

**MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE
33rd ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF GLAUCOMA SOCIETY OF INDIA,
HELD AT SUGANYA CONVENTION CENTRE, PUDUCHERRY ON
SATURDAY,
28TH SEPTEMBER, 2024 AT 05:30 PM.**

Dated: 24/08/2024

**Agenda for Annual General Meeting, 2024 (Physical)
Venue: Hall C, Suganya Convention Centre, Puducherry
Saturday, September 28, 2024 at 5:00 pm**

1. Welcome by Secretary
2. Meeting call to order by the President
3. Roll call
4. Confirmation of minutes of previous AGM and any other additional GBM conducted prior to AGM
5. Any matter arising out of above minutes
6. Adoption of the Annual report of Executive committee read by the Secretary
7. Audited Accounts and Report of the Treasurer
8. Report of GIEPs read by any one zonal member appointed by the President
9. Decision of the venue of the conference to be held in 2026
10. Passing of statutory resolutions – Executive Committee Resolution
11. Ratification of new members
12. Consideration of any other business or of any resolution by any individual member submitted to the secretariat at least 60 days prior to AGM- discussion and approval of two separate Resolutions submitted by (i) Dr. Sushmita Kaushik (ii) Dr. Dewang Angmo. These were duly signed by the requisite number of members and discussed in the Executive Committee meeting.

13. Announcement of results of elections by anyone election commissioner
14. Address of the Outgoing President
15. Exchange of Presidential medallion and Change of the chairperson
Introductory speech by the incoming President
16. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair
17. Vote of thanks



(Dr. Manav Deep Singh)
Honorary Secretary
GlaucomaSocietyofIndia

1. The Secretary welcomed the Life Members and requested the Non Members and Associate Members to leave the hall, if present. He requested the President to call the meeting to order.
2. The President once again ensured that no one other than Life Members were present in meeting.
3. The President announced that the Register for Roll Call was being circulated and requested the members to sign in it. 104 Life Members attended the meeting. The President asked the Secretary to announce the names of departed members in last one year and requested the members to stand in silence for two minutes, in their memory. The Secretary informed that GSI had lost its past President, Dr. Ravi Thomas in November 2023 and Dr. Tanuja Kate in September, 2024. He further informed that the society had sent condolence letters to both the families and had organized a Zoom prayer meeting in the memory of Dr. Ravi Thomas. He requested the members to stand in silence in their memory for two minutes.
4. The Secretary informed that the minutes of AGM 2023 had been uploaded on the website more than 30 days ago. The time given for comments was till 19/09/2024. Two suggestions, from Dr. Vinita Ramnani and Dr. Prasanna Venkatesh Ramesh, were received. The

corrections were incorporated and additionally uploaded as modified minutes more than a week ago.

5. No further comments had been received. He offered to read the full minutes, if desired, by any member. Everyone said that there was no need to read the full minutes and that no one had any additional comments to make. Minutes were passed.

Proposed by Dr. Deven Tuli and Seconded by Dr. Krishnadas R.

6. The Secretary pointed out that the title of “Secretary’s Report” had been changed to “Annual Report of Executive Committee Read By the Secretary”. This was because work was done by the team of Executive Committee, and not by the Secretary, alone. The Secretary read the report and highlighted that he had had a very good team to work with and that the President was a rarest of rare combination of professionalism, experience, hard work. He further added that the President had the passion in taking care of minutest details with undoubted integrity. He informed the house that in response to various deficiency notices from the office of Registrar of Societies, a submission of 844 pages in four installments was done. An appropriate nominal penalty was also made. The Secretary informed that all the society documents had been regularized and the new Amended Constitution 2024 had been approved

