Greetings from the secretary office and wishing you all a very happy & prosperous NEW YEAR.

The recently concluded 22nd annual conference of SPOSI at Coimbatore was a resounding success, with more than 200 delegates participating. The scientific sessions were of high quality, as stated by participants, and we had talks on different subspecialties of ophthalmology like glaucoma,

Intra-ocular tumors etc. I expect to further expand our horizon of pediatric ophthalmology.

The following points were discussed in the executive committee & put up in the GBM:

1. Last year’s GBM minutes were ratified. Proposed by Dr Khurana & seconded by Dr Dadeya.
2. New life –members list was announced & ratified by the GBM. We had 50 new life

Members enrolled in the year 2015. Proposed by Dr Ankur Sinha & seconded by Dr. Jeetendra jethani.

1. At least one executive member should represent each of the 5 zones. Though this is in Constitution, but is not followed in letter & spirit. Efforts will be made by the executive that nomination should come from each zone. In case of more than one nomination, election will be held. Proposed by Dr. Kalpit shah & seconded by Dr Jethani.
2. Honorary members: There is provision of Honorary members in the constitution ,but so far no member is enrolled. As a goodwill gesture, it was decided to enroll maximum 5 members per year by executive , of renowned experts from different subspecialties ,who can be invited, as required, in future conferences. Proposed by Dr. B S Goel & seconded by Dr. A. K Khurana.
3. Representation in APSPOS: There are almost 70 SPOSI members of ‘Asia- pacific society of Ped. Ophth. & strabismus’, but there is no representation of SPOSI members in it. It was decided to demand from APSPOS the members list & the constitution copy; & demand our rightful representation in it.( As SPOSI is largest society in this region). Proposed by Dr. Reddy & seconded by Dr. Khurana.
4. Complimentary registration of senior members: It was requested by Dr B S Goel that senior members should have free registration in SPOSI conferences. It was approved that members above 70 years will have complimentary registration. Proposed by Dr. Kekunaya & seconded by Dr .Sinha.
5. Correction in the constitution regarding tenure of President: It is mentioned in the constitution that the executive members & office bearers can hold office for 2 terms only but Vice-president, president –elect & president can hold office for ‘one term ‘ only. This is further clarified in the present GBM. Proposed by Dr B S Goel & seconded by Dr. Kalpana narendran.
6. Future conferences: The 2018 annual conference will be held at Baroda (Gujarat) & 2017 mid-term Symposium will be held in Kochi (Kerala). And 2019 annual conf. Will be held at Chandigarh. Approved by the house.
7. Allocation of speakers in conferences: So far, speakers were given faculty talks by invitation. It was decided in GBM that open invitation will be sent to all members. They will be requested to submit their one page resume, along with their topic. This will be reviewed by the scientific comm. of SPOSI & then the speakers will be decided on their merit. Proposed by Dr. Jaspreet & seconded by Dr Jethani.
8. Vice- President: Only one application of Dr A.K.Khurana for vice –president was received by the secretary office. Therefore Dr. Khurana was declared unanimously as vice-president by the election Commissioner, Dr B S Goel. Proposed by Dr.Amitava & seconded by Dr. Srivastava.

And on the vacant post Dr. Jeetendra Jethani was nominated as Editor Journal, which was approved by the GBM.

1. Jt. AAPOS-SPOSI. Conf.: As all are aware (approved by GBM at Pushkar & on website), the 2016 SPOSI annual conference will be held jointly with AAPOS. Regarding this more information was given in the GBM. The tariff, dates of the conf., venue, registration fees, etc, was discussed during the Executive comm. meeting at Ludhiyana, in June, 2015. It was announced in the GBM that we have negotiated a special discounted registration fees with the AAPOS. (They were apprehensive about such a low fees as compared to foreign delegates). The reg. fees of foreign delegates will be 350 US Dollars (Rs. 22.000/-). The reg. fees of Indian NON-SPOSI delegate will be rs. 8500/- & SPOSI members will be rs. 4500/-. The conference will be of 3 full days (2 – 4 dec.,).The dates are already on the website. All the SPOSI members will have to submit their abstract to the AAPOS Office, as the sci. program will be finalized by them. (The time of submission will be intimated on the SPOSI website in couple of months). All Indian delegates will register to the LOC secretariat only. The venue of the conference will be Hotel Marriot- a high end 5 star hotel.

Most of the funding will come from AAPOS; the LOC will chip in whatever it can. So the SPOSI is not burdened. All profit or loss will have to be shared equally by AAPSO & SPOSI. But as a rule, all conferences end in profit, which will go to the SPOSI, NOT LOC. So, we will be benefitted financially.

 All this was informed to the GBM. (For information, AAPOS has already deposited rs. 26.0 lacs (Twenty six lacs ) as booking amount to the hotel.)

Proposed by Dr. Jethani & seconded by Dr. Kalpit shah.

**Executive Meeting:**

An issue regarding WSPOS conf. to be held in Delhi in Dec., 2017 was taken up during the executive meeting at Coimbtore, but as the matter was premature, it was not put up in the GBM.

 A mail was received by couple of office bearers, including me, that WSPOS (world society for ped. ophth. & strabismus) has finalized a conference at Delhi on 1-2 December, 2017, along with DOS. The matter was discussed in the Exe. Comm. and the following points were raised because there were some concerns:

1. The dates & all the logistics are already finalized with DOS, and the SPOSI executive is NOT

Consulted or is not even aware of the development.

1. WSPOS- is a Pediatric Ophth. & strabismus society, so it should have FIRST consulted the official Ped. Ophth. & strabismus society of India (i.e. SPOSI).
2. Why WSPOS cannot hold a jt. Conference with SPOSI –which is the official national society for ped. Ophth. & strabismus. Why along with DOS which is non-ped. Ophth. Society.
3. Still, the executive comm. agreed to welcome the proposal of WSPOS coming to India in 2017,

But the conference should be held jointly with SPOSI only. ( as is being done with AAPOS in 2016.). Other societies can join but only as “supporting ‘’societies, but all the organizational, administrative, Logistics, etc, should be handled jointly by SPOSI & WSPOS Jointly. DOS will not have any involvement in this matter.

1. The status of SPOSI was not clear in this venture, & there was apprehension that SPOSI would

Be sidelined.

It was therefore decided that the concerns of the executive will be conveyed to the WSPOS

Executive & we will wait for response.

 With warm regards, & best of wishes,

Prof. Yogesh Shukla