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Minutes of Meeting

Agenda: Extra ordinary General Body Meeting (Virtual Meeting)

Date & Time: 8th Aug 2021, 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM

EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL BODY MEETING

Agenda:

Conduct of DERMACON 2022 by IADVL Rajasthan state and team Jaipur in the event of COVID 19 pandemic.

With this agenda the following matters are to be considered:

I. Conduct of DERMACON 2022 by IADVL Rajasthan state and team Jaipur virtually on the scheduled dates.

II. Allotment of DERMACON 2025 to IADVL Rajasthan state and team Jaipur without bidding.

Dr Feroz K, Hon. Secretary General, extended a warm welcome to all members. He apprised regarding the proposal received from Rajasthan state branch and Organizing team of DERMACON 2022, Jaipur and requested president Dr Jayadev Betkerur to start the proceedings.

President said this pandemic has made conduct of large meetings difficult. These conditions were unforeseen while bidding for the venue for conferences. Hence in this scenario the organizing committee of DERMACON 2022 found it difficult to conduct physical conference and they have requested for DERMACON 2022 to be virtual and DERMACON 2025 to be allotted to them without bidding. The President requested the members of organizing committee to put forth their views.

Dr U S Agarwal presented their proposal. He said due to restrictions enforced owing to the pandemic in spite of extending the early bird registration there were only very few registrations. Moreover, pharma companies were not coming forward for sponsorships. Though they thought of hybrid conference later decided otherwise as it might turn out to be a waste of money and efforts. Hence requested to allot DERMACON 2025 without bidding as in the case of Hyderabad.

Dr Dinesh Mathur said till now nothing is certain and government also will not allow us to conduct the conference and hence Jaipur team should be given a chance in 2025.

Dr Asit Mittal echoed the views of Dr U S Agarwal and Dr Dinesh Mathu and said it is logical to accept their request.

Dr Shyamanta Barua raised a few points: Allotment of DERMACON without bidding nullifies the whole process of IADVL elections. These elections are not only for venue but also for IADVL executive. EC in last 2 years has carried out all functions without asking for postponement though their term was affected because of pandemic. We have to live with it and if physical conference is not possible in 2022 then there is no guarantee for 2025. When MIDDERMACON 2021 is able to do hybrid in a couple of months instead of physical then what prevents us from holding DERMACON 2022 in February next year. When MOU was signed pandemic has already set in and so word unprecedented is not factual. So, he requested either to postpone or go ahead with hybrid DERMACON.

(Brig) Dr Rajesh Verma said there is difference between first and second wave, it is uncertain about the booster dose of vaccine requirement and if MOU would have written as physical/e-DERMACON then the point is valid but it is written only physical, so in future after 2025 DERMACON let the MOU have physical or virtual so organizers can be ready to do either of it and election process will continue as it is.

Dr Kishor Singh said that they are quite optimistic with immunization and that in 2025 things will be better definitely, so a chance should be given for 2025.

Dr Raghunatha Reddy said that last year Rajasthan was requested to postpone and give 2022 to

Hyderabad. Had they agreed they would have been in a better situation now and this problem would not have come. If this continues year after year what will happen to cities and states waiting to bid? Jaipur is always allowed to contest and win. Last year it was debated clearly that it should be one time affair, Chennai conducted virtual conference they did not ask anything, Mangalore only asked for postponement, so if Jaipur team wishes they may be allowed postponement.

Dr Venkataram Mysore said it is a strain on academy to conduct it and if every year academy has to organize then why there should be bidding. As Dr Raghunatha Reddy rightly put it Mangalore has not asked, ACSICON is being conducted and EADV has been conducted ,DASIL is being organised so we should go ahead with hybrid .

Dr Jayakar Thomas said it is not fair to allow Jaipur to do in 2022 and then again in 2025.

President said every year if it happens there is a provision in constitution to conduct EGBM and take a decision for which Dr Raghunatha reddy said once it is allotted they have to conduct in any way in any situation and if they want to bid again let them do why create confusion unnecessary. Dr Jayakar Thomas supported the view.

Dr Rajeev Sharma agreed to Dr Raghunatha Reddy and said it should be in the rule that if any one is bidding they should be able to conduct physically or virtually without postponement.

Dr Asit Mittal said if the decision was taken when Hyderabad had asked for postponement, this situation would not have arrived.

Dr Rashmi Sarkar was not in favour of postponement.

Dr P. Narasimha Rao said from now onwards all conferences are going to be hybrid because it is more advantageous that large number of delegates will be able to participate. Similarly, in DERMACON also apart from physical it should be web streaming as all the members will be able to view from home by paying nominal fees. Jaipur is capable of conducting hybrid conference so postponement by 1-2 months should be ok.

Dr U S Agarwal said we have 2 agendas, conducting 2022 virtually and next is postponement to 2025 without bidding, so we are ready to do 2022 virtually and if allowed 2025 also will be done by us.

Dr Shashikumar said that the second part can be taken up in regular AGBM instead of EGBM as we have 3 years to go for 2025.

Dr Dilip Kacchawa said conducting hybrid is not possible due to lack of time.

Dr Putta Srinivas said the clause of force majeure should be there to tackle such type of situations. This year is different from last year which had no vaccines or no known treatment modalities. Situation has been eased now, life is much easier now, so he opined that it can be postponed by 2 months.

Dr Feroz said force majeure clause is already added in MOU with effect from DERMACON 2023. MOU signed with Jaipur was before EGBM held last year, so this clause was not in Jaipur MOU but it is in 2023 Mumbai MOU.

President advised to start voting but members insisted that first part of agenda has to be made clear. President said voting will be there for both the parts of single agenda. Dr Venkataram Mysore said both are entirely different so cannot be taken together in single voting which was agreed upon by Dr P Narasimha Rao and Dr Jayakar Thomas. Dr Raghunatha reddy said when Jaipur has agreed to conduct 2022 virtually then voting for that is not necessary. Dr Feroz asked whether majority are agreeing to this, the members replied yes. So President said then we shall put up voting for the second part of the agenda.

President announced the voting will take place for DERMACON 2025 allotment to Jaipur without bidding. Dr Deepika Pandhi said we need to vote for both. Dr Rashmi Sarkar also opined the same.

Dr Feroz explained the voting process. Voting was conducted in two parts:

1. Conduct of DERMACON 2022 by IADVL Rajasthan state and team Jaipur virtually on the scheduled dates.

84% - Yes

14% - No

2% - No comments

2. Allotment of DERMACON 2025 to IADVL Rajasthan state and team Jaipur without bidding.

68% - Yes

31% - No

1% - No comments

Dr Feroz announced that based on the agenda of conduct of DERMACON 2022 by IADVL Rajasthan state and team Jaipur in the event of COVID 19 pandemic the following decisions were passed:

1. Conduct of DERMACON 2022 by IADVL Rajasthan state and team Jaipur virtually on the scheduled dates.

2. Allotment of DERMACON 2025 to IADVL Rajasthan state and team Jaipur without bidding.

President thanked everyone and said that he is looking forward for a physical DERMACON in the near future. Dr Feroz extended his thanks to all members and wished all the best to team Rajasthan and Jaipur.