and its certified copy was issued to the Secretariat. He offered to help and guide the new Secretary in following the statutory requirements in future. He also pointed out that the newly acquired permanent office of GSI at AIOS Headquarters had been regularized and a new registration certificate, bearing the new address had been issued by the Registrar's Office. With the acquisition of a permanent office, it would not be difficult to retrieve the information of previous years and would help maintain continuity. This was highly appreciated by the house. The Secretary briefed the members regarding update of website and the Whatsapp groups being run by the society. He informed that 21 GIEP programs had been conducted during 2023-24 and the total number of attendees was 1579. The total expenditure was Rs.4,82,601/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Eighty Two Thousand Six Hundred & One only) by GSI. He pointed out that the GSI expenditure had increased significantly because most of the National Faculty was hesitant to accept travel and accommodation from industry in view of the changed NMC norms. The detailed report was read by Dr. Shweta Tripathy which is attached as Annexure II. The Secretary informed that newsletter 6 had been published in September 2024 by the Editorial Team of GSI lead by Dr. Parveen Rewri and hoped that everyone had read it. He appreciated the

extensive awareness work done by all the members during Word Glaucoma Week 2024. He specially thanked the General Secretary of IMA **Dr. Anilkumar J. Nayak** and the President DMA **Dr. Ashwini Dalmiya** for the collaboration between DMA/ IMA with GSI in spreading awareness about Glaucoma in the members of IMA, throughout the country. He also thanked Mr. Om Birla, the Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha, for releasing a message for the nation regarding Glaucoma Awareness during the WGW 2024 and the Bothra Foundation for organizing multiple awareness programs in and around Karnataka. He appreciated the Treasurer and all the members who have brought the society to a strong financial footing and requested the Treasurer to read his detailed report after the Secretary's report. He thanked Dr. Venkatesh and his team for making this 33rd Annual Conference of GSI (GlucoCherry 2024) successful and obtaining 6 credit points for the conference from the Tamil Nadu Medical Council. The Secretary informed that to encourage youngsters, the applicant members, who were not ratified yet, were allowed to make presentations in E-posters as presenting authors. The Secretary also informed that to encourage young members upto age of 40 years, the BS Rao Award which was conceptualized in 2020 but could not be executed, has been formally

executed this year after having made appropriate SOPs. This award has been given a constitutional status for the best paper presented by members who were less than 40 years of age. He also informed that the names of all co-authors along with the titles of their papers had been mentioned in the Certificate of Presentation, for the first time. This year, on the initiative of LOC, a competitive session, Glaucoma Pitch, had been introduced for the presentation of new developments, since September 2021, by the innovator members. The Secretary also informed that like 2023, a Conference App was created this year, as well. The App was well appreciated and used by most of the attendees of the conference. Dr. Manav Deep Singh informed that a system was created to run the conference in the year 2018-19 which increased the surplus fund of the Society. This system had been running successfully since five years and had tremendously improved the financial health of society. He applauded Dr. Maneesh Singh for starting Internet Banking once again, which was not only convenient but also made transactions more transparent. The Secretary declared that, as advised by the Hon'ble Chief Guest Dr. Kiran Bedi, GSI will make its YOUTUBE Channel more active. At the end of this report he appreciated the contribution of web Manager Mr. Bhageshwar and his team and Mr. Ravi Sharma, Office

Manager, GSI Office. Dr. Ramakrishna appreciated the work of Executive Committee in last two years and that of LOC in organization of Conference.

Proposed: Dr. Ankur Sinha, Seconded : Dr. R Ramakrishna.

7. The Secretary informed the house that the Audited Accounts were uploaded on the GSI website on 24/08/2024 and comments were sought. No objections were received till now. He invited the Treasurer to present his detailed report in the house. Dr. Maneesh Singh informed that the audited financial account report FY2023-24 was available on the website since one month. He further informed that the Society has 12A and 80G certificate which were valid till 2026. He gave the details of income, surplus sources of income and expenditure and taxes paid. He also informed the financial status as on date. He informed the house that currently, most of the transactions were being done by internet incorporated banking and the office was being made more and more paperless. He thanked the CA, Mr. Prateek Shah for timely compliance of the tax laws. He informed that GST payment upto August 2024 had already been complied with. He also thanked the office bearer, Executive Committee and the LOC. The President appreciated the Treasurer for compliance with the Tax law especially GST and stressed the need for

continuity and appreciated the role of permanent office in this regard.

The Treasurer's report is attached as Annexure III

Proposed: Dr Amit Porwal, Seconded : Dr. Sumit Chaudhary.

