susruta Oration for 2006:** Dr D L N Prasad from Hyderabad.

**Nominations for the following awards-**

- i) **Ethicon visiting professorship in plastic surgery:** Dr RB Ahuja
- ii) **Ethicon visiting professorship in cosmetic surgery:** Dr L D Dhami
- iii) **Ethicon visiting professorship in microsurgery :** Dr Vijay Obeid
- iv) **Gen. N.C. Sanyal fellowship :** Dr. R.K. Sharma (nomination received from Army)
- v) **Prof. C Balakrishnan visiting professorship:** Is being instituted from this year, since the treasurer has received an amount of About Rs 2.3 Lacs. It is on the lines of the Godrej Visiting professorship. The incoming president in consultation with 3 MCh trainees of Late Prof Balakrishnan are to nominate the person.

**Name of Godrej visiting professor 2006:** Shall be announced subsequently by Dr Mukund Reddy

**Topic for R.N. Sharma Symposium for 2006 annual conference:** The executive suggests the members to choose from Computers in Plastic Surgery, Facial Reanimation (Dr AK Gupta), Congenital hand (Dr M R Thatte), Onco reconstruction (Dr Subodh K Singh).

The house was divided over the choice of topic with almost equal hands going up for each topic. Dr Mukund Reddy said he understands the wishes of the members and would try to adjust more than one topic. Congenital deformity of hands was agreed as the topic for R N Sharma symposium with Dr M Thatte as convenor.

**Approval of the reports of awardees - 2005**

- Ethicon plastic surgery visiting professorship : Dr. R.K. Sharma
- Ethicon visiting professorship in cosmetic surgery : Dr. Moris Topaz
- Ethicon visiting professorship in microsurgery : Dr. Bimal Mody
- Ethicon plastic surgery training fellowship : Dr. Sudhir Kumar (Report not recd – hence not approved)
- Ethicon training fellowship in microsurgery : Was not awarded
- Ethicon cosmetic surgery training fellowship : Dr. R.K. Mishra
- Brig Kathpalia fellowship in hand surgery : Dr. Vijay Kumar
- Myovatec fellowship for training in plastic surgery : Dr. S.S. Gambhir
- Vasudhan Arjin fellowship in laser surgery : Dr. Jyotsna Murthy

APSI sponsorship to attend APSICON 2004 : Drs. G.R. Reddy, Vishal Mago, A. Mandal

R.G. Saraiya international fellowship : Dr. Pradip Jain

APSI Venture Fund : Dr. M. Thatte (to collect previous issues of IJPS on CD)

Promotion of scientific activity in Gujarat fund : None applied

Promotion of scientific activity in Maharashtra fund : Dr. Nitin Mokhal

Prof. C.R. Sunderajan national plastic surgery education fund : Dr. A.K. Singh

IX IPRAS awards -1) International fellowship – Dr.

Vishwa Prakash, -2) Craniofacial workshop – Dr. Malti Gupta

**Applications for fellowships and grants 2006:**

- i) Ethicon cosmetic surgery training fellowship – Dr. Prabhat Srivastava,
- ii) Ethicon plastic surgery training fellowship – Dr. Suresh Chaware
- iii) Ethicon travelling fellowship in microsurgery - Dr. Vinay K. Shankhdhar,
- iv) Brig Kathpalia fellowship in hand surgery : Dr. Yuri Das Ambarcor
- v) Myovatec fellowship for training in plastic surgery : Dr D N Upadyaya
- vi) R.G. Saraiya international fellowship : Dr. Sameek Bhattacharya,
- vii) Vasudhan Arjin fellowship in laser surgery : Dr. Subba Reddy
- viii) APSI sponsorship to attend annual conference 2005 : Dr. D. Karki , Dr S. Karanth
- ix) R.N. Sinha award for best paper in IJPS : Dr P Agarwal
- x) IX IPRAS awards - a) International fellowship – Dr. Hari Venketaramani, b) National fellowship – Dr. Brijesh Mishra, c) Workshop – of APSICON 2006
- xi) Kilner essay - Dr. Aditya Ray
- xii) KEM microsurgery fellowship – Dr. Pauline Babu
- xiii) Chennai fellowship for training in Tamil Nadu – Dr. Tiba Banerjee
- xiv) Chennai fellowship for training outside Tamil Nadu- None.

**Applications for grants**

- i) Bombay plastic surgery fund – None
- ii) Promotion of scientific activities in Maharashtra fund – Dr Neeta Patel
- iii) Promotion of scientific activity in Gujarat fund – Dr. Atul K Shah
- iv) Dr.C.R. Sunderajan National Plastic Surgery Educational Fund : Dr.V.Kumar
- v) APSI venture fund : Dr. R. Sabapathy ( to make video tapes of local flaps in hand injuries)
- vi) The secretary informed that there is a great need for a new directory of the APSI, since the last one was published about 5 years back. Many new members have joined the association and many have changes in their address. The president and members concurred with it. The executive sanctioned a grant of Rs 20,000/- to compile a directory of members with their mobile numbers and email addresses. It was resolved that a membership directory be published by the secretary for which a sum of Rs 20,000/ be given

to him. The balance may be generated as advertisements. Proposed by Dr S S Sethi and seconded by Dr Atul Shah.

