

Minutes of the business meeting of the APSOPRS held at Singapore on August 24th, 2012

Asia-Pacific Society of Ophthalmic Plastic &
Reconstructive Surgery
Annual General Meeting (2012)
24 August 2012, Friday
Singapore Expo MaxAtria Convention Centre, Singapore

Agenda

1. President's Welcome Address
2. Definition of new membership categories
3. Proposal by Professor Javate on the selection of new APSOPRS President from current and all previous vice presidents
4. Regulations for affiliation of national oculoplastic societies to APSOPRS – proposal by Dr Grover
5. Nomination(s) for 2012 APSOPRS Honorary Fellowship
6. Election of the new APSOPRS council members
7. Any other matters

1.	President's Welcome Address	Attention
	Dr Yip Chee Chew gave a welcome message to all the members	
2.	Definition of new membership categories	
	<p>i) <u>Membership not in the Asia Pacific Region</u></p> <p>In view of some enquires of membership categories, which are not in the Asia Pacific region, Dr Yip proposed to accept OP specialists that are proactive in countries that are outside the "Asia Pacific Region", under the constitution as International membership. International member will need to pay their memberships dues like the "associate member" category. They have no voting rights and do not hold elected offices. This is to help to grow the organization and increase the membership profile.</p> <p>ii) <u>Adviser</u></p> <p>All past presidents of APSOPRS will be members of the advisory board. Reputable, internationally renowned specialists that our society consider as being able to bring up the standing of the society, help to attract membership or delegates to attend our biennial congress may be appointed as "Advisers" of our society. They do not need to pay the biennial membership dues but have the responsibility to assist in the congress program preparation, invite speakers and participants. They, however, do not have voting rights and cannot hold elected positions in the executive council.</p> <p>iii) <u>Honorary Fellowship</u></p> <p>The council proposed that honorary fellowships be conferred to reputable, renowned international specialists, who had rendered services to the society. This may be conferred only to 1 or 2 Oculoplastic specialists in a year and have to be approved by the council. It was decided to award honour fellowship to Dr. Lelio Baldeschi and Dr. Anthony Tyres for the year 2012.</p>	
	Secretary's Report	
	<p>The report was presented by Dr Hunter Yuen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthened communicated between members • Encourage international observership program and knowledge exchange <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Collaboration with International Societies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Joint Session with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICO • AAO 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APAO • MEACO • ISDDE • KOPRS • CHOPRS • AIOS • PAAO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-define membership category • APSOPRS Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ APSOPRS Travel Fellowship Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) To award outstanding trainees, from less privileged countries for meeting attendance and/or overseas training ○ APSOPRS Achievement Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) A scoring system for those who attend our meeting and make a certain number of presentation, ie: 5 marks for meeting attendance per meeting. 2 marks for each invited oral presentation, one for each submitted oral/poster/video presentation, with a maximum of 5 marks per meeting. ii) Achieved 15-20 marks to be eligible for Achievement Award iii) Achieved 50 marks or more to be eligible for Outstanding Achievement Award • Collect Membership fees • Elect new President (and coming meeting) and council members <p style="text-align: right; color: red;">Secretary's report was approved</p>	
	Financial Report	
	<p>Dr Cheng gave an update of the accounts for Year 2011- 2012 (handed over by Dr Looi in April 2011). She highlighted the expenses as such:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web-hosting service fee – USD 125 x 3 years (from 2010-2012) to Samanee (through 'Dr Milind) • Secretariat's Stipend: SGD 1000 for 2 years • Performance Bonus to secretariat SGD 400 (SGD200 x 2 years) • Payment to PCC Solutions for services rendered for writing account for 2011 • Appreciation Token to a friend of Alice who help society for writing the account and tax submission for 2012 without charging society for service fee. <p style="text-align: right; color: red;">The report was approved</p>	
	Selection of new APSOPRS President from current and previous Vice Presidents	