8. The report of GIEP was read by Dr. Shweta Tripathy. Dr Amit Porwal questioned why some junior faculty members were given the opportunity to be considered as National Faculty. To this, the Secretary responded by saying that the zonal members were given a free hand to invite the faculty of their choice. He further stated that only one national faculty; Dr. PrasannaVenkatesh Ramesh was less than 10 years old member and he was a highly accomplished researcher. DrAmit Porwal said guidelines must be followed under any circumstances. Dr. Gowri Murthy reminded that Dr. Devindra Sood and his team had laid down rules that GIEP national faculty should have more than 10 years of experience. Dr. Vijaya Lingam agreed that guidelines should be strictly followed in future. The Secretary agreed. Dr. Surojit said that state capitals should not be the venue for the GIEP meetings. Dr. Amit Porwal stated that the guidelines should be transparent and be made available on the GSI website. Dr. Ankur Sinha added that the state capitals of small states like Tripura, Shillong could not be compared with large cities like Patna. The Secretary said that it is absolutely right that we cannot compare Agartala

with Lucknow and Jaipur. So we cannot exclude all the states capitals from GIEPs. Dr. Surojit reiterated that we could exclude North Eastern state from this category. However, other state's capitals should not be chosen for GIEP. The Secretary said that we cannot differentiate between east, west and south, the only concept that they should be held in smaller places, where CMEs were not being frequently held. He said that this was being followed in letter and spirit and hoped that the next team would follow the same.

Proposed: Dr Kirti Singh, Seconded : Dr. Maitreyee Das.

9. The Secretary informed that the 2026 Annual Conference had to be held in the East Zone as per rotation, and that only one bid had been received i.e. from Patna. New forms with detailed information regarding connectivity and available venue options have been introduced. The Patna team had sent all the information which was found to be in order. The proposed Organizing Secretary was Dr. Bibhuti Sinha and proposed Chairperson was Dr. Subhash Prasad. The team was given three minutes for presentation. The Secretary asked the members if they had any objections. The Secretary informed the Patna team that they needed to coordinate with Central Team and send names of 5 LOC members. They further informed them that the entire organizing of the conference would

be done by GSI members and that there would be no profit sharing with any local society. Dr. Subhash Prasad agreed to send five names within one month. No objection was received from any member. Therefore, 2026 Conference was allotted to Patna.

Proposed : Dr. Parveen Rewri , Seconded : Dr. Shibal Bharitya.

10. There were two Statutory Resolutions proposed by Secretary viz (i) The General Body hereby resolved that in the online elections held from September 16 – 23, 2024, following the election of new office bearers today later in the AGM, these new office bearers will be the new authorised signatories for the next term w.e.f. the date of handing over of the final charge. It was unanimously agreed. **[Proposed : Dr. Ronnie George, Seconded : Dr. Ajit Dwivedi]**.(ii).“GSI is operating from a permanent office with staff, which is at AIOS HQ, New Delhi and the same address has been recorded at the Registrar's Office. Regular routine work of the GSI office is being carried out from this place and the same should continue, even if the Secretary is positioned in a city other than Delhi, in future. If need be, the Secretary can appoint a part-time assistant for helping him in day-to-day work. This will ensure the appropriate record keeping, statutory compliance of various government

agencies and will maintain continuity.”[**Proposed: Dr. SushmaTejwani, Seconded : Dr. G.R. Reddy**].

11. The Secretary informed that GSI added 53 Life Members, converted 2 Associate Members to Life Members, added 66 Associate Members and added 2 International Members in the year 2023-24. The Secretary informed that each and every application had been scrutinized personally by him and the applicants were personally called by the Secretary in case of any doubt. The list was displayed and members were asked if they had any objection about giving membership to anyone. No objection was raised.

Proposed: Dr. Mayuri Khamar, Seconded : Dr. Medha Prabhudesai.

12. One valid resolution each was received from Dr. Sushmita Kaushik and Dr. Devang Angmo. Both were passed with partial modification by the Executive Committee. The resolution from Dr. Sushmita Kaushik required formation of a subcommittee for making SOPs. The original resolution and the one passed by the Executive were displayed.

