



Karnataka Neurosciences Academy

Minutes of KNA AGM meeting

Held on 8th June 2024, at Seminar hall, Sri Siddaganga Medical College, Tumakuru (venue of KNA CON, 2024)

Following EC members attended the AGM

1. Dr. Shivaramakrishna Aroor (president)

2. Dr. Anitha Mahadevan (president elect)

3. Dr. Guruprasad Hosurkar (Secretary)

4. Dr. Rajesh KN (treasurer)

5. Dr. Agadi JB (EC member)

6. Dr. Raghunandan Nadig (EC member)

7. Dr. Sharath Kumar GG (EC member)

8. Dr. Pradeep Kallolimath, (EC member)

9. Dr. Baligar SP (immediate past president)

Dr. Satish M (EC member), could not attend the meeting due to prior commitments and had intimated the same.

other KNA members who attended the AGM

Dr. Raghuram Gopalakrishnan (Bengaluru)

President, KNA Dr. Shivaramakrishna Aroor welcomed all the KNA and EC members for the annual general body meeting of the KNA. He thanked the local organising committee headed by Dr. Umashankar for successfully organising the ongoing KNA CON 2024 at Tumakuru and also facilitating the AGM. He then asked Dr. Guruprasad Hosurkar to present the Secretary report, and to conduct the further proceedings of the AGM.

1. KNA secretary Dr. Guruprasad Hosurkar welcomed the members for the meeting and joined the house in congratulating the local organising committee and BNET headed by Dr. Umashankar for the successful organisation of KNA CON 2024 at Tumakuru and expressed best wishes for rest of the conference.

2. He initially sought the approval of the house for the minutes of the previous year's AGM (2023), copy of which was circulated. Dr. Agadi JB proposed and Dr. Raghunandan Nadig seconded the approval.

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3. Secretary then presented the report of the various activities conducted by KNA through the previous 12 months after assuming the office. He mentioned about the successful conduct of KNA webinars about 7 in last 6 months. Teams from Bangalore, Hubballi, Mangalore, Davanagere, Shivamogga, Mysuru, Belagavi presented interesting Neurology, Neurosurgery, Neuroradiology, Neuropathology cases on the virtual zoom platform, chaired by senior Neurologists, Neurosurgeons from across the state. Webinars were well coordinated by the EC members with the help of Hallmark events and supported by industry. Secretary thanked all the teams, coordinators, chairpersons for their efforts. Members expressed the desire to continue the same for the next year and take steps to increase the reach and audience.

World stroke day activities done last year under the banner of KNA was informed to the members especially at shivamogga (radio talk, awareness talk to Anganwadi workers by dr. Shivaramakrishna Aroor etc) and Bangalore (stroke awareness poster presentation and walkathon at Lalbagh in collaboration with Karnataka stroke foundation). Members appreciated the efforts of the various chapters in taking the lead for the awareness program and expressed the view that awareness of other neurological conditions like traumatic brain injury, epilepsy also need to be highlighted in the community.

4. Secretary presented the report on the ongoing KNA CON 2024 on behalf of the organising committee since dr.umashankar, the organising chairman could not attend as he was busy with the other event of the conference.

Conference was formally Inaugurated by Sr Sri Siddalinga Swamiji, head pontiff of the siddaganga mutt, tumakuru and blessed us all for the success of the meeting. Dr. Paramesh, director, Dr. Shalini, principal, Siddganga medical college along with KNA president Dr. Shivaramakrishna Aroor, Dr. Anita Mahadevan, KNA president elect, Secretary Dr. Guruprasad Hosurkar, Dr. Umashankar R, organising chairman were part of the ceremony and also addressed the gathering.

Conference was well attended with about 220 registrations, faculty - 94, delegates - 122, and 29 were from organising committee. Pre-conference curtain raiser event was organised on 7th Friday evening in association with IMA, tumakuru district branch. Health commissioner in GOK, nodal officer and Dr. suvarna Alladi (HOD neurology in NIMHANS) spoke on GOK sponsored "Brain Health Initiative". Various interesting topics were covered by speakers under the title "life beyond Neurosciences". The event was well received and the off beat topics generated lots of interaction and interest.