**Report on video library:** Not received. Dr S N Sharma informed that he has not sent the report since he has not recd any such request from the secretary. The secretary said he will write a letter asking for the report.

**Any other matter:**

a) Dr Ahuja informed in the past presidents meeting it was decided to co-opt the vice president in its meetings.

b) Dr Ahuja also explained that there are two presentations by a single person in the APSI junior best paper session, since there is no bar on the number of entries which can be submitted by an individual.

The executive was of the opinion that this should not be allowed and only one person can present only one paper in this session.

c) Dr Jaju wanted that the association should have a proposed budget. It was agreed, it is a requirement and practice in many associations and the treasurer should chalk out a proposed budget and submit to the association.

d) Dr Anil Behl pointed out that the Medical indemnity insurance does not cover cosmetic surgery procedures. In fact it also excludes procedures where tissues have been transferred from one place to other. Dr K Ramachandran wanted the association to do something about it. It was decided that the matter can be taken up by the proposed Legal cell of the association.

The decisions of the executive were ratified by the general body. Proposed by Dr. J C Sharma and seconded by Dr Samir Kumta.

**10. Maintenance of web site of APSI :** A sum of Rs 3,550/- was given for the annual maintainance of the web site.

**11. Progress regarding registration of amendments to APSI constitution :** Dr S R Tambwekar narrated the history and sequence of events and announced that the registration of amendments to the constitution have been done. The members thanked him for the efforts.

Dr S K Bhatnagar wanted to know whether APSI is still a part of APSI. Dr K S Shekhar wanted the secretary to work with ASI for a loose association with APSI. Dr Sada Shivmurthy wanted that APSI members should project their work in the ASI and he suggested a professional relationship with ASI. Dr Ahuja informed that as of date, APSI is not a part of ASI, however, APSI has a right to retain a session of Plastic Surgery, since it has paid a sum of rupees 1 Lac for this purpose. APSI is however not participating since, no proper session is allocated to Plastic Surgery.

**12. Nomination of judges for various awards of APSI:**

The three year term of the present panel of judges is getting over. The following have been nominated as judges for the various competition awards of the association;

a) APSI junior best paper award- Dr K Agarwal, Dr R Khazanchi and Dr G V Sudhakar

b) McNeil Best audio visual presentation in APSI junior best paper award session- Dr. G. Balakrishnan, Dr (Col) M K Mukerjee and Dr S S Daddi

c) Peet Prize –

i) Reviewers- Dr V Bhattacharya, Dr Mukund Jagannathan and Dr. B.K. Majumdar

ii) Judges- Dr K Sridhar, Dr R B Ahuja and Dr P K Bhilwani

d) Kamath Best Poster session-Dr J R Jaju, Dr C P Sawhney and Dr S K Bhatnagar

**13. Nomination of executive member to IX IPRAS fund committee:** Dr Suresh Gupta informed that the IX IPRAS committee likes to induct Dr R B Ahuja in the committee in the vacancy arisen due to demise of Dr Maneksha. It was accepted by the general body.

**14. Hosting The IPRAS 2011 in India :** The secretary informed that the executive committee was of the unanimous opinion that India should bid for the IPRAS in 2011..It was decided during the meeting that New Delhi would be the venue of the conference and Dr B M Daver would make the presentation of the bid in the EXCO meeting in Argentina next year. A sum of Rs 20,000/- was sanctioned by the executive to prepare the bid document for presentation in Argentina next year was also approved. Proposed by Dr K Shekhar and seconded by Dr G S Kalra

Nomination of National Delegate to attend IPRAS conf at Berlin in 2007- after some deliberations regarding who should be the national delegate, Dr R B Ahuja was agreed upon as the national delegate for the IPRAS Berlin conference.

**15. Legal cell in APSI :** The President strongly felt that it is high time that the APSI should have its own legal cell which can protect the interest of its members, when faced with litigations or its likelihood.. It could also function as a legal body of the APSI to interact with various other constitutional bodies of the Govt. of India, prepare consent forms, etc. The members agreed in principle and it was also proposed that a fund be raised for this. Dr K S Shekhar mooted the idea of raising a substantial corpus for this purpose.