Resolution 1 - as received “GSI should fund the young members under 40 years of age upto Rs. One Lakh to attend World Glaucoma Congress for oral presentation”

As passed by Executive Committee “ (1) Funding will be restricted to World Glaucoma Congress. It should be given to maximum two members, under 40 years of age, on the date of beginning of WGC in question, for every WGC. The maximum amount should be restricted to Rs. One lakh per beneficiary.

2. Members getting any financial grant of Rs.100000/- or above from any source, including their own institutions shall not be considered for funding by GSI. Partial funding may be considered for those getting only registration waiver. Partial funding would mean Rs.100000/- minus waived registration amount.

3. One member is eligible for this grant only once in his/ her lifetime.

4. SOPs for deciding eligibility and the procedure of execution to be decided by a Committee formed by the President. However, the committee should essentially consider the performance and participation of the member in GSI activities.”Dr. Sirisha Senthil raised concern regarding approval of grant in case there were more than two applicants and mentioned the possibility of bias. The Secretary clarified that the point no. 4, covered this issue. However, she insisted that it should be based on the worth of the work submitted and its scientific contents and not based on the performance of the person in GSI. Dr. Sushmita said

that the matter was very clear that it was for members under 40 years and only for oral presentation. Dr. Sirisha said that though she understood, there was a chance of heart burn at the time of selection, which was of concern. Dr. Ronnie George said that there should be SOPs and guidelines should be decided by a Committee appointed by the President. Dr. Vijaya agreed. Dr. Sirisha also agreed that the guidelines thus made, should be shared with all. The Secretary asked if the applicant be asked to make a web presentation in front a Committee? Dr. Sirisha said that we need not go to that extend but we definitely need to have guidelines as to who will be given financial support. The Secretary said that they should be passed on to the next Executive to make guidelines for the purpose. The Secretary suggested that Dr. Sirisha and Dr. Sushmita should be a part of committee for making this guideline. Dr. Sirisha said that anyone could be a member of the committee but appropriate guidelines would mean there will be no animosity and nobody will question. Dr. Dipanjan Pal said that as such a person could be getting a travel grant from WGC so why should he be given grant from GSI. Dr. Sushmita said that they get only registration waiver. The Secretary informed that it was already covered in the resolution being passed. Dr. Nayak asked Dr. Sirisha to clarify if he wanted that at the time of every

decision, a fresh committee to be formed by President or the next executive should form a committee to formulate guidelines for all future applicants. Dr. Nayak proposed that the new team be asked to make a committee to define the exact norms of selections, which was unanimously accepted. Dr. Sirisha wanted a Committee for permanent guidelines. The Secretary asked her if we could pass this resolution with this modification. The resolution with these modifications was passed.

Proposed by Dr. Sushmita Kaushik, Seconded by Dr. SirishaSenthil with modifications

Resolution 2 as received “We, the following GSI life members, hereby resolve that the ophthalmologists who have applied for GSI membership and have made payment for the same but have not been ratified yet (which happens in the annual GBM) should be allowed to present Free papers/ posters and videos as presenting authors and be considered for competitive sessions provided one of the co-authors is a ratified GSI Member” as passed by the Executive Committee "The members who have applied but are not ratified yet can be allowed to present their research as presenting authors in the non-competitive category only."

The Secretary explained that this will encourage the youngsters and at the same time will avoid the technical difficulties that will arise by allowing the non ratified members in competitive sections.” The Secretary asked Dr. Devang Angmo if the resolution modified by the executive was acceptable or not. Dr. Devang Angmo accepted this. There were no objections from any other member as well.

Proposed by Dr. Devang Angmo, Seconded by Dr. Suresh Kumar Gupta

13. The results of online GSI Elections 2024 were announced by the Chief Election Commissioner Dr. JC Das and the other members. Dr. L Vijaya and Vinay Nangia opened the Ballot box online on 28/09/2024. Dr. JC Das said that there were 1173 valid voters on the date of elections, out of which 713 voted in these elections, with a voter turnout of 60.73 percent. Elections were held only for the post of the President and Member East Zone as there was only one nominee per post for all other posts. Dr. JC Das informed that the online elections had started at 6 am on 16th September 2024 and concluded on 23rd September 2024 at 5.59 am. They were kept under lock and had opened just now. The results were projected live on the screen which were as follows:

1. President –

Dr. Sathyan P. - 418 votes (declared elected as President)

Dr. Prateep Vyas - 296 votes

2. East Zonal Member

Dr. Debasis Chakrabarti - 460 votes (declared elected as member east zone)

Dr. Ajit Dwivedi - 252 votes

The following members were announced as elected unopposed.