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Scientific sessions were well attended and halls were mostly full during the combined neurology and neurosurgery, and parallel sessions. Topics of Headache, neuroinfection, neuromuscular, sleep neurology, autonomic neurology, cognitive neurology, spine, vascular neurosurgery, neuro-oncology, endoscopic neurosurgery were covered during the 1 ½ days of the conference apart from video presentation of neurosurgery cases, presidential oration, CPC, e-posters, free paper presentation, and Quiz programme. Presidential oration was delivered by Dr. Shivaramakrishna Aroor, KNA president and spoke about his journey in clinical practice at Shivamogga for the last 40yrs, various observations on some of the common neurological conditions, inspired the young generation of neurologists and post graduates present with his passion for neurosciences, commitment and empathy towards the patients, bringing awareness in the society for neurological conditions through various activities along with extracurricular activities like theatre, music etc. Dr. Shivaramakrishna Aroor was felicitated by president elect Dr. Anita Mahadevan, immediate past president Dr. Baligar SP, ex president dr. Subhash GT, EC member Dr. Agadi JB along with the other EC members.

Total 49 abstracts were submitted, 21 towards free papers, and 28 towards e-posters. Free paper presentation and e-poster session was well attended and presenters did a good job and the judges had difficulty in deciding the awardees because of the keen competition. Cash awards were given for the best papers in both the categories.

Preliminary written quiz for the undergraduates from the medical colleges of tumakuru was organised by local team, followed by written quiz for attending neurology and neurosurgery PGs on the first day of conference during the tea break. Top 5 Winners of both the quiz were brought together for the on stage final quiz in the evening. Quiz programme was a big hit as good number of undergraduates with their teachers from siddaganga medical college were present to support and cheer. Winners and Runners of final quiz received cash prizes.

KNACON received good support from the industry. Total 15 companies participated and had their stalls at the exhibition hall which was visited by the attending delegates and faculty.

Dr. Guruprasad Hosurkar, on behalf of the organising committee thanked the EC for their support and guidance throughout, Swamiji of Siddaganga mutt, management of Siddaganga Medical College for the excellent venue and



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hospitality, faculty members for their excellent deliberations, other members of the local organising committee and BNET, attending delegates, industry, Hallmark event management

5. Secretary appreciated the efforts of the senior EC members for convincing senior neurosurgeon Dr. KN Krishna for applying for the post of president elect. It was conveyed to the AGM that the formal nomination procedure for the election of president elect will be initiated after the conference.

6. Secretary invited and introduced the representative of the Forum of Neurologists and Neurosurgeons from Mangalore Dr. Arpita, assistant professor in neurology, KMC Mangalore to the AGM. Dr. Arpita conveyed to the AGM that team Mangalore is ready to host KNA CON 2025. AGM accepted the bid from team Mangalore to host KNA CON 2025, asked local organising committee to follow the due process in organising KNA CON according to the guidelines of KNA and start the preparations of the conference as early as possible. At this juncture, local organising committee was asked to arrange the AGM in the immediate post lunch period before the next scientific session on the first of the conference (usually a Saturday) and not in the pre banquet period, to improve attendance.

Dr. Anita Mahadevan proposed and Dr. Sharath Kumar seconded the secretary's report.

KNA treasurer Dr. Rajesh KN presented the treasurer report. Report has been attached with the minutes of the meeting. Process of transfer of KNA account in the SBI bank to Bangalore from Shivamogga has been completed and few KYC steps are pending. Process for creating UPI number for the account has also been activated which will ease paying gateway for the new members or other transactions of the society. Members discussed if the account can be changed to current account, whether certain amount in the savings can be automatically transferred to deposit to earn more interest. Dr. Rajesh KN expressed that he will get back after speaking to the bank officials. He also mentioned that contribution from the organising committee of KNA CON, 2023 Shivamogga and KNA CON 2024 towards the KNA will happen after the accounting and tax related issues are settled. Dr. Rajesh KN also mentioned that the process of renewal of KNA is ongoing and is being regularly followed up with auditor Sudhendra's team at Shivamogga and Mr. Balakrishna Phadki, Hubballi.

Dr. Shivaramakrishna Aroor proposed and Dr. Guruprasad Hosurkar seconded the treasurer's report.



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Dr.Shivaramakrishna Aroor thanked all the EC members and KNA members for the support during his tenure as president and welcomed along with other members Dr.Anitha Mahadevan to take over as the next KNA president.

Vote of thanks was proposed by Dr.Guruprasad H, secretary KNA. He thanked all the attending EC members, especially president dr.shivaramakrishna aroor for chairing the meeting, dr.umashankar and local organising committee for hosting the AGM meeting at tumakuru.

Dr. Guruprasad H

Secretary KNA