



Indian Society of Transfusion Medicine

Minutes of meeting of 9th **ISTM Annual General Body Meeting (AGM)**

Venue: Online; Zoom Platform

Date: 17th December, 2021; Time: 5 PM (IST) onwards

1. The 9th Annual General Body meeting (AGM) of the Indian Society of Transfusion Medicine (ISTM) was held online on the 17th December, 2021 on Zoom platform from 5 PM to 6 PM. The meeting was presided over by the President-ISTM, Dr. R.N.Makroo. The AGM started with a warm welcome note from the President and it was conducted as per agenda. The President-ISTM called the AGM to order. Following agenda points have been placed in front of ISTM members for discussion and approval:
2. On behalf of all members of ISTM, the Executive Council and members present in the AGM, paid homage to ISTM member and a pioneer of Transfusion Medicine Dr. Zarin S. Bharucha who left for heavenly abode. Members present in the AGM observed one minute silence in the memory of departed soul.
3. **Minutes of Transmedcon 2019 held at Mumbai:** Dr Manisha Shrivastava told that the Minutes of AGM held in TRANSMEDCON 2019 at Mumbai will be uploaded and displayed on ISTM website.
4. **Audited statement of past conferences:** Dr Prashant Agarwal updated, that the audited reports of conferences were delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and will be uploaded in the ISTM website at the earliest
5. **Fresh elections and nominations for all posts:** Dr Prashant Agarwal and Dr.Manisha Shrivastava proposed that as the elections have been delayed by more than 2 years so fresh elections should be announced and new nominations should be invited. For this the opinion of the house was asked and the majority agreed for fresh elections and nominations for all the posts. Hence the forum agreed on fresh

elections. Dr Tulika Chandra also added that fresh election should be conducted at the earliest possible. Dr Manisha told that by the end of December 2021 the returning officer would be finalized and the process of election would be started.

6. **Returning Officer for Elections:** Dr Makroo added that polling officer / returning officer may be selected to conduct the fresh elections. The forum agreed on few names that were suggested: Dr Col Satish, Dr Vinod Panicker, Dr. Sunil Rajadhakshya, Dr Anand Deshpande etc. Dr Susheela Innah who joined late in the meeting also showed her interest to be the returning officer of the upcoming elections. Dr Manisha said that names of others interested to conduct the election in the capacity of returning officer may be posted through e-mails

7. **Report by the Treasurer Dr.Prashant Agarwal:** Dr Prashant displayed the financial progress of ISTM since 2012 and discussed the balance sheet of the audited accounts of ISTM and the various savings and expenditures. He also explained that if the income of ISTM in a financial year would be less than five crore then the return would be filed under appropriate section and laws which would be exempted from income tax. Dr.Susheela Innah enquired about the status of the registration of the society for which the relevant valid registration certificate was displayed and the forum was satisfied with the validity. She also enquired about the display of the balance sheet on the ISTM website before the conference to which Dr.Prashant replied that the balance sheet is already on the website.

8. **Report by Young Professional Forum:** Dr Aikaj Jindal presented the report of Young Professional Forum (YPF) and discussed the various activities conducted by them. Dr Makroo added that some fund should be given to the YPF to carry out the academic activities. It was decided by consensus that such an amount would be put in fixed deposit which could generate an annual interest of Rs three lakhs which would suffice for the activities of YPF. Moreover it was agreed that the YPF would work under the banner and guidance of the ISTM and would submit an audited account at the end of each financial year to the executive council of ISTM.

9. **Venue for Transmedcon 2022:** It was deliberated upon, as to which zone the conference for 2022 would be allocated. Dr Prashant informed that it was the turn for the next conference to be held in Central India. Dr Manisha added that Dr.Ashok Yadav, Head, Department of Transfusion Medicine and Immunohaematology, M.Y.Medical College, Indore is interested to conduct TRANSMEDCON 2022 and

they have applied for the same. Hence online voting was done and the conference for ISTM, Transmedcon 2022 was given to Indore.

10. Increase in membership number and Organization of CMEs: Dr Manisha discussed about methods to increase the number of members in various regions of India. She added that biannual CMEs may bring about more memberships. She also suggested zonal CME programs for which Dr Aikaj took the responsibility under the supervision of the executive committee.

11. Collaboration between the ISTM and ISBT:

12. Dr Makroo told that now there should be increased collaboration between ISBT and ISTM to which Dr Manisha added that ISTM members should be allowed to join the ISBT programs.

13. **Functioning of SIGs:** Dr Manisha requested the SIGs to become more active. Though one or two groups are active but others should come forward.

14. **Starting of a new journal under ISTM:** Dr. Manisha stated that a new journal under ISTM is the need of the hour for which the forum agreed and Dr.Makroo requested Dr Manisha to put forth a proposal in this regard.

15. **New Curriculum and starting of DM Transfusion Medicine:** Dr Manisha, Dr Makroo and Dr.Anand Deshpande emphasized that the curriculum should be revised for MD course so as to encompass more of haematology and other topics which have recently come up in the field of Transfusion Medicine but not yet included in the curriculum. Dr. Makroo also told that DM-Transfusion Medicine should be opened or MD Transfusion Medicine should be made eligible for DM-clinical haematology. To this Dr.Prashant suggested that the executive body should meet the NMC for further perusal.

16. Dr Makroo & Dr Manisha summed up the meeting discussion and the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.