Dr Atul Shah agreed to be the convenor for this body, and Dr SB Gogia, Dr Devansh, Dr Chanjiv Singh, Dr Sada Shivmurthy, with the President and Secretary of the Association as its members. Dr Shah was requested to submit its report by May 2006, so that it can be circulated in the July newsletter and then can be deliberated during APSICON 2006. On suggestion of Dr Khazanchi, it was agreed that anyone can send his suggestion to Dr Atul Shah for consideration.

**16. Training of teachers (Academic Committee)**

The president felt that the APSI should also have an academic committee which would, on a long term basis, look after the academic quality and interest of the members. He envisaged training programs and courses aimed at maintaining high standards of teaching and training in Plastic Surgery. This can be done on the lines of the BAPS courses, to provide accredited hours of training to its members on the lines that MCI is going to implement shortly, so as to voluntarily keep our house in order..

A committee consisting of President APSI, Secretary APSI, Head of AFMC, Dr Mukund Thatte, Dr A K Singh, Dr T C Chandran , Dr R B Ahuja, Dr J Murthy and Dr Ramesh Sharma was constituted to look into

the terms of reference, identify the problems, and give suggestions for improvement. They will interact with each other on email and give their report within 6 months, which will be circulated to the executive before APSICON 2006.

**17. Accredited training by APSI for PG's as above item no 16.**

**18. New memberships:**

**FULL LIFE (FL)**

V. Krishna Rao Dandamudi  
 Reddy Murali Mohana Kalicheti  
 Venkat Naveen Madur  
 Venkata Chittem Subba Reddy  
 Bhavani Prasad Dhondu  
 Sumit Malhotra  
 Jyoti Manikrao Jagdish  
 Anuj Jain  
 Krishnan Raha Muthaian  
 Utpal Kumar Bordoloi  
 Rakesh K Kain  
 Suresh Mahadeorao Chaware  
 Bharat Sharma  
 Ritesh Purwar  
 Sudershan Rao Nagulapally  
 Rajinder Singh Khurmi  
 Jacob Joe  
 Syed Altaf Hussain  
 Anurag Krishna Sahay  
 Rashmi Taneja  
 D Bachua Jan Shaik  
 Kuldeep Kumar Gupta  
 Sandeep Vijayraghwan  
 Dayal Chand Chauhan  
 Ambavarapu Venkateshwara Reddy  
 Charu Sharma  
 M. Koyappathody Hafiz  
 Venkata Ratnam Bandikatla  
 A.K. Choudhury  
 Harish Sood  
 Bijitesh Chakravarty  
 Atanlu Mohanty  
 Naga Prasad Nangineedi  
 Rajan Tandon  
 Vyas Bhaskar  
**FULL ANNUAL (FA)**  
 Akshay Kumar Rout  
**ASSOCIATE LIFE (AL)**  
 Divya Narain Upadhyaya  
 Rajeev Lochan  
 Vivek Kumar  
 Shiv Narain Kureel  
 Vinay Kant Shankhdhar  
 Durga Karki  
 Brijesh Mishra  
 Prateek Arora  
 Aninda Mandal  
 Manish Panjabrao Zade  
 Vinayak Dhananjay Nakade  
 Ambrish Gupta  
 Wolfgang Huber  
 Seema Khanna  
 Kuldeepsingh Dhimant Goleria  
**ASSOCIATE ANNUAL (AA)**  
 Krishna Shyama Rao

**CONVERSION ( to life)**

Bijoy Methil Vishambharan (FL)  
 Adarsh Kumar (FL)  
 Sunish Goyal (AL )  
 Dinesh Kadam (FL)

**19. Introduction of new members : none**

**20. Results of awards, Peet prize, Kamath prize, McNeil award, etc**

The results of the various competitive prizes of the association have been recd. by the secretary. The secretary thanked the judges for painstakingly doing their job.

Peet Prize- Dr Hari Venketaramani

APSI junior best paper award- Dr Suresh M Chaware

McNeil award for best Audiovisual presentation- Dr S. VijaiRaghwan

Kamath best poster award- Dr V K Shankdhar

**21. Elections to the following posts:**

Dr B M Daver Dr S N Sharma and Dr S R Tambwekar were appointed returning officers for the elections.

a) President - One (for 2006) Dr Mukund Reddy

b) Vice President - One (for 2006)

<u>Nominations</u>	<u>Proposed by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
Dr Bimal Mody	Dr S S Daddi	Dr Usgaonkar
Dr Ashok Gupta	Dr Murugesan	Dr F M Tripathi
Dr L P Sadhotra	Dr C P Sawhney	Dr J C Sharma

c) Treasurer- One (for 2006-08)

<u>Nominations</u>	<u>Proposed by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
Dr A D Yelikar	Dr V Bhattacharya	Dr S K Bhatnagar
Dr Lokesh Kumar	Dr CP Sawhney	Dr K Sridhar

d) Editor- One (for 2006-08)

