



Minutes of AHPI General Body Meeting Held at 3 pm on 09-02-2022

Participants

Dr. K Tirumala Prasad, President – AHPI Andhra Pradesh Chapter
Dr. Santosh Kumar, Secretary – AHPI Bihar Chapter
Dr. Mahesh Sinha, President – AHPI Chhattisgarh Chapter
Mrs. Upasana Arora, President – AHPI Delhi NCR Chapter
Dr. Narin Sehgal, Secretary – AHPI Delhi NCR Chapter
Dr. Nirmal Choraria, President - AHPI Gujarat Chapter
Dr. Biren Chauhan, Secretary – AHPI Gujarat Chapter
Mr. Jatin Joshi, EC Member, AHPI Gujarat Chapter
Mr. Jogesh Gambhir, President – AHPI Jharkhand Chapter
Dr. Sushil Jathanna, President – AHPI Karnataka Chapter
Dr. Priya Goutham, Secretary – AHPI Karnataka Chapter
Dr. M I Sahadhulla, President – AHPI Kerala Chapter & Convenor, AHPI Ethics Committee
Mr. Pratap Varkey, Secretary - AHPI Kerala Chapter
Dr. Anoop Hajela, President - AHPI Madhya Pradesh chapter & Convenor, AHPI Taxation & Tariff Committee
Dr. Rahul Khare, Secretary – AHPI, Madhya Pradesh chapter
Mr. Joy Chakraborty, President - AHPI Maharashtra & Goa Chapter
Mr. Rohit Upadhyay, Secretary - AHPI North East -1 Chapter
Dr. Palin K H, President – AHPI, North East -2 Chapter
Dr. James Elangbam, Secretary - AHPI, North East -2 Chapter
Mr. Joy Das Gupta, Secretary - AHPI North zone Chapter
Dr. Ashok Khandaka, President – AHPI Rajasthan Chapter
Mr. Sukanta Das, Secretary – AHPI Rajasthan Chapter
Mr. Sameer Mehta, President - AHPI Tamilnadu Chapter
Dr. Kothandaraman, Secretary – AHPI Tamilnadu Chapter
Dr. Vishnu Reddy, Secretary – AHPI Telangana Chapter
Mrs. Madhulika Singh, President – AHPI UP & UK Chapter
Dr. Saumitra Bharadhwaj, President – AHPI, West Bengal Chapter & Convenor, AHPI Technical Committee.
Cdr. Navneet Bali, Convenor, AHPI Media Engagement Committee
Mr. Sunil Khetarpal, Convenor, AHPI Legal Cell Committee
Dr. Girdhar Gyani, Director General, AHPI
Dr. Alexander Thomas, President, AHPI
Dr. VC Shanmuganandan, Advisor, AHPI

- Dr. Girdhar Gyani presented the agenda and welcomed Dr. Ashok Khandaka (President-Rajasthan Chapter), Secretary- Mr. Sukanta Das; and Mrs. Madhulika Singh (President- UP & Uttarakhand Chapter) & Secretary- Dr. Abbas Zaidi.
- Dr. Alexander Thomas, National President - AHPI presented gist of activities during the past quarter.

Activities report of different committees.

- Ethics Committee- Dr. MI Sahadulla
 - Introduced EPIHC- Ethical Principles in Healthcare.
 - Targeted & encouraged member hospitals to sign up for EPIHC.
 - Prepared checklist related to Risk & Disaster Management.
 - Appealed all state chapter presidents to encourage hospitals to sign up for EPIHC.

- Taxation & Tariff Committee (Dr. Anoop Hajela)
 - Submitted suggestions on Taxation & Tariff including reduction on GST on Medical Equipment, AMCs, CMCs and other healthcare services.
 - Raised point of no direct relief from new budget.

- Technical Committee (Dr. Saumitra Bhardwaj)
 - Was previously involved with Precious Wing for technology implementation in Northeastern states.
 - Evaluated various HMIS & Claim Management softwares.

- Media Committee (Cdr. Navneet Bali)
 - Formed AHPI Grievance Redressal Committee and resolved most of the grievances received.
 - Used digital media to put forward views and received a good response.
 - Worked on building consensus around Union Budget.
 - Brought forth posts around Ayushman Bharat.
 - Brought out media content around delay in CGHS payments.