1. General Secretary – Dr. Manish Shah

2. Treasurer – Dr. DevenTuli

3. Member West Zone – Dr. Priti Kamdar

4. Member North Zone – Dr. Devang Angmo

5. Member South Zone – Raveendra T.

6. Member Central Zone – Dr. Vinita Ramnani

Dr. Vijaya commented that since GSI elections were becoming the norm and society was growing larger, framing of SOPs for election Commission and the Candidates, could be done. Dr. Nayak said that the point was well taken however, it would be framed by the next Executive Committee. Dr. Nayak congratulated the newly elected team as they were, now, ratified next Executive Committee Members. The results of elections were approved by the AGM.

Proposed : Dr. Suneeta Dubey, Seconded : Dr. Mandar Paranjpe.

14. Agenda 14 & 17 - Dr. Vijaya requested the team on dais that any other matter may be discussed before the address of outgoing President and exchange of medallion. This was agreed upon. Any other matter was, therefore, taken up as follows: On the request of Dr. Vijaya and with no objection of any other member, the discussion on the controversial email was initiated soon after the announcement of results. The Secretary asked the members and Dr. Vijaya to make any comments on this email issue. At the time of the agenda of statutory resolutions, the Secretary had already informed that he was aware of an anonymous derogatory mail which was being circulated among the GSI members, prior to elections. This has been taken up very seriously by the Advisory Board in its meeting held on 27/09/2024. The Advisory Board was of the opinion that such anti society activities should not be ignored. The mail in question had also implicated many past presidents, in addition to the current President and Secretary in an effort to malign their image. The Advisory Board has suggested that we need to approach some investigation agency or the cybercrime cell so that appropriate action could be taken. He advised the members that the office of Secretary and

President are always available for redressal of any of their grievances. If not resolved at the two offices, members could approach the Advisory Board. But writing these kinds of mails was not acceptable. He sought the approval of AGM to go ahead with reporting the matter to cybercrime cell or take any other appropriate action. Dr. Manish Shah said that we should ignore such meaningless mails because it is not addressed by anyone related to GSI and that it does not have signatures. So it is not cognizable. The President said that names of some very senior members had been mentioned which was defaming and disgraceful. He informed that the addresses from which these mails had been received do not belong to any members of GSI. It is in social media and is not restricted only to GSI. He completely disagreed with Dr. Manish Shah's statement to ignore the said mail. Dr. Krishnadas agreed with the President and said that if we do not take a decision now, such act will be repeated. Dr. Manish Shah said that whatever, can be done for the Past Office Bearers whose name have been maligned, should be done. Dr. Nayak said damage had already been done and that steps had to be taken to prevent future damage. Dr. JC Das said that unanimous letter carries no meaning because if the person did not have the guts to identify themselves, undue importance should not be given. However, the careers of some people,

especially for those in Government Sector or at responsible posts could be at stake. Anybody could produce this mail to restrict their promotions etc. There was a need to find the source and this General Body may allow to go to court. He pointed out that such a thing had happened earlier also. This is very sad for the society. Dr. Deven Tuli asked President to update the opinion of the Advisory Board on the subject in the meeting held the day before. Dr. Barun K Nayak asked those members who had seen the mail to raise their hands and then he asked those who had not seen the letter to raise their hands. About 90% of the members had seen the letter. Dr. Barun K Nayak once again reiterated that we should not ignore this mail which had been sent from multiple email addresses and had tarnished the image of many senior members. He asked if the members like Dr. Chitra who had not seen the email, would like to see the same? Dr. Deven Tuli once again asked the opinion from Advisory Board as per the meeting of 27/09/2024, if not confidential. Dr. Vijaya replied that the Advisory Board felt that it was not good thing to happen and that there was a need to find the people behind this and stressed the need to approach the cybercrime. Dr. JC Das requested permission from the GBM to approach the cybercrime or court. At the same time, GSI would write a letter to all its members saying that

