

Proceedings of Annual General Body Meeting of OSWB held on 21st November 2009
at Science City Convention Center

The Honorary Secretary, Dr. Ashis K. Bhattacharya welcomed all the members to the AGM.

Dr. Ashis K. Bhattacharya requested Dr. P. N. Biswas to chair the meeting as the President of the Society. The meeting was then called to order by Dr. Biswas.

Agenda 1.

Confirmation of the proceedings of the AGM held at Netaji Eye Hospital, Ramchandrapur, Purulia on 25th October 2008 and Special General Body Meetings held on 02 / 02 / 09, 26 / 03 / 09, 30 / 05 / 09, 02 / 07 / 09 and 03 / 09 / 09. :

Dr. Bhattacharya informed that the printed booklet containing all the proceedings has already been circulated along with the notice of the AGM and the house is now open for discussion. Dr. P. N. Biswas asked the general body whether all the proceedings should be taken as accepted or otherwise. The house unanimously confirmed all the proceedings.

This was proposed by Dr. P. L. Saha and seconded by Dr. Asim Dey.

Agenda 2.

Receive and adopt the Annual Report of the Society:

Dr. Ashis Bhattacharya informed that the Annual Report has already been distributed along with the registration kit in the annual conference. However, he read out the report before all the attending members in the AGM. The report was then kept open for discussion in the house.

Dr. C. D. Datta informed that in the obituary Late Dr. S. B. Saha's name need to be included as expired during the year.

The report was then unanimously received and adopted by all the members.

This was proposed by Dr. Ishan Mukhopadhyay and seconded by Dr. Suven Bhattacharjee.

Agenda 3.

Receive and adopt the audited statement of accounts of the Society for 2008-09:

Dr. Ranjan Chowdhury, the Treasurer said that the report has already been circulated in the registration kit and requested the members to go through it. The report was then open for discussion.

The house unanimously received and adopted the report.

It was proposed by Dr. Ishan Mukhopadhyay and seconded by Dr. Suven Bhattacharjee.

Agenda 4.

Pass the annual budget for the ensuing year 2009-2010:

Dr. Ranjan Chowdhury informed that the report has already been circulated in the registration kit and requested the members to go through it and then the report was open for discussion.

The report was passed unanimously by the general body.

It was proposed by Dr. Anita Banerjee and seconded by Dr. C. D. Datta.

Agenda 5.

Declare the result of the election of the office bearers and members of the Executive Committee:

Dr. Ashis Bhattacharya said that there was no result to declare as there was no scheduled general election during the year. However he requested permission from the President to discuss and ask for the opinion of the house on the issue of Vice President Election for the year 2009. The President accorded his permission of discussion and taking decision on the issue.

Dr. Bhattacharya narrated that a notice for Vice President Election was circulated after discussion and recommendation by the Executive Committee of OSWB and also in consultation and confirmation by the election commissioner as approved by the Executive Committee. The date of election was declared as 25th June 2009. The complete schedule of the election was also announced. However, one senior member of the Society sent a letter to the Hony. Secretary, OSWB questioning the eligibility criteria for the said election. He insisted that the eligibility criteria for nomination for the post of Vice President should be as per the rules laid down in the constitution of 1981. He also supported his claim by enclosing a letter from the Registrar of Societies written to him on the issue.

Accordingly, as per the decision taken by the Executive Committee, the election of the Vice President for the year 2009 – 2010 was postponed. In the mean time the Registrar was also contacted in person by a few representatives of the Society. He was given official letters from the Society to which he has not replied till date in spite of being sent reminders.

Dr. Bhattacharya explained that in such a situation where the Registrar has been maintaining silence, individual members had started interpreting the constitution in different ways of their own. The situation came to such a pass that the Executive Committee decided to seek an opinion of a dependable and reputed lawyer so that OSWB could function smoothly. Accordingly a barrister was consulted and he gave a written opinion mentioning that OSWB has got no legal bar to follow the constitution as amended in the year 2005. The opinion of the barrister was discussed in an Executive

Committee Meeting and Executive Committee decided to continue to follow the rules of the amendments of 2005 for all activities of OSWB henceforth. Since then the Society has been following the Rules and Regulations as laid down in the 2005 amendments. No objection was raised from any of the members present on this issue of following and abiding by the guidelines of the amended constitution of 2005.

Dr. Bhattacharya added that the present President Dr. P. N. Biswas has also been elected by the same rules and regulations of the amendments made in the year 2005. Also, he was elected in an election procedure in February 2008 which in reality was a deferred election due to some unavoidable circumstances faced by the Society at that time. It was the general body who had accorded the permission for holding the said election in February 2008. He observed that since there was a precedence of holding a deferred Vice President Election, the house should decide whether the Executive Committee can hold a deferred Vice President Election this time (i.e. for the year 2009) too.

The Hony. Secretary then requested the house to discuss and opine on the whole issue of Vice President Election of 2009 and related aspects.

