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National Neurosurgical Activities

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Neurosurgery is an inherently dynamic specialty, developing at a very rapid pace, more so because of the involvement of and its dependence on advanced technology. The international neurosurgical scene is full of cutting edge research presented in dramatic meetings, conferences, workshops and courses. The local neurosurgical landscape is no exception. Its panorama is changing as the development of neurosurgery is gaining pace in Pakistan. Prospects look good considering the fact that the activity on the academic front is also getting richer. The following compilation of the individual events gives a flavour of this richness.

Activities of PSN

Election were held during the 31st National Neurosurgery Conference 2018 held at Nawab Shah on November 25, 2018.

Following were Elected as Members of Executive Committee of PSN.

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| <i>President:</i> | Prof. Dr. Salman Sharif <i>LNH, Karachi</i> | Cell: 0333-2267287 |
| <i>Senior Vice President:</i> | Prof. Naqib Ullah Achakzai <i>VC, BMU, Quetta</i> | Cell: 0333-7863499 0345-8773839 |
| <i>Vice President:</i> | Prof. Asif Bashir <i>PINS/PGMI, Lahore</i> | Cell: 0300-8444928 |
| <i>General Secretary:</i> | Prof. Shahid Ayub <i>Peshawar</i> | Cell: 0333-9159312 |
| <i>Finance Secretary:</i> | Prof. Dr. Muhammad Anwar Chaudary <i>Professor of Neurosurgery PGMI / AMC</i> <i>Lahore General Hospital, Lahore</i> | Cell: 0321-4333004 |
| <i>Joint Secretary:</i> | Dr. Khalid Ahmed Kharl <i>DGK Medical College, DG Khan</i> | Cell: 0332-0784851 |
| <i>Press and Publication Secretary:</i> | Dr. Muhammad Usman <i>LRH, Peshawar</i> | Cell: 0333-9150608 |

32nd National Neurosurgical Conference will be held at Peshawar. Prof. Mumtaz Ali (0335-9999691) & Prof. Shahid Ayub (0333-9159312) will be the Organizer of the Conference. Dr. Muhammad Waseem (0333-9150608) is Organizing Secretary.

Sequence of Elections for Executive Committee of PSN

| Year | President | Senior Vice President | Vice President | General Secretary | Joint Secretary | Finance Secretary | Press and Publication Secretary |
|---------|-------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2019-20 | Sindh | Balochistan | Punjab | KPK | Open | Open | Open |
| 2021-22 | Balochistan | Punjab | KPK | Sindh | " | " | " |
| 2023-24 | Punjab | KPK | Sindh | Balochistan | " | " | " |

Minutes of PSN General Body Meeting 25 November, 2018, Nawab Shah

The PSN General body meeting (GBM) was held on Sunday 25th November, 2018 at Nawabshah, on the occasion of 31st Annual Conference of Pakistan Society of Neurosurgeons, under the chairmanship of Prof. Salman Sharif, Senior Vice President of Pakistan Society of Neurosurgeons.

The following members of the Executive Committee were also present;

1. Dr. Abid Ali Langa (Vice President)
2. Dr. Ajmal Khan (Joint Secretary)
3. Prof. Muhammad Anwar Chaudary (Finance Secretary)
4. Dr. Muhammad Usman (Press and Publication Secretary)

The proceedings started with the Recitation of the Holy Quran.

The following agendas were discussed and decided accordingly:

Agenda No. 1: Presentation and Implementation of the Minutes of Last PSN GBM 2017

The minutes of the last GBM of the PSN held on November, 2017 was read out by Press and Publication Secretary and also actions were mentioned regarding implementation of the minutes. The house appreciated all the measures and steps taken by the Executive Committee during the past years.

Agenda No. 2: Audit Report (By Finance Secretary, Prof. Muhammad Anwar Chaudary)

The audit report was presented by Finance Secretary, Prof. Muhammad Anwar Chaudary. He presented the report in detail and said that the current balance of the PSN account is PKR 675,000. Prof. Anwar Chaudary further said that he will be donating PKR 100,000 into the society funds.

Agenda No. 3: Enhancement of the Society Funds:

For the enhancement of the PSN funds, earlier agenda was discussed in the EC meeting of the PSN and it was decided that this point would be discussed in GBM.

- The organizer / host of the PSN Annual Conference, should donate to the Society;

i. A lump sum amount of PKR 500,000/=

OR

ii. 10% savings from the Conference.

Open voting was done on that and the General Body approved point no. 1, that from now onwards the host of the Annual Conference of the PSN will donate PKR 500,000 in to the society funds. After that EC also approved that.

Agenda No. 4: Venue of the Coming Annual Conference of PSN 2019, 32nd Annual Conference:

1. Single Application was received;

- Peshawar (Prof. Mumtaz Ali and Prof. Shahid Ayub will host the conference).

The Agenda was presented in the GB and GB as well as EC approved to host the conference by Peshawar.

Agenda No. 5: Any other point/suggestion/agenda from the house.

