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NOTICE FOR SPECIAL ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING 2015

Ref: AMPI/SGBM/2015-17/001

Dated: 6th November, 2015

To
All Members of AMPI,

On behalf of the AMPI, I am pleased to notify all members to attend the Special Annual General Body Meeting (SAGBM) of the Association of Medical Physicists of India, which will be held on **21st November, 2015 (Saturday) at 17.00 hrs** (5.00 PM), at AMPICON2015 venue KTDC, Samudra, Kovalam, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala with following special agenda.

Special Agenda of the Meeting

1. To propose the motion on MCI and AERB related Professional issues
2. To discuss and decide about Reorganization of AMPI Chapters'
3. To examine and approve the recommendations of Executive Committee (to confer Honorary Membership etc.)
4. To update the progress of organizing committee of AMPICON2016 & Future Plans
5. Any other important matters with permission of the Chairman

Thanking You

Sd/
(Dr.V.Subramani)
Secretary, AMPI

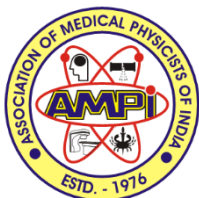
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Note: If there is no quorum at the scheduled time of the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned for half an hour. The adjourned meeting will be held at the same venue and with the same members present, and all the items mentioned in the agenda will be transacted.

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Minutes of the Special Annual General Body Meeting 2015 of Association of Medical Physicists of India

The Special Annual General Body Meeting of Association of Medical Physicists of India was held on 21st November, 2015 at AMPICON2015 venue, Kovalam, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. The AMPI Officers i.e. President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer were on the Dias. The meeting attended by 107 AMPI members. The President, AMPI opened the meeting by welcoming all members. The President, AMPI asked the Secretary AMPI to proceed the meeting with listed agenda. The following decisions were taken based on the discussion with all members in the house.

Agenda Item 1: To present the motion on MCI and AERB Related Issues

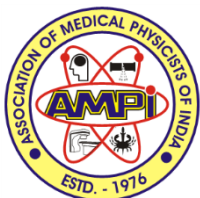
MCI Issue: Revision on MCI minimum qualification criteria for Radiological/Medical Physics Teachers

The Secretary, AMPI informed to the house that revision/correction in the essential qualification for teachers in the discipline of Radiological Physics/Medical Physics is still pending despite of previous AMPI office repeated requests to MCI. The newly elected AMPI office has recently submitted a memorandum to MCI on this matter and requesting MCI to make necessary corrections in the essential qualification for teachers in the discipline of Radiological Physics/Medical Physics as per the Gazette Notification gazette vide part-III, Section-4 dated 23 March, 2010. On this issue Dr.Ajaj Srivastava asked secretary to updates the house. The Secretary, AMPI requested the President, AMPI to respond to Dr.Ajaj Srivastava, since the President, AMPI was involving from the beginning on this matter.

The President, AMPI replied that the essential educational qualification for Radiological Physics/Medical Physics teachers, as per the gazette notifications are not reflecting in Minimum Qualification for Teachers in Medical Institutions Regulations, 1998 (Amended up to May 2015) which are available on MCI website. The president, AMPI informed to the house that MCI has accepted basic qualification as per the AERB recent safety code i.e. M.Sc. Physics + DRP or M.Sc. Medical Physics along with one year internship, instead of M.Sc. (Physics), Biophysics and M.Sc. chemistry etc. He has also informed to the house that the PhD is not required as an essential qualification for the Assistant professor in Radiological Physics/Medical Physics. The same was appreciated by the house.

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It was also brought to the notice by members from the house that regarding MCI requirements of staffing for starting radiotherapy department in medical institute/college, it is mentioned that requirement of a "Physicist". However the house was discussed the same and unanimously agreed that it should be mentioned as "Assistant Professor of Radiological Physics/Medical Physics" rather than a physicist so that he/she will be involved in teaching and training as per the MD Radiotherapy curriculum. Further, the house discussed and agreed that MD Radio-diagnosis course also requires at least one teaching faculty post of Assistant Professor of Radiological Physics/Medical Physics to take care of teaching and training.

Proposed by: Dr. Shobha Jayaprakash Nair & Seconded by: Dr.Ajay Srivastava

[AERB IssuesNo.1: Separate Department & Head of Medical Physics in Medical Institution in India](#)

The Secretary, AMPI informed to the house that executive members have brought to notice of the executive committee of AMPI regarding staffing in Radiotherapy in the AERB safety code. It is mentioned as one Chief Radiation Oncologist and one Chief Radiation Therapy Technologist along with other requirements based on number of patients. However, for Medical Physics cadre, the chief position was not mentioned in parallel to others. The same matter was discussed in the EC and decided to take up the matter to the Special General Body approval for making separate department of medical physics and also head of medical physics as the chief of the department. The house also discussed the need for separate department of medical physics in order to carry out independent responsibilities such as radiological safety and quality assurance programme along with other patient-related responsibilities to ensure the safety and quality of radiation treatment of cancer patients. It was agreed by the house and further decided that AMPI office should send a memorandum requesting to AERB for making an amendment in the safety code for separate department of Medical Physics and Head of Medical Physics as the chief of Medical Physics cadre.