	<p>Prof Javate proposed that all past APSOPRS presidents and current council members should all exercise their votes. He suggested that all the current and past vice presidents should be eligible for election to the post of president.</p> <p>Only those candidates whose names are proposed and seconded from the house will be the candidates and will be voted upon.</p> <p>The principal of anonymous voting on ballot papers was suggested.</p> <p>Prof Tim and Prof Fan, being Past Presidents, supported the proposal.</p> <p>These proposals were approved by the house.</p>																																					
	<p>The new office bearer for the next 2 years are:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="344 701 1214 1276"> <tr> <td>President</td> <td>Ashok Kumar GROVER</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Immediate Past President</td> <td>YIP Chee Chew</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1st Vice President</td> <td>Hunter YUEN Kwok Lai</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2nd Vice President</td> <td>Audrey LOOI</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3rd Vice President</td> <td>Raoul Paolo D HENSON</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td> <td>Kelvin CHONG Kam Lung</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>Jin Fong CHENG</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Officers</td> <td>Toru SUZUKI</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Kasturi BHATTACHARJEE</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Nattawut WANUMKARNG</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Alexander TAN</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Atsuh AZUMI</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Peter MARTIN</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Tomoyuki KASHIMA</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>MD GOLAM Haider</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>KYUNG In Woo</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Mary Rose PEYAN</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>QIAN Jiang</td> </tr> </table>	President	Ashok Kumar GROVER	Immediate Past President	YIP Chee Chew	1st Vice President	Hunter YUEN Kwok Lai	2nd Vice President	Audrey LOOI	3rd Vice President	Raoul Paolo D HENSON	Secretary	Kelvin CHONG Kam Lung	Treasurer	Jin Fong CHENG	Officers	Toru SUZUKI		Kasturi BHATTACHARJEE		Nattawut WANUMKARNG		Alexander TAN		Atsuh AZUMI		Peter MARTIN		Tomoyuki KASHIMA		MD GOLAM Haider		KYUNG In Woo		Mary Rose PEYAN		QIAN Jiang	
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	<p>Dr Grover proposed that we need to make an extra effort to augment our membership within our region, by improving communication with the National Oculoplastic Societies in the region. This could be arranged to make these societies in the region our affiliated members by expanding the criteria for affiliation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered National Societies with minimum 20 members and with at least 2 of them members of APSOPRS (may be waived in case of exceptional situations like smaller countries). • Only one society will be affiliated from each country • Affiliation fee to be waived at this stage in order to build up the base. • The name of the affiliated National Societies, their office bearers and links to online website shall be displayed on the APSOPRS website. • A representative each from these societies will be a member in our council and could regularly update their society activities to our members and inform his/her country members about activities and meetings of 																																					

	<p>APSOPRS and encourage them to join APSOPRS.</p> <p>Dr Grover proposed a newsletter to update of activities and events of APSOPRS</p>	
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	<p>i) Web Hosting</p> <p>The council approved in principal the proposal on the profit sharing model with the vendor. However, this proposal did not materialize due to unforeseen circumstances.</p> <p>After comparison with pricing for the service quoted by various vendors, the pricing and service of current vendor was deemed favorable and Dr Yip had supported Dr Milind to continue with this vendor and pay for the APSOPRS website maintenance.</p> <p>The council supported the proposal.</p> <p>ii) <u>Separate Society and Congress Financial Account</u></p> <p>The council supported that the proposal by Dr Yip that our Society Financial Account, income mainly from membership subscription, to be maintained in Singapore and re-appointment of “Dr. Cheng Jin Fong” as treasurer for the next 2 years. Dr Cheng had accepted the re-appointment.</p> <p>Dr Yip proposed that hosting country for the future congress will be responsible of the Profits and Losses Account (P & L Account) for organising the congress. Dr Hunter suggested that if the congress P & L account run in profits, the hosting country may consider sharing some profits with the society to support the society’s awards, e.g. Travel Fellowship Award</p> <p>iii) <u>Strengthen communication and fellowship</u></p> <p>Prof Tim proposed that the organizing committees of future congresses to waive the registration fee for invited speakers, as they provide the opportunity and platform for knowledge exchange.</p> <p>iv) <u>Co-Host of Congress</u></p> <p>Dr Kashima (Japan) raised the issues of co-host of the next congress. The newly elected President, welcome the idea of co-host. Prof Tim commented that the co-host country must have the standing and ability to co-organise the congress with the hosting country.</p>	
	<p>Dr Grover, newly elected President, gave thanks to Dr Yip and his teams for organising this excellent and successful congress. He thanked the members for the confidence reposed in him and promised to do his best for the society to take it to newer heights with the help of the newly elected team.</p>	
	<p>There being no any other business, the meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair</p>	