Dr. Babar Butt from PINS Lahore reminded the GB that previously there was a Young Neurosurgeon Forum and it should be again a part of the PSN. The objective of the YNS Forum would be to enhance the educational activities of the YNS and also discuss the academic activities/problems of the YNS. Dr. Ajmal Khan also endorsed the suggestion of Dr. Babar Butt. The chairman appreciated and approved the suggestion of Dr. Babar and also he nominated Dr. Babar to again formulate the YNS forum with the help of Dr. Ajmal Khan.

Related to this Prof. Salman Sharif also discussed that earlier in EC meeting, we the members of the EC discussed different activities to enhance the educational/academic aspect of the members of the PSN by opting certain following measures;

1. There should be National fellowships/observer ships for YNS. The host department of the fellowship / observer ship should provide accommodation as well as salary to the fellows.
2. There should be a regular Neurosurgical activity by every province once in a 3 months' period, under the umbrella of PSN. This could be in the form of workshop or symposium.
3. A live webinar related to any Neurosurgical issue should be a part of the PSN once in a month. Prof. Salman Sharif proposed to have a coordinator in this regard from every province. Following names were proposed and agreed upon by the EC members.
 - a. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa = Prof. Shahid Ayub
 - b. Punjab = Prof. Asif Bashir
 - c. Sindh = Prof. Salman Sharif
 - d. Quetta = Yet to be decided

The house appreciated all the suggestions and chairman was very positive to implement these.

Agenda No. 6: Conclusion Remarks by the President / Senior Vice President

At the end Senior Vice President appreciated all the efforts done by the EC, specially he pays gratitude to the outgoing President and Press and Publication Secretary for their tireless efforts in enhancing academics and other achievements.

After that the chairman of the meeting dissolve the EC of the PSN.

Agenda No. 7: Next Executive Committee of the PSN 2019-2020:

As per Pakistan Society of Neurosurgeons (PSN) Bylaws, rules and regulations, the sequence of new Executive Committee of the PSN for the term 2019 – 2020 is as;

| President | Senior Vice President (President Elect) | Vice President | General Secretary | Joint Secretary | Finance Secretary | Press and Publication Secretary |
|------------------|--|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Sindh | Balochistan | Punjab | KP | Open | Open | Open |

The President is the previous Senior Vice President of the Society. For rest of the posts only 1 application was received, except for Joint Secretary and for that 2 applications were received, as Dr. Zahid Khan and Dr. Iqbal Ahmad Kharal, so open voting was done in the GB and house selected Dr. Iqbal Ahmad Kharal.

The new cabinet of the EC of the PSN for the term 2019-2020 is as;

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| I. President | Prof. Salman Sharif (Karachi) |
| II. Senior Vice President | Prof. Naqib Ullah Achakzai |
| III. Vice President | Prof. Asif Bashir (Lahore) |
| IV. General Secretary | Prof. Shahid Ayub (Peshawar) |
| V. Finance Secretary | Prof. Muhammad Anwar Chaudary (Lahore) |
| VI. Joint Secretary | Dr. Iqbal Ahmad Kharal (DG Khan) |
| VII. Press and Publication Secretary | Dr. Muhammad Usman (Peshawar) |

Agenda No. 8: New EC (2019-20) Address.

The new EC members address the GB individually. The President, Prof. Salman Sharif encourages all the members of the EC and the GB to have once a month academic activity, workshop/symposium by every province turn by turn after 3 months' period, collaboration of senior and junior Neurosurgeons for better patient care. President also vows to forget small things, personal conflicts and move on for the betterment of the society. Prof. Salman again nominate Dr. Babar Butt and Dr. Ajmal for the formation of YNS forum.

President also advised to make a 4-member committee, with 1 member from each province. The function of that committee would be to talk and convince the government for making the legislation in enhancing the basic Neurosurgical facilities in each and every Neurosurgery department of the country. Basic facilities like Microscope, High speed drill and Operating Microscope. The president nominates following names for the committee;

1. Prof. Rashid Jooma – Sindh
2. Prof. Naqib Ullah Achakzai – Balochistan
3. Prof. Asif Bashir – Punjab
4. Dr. Muhammad Usman – Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Senior Vice President / President elect Prof. Naqib Ullah Achakzai suggested that we should all work together for the betterment of our society and should not be divided. The neurosurgery activities should be active in all parts of the country, especially underprivileged areas, as this event is happening in Nawabshah. This will

not only enhance neurosurgical services in all parts but will also helps the neurosurgical colleagues to upgrade their centers.

Vice President Prof. Asif Bashir was also of the opinion that we should all work together. YNS should be active and congratulate Dr. Babar Butt and Dr. Ajmal Khan for the idea and reformation of YNS forum of the PSN.

Finance Secretary Prof. Muhammad Anwar Chaudary advised all to submit the articles in the Society's Journal. He was very hopeful for the betterment and up gradation of the PSN Journal, as he is the Chief Editor of the Pakistan Journal of Neurological Surgery.

Joint Secretary Dr. Iqbal Ahmad Kharal was also very enthusiastic in working together for the betterment of the PSN.

Press and Publication Secretary Dr. Muhammad Usman said that we all make a lot of commitments and now we have to start work for the up gradation of our society, PSN. He was very optimistic that next year our work will speak better than our words.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks by the chairman.

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