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[AERB Issue No.2: Amendment by removing the Dosimetrist staffing in the recent AERB code](#)

The Secretary, AMPI informed to the house that executive members have brought to notice of the executive committee of AMPI about the need of amendment by removing the post of Dosimetrist in the AERB safety code. The executive committee of AMPI discussed about the need of Dosimetrist post in detail and decided by majority of voting that at present the post of Dosimetrist is not needed or required. Because at present there is no programme in our country which is conducting such course of Medical Dosimetry, practically no manpower is available for recruiting the same. Therefore it was decided to take up the matter to the Special General Body approval. All members present in the house have agreed for the same and the decision was taken with majority voting in support of the agenda. Further, it was decided that AMPI office should send a memorandum requesting to AERB to make amendment by removing the Dosimetrist staffing in the recent AERB code.

[AERB Issue No.3: Inclusion of Radiation Safety syllabus in the MD \(Radiotherapy, Radiodiagnosis and Nuclear Medicine\) Programmes in Medical Institution](#)

The Secretary, AMPI informed to the house that EC members have brought to notice of the executive committee of AMPI about the need for the inclusion of Radiation Safety syllabus in the MD (Radiotherapy, Radiodiagnosis and Nuclear Medicine) Programmes. Dr.S.D. Sharma has informed that it may have negative impact as well because many radiation oncologists are willing to become RSO. Prof. Arun Chougule replied that RSO responsibilities are basically duties of Medical Physics related work such as to carry out the quality assurance and quality control and hence becoming RSO by oncologists may not be practically possible. All members present in the house have agreed for the same and it was decided that AMPI office will write to AERB in the matter.

Proposed by; Suresh Pangam

seconded by: Dr.Raghukumar

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[AERB Issue No.4: Amendments in e-LORA system i.e. mandatory provision for filling Make and Model of the Equipment during layout plan submission time.](#)

The Secretary, AMPI informed to the house that EC members have brought to notice about requirements of amendments in e-LORA system regarding mandatory provision for filling make and model of the equipment during layout plan submission time and hence it has decided to take up this matter to the special General Body approval. The same matter was discussed in the house that the correct make and model of the equipment is not possible to know before finalizing tender therefore it was felt that only specific energy needs to be filled instead of make and model of the equipment. The house was unanimously agreed for the same decision and further decided that AMPI office should send a memorandum requesting to AERB for amendments in the e-LORA system to this effect.

Agenda Item: 2: To discuss and decide about the re-organization of the AMPI Chapters

The Secretary, AMPI informed to the house that some of the members have brought to the notice of AMPI office regarding the need for re-organization of the AMPI chapters. Dr.Madhavanath has informed to the house that there is no uniform number of states included in the regional chapters of AMPI and there is a need for re-organizing AMPI chapters. He has also informed to the house that AMPI chapters are not necessary to conduct annual conference which usually falls within 2-3 months' time after the national annual conference and hence it may not be possible to have quality research papers in the subsequent chapter annual conferences. He also suggested that chapters can have workshops, CME and symposia instead of annual conferences.

Proposed by; Dr.Madhavanath seconded by: Dr.S.D.Sharma.

However, regarding the re-organization of AMPI chapters the most of the members present in the house were of the opinion that there is no such need to reorganize the AMPI chapters & its function. It was decided that all chapters will run they way they are running now. All chapters shall be free to do annual conferences and all academic activity.

Proposed by Dr.Rajesh Kinkhikar & Seconded by Dr.R.Ravichandran

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Agenda Item3: To examine and approve the recommendation of Executive Committee

Seeking approval for EC recommendation #1: To confer the honorary membership

The Secretary, AMPI informed to the house that executive committee of AMPI decided to confer honorary membership of AMPI to Dr.Slavik Tabakov, who is presently a Programme Director & Consultant Medical Physicist at King's College London (KCL), School of Medicine at the Dept. Medical Engineering and Physics, King's College Hospital London, UK and also present President of International Organization for Medical Physics (IOMP). After detailed deliberations on this matter, the house approved the proposal of honorary membership to Dr.Slavik Tabakov by majority voting. However the second proposal of conferring honorary membership to Dr. Tea-Suk Suh who is a Professor of Biomedical Engineering, in the Catholic University Medical College & Director of Research Institute of Bio medical Engineering, Seoul, Korea is deferred.