this kind of act was not acceptable at all. Dr. Tuli suggested that the said letter be displayed so that it forms a part of the minutes of AGM. It should be at least run through otherwise how would the GBM know which letter is being discussed. Dr. Manish Shah sought the clarification on the role of the society in case there were people whose names were in the letter and they were desirous of going ahead for investigation or to court. Dr. JC Das replied that the society will say that anybody who wanted could go to court. Dr. Manish Shah said that Society will support. Dr. S.S. Pandav suggested a resolution be passed condemning the said mail. Furthermore, he insisted that the matter be investigated and appropriate action be taken. This resolution of condemnation should come from the GBM. Dr. Manish Shah was confident that all the members of GBM would agree to condemn the letter. Dr. Ankur Sinha supported the same by saying that he felt that the GB would stand with the seniors and agreed that a resolution be passed to condemn this letter in strong words. Dr. Sunil Jain also agreed. Dr. Nayak pointed out that just a condemning the letter would not mean anything. Dr. Ankur Sinha said that he had been to a cyber cell for personal reason but did not find the experience fruitful. The President, however, did not agree with this. Dr. Vinay Nangia supported it by saying that not taking action would

lead to receiving many such letters in the days to come. He reminded the members of the repercussions of such letters on an individual's image, if he/she were to hold a high post and was known worldwide, as the said mail was almost implicating the persons as a criminal. He added, that if no action was taken, it could destroy the character of the Organization and hence could not be ignored as a trivial matter. He appealed to those present to understand the spirit of the letter since Advisory Board members were named. He also said that this would lead to the society being questioned, per se. Dr. Vinay Nangia said that if no action was taken against a small crime, it will lead to a bigger crime in future. He said that every Advisory Board member was of the opinion that appropriate action should be taken. He informed that yesterday in the advisory board meeting every single board member was in agreement that email was not something trivial and that it should not be ignored and that we should do everything i.e. legally necessary to find out who had sent the email and what should to be done. It was decided that "appropriate action should be taken to safeguard the interest of GSI, its office bearers and the board members". Dr. Vijaya said that we could ask the GBM whether we could go to cybercrime cell or not and write a letter to all members. Dr. Ganesh Raman recommended going to

cybercrime cell, without which it would not be possible to move ahead. The Secretary proposed to summarize the discussion and to see if everyone agreed. (i) A letter be sent to all the members stating that this sort of a thing is condemned and that there is a redressal system and that they should refrain from this kind of activity. (ii) GBM approved that if any of the person whose name had been implicated in this mail, he/ she can take any legal action or approach the cybercrime cell. Dr. Vinay Nangia objected by saying that since the members were representing GSI, the society should do this. The Secretary modified the wording accordingly and stated that GSI should go to cybercrime cell or take any other appropriate action. He asked the members if this language is fine. The members agreed in one voice. The Secretary pointed out that this has been noted but the main action would need to be taken by the next executive. He hoped that the next President, Secretary and Treasurer would respect the decision of General Body and do the needful. The Secretary said that this resolution will be circulated along with the minutes and asked the President if this needs to be proposed and seconded or be considered as a unanimous decision. The Secretary asked the house if there was any objection to this resolution by any member. No members raised any objection so it was considered passed

unanimously. Yet it was passed and **proposed by Dr. Mayuri Khamar and seconded by Dr. Krishnadas.** Dr. Vijaya informed there was no need to seek the permission of AGM to go to cybercrime cell. To conclude it was unanimously decided that the current team approach the cybercrime/ any such agency without delay to investigate the matter further and take strict action against the perpetrator

