

MINUTES OF 38TH ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF INDIAN SOCIETY OF BLOOD TRANSFUSION AND IMMUNOHEMATOLOGY HELD AT THE GATEWAY HOTEL, SURAT, GUJRAT ON 19.10.2013.

38th Annual General Body Meeting of ISBTI was held at The Gateway Hotel, Surat on 19.10.2013. The meeting was chaired by the President Dr. Yudhbir Singh. Following members of Governing Body with ISBTI Members from all parts of the Country attended the meeting:

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| 1. Dr. Yudhbir Singh | President |
| 2. Dr. T. R. Raina | Secretary General |
| 3. Mr. M. Satish Kumar | Deputy President (Technical) |
| 4. Dr. Ravneet Kaur | Editor - AJTS |
| 5. Dr. Manvir Singh | Jt. Treasurer |
| 6. Dr. Sangeeta Pathak | Zonal Chairperson (Northern Zone) |
| 7. Dr. Yezdi Italia | Chairperson, Gujarat Chapter |
| 8. Mr. Sanjay Gupta | Chief Operating Officer |
| 9. Mrs. Monica Gupta | Editor - Motivational General |
| 10. Dr. P K Paliwal | National Coordinator |

President – ISBTI, Dr. Yudhbir Singh welcomed all the members present in the Annual General Body Meeting. After brief discussion regarding TRANSCON-2013 he appreciated the efforts and pain which the members of the Organizing Committee and others associated with the conference directly or indirectly, took in the successful accomplishment of the Conference. He then asked Dr. T. R. Raina, the Secretary General to go ahead with the Agenda of the Meeting.

Dr. T. R. Raina welcomed all the members present in the meeting & expressed his thanks to the House for taking their time to attend the Annual General Body Meeting. He informed the house about the sad demise of Professor J. G. Jolly, the Founder President of ISBTI. Dr. Jolly pioneered voluntary blood donation movement in the country. It was only due to his efforts & contribution to the cause that his birth date i.e. 1st October is celebrated as the National Voluntary Blood Donation Day throughout the Country. The House observed silence for one minute to pay tribute to the departed soul.

Confirmation of previous year's proceedings

The proceedings of the previous year's general body meeting were presented & treated to be confirmed as such unanimously.

Last year's Activities of ISBTI

Dr. T. R. Raina read out the Annual Report of ISBTI including various activities undertaken by ISBTI State Chapters & ISBTI Head Office.

Achievements of ISBTI

Dr. Raina told the house that it was a matter of great pride for all of us that ISBTI has entered in to the 40th year of its existence & excellence. This is the 38th annual national conference of ISBTI being organized at Surat this year. ISBTI has reached new heights & has plans to grow further with its strong network of members spread across the Country.

He also pointed out that Asian Journal for Transfusion Services (AJTS), the Scientific Journal of ISBTI has become one of the best scientific journals which have recognition at International Level and the credit for this goes to Dr. Ravneet Kaur & her team.

ISBTI is one of the very few organization empanelled with TISS National CSR Hub – a joint venture of Department of Enterprises, Govt. of India & Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) to undertake & implement projects of CPSEs throughout the Country.

ISBTI in collaboration with BloodConnect created a new world record of the largest human blood droplet, breaking the previous record set by South Korea. As many as 3069 students from various colleges and Kurukshetra University took part in forming largest human blood droplet at the K.U. Sports Stadium. The aim of the record attempt was to promote large scale awareness for voluntary blood donation amongst the youth on International Youth Day.

ISBTI – J&K State Chapter organized a Seminar on Voluntary Blood Donation at the highest place of the Country – Leh, Laddakh to create awareness & motivate masses of the region.

Audit report of the Financial Year 2012-13 of ISBTI

In the absence of Dr. Kulbir Kaur, the Treasurer, Dr. Raina presented the Audited Accounts of the Society for the year 2012-2013 and the same were approved by the House unanimously.

Next Annual Conference of ISBTI

Dr. Raina informed that a request from ISBTI Punjab State Chapter has been received to host and hold the next Annual Conference in Punjab and the same was approved unanimously.

Inactive State Chapters of ISBTI

The issue of inactive State Chapters is always being raised in every General Body Meeting. The House was of the opinion that such State Chapters may be identified and if required re-constitution of the State Chapters may be taken up at the earliest. The Governing Body may look into this issue seriously and take appropriate measures accordingly.

Amendments in the Constitution of ISBTI

In order to smoothen the functioning of ISBTI & its State Chapters, there is an urgent need to make some amendments in the Constitution of ISBTI. A committee has been formed to propose such amendments & the decision on such proposal will be finalized soon. The Secretary General sought the permission of the house to authorize the Governing Body of ISBTI to make such amendments in the Constitution. The house unanimously authorized the Governing Body to make amendments in the Constitution.

Future Planning of ISBTI

ISBTI plans to set up a state of the art blood transfusion & training center in the State of Haryana & for this a project proposal has already been prepared & submitted to CPSEs for financial support under their CSR policies. Similar proposals were also invited from State Chapters.

The President invited all the State Chapters to send detailed proposal of any activity related to VBD in case any assistance/financial support is needed for such activities. The Secretary General also requested all the State Chapters to bring activeness in working and conduct more and more activities related to Voluntary Blood Donation.

A National Conference on Voluntary Blood Donation has also been scheduled to be held at Hisar, Haryana in the month of February 2014. The delegates will mostly include individuals & representatives from social organizations working for the cause of VBD. There will be no registration fee & the accommodation would be provided free to all the participants.

A request letter will be sent by ISBTI to Medical Council of India for inclusion of Blood Transfusion Medicine in MBBS curriculum.

Dr Shivram from Bangalore raised some issues to be taken with the Government Authorities. The President asked him to send the details & assured that the same will be taken up with the concerned department/authority.

The members of ISBTI convey thanks to Mr Irphan Pathan & Mr Parthiv Patel for gracing the occasion of opening ceremony of National Conference & accepting the offer of Lifetime Honorary Membership of ISBTI. ISBTI would also send activity report and history of ISBTI to the Prime Minister and President of India along with all the life time members of ISBTI.

There being no other issue, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Dr. T. R. Raina
Secretary General, ISBTI