Seeking approval for EC recommendation #2: Constitution of AMPI-EC-Subcommittees

The Secretary, AMPI informed to the house that executive committee of AMPI decided to constitute subcommittees under AMPI-EC having members of outside executive committee and hence it is decided to take up the same matter to the special General Body for the approval. The Secretary, AMPI has proposed subcommittees under six heads such as Education and Training committee, Professional Development Committee, Science Committee, Administrative Committee, Publication Committee and Finance Committee through power point presentation to the members present in the house. All members present in the house advised to the AMPI office that the detailed roles and responsibilities and purpose of subcommittees' should put in the AMPI website for referral of AMPI members before approving the same.

Seeking approval for EC recommendation #3: instituting P.S.Negi Medal for Best Research Paper Award for Medical Physicists In India

The Secretary, AMPI informed to the house that the proposal from Prof.P.S.Negi for instituting medal for best research paper award for best papers published in international peer reviewed journal like PMB, Medical Physics, JACMP, IJROBP, Green Journal and Medical Dosimetry for practising Medical Physicists in India. This medal should be awarded (cash award of Rs, 10,000/) out of the yearly interest of the fixed deposit of rupees two lakhs which will be donated to AMPI by

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Prof.P.S.Negi. The same proposal was approved in the AMPI-EC and hence decided to take up the matter to the special general body meeting. During the discussion on the agenda some of the members felt that the clarification should be sought from the proposer whether it is applicable to Medical Physicists those who are working in hospitals only or all members of the AMPI. Therefore, it is decided that the same approval from the house of SGBM is subject to the clarification from the proposer. Based on the clarification from the proposer, AMPI office will take the matter again to the General Body through group emails to all AMPI members via our Website. AMPI office will intimate to the proposer about the final outcome of the pending approval accordingly.

Agenda Item4: To Update the Progress of AMPICON2016 & 40 Years of AMPI celebration

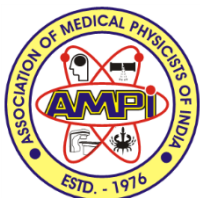
The Secretary, AMPI invited the organizing Committee of AMPICON2016 to update the progress of the AMPICON2016 and Dr.Krishnamurthy Chairman, organizing Committee have made power point presentation about the AMPICON2016 arrangements and he informed to the house that detailed committees will be formed in consultation with AMPI office soon and organizers of AMPICON2016 agreed to follow all the norms of AMPI in conducting the conference. It has also unanimously decided by the house that the forthcoming AMPICON2016 will be of 40th Year of AMPI and celebration to be arranged accordingly and all announcement of AMPICON2016 should emphasis the 40th Year of AMPI.

Agenda Item 5: Any other important matters with permission of the chair

1. Dr.Vishnu has informed to the house that the presently the Medical Physicists designation in all Kerala Medical Colleges are as “Physicist cum Assistant professor” and suggested to take this matter through AMPI to make uniform designation throughout the country.
2. Dr.P.G.G.Kurup has suggested that there is need of minimum two Medical Physicists for a single machine because of heavy workloads on RSO and the house was unanimously agreed for the same.
3. Dr.P.Kaliappan has suggested to the house that there should be uniform educational qualification and syllabus throughout the country. He also asked for clarification that in a situation where a single Medical Physicist or Faculty is appointed for all three disciplines such

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as Radiotherapy, Radiodiagnosis and Nuclear Medicine how to spend man-hours in each department. The President replied that this is very important concern and need to take this matter to the hospital/institute management for recruiting appropriate manpower as per the practice being carried out by the institute. Upon his further clarification regarding levels of RSO appointed in Radiotherapy, Radiodiagnosis and Nuclear Medicine departments, Dr.S.D.Sharma clarified that RSO level I and RSO level II will be adequate for Radiodiagnosis and Nuclear Medicine without cyclotron facility and whereas RSO level III is required for Radiotherapy department.

4. Dr.S.P. Aggarwal has suggested that there should be a minimum syllabus of Radiation Safety for CMPI accreditation examination and further he suggested that there should be a common syllabus of Radiation safety for both M.Sc+DRP and M.Sc Medical Physics courses to have a homogeneous pattern and will be helpful for students appearing in the RSO examination latter.
5. Dr.B.S.Rao has suggested that there should be expert for teaching Radiobiology to radiation oncology and Medical Physics courses in order to give importance of radiobiology syllabus as required in the educational curriculum. He also suggested that there should be a dedicated radiobiology workshop/teaching course periodically for all Medical Physicists in the country.
6. Mr. Rituraaj Upreti has asked about the status of one man one post for the executive members of the AMPI since it was already decided by the previous EC meeting. It has been discussed in detail in the house and decided that any individual member on their own offering resignation from the more than one post is welcome measures. However, most of the member's opinion from the house that this needs to be discussed further and to make amendments in the AMPI constitution to this effect so that implementation becomes easy.

At the end of the meeting Secretary thanked all the members and the meeting ended with thanks to the chair.