Dr. Barun K Nayak started a brief address. However, Dr. Ramakrishna interrupted to thank and congratulate the outgoing President Dr. Barun Kumar Nayak, Dr. Maneesh and Dr. Manav Deep for their wonderful work. He appreciated their strict conduct in following the rules and regulations which were always in favor of the Society. He observed that all the scientific sessions finished on time and also appreciated the wonderful arrangements made by the LOC. He congratulated the incoming team lead by Dr. Sathyan P. Dr. Debasis Chakravarti raised the issue of segregation of food being served to delegates and faculty. The President informed that sometimes some faculty members demand segregation and it is the interest of time that they have to start a session. The Secretary said that the segregation was for initial 15-20 min. to allow faculty to save time. Dr. Gowri said that they had enjoyed the conference

thoroughly. However, she did point out that in the last few years it was felt that it was being tailored more for general ophthalmologists and was not sufficiently catering to the needs of Glaucoma Specialists. She stressed that more discussions and interactions among Glaucoma Specialists were needed so problems could be solved by interactions with other Glaucoma Specialists. She proposed that we should have more panel discussion rather than packing the session with didactic lectures. Dr. Nayak replied that the point was well taken and that it would be passed on to the next team for consideration. Dr. Nayak started his address by saying that he was not well prepared for this and had only 2-3 points to say (i) The work which had been done by his team was commendable. The acquisition of office space was being pursued for a very long time but could not be executed. Now that it had been allotted to GSI, it was up to the society to not lose it at any cost. He said that it would not be possible to get it back, if ever GSI had to part away from it. (ii) The submission of new bye laws (updated 2024) and its acceptance by the Registrar's Office (iii) Change of permanent address in the Registration Certificate (iv) Online banking started by our team has eased out financial transactions. Signature of cheques were not required. He then thanked Dr. Manav Deep Singh, saying that he was a very active

Secretary, and Dr. Maneesh Singh and all the five zonal members for their marvelous job. He wished best of luck to the incoming team.

15. The Secretary said that it had been my dream that GSI should felicitate its President appropriately. He informed that GSI was introducing the tradition of exchanging a golden medallion at the time of election of new President from 2024 onwards. He informed that two medallions of Silver with 24 carat gold plating and GSI logo were prepared this year. One had the name of outgoing president and the period of his presidency etched on it. This medallion was the replica of another medallion which had neither any name nor the period of presidency. This would be exchanged every two years and would be a permanent property of GSI. The new replica, like the one being given to Dr. Nayak, would need to be prepared every two years and would be handed over to the outgoing President to be kept in his/ her personal custody. Dr. Amit Porwal appreciated this gesture and further suggested that, like AIOS, a Lanyard be made bearing names of all previous Presidents which would make it look more glorified. However, Dr. Nayak said that it will give the look of a band master. The Secretary informed that this was discussed but not approved. The President asked if there was any other matter to be discussed by any other member. Since, there was none Dr. Nayak went to the next agenda

of address of the outgoing President. Following his address Dr. Nayak invited Dr. Sathyan, Dr. Manish Shah, Dr. Deven Tuli and all the new zonal members on the dais. The seats of incoming President and outgoing secretary were exchanged. The outgoing team congratulated incoming team. With this, Dr. Barun K Nayak, who was wearing the presidential medallion passed it on to Dr. Sathyan P. The replica prepared for Dr. Barun K Nayak was handed over to him. Dr. Sathyan P. thanked the outgoing team and promised to do the best for the society during his tenure. He commended the efforts for acquiring office space, registration of GSI and online banking facility and congratulated Dr. Nayak, Dr. Manav Deep Singh and Dr. Maneesh Singh.

16. The Secretary, Dr. Manav Deep Singh read the vote of thanks. He thanked the President, Treasurer, the Executive Committee and Advisory Board along with 100 of members who help him in performing the statutory compliance and giving him full support in the last two years. He thanked LOC, lead by Dr. Venkatesh, the members of society, the Faculty, the delegates, Trade participants, the venue team, the Hotel team, the Fabricator and Audio Visual team for their hard work and for making conference successful. He appreciated the role of every participant of conference. Special thanks were given to the Web

Manager, Mr. Bhageshwar Dutt and GSI Office Manager Mr. Ravi Sharma. Lastly Dr. Manav Deep Singh acknowledged his family for their support during the last two years. At the end he thanked the Almighty for His blessings.

17. The meeting ended with thanks to chair.