

Minutes Of PSNM General Body Meeting (2017)

Date: 16th April 2017 (Time 7 pm)

Venue: Shalimar Hall, PC Lahore.

Number of Participants: A total of 50 members, including all the 7 members of the Executive Council (through physical presence or proxy).

The meeting was started by recitation of Holy Quran followed by Agenda of meeting by Dr Muhammad Saqib Khan (GS).

1. Membership Categories:

Queries / Comments:

The membership categories currently in use and their privileges on display at www.paksnm.org are up for discussion. There is specific mention of applications for full membership received from some allied professionals which cannot be approved or disapproved in the absence of a laid down policy / constitutional clause dealing with this issue.

Dr. Sabih: There is no category of 'Life time' membership. Some Senior members including myself were given 'life time' membership for Rs 5000/- in 1st Executive council (2010-12), for which no record /receipt is available. The society must not lose records and document things properly. Suggested EC to acquire office for PSNM and maintain records.

Dr. Akhtar: Technologists working in NM departments should be offered free membership.

Dr. Numair: Add technologist category to engage them in NM activities.

Gen. Amin Waqar: International and national societies offer 'associate membership' only (with no voting rights) and no full membership to all allied professionals even after working with them for long time. He suggested that doctors of allied specialties (physicians, surgeons, dentist) should be given associate membership only instead of full membership.

Dr. Sabih: Constitute 3 members committee to go through the constitution and finalize membership categories.

Dr. Numair: Decide right now about membership categories, as it will delay election process.

Dr. Humayun: We can rule that only a specialist qualified or licensed to practice Nuclear Medicine can be a full member (with voting rights), or as already stated in constitution that any doctor working in NM department for three years will be offered full membership.

Dr Zahida Sabih: What would be the status of retired PSNM members?

Dr. Numair: What will be the status of doctors already given full membership, but now qualifying for Associate status only as per new criteria?

Dr. Saqib: We have applications from scientists (e.g. with PhD in biology) working in NM dept for many years interested in Full membership and this is the reason for this point and discussion.

Decisions:

- i. House agreed about the proposed Membership Categories.
- ii. Doctors of allied specialties will be given Associate Membership (no right to vote) instead of Full membership.
- iii. NM technologist will be given free membership till next GBM.
- iv. Status of retired members of PSNM will remain same, till they are paying the membership dues.
- v. Privileges will not be withdrawn from 'Associate members' who are already given 'Full membership'.
- vi. Currently hospital physicists, radiochemists, radiopharmacists, cyclotron engineers have Full membership. Any Scientist working in nuclear medicine department for more than three years will be given full membership e.g Post grad qualification Biology, biomedical engineering etc.

2. Change of name of EC Portfolio: Propaganda secretary to Information

Secretary:

House agreed for change of name of EC portfolio of Propaganda secretary to Information Secretary.

3. Next Election 2017 Schedule:

Queries / Comments:

Dr. Humayun: A members area has been developed on the www.paksnm.org website and Website administrator (Ms Saba Riaz) has been assigned the task to organise members' database. She will be provided information (old records, hard and soft copies of forms) of existing members (active and inactive) and new members by the President, FS and Info

Secretary. Soon members will also be invited to register on the online on the paksnm website and a dedicated email address will be provided to access the website administrator.

EC will provide information about the deposited new membership / renewal dues paid by the members to Web administrator.

An updated list of members will be put on display on website for all to review. Active members (who have paid their dues upto 2017 at the rate of Rs 1000/- per annum) will be eligible to vote in election 2017.

Dr. Mohammad Sohaib has agreed to take the responsibility as election commissioner for next election process. The election commissioner will hold e-elections, like 2015, using an independent website.

Dr Mehdi Raza: As the current Executive council took oath on May 10, it will appear reasonable if the new members registration and old members membership renewal is started from May 1. One month appears to be a suitable time line for this process.

Dr. Tariq Mirza: May 30 should be last date for renewal & new membership. Election date to be announced alongwith membership deadline.

Dr. Numair: Election schedule should be announced by GBM. When to open election campaign?

Dr. Sabih: There is no such date for start of election campaign. Campaign closing date is announced by election commission.

Dr. Humayun: Election process should be completed before July 15.

Decisions:

- i. Dr. Mohammad Sohaib assigned as Election Commissioner for next PSNM election 2017.
- ii. May 30 should be set as closing date for new/renewal of membership, with right to vote in 2017 elections.
- iii. Election commissioner will announce election schedule.
- iii. Election process should be completed before 15th July 2017.

4. Financial Statement:

Financial Statement of PSNM account was presented in front of the house by Finance secretary, Dr. Saadullah, complete till 31/12/2016 (pdf attached).

For the purpose of PSNM 2017 conference, society invited sponsorships from the industry and has commitments worth Rs 7 million plus. The expected expenditure is around Rs 4.5 to 5 million. However, all this will be clear in a week to ten days after all payments are received and bills are paid.

5. Open house discussion:

Dr. Sabih: Applauded the working of current EC and Proposed current EC to continue working for next 2 years.

Gen Amin Waqar and Dr Saima Riaz seconded opinion of Dr Durre Sabih.

Gen. Amin Waqar: EC tenure should be extended.

Dr. Sabih: EC should work to establish a 'School of Nuclear Medicine.'

Dr. Hamid: What will be the purpose of 'School of NM' when PIEAS and CPSP are there?

Dr. Humayun: 'School of NM' may serve the same purpose as similar schools established by other societies, essentially to create and conduct CME programs / certification courses for members. This is a major task and will require a task force to do ground work in future.

Dr Zahida Sabih: NM school should be there to offer refresher courses to consultants, associated professionals and technologists.

Dr. Sabih: NM member should be in PNRA BOGs to represent Nuclear Medicine Community.

Dr. Humayun: work is underway to acquire NTN, formal external audit and tax exemption status for the society. An auditor has been hired for this purpose.

There were no other points to be discussed.

Dr Mehdi Raza: It will be appropriate if those taking notes will repeat what they have written for the house to know about the points discussed and decisions reached thereupon by the GBM. This will help avoid any ambiguities in future.

Dr Javaid Iqbal read to the house, whatever had been recorded by him as minutes / points during the discussion and decisions arrived at.

Regards,

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Dr Humayun Bashir President
Dr Khushnaseeb Ahmed Joint Secretary
Dr Saima Haider Information Secretary

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