

Proceedings of 133rd Meeting of Management Committee 5th April, 2018

The meeting of the recently reconstituted Management Committee by the 26th AGB on 18th March, 2018, was held on April 05, 2018. The President, Dr P. K. Seth welcomed the members and expressed gratitude to all for electing him and giving him another chance to guide the Association for the next two years. Dr Seth informed the members of the sad demise of Mr M. S. Negi, and requested members to observe two minutes silence in memory of the departed soul. As is customary, the meeting was adjourned and reconvened after 2 minutes.

1. Dr P. K. Seth welcomed the newly elected members, Dr Rakesh Shukla, Dr S. K. Puri and Mr H. C. Bhatt. They in turn introduced themselves to the house and while expressing gratitude on being elected members of the MC, assured of rendering all possible help towards pensioners' causes, particularly improving Medi-care facilities and sports activities.

Following introductions of the new members, Dr P. K. Seth congratulated the Lucknow Centre's President and Secretary, Dr K. R. Bhardwaj and Dr P. K. Mehrotra respectively, for successful organization of the 26th AGBM at Lucknow. He went on to add that it was one of the best meetings ever organized.

2. Dr V. P. Kamboj, President Emeritus recalled the efforts and major contributions of Late Prof. B. N. Dhawan in getting the medical facilities being availed by pensioners today. Dr Dhawan had also tried for procuring CGHS facilities for pensioners, however this could not happen. Dr Kamboj informed that as CGHS is under the Ministry of Health, GOI, permission has only been granted to Delhi based laboratories on contribution basis because there is no CSIR dispensary there. He also suggested that to improve the medical facilities to pensioners at Lucknow, one more member on behalf of CPWA should be inducted in the CSIR Dispensary Advisory Committee. Dr Rakesh Shukla volunteered for the same and will be the second member along with Dr P. K. Mehrotra. It may be intimated to the officials of the CSIR Dispensary Advisory Committee. Several ambiguities as per the difference in medical facilities being meted out to regular employees and pensioners were also pointed out by some members which need to be addressed and sorted out with the CSIR Dispensary Advisory Committee. Dr R. P. Rastogi reiterated that these difficulties should be brought to the notice of the Director CDRI, being the Director-in-charge of CSIR Dispensary.
3. Dr J. K. Johri presented the minutes of the 132nd meeting of Management Committee which were approved by the house. He further informed that the Rules & Bye-Laws, approved by Special General Body, are now operational.
4. The issue of Corpus Fund was discussed in detail. Dr Seth informed the MC that Mysore Center has collected funds for building a corpus using a formula and has generously

contributed Rs. 50,000.00 to CPWA HQ. and Maharashtra Center has also collected and contributed Rs. 25000.00 out of their collection to CPWA HQ. This was appreciated by all the members of MC. The President pointed out that a Committee was constituted for this purpose with Late Prof. B. N. Dhawan as Chairman. Dr Rastogi read out the recommendations of the committee and the activities to be pursued out of the collected funds. MC suggested that an appeal be issued to all Centers by the President for which a letter will be drafted by the General Secretary.

5. Keeping in view the repeated requests of Dr. Rastogi that due to his advanced age, it is not possible for him to continue to serve as the Secretary General and he be relieved of the responsibilities, the MC felt that his matured advice and guidance will always be required and, therefore, it was approved. Henceforth, the General Secretary and other Secretaries will undertake duties defined in the Bye-Laws. Accordingly, now onwards the Secretary General will have only Advisory role and can be consulted as and when required. The recent response of Secretary General to Dr Iyer's email is an example of his matured wisdom.
6. Dr Seth suggested that CPWA website should be updated continuously every fortnight. He suggested that a page on the site should be provided for the Centres so that they could add their activities and achievements regularly. A password should be allotted to designated official of the Centres. Dr Rakesh Shukla volunteered to share the responsibility towards the upkeep of the CPWA website.
7. Dr J. K. Johri read out the contents of an e-mail received from Mr K. V. R. S. Murthy, informing that Hyderabad Centre will pay only 10% of the membership fees. To this, Dr Seth said that GB is the supreme body and MC is the implementing body for the decisions of the GB. Since the Special GB had decided and later GB also approved the amended byelaws, the matter raised by the Hyderabad Center now cannot be considered by the MC.
8. The house decided to include Dr K. R. Bhardwaj as ex-officio member of the MC. It further decided to co-opt four members for smooth functioning of the association, namely Dr S. K. Srivastava; Er K. K. Gupta; Mrs Juhi Dhawan; Dr Sunil Roy Chowdhary.
9. Further, with respect to hosting of next AGM, the MC noted and appreciated the steps taken by the Hyderabad Center regarding the organization of 2019 AGM of CPWA and suggested that the Hyderabad Center be requested to keep HQ informed about the progress in due course of time.

Regarding procuring of DST Projects by Chandigarh Centre, CPWA does not have any problem if they take them after getting them sanctioned.

The next MC meeting to be held on 7th July at 10:30 am. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

J. K. Johri