

## **Minutes of ISBTI Governing Body Meeting held on 15.03.2017 at 11 AM through Tele-Conferencing.**

Governing Body Meeting of ISBTI was held on 15.03.2017 at 11 AM through Tele-Conferencing under the chairmanship of President Dr Yudhbir Singh. The meeting was attended by the following:

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| 1. Mr Satish Kumar    | Dy. President (Technical)                   |
| 2. Dr T. R. Raina     | Secretary General                           |
| 3. Dr Sangeeta Pathak | Treasurer ISBTI                             |
| 4. Dr Yazdi Italia    | Chairperson South West Zonal Council        |
| 5. Dr Manvir Singh    | Joint Treasurer                             |
| 6. Dr Ravneet Kaur    | Editor Asian Journal of Transfusion Science |
| 7. Dr Rimpreet Walia  | Joint Secretary                             |

At the outset Dr Yudhbir Singh welcomed all the members present during the Tele-conferencing and congratulated the members saying that this is for the first time that the ISBTI is using the advanced technology of Tele conferencing for [conducting](#) Governing Body meeting. He then requested Dr. T. R. Raina, Secretary General of the society to go ahead with the agenda of the meeting. Dr. T.R. Raina also welcomed the members and started with the agenda items:

### **Agenda Item No. 1**

#### **Approval of the last Governing Meeting held at Pune on 25.08.2016.**

Each agenda point of last Governing Body Meeting held at Pune on **25.08.2016** was deliberated upon in detail by the members and approved unanimously. The following observations were made:

It was observed that although lot of activities are conducted /organized by the state chapters, these activities are not reported to ISBTI Head Quarter.

A project for social marketing of VBD through Educational Institutions was submitted by the head quarter to TISS for National CSR Hub. Dr. T.R. Raina, Secretary General, has also submitted similar project for the state of J & K to

Dr. Jitendra Singh, Hon'ble MOS, PMO Office. He told the members about the follow up and efforts made by him to get the project through. President conveyed his special appreciation for the efforts made by the Secretary General in this regard.

Dr. Raina informed the members that he is in constant touch with Dr Ved Gupta Chairman of the Conference and the preparations for Transcon- 2017 to be held at Kota Rajasthan from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017 are going on in full swing.

It was agreed upon by all the members to involve/facilitate different NGOs of the country for their involvement in the promotion of Voluntary Blood Donation. Further action in this regard was deferred but finally it was decided that Haryana State Chapter would organise a NGO conference in the state capital/NCR and timing for holding the conference shall be decided by the local chapter.

## **Agenda Point No.2**

### **Public Interest Litigation (PIL)**

The society intends to go in for a PIL in the Hon'ble Supreme Court regarding non implementation of the historical Hon'ble Supreme Court Judgment delivered in 1996. In this regard the President informed that Dr. Zareen Bharucha a senior expert in the field of Transfusion Medicine has sent a comprehensive document to the Head Quarter. Dr. Vasavada also a senior consultant in the field is also on the job. Apart from that Dr. Zareen Bharucha is in touch with Lawyers Collective, a group of lawyers actively engaged in social cause and the President himself will have a telephonic conversation with one of the lawyers Miss Lorraine on 20.03.2017 followed by a meeting with her along with Secretary General and Dr. Sangeeta Pathak, Treasurer of the Society.

## **Agenda No.3**

**Starting of MD Course in Immunohaematology & Transfusion Medicine at Dr S.N Medical College, Jodhpur**

Dr Raina informed the members that Dr Manju Bohra Prof Head Transfusion Medicine Department Dr S. N Medical College Jodhpur has approached the ISBTI HQ to intervene and help as the Medical Council of India has rejected their application for starting MD Course in IHTM during the session 2017. The President gave assurance to extend all possible help from ISBTI HQ. He constituted a committee consisting of Dr T. R. Raina Secretary General ISBTI and Dr Ved Gupta Chairman ISBTI Rajasthan Chapter to look into the matter and suggest the steps to be taken by the ISBTI HQ in this regard.

#### **Agenda Item No. 4**

##### **ISBTI Awards for the Year 2016-17**

It was agreed upon by all the members to form a committee for the selection of ISBTI awards for 2016-17 and the committee would include the President, Secretary General, treasurer and the Chairperson of the organising committee of the Conference.

#### **Agenda Item No. 5**

##### **Request for next Annual Conference Transcon - 2018**

In the last Governing Body Meeting, it was unanimously decided to hold TRANSCON- 2018 at Vishakhapatnam. The President informed that a verbal request from ISBTI Andhra Pradesh Chapter has been received for holding the TRANSCON-2018 at Vishakhapatnam and it was unanimously decided to approve and inform the AP State Chapter to start the preparations for the conference in advance.

#### **Agenda Item No. 6**

##### **Confirmation of new Membership if any**

Duly filled up Membership Forms which have been received at the HQ were discussed and approved accordingly.

#### **Agenda Item No. 7:**

##### **Election of ISBTI Governing Body**

It was decided to initiate the process for holding election of National Body to be completed by 15<sup>th</sup> October 2017. The President informed that the process

of election shall be the same as was carried out during the last two elections by ballot papers and by the same Returning Officer and Assistant Returning Officer.

**Agenda Item No. 8:**

**Any other point with the permission of the Chair**

a) Monetary support for Asian Journal of Transfusion Sciences (AJTS)

Dr.Ravneet kaur Editor of the Scientific Journal AJTS informed the members that she is getting Rs 2.50 Lacs per annum from ISTM and she requested that some financial support should also be provided by the ISBTI HQ for which the President suggested that a teleconference of Editorial Board of AJTS through Google Hangout be organised in near future so that all the issues regarding the journal be discussed in detail and decisions taken accordingly.

b) It was decided unanimously to monitor the arrangements being made for Transcon -2017 at Kota on a regular basis and to ensure that ISBTI Governing Body is kept in loop by the organizing committee. It was also decided to hold General Body Meeting in Kota before the conference.

c) The members were informed that the upgraded list of the life members of the Society shall be circulated to all in near future.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.

Dr T. R. Raina

Secretary General ISBTI