- Legal Committee (Dr. Sunil Khetarpal)

Provided brief report on the cases being handled by AHPI:

 - Consent form case
 - PIL on cost reiteration of COVID patients by Private hospitals
 - CGHS arbitrations case
 - Nurses' wages case
 - QCI impleadment case

- Dr. Girdhar Gyani briefed members about CGHS & other insurance schemes:
 - AHPI brought together all the healthcare organizations with common objective of restructuring CGHS scheme.
 - AHPI taking up the issue of release of outstanding amount from insurance schemes.
 - Requested state chapters to provide data on outstanding amount.
 - Plan to pursue revision of CGHS rates.

Reports from State Chapters:

- Karnataka Chapter – Dr. Sushil
 - COVID cases declining rapidly in the state.
 - Conducting regular monthly meetings.
 - Conducting capacity development programs.
 - Organizing monthly webinars on topics useful to hospitals.
 - Developing MoU with HSSC regarding skills accreditation- focusing initially on maternity (Antenatal assistance).
 - Raised issue of government and private health insurance companies trying to cut down the prices of healthcare services.

- Tamil Nadu Chapter- Mr. Sameer Mehta
 - Met with Health Minister & represented AHPI.
 - Planned events slowed down due to COVID.
 - Meeting virtually once a month.
 - Conducting webinars which helps to bring awareness.
 - Raised issue of insurance.
 - Focusing on increasing membership currently.
 - Getting more momentum through App.

- Jharkhand Chapter- Mr Jogesh Gambhir
 - Conducting regular monthly meetings.
 - Members increased to more than 150 hospitals.
 - Formed 6 divisional chapters- extending to districts.
 - Done peer exercises with ESI, Labor, PF, pollution control, consumer protection etc.
 - Received media coverage.

- West Bengal Chapter- Dr. Saumitra Bhardwaj
 - Active Clinical Establishment Act Commission interfering with private hospitals.
 - Focusing on increasing membership
 - Constituted a sub-committee for Durgapur area.
 - Expanded executive committee.

- Bihar Chapter- Dr Santosh
 - COVID cases declined, and current cases admitted in govt. hospitals.
 - Focusing on increasing members.
 - Training & Website development on agenda list.
 - Planning to sign MoU with IMA Bihar.

- Kerala Chapter- Dr. Sahadulla
 - Registered AHPI as independent entity.
 - Collected small amount of funds.
 - Increasing number of member hospitals.
 - Successfully negotiated a better rate regarding COVID patients with govt.
 - Approached other medical association to voice together for common issues.

- Raised issue of CEA & insurance tariffs being reduced.
 - Suggested developing connections with Health Secretaries in states to approach govt. for related issues.
 - Suggested developing a system for data collection.
 - Suggested approaching major media & news channels for better visibility.
- Gujarat Chapter- Dr. Nirmal Choraria
- COVID cases declining.
 - COVID Vaccination not picking up.
 - Raised Insurance rates issues.
 - Executive Board formed and plan to meet regularly.
- Northeast 2 Chapter- Dr. Palin K
- Requested extension of Executive term
 - Will connect with states to enroll new members.
 - Planning to conduct free camps this year.
- Madhya Pradesh Chapter- Dr. Anoop Hajela
- Pollution Control Board reduced authorization fee- got relief 70-80%.
 - Govt. orders against small healthcare establishments continue.
 - Lift & Escalator act being implemented & charging fee.
 - Advertisement and hoarding act charging fee from hospitals.
 - Long waiting list for Ayushman Bharat Empanelment.
 - Challenged rules against doctors working in multiple settings and expecting positive response.
- Delhi NCR Chapter- Dr. Narin Sehgal
- Meeting planned with executive committee of Nursing Home Forum.
 - PSA plant issue resolved for hospitals with less than 100 beds.
- Northeast 1 chapter- Mr. Rohit Upadhyay
- COVID cases declining.
 - Insurance companies approaching hospitals to bring down rates of medical procedures.
 - PIL filled in Guwahati against hospitals charging high rates- Hearing due.
 - Plan to execute MoU with Private hospitals and Nursing homes of Assam.
- Maharashtra Chapter- Mr. Joy Chakraborty
- Conducted Executive Committee meeting in January and discussed common issues.
 - Created a sub-committee to focus on AHPI- HSSC association.
 - Plan to write to central secretariat to request suggestions on sealing/ cap on rates.
 - 2 monthly activities planned.
 - Targeting 30 new members by end of this calendar year.

Announced new dates for AHPI Global Conclave 2022 (22nd & 23 April 2022) and requested support from all state chapters.

→ Suggestions by Dr. Girdhar Gyani:

- Creating website for each state chapter.
- Conducting monthly webinars.
- Adding more members in WhatsApp group.
- Sending monthly highlights to central secretariat for publishing in quarterly newsletter.

Dr. Alexander Thomas concluded the meeting.