The house unanimously decided that the Vice President Election of 2009 should be held at the earliest possible date after AIOC-2010 was over by observing the protocols as laid down in the Rules of the amended 2005 constitution.

This was proposed by Dr. Suven Bhattacharjee and seconded by Dr. Ishan Mukhopadhyay.

Agenda 6.

Appoint the Auditors of the Society:

Dr. Ranjan Chowdhury described that the under performance of the existing auditor has been noted and carefully considered and discussed in the executive committee meeting and a unanimous decision was to change the auditor. Accordingly a new Auditor has been decided unanimously accepted by the Executive Committee in their meeting and the name of the firm is: "Subir Kumar De".

Dr. P. R. Chatterjee commented that the fees of the auditor should preferably be same as before and Dr. Ranjan Chowdhury replied in the affirmative. Dr. Debasish Bhattacharya commented that the credibility of the auditor should be evaluated beforehand. Dr. Ashis K. Bhattacharya mentioned that they should be given a chance to work to assess their credibility. The appointment of the new auditor general was unanimously passed in the meeting.

This was proposed by Dr. Debasish Bhattacharya and seconded by Dr. Amarnath De.

Dr. Abhijit Ghosh wanted to know about the audited report of the Annual conference of last year held at Ramchandrapur. Dr. Ranjan Choudhury answered that there was a profit of Rs. 1000/- (Rupees One thousand only) through a total income of Rs. 9, 40,318/-

(Rupees Nine Lakhs Forty Thousand Three Hundred Eighteen only) at the 39th Annual Conference.

Agenda 7.

Consider any amendment of the Rules and Regulations of the Society of which the notice has been given.

Dr. Ashis Bhattacharya informed that there is no resolution for discussion related to the amendment of constitution this year. With the permission from the chair he also narrated in detail the events related to this issue. He stated that a Special G. B. Meeting was convened at Sambhunath Pandit Hospital on 3rd September 2009 where an ad-hoc sub committee called “Constitution Sub Committee” was formed by the general body to look after the controversies and issues related to resolutions concerning amendments. The general body had selected Dr. P. R. Chatterjee as the Chairman of the committee. As per the decision of the general body, the Hony. Secretary nominated two members Dr. Puspita Sahu and Dr. Ranjan Choudhury as representatives of the said committee. The house also desired that The President of OSWB nominate two representatives for the said committee. Since the President was absent on that day, President Elect Dr. P. N. Biswas nominated Dr. Chandan Bari and Dr. Sambuddha Ghosh on his behalf. Two meetings were held with prior intimation to the members of the committee under the chairmanship of Dr. P. R. Chatterjee and in none of the meetings the nominees of the President were present. Only one resolution was submitted by one member and that the committee did not find it substantial enough to recommend it for discussion in the AGM.

Hence there were no valid resolutions for discussion.

As there were no new resolutions for amendments, the house unanimously decided to continue with the existing 2005 amendments of the constitution.

This was proposed by Dr. S. K. Das and seconded by Dr. P. B. Datta.

Agenda 8.

Consider any Resolutions of which due notice has been given.

There were no resolutions sent for consideration.

Agenda 9.

Ratification of new members

Dr. Ashis K. Bhattacharya read out the list of the names of new Life Members recommended by the Executive Committee for ratification in the AGM. They were:

Dr. Kanak Kumar Chakraborty

Dr. Anil Kumar Mandal

Dr. Sujata Guha

Dr. Tanmay De
Dr. Sanjib Banerjee
Dr. Chiranjit Bal
Dr. Abhijit Chattopadhyay
Dr. Partho Bakshi
Dr. Somnath Maulik
Dr. Madhumita Saha
Dr. Kaushik Mitra
Dr. Alokesh Ganguly
Dr. Parijat Choudhuri
Dr. Chaitali Basu
Dr. Sivaji Sarkar
Dr. Amit Kumar Gupta
Dr. Lt.Gaurav Kapoor
Dr. Lt.Vijay Mathur

Dr. Bhattacharya also read out the new Associate Members' names recommended by the Executive Committee for ratification in the AGM. The names were:

Dr. Vineet Agarwal
Dr. Anwasha Das

The house unanimously accepted the names as new members in the respective categories. This was proposed by Dr. Ishan Mukhopadhyay and seconded by Dr. Banamali Samanta.

Agenda 10.

Consider any other matter with the permission of the President:

Dr. Sugata Nandi Roy sought the President's permission to clarify certain points which he thought had been misrepresented in the Enquiry Commission's report and stated that there was no "misunderstanding" between him and Dr. Supratik Sanatani as had been reported by the Enquiry Commission. He tried to justify his points by giving explanations. Dr. Ashis K. Bhattacharya took the President's permission and requested Dr. Nandi Roy that the Enquiry Commission's report should be given its due importance and respected by all concerned.

There being no more agenda to discuss, the meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

Dr. Pradyot Narayan Biswas
President, OSWB

Dr. Ashis K. Bhattacharya
Hony. Secretary, OSWB