<u>Nominations</u>	<u>Proposed by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
Dr M R Thatte	Dr S R Tambwekar	Dr S Bhattacharya
Dr Pramod Kumar	Dr V K Tiwari	Dr Shardendu Sharma

e) Executive members - Two (for 2006-08)

<u>Nominations</u>	<u>Proposed by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
Dr J Murthy	Dr J C Sharma	Dr Sam Bose
Dr B G Tilak	Dr Sadashivmurthy	Dr K S Shekhar
Dr P S Bhandari	Dr S P Bajaj	Dr R Tah
Dr Prabhat Srivastava	Dr S K Bhatnagar	Dr C P Sawhney
Dr S N Deshpande	Dr V Bhattacharya	Dr Kalesh

The elections were held by secret ballot, with Dr B M Daver, Dr S R Tambwekar and Dr S N Sharma as returning officers.

The following were declared elected –

Vice President - Dr L P Sadhotra,

Treasurer – Dr Lokesh Kumar

Editor- Dr Mukund Thatte

Executive members- Dr P Srivastava, & Dr J Murthy

**22. Any other matter with permission of chair:**

a) It was brought to the notice of the house that Mr McNeil passed away. Members expressed sorrow. He was a well wisher of APSI.

b)Dr K L Bora said that the membership has risen considerably, hence he suggested increase in the number of executive posts of the Association. Dr A K Singh said that

there should be posts of Joint secretary and assistant Treasurer. Dr Devansh wanted the proposal be carried through with immediate effect. Dr Ahuja said that there is not

sufficient work even for the present executive. Dr

Chanjiv suggested allocation of work to the executive members.

23. **Remarks by the incoming president:** The President Dr R B Ahuja congratulated the incoming president Dr Mukund Reddy and passed on the presidential collar to him. Dr Mukund Reddy thanked the house and informed that the next annual conference of the Association will be held at Film City, Hyderabad from 20<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2006.
24. **Outline of activities and APSICON-2006:** The CD brought by Dr M Reddy could not be projected as the election process had started.
25. Thanks to the chair: The meeting ended with thanks to the chair for the smooth conduct of the meeting.

#### Forthcoming events

1. International CME and update workshop on rhinioplasty of facial aesthetic surgery – Kolkatta, 3-5<sup>th</sup> Feb., 2006. For details please contact Dr. Manoj Khanna at drmkhanna@hotmail.com/Dr. Arindam Sarkar at arin\_raka004@rediffmail.com
2. Tutorial: Concepts and advances, Aesthetic Plastic Surgery Bombay Hospital, Mumbai, 6-15<sup>th</sup> Feb., 2006, For details kindly contact Dr. Neeta Patel and Dr. Satish Arolkar at satisharolkar@yahoo.com
3. Madrid international conference on plastic surgery, at Madrid, Spain, March 30 to April 01, 2006. Details at www.madridconference.com
4. 5<sup>th</sup> International congress of maxillofacial and craniofacial distraction. Details at www.distractionparis2006.com
5. International plastic surgery congress, Ariabia Plast 2006 at Bahrain, 10-13<sup>th</sup> April, 2006. Details at www.gulfplast.net
6. 2<sup>nd</sup> International workshop on cleft lip and palate at Institute of health, London 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2006. For details please contact Louise Conn at boshel@gosh.nhs.uk
7. Indian society for hand meeting at Chandigarh in August/September, 2006, Organising Secretary Dr. Ravi Gupte
8. International conference on burn injury. Details at www.isbi2006.com
9. 4<sup>th</sup> International workshop on surgical techniques in cleft lip, palate and maxillofacial surgery, Taipai, Taiwan, 18-20 Sept., 2006. Details at www.egf.idv.com or e-mail at nd2430@admcfh.org.tw
10. 3<sup>rd</sup> Asia-Pacific reach to recovery international breast cancer support conference, Mumbai 7-10<sup>th</sup> Nov., 2006. For details please contact A.M. Vendelli at vendelli@uicc.org
11. 6<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific craniofacial association conference, Singapore, 17-19<sup>th</sup> Nov., 2006. For details please contact cdd.marianne@ams.edu.syn
12. 4<sup>th</sup> International congress of family support group for cleft lip, palate and craniofacial anomalies, Singapore, 19-20<sup>th</sup> Nov., 2006
13. 41<sup>st</sup> Annual conference of association of plastic surgeons of India (APSICON-2006), at Hyderabad 20-24<sup>th</sup> Nov., 2006

#### Achievements of members

- Dr. V. Bhattacharya – congratulations
  - a) Visiting professor to Al Babhein Centre at Kuwait
  - b) V. Mahadevan best research award of international college of surgeons (Indian Section)
  - c) Awarded K.T. Dholakia oration to be delivered at IOA conference in Mumbai
- Dr. H. Jaju  
Awarded active membership of international society for craniofacial surgery.

**Dr Arun K Singh**  
(Hony. Secretary)