

**Minutes of the AGB meeting of Indian Epilepsy Association, held on 3rd Feb 2018 at
Convention Center NIMHANS, Bangalore.**

Members present:

1. Dr. Chanda Kulkarni
2. Dr. M M Mehndiratta
3. Dr. Ashish B
4. Dr. H V Srinivas
5. Dr. Thomas Mathew
6. Mr. P S Prakash
7. Mr. S Venkatesh
8. Mrs. Theresa
9. Mrs. Savitha B
10. Dr. Jayachandran D
11. Dr. Sanjeev Thomas
12. Mr. Chandrashekar
13. Mr. H K Damodhar Rao
14. Mr. K R Rajesh
15. Dr. Satish Jain
16. Dr. B Vengamma
17. Dr. B Rajendra
18. Dr. Bindu Menon
19. Dr. Jayachandran D
20. Dr. Satishchandra
21. Dr. G T Subhas
22. Dr. Manjari Tripathi
23. Dr. Ravan Gupta
24. Dr. Pradeep Nair
25. Mr. Christopher
26. Mr. Prakash Kadam
27. Mr. Manohar P
28. Mr. Vishnu Rane
29. Mr. K V Muralidharan
30. Dr. V V Nadkarni
31. Dr. S Sinha
32. Dr. Vinayan KP
33. Saraswathi Rajendran

IEA/2018/AGM/01 Welcome by President

Dr. G T Subhas, President IEA convened the meeting and welcomed the members.

IEA/2018/AGM/02 Condolence

A minute's silence was observed to condole the demise of Dr Eddie P Barucha, Dr. Maheshwari and Dr. E Krishnamurthy Sreenivasan.

IEA/2018/AGM/03 Confirmation of the Minutes of the AGM held at Patna in February 2017.

The Minutes of the previous AGM held at Patna in February 2017 was passed. Proposed by Mr Damodar Rao and Seconded by Dr H V Srinivas.

IEA/2018/AGM/04 Secretary General Report for the year 2018

Secretary General Report for the year 2018 was presented by Dr Rajendran. He mentioned that the Branches are not updating their activities to the Central Office and requested all present to inform their respective Chapters Secretaries to communicate with him.

IEA/2018/AGM/05 Dr. Satish Chandra raised a question on "Driving License for disabled focusing on Epilepsy

There were discussion with various views and opinions expressed by members from

Dr. Satishchandra mentioned that one should take a "Legal", approach to address the issue but mentioned that there would be legal fees.

Dr. Chanda Kulkarni volunteered to be part of the Sub committee to be formed so that decisions can be made faster.

Dr.H.V.Srinivas mentioned that with regard to "Disability and Driving", issue the matter is currently in the Transport Secretariat New Delhi and the follow-up has to happen at Delhi

Dr Rajendran also mentioned that patients can approach the law and file a Public Interest Litigation mentioning and objecting to the discrimination. In the case of the Marriage and Epilepsy Act, cases were filed simultaneously in 5 different High Courts by different chapters so that the Supreme Court was forced to take Suo moto action. This was the advice given by the learned Counsel.

Dr Mehndiratta mentioned that a subcommittee had been formed earlier and that the matter had been looked into.

Dr Subhas wanted to know the file number of the present file with the Transport Ministry and whether an RTI can be filed to get the present position of the matter and whether Dr Satish Jain will be able to get this information

It was decided to try and get the position of the present file thru an RTI and to proceed with the matter from there. Proposed by Damodar Rao and seconded by Mr Muralidharan

IEA/2018/AGM/06 Dr. Rajendran appreciated IEA Bangalore chapter for the awareness programmes initiated and accomplished in Bangalore and mentioned that IEA Bangalore chapter sets an example for initiating such activities. There was an amount of 3 lakhs that was available for awareness programmes and that the information could be distributed through the Epilepsy India. Interested Chapters could then send a proposal and apply for the money.

Proposed by Saraswathi Rajendran Seconded by Dr Jayachandran

IEA/2018/AGM/07 International Epilepsy Day

It was clearly mentioned that there is no “National Epilepsy day”, but only “International Epilepsy Day was to be celebrated.

Dr. H.V. Srinivas said that International Epilepsy Day was officially on the second Monday of February but can be celebrated on any day in the month of Feb every year. Chapters can have Epilepsy Awareness Programs round the year but not under the label of National Epilepsy Day

IEA/2018/AGM/08 “ECON 2019”

Dr. Mahendratta mentioned that the ECON 2019 will be held in Delhi with the registration fee lower than that of ECON 2018.

Discussion on Asia Oceania Epilepsy Congress 2020 was initiated to which Dr. Mahndiratta mentioned that two countries : Japan and India are in the fray and there will be a economic survey that will be conducted before the final decision is made in June. He suggested that ECON 2020 can be clubbed with the Asia Oceania Epilepsy Congress if awarded to India. Hence the call for bid for ECON 2020 can be informed to various Chapters through EI after June.

IEA/2018/AGM/09 IEA nominated three people for their selfless and outstanding contribution to Epilepsy for the Asia Oceanian Outstanding Achievement Epilepsy Award.

They are

Dr. H V Srinivas

Dr. Vengamma Naidu

Dr. Urvashi Shah

IEA/2018/AGM/10. IEA Mandya Chapter was given a go ahead. Proposed by Dr. H V Srinivas and seconded by Dr. Vinayan

IEA/2018/AGM/11. The GC member status of the two co editors and co webmaster was raised by Dr HV Srinivas and Dr Subhas.

There was big debate on the issue. Dr. Rajendran Dr Vinayan and Dr Bindu Menon felt that having more GC members will have a salutary effect and encourage more IEA members to be proactive. Dr. H V Srinivas said that there is only provision for having one editor of EI and one webmaster and they can co opt others to help them. The co opted members should not have GC status. Dr. G T Subhas was also of the same view. It was decided that the present Editorial and Web team will continue to have GC status till their term expires.

Proposed by KV Muralidharan and seconded by Dr Bindu Menon

IEA/2018/AGM/12. Treasurer’s Report

Mr. K V Muralidharan presented the Treasurer report and Dr. Satishchandra raised a query on the annual collection data that the chapters holding the ECON make to the Central Office, for which Mr. K V Muralidharan shared the data from 2013 till 2017.

The report was Passed proposed by Mr. Prakash and Seconded by Mr. Chandrashekhar.

IEA/2018/AGM/13. Editors Report was accepted and passed. Proposed by Dr. Mehndiratta and Seconded by Dr. Ashish Bagadi

IEA/2018/AGM/14. Book Release – Dr. H V Srinivas mentioned that people who release books on Epilepsy during the inaugural ceremony of ECON should be encouraged, but this should be limited to the field of Epilepsy, and can include short films and video. Dr. Mehndiratta mentioned that amendment in IES can be done to this effect and told that the same to be decided in the next meeting.

IEA/2018/AGM/15 M/s Goutham & Co. was unanimously renominated as Auditors which was proposed by Dr. Nadkarni and Seconded by Mr. Damodhar

The meeting was adjourned after Dr. G T Subhas proposed a vote of thanks to the hosts NIMHANS institution, IEA Bangalore, Dr. Satishchandra and , Dr. Sanjib Sinha.