Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Association of National Board Accredited Institution (ANBAI) Held at New Delhi on Saturday, the 6th Aug 2016 From 09.30 to 16.00 hrs.

Venue: National Board of Examinations (NBE) Auditorium, Dwarka, New Delhi

1. Welcome address by Dr. S.K.S.Marya:

Dr. S.K.S. Marya, Chairman Organizing Committee, President ANBAI –Delhi Chapter, welcomed all dignitaries, delegates, academicians, teachers & students to the ANBAI Annual General Meeting, 2016. He mentioned that the meeting had been conceived to put the dreams of National Board Accredited Institutions together and take their educational capacity to newer heights. He invited everybody to join actively in the deliberations.

2. Secretary's Report

Dr. H.S.Chhabra briefed the members about activities of ANBAI last year.

Data Mining - This ongoing initiative was undertaken to get its members to network together and to have the database of its members. ANBAI had initially tried to get this accomplished with the support of a 3rd party company. As per present data base there are 490 institutions for the 59 specialties.

Periodic interactions amongst Governing Council members—There has been periodic interactions both with regards to personal meetings one held in Coimbatore to finalize constitution of the new society as well as regular conference calls on various occasions to deliberate on important issues.

Uniform Learning Resource –ANBAI had partnered with National Board of Examinations to work on a Uniform Learning Resource. It had tried to create a consortium of publishers so that this resource could be brought to the members at a much cheaper rate than what they would have been spending. A web portal had been designed and featured by Elsevier. ANBAI had various meetings with publishers, details of which had been provided in the last meeting at Hyderabad, 2015. ULR committee had finalized the content of the resource. This was circulated to all publishers to provide quotes in order to decide on pooling of resources & charges to be levied on members. Despite several negotiation meetings the rates given by publishers were too high and were not thought to be practically implementable. In a bid to work out a financially viable option for the members, ANBAI introduced a 3rd party mediator. It was thought that since they would have been dealing with publishers for quite some time, they could get reduced rates. This could also solve the problems of ANBAI needing to invest huge funds and trying to pool in funds from various members using the resource. But unfortunately the 3rd party mediator option also didn't work out. A meeting had been held recently to decide upon further strategies in this regards. The current strategy is to use the dynamic web platform that is ready for use and upload the content of resources available for free. Some key resources at a very well negotiated price could also be uploaded and there could be a provision for members to avail it at a nominal price. Dr. H.S.Chhabra assured that ANBAI would finalise this very soon and would keep all members briefed in this regards.

Dissolution & Reconstitution of Society- There was a need to register ANBAI in New Delhi. As soon as the General Body approved this, all formalities would be completed. It would take around 3 months to register the new ANBAI Society in New Delhi. This topic would also be discussed subsequently as it was one of the agenda's of the meeting.

Role of ANBAI – Another role of ANBAI is liaising with National Board of Examinations and other Government agencies. As an outcome, a meeting was convened by Secretary of Health, Ministry of India in which various stake holders were invited. It came out to be a productive meeting. Four groups were formed in which ANBAI had a prominent representation. Dr. Devi Shetty and Dr. Alexander Thomas are leading the group looking into how the private stake holders can establish medical colleges more easily with relaxation of the norms. Another meeting had been scheduled after 2 weeks to finalize on this.

Oversight Committee— An Oversight Committee was set up by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India to look at ways and means to improve Medical Education in India. Dr. Alexander Thomas, Dr. Giridhar Gyani, Dr. Bhabatosh Biswas and Dr. H.S.Chhabra met Dr. S K Sarin to discuss in this regard. A representation was also submitted on what could be done to improve Medical Education in India.

Ethical & Legal prospective and Capping – Another area where work has been on is capping on compensation for medical malpractice law suit in India. Members would be kept briefed in this regards. ANBAI participated in a conclave in the field of Ethical & legal prospective of healthcare in India.

Co-partner with ISCoS for SCI Day – International Spinal Cord Society (ISCoS) is observing 05th September as a Spinal Cord Injury day across the globe. ANBAI will be partnering with ISCoS in this initiative.

ANBAI Book –Members were informed that one of the initiatives of ANBAI is the launch of *Book of ANBAI*. The objective of this initiative was to make people aware of the activities of ANBAI and also more importantly for various stake holders to have details of various member institutions of ANBAI, including courses that they offer, number of seats for each course, the contact person in each institution and the contact details of the person in the Directory of the ANBAI Book. National Board of Examination had helped in data compilation. Soft copy of this book would be put up on ANBAI website so that all stake holders can draw benefit and mileage.

This book is divided into various sections. The first session of the book contains messages from Shri. JP Nadda Ji, Hon'ble Health Minister of India, Dr. Abhijat Seth, President NBE, Dr. Bipin Batra, Executive director NBE, Dr. Srinath Reddy, Ex-President of NBE, Dr. Devi Shetty Patron ANBAI, Dr. Alexander Thomas President ANBAI, Dr. Vijay Aggarwal, Secretary General, CAHO, Dr. Girdhar Gyani, Director General, AHPI and Dr. SKS Marya, President Delhi Chapter & Chairperson Organizing Committee ANBAI Annual General Body meeting 2016. Second session of the book consists of Articles by Dr. Alexander Thomas, Dr. Rajashekaran, Dr. Muralidhar, Dr. John Punnose and Dr. Prasad Karat. The next section has articles on strength of National Board of Examinations including District Hospital Programs & innovative courses. There is also student's perspective of the National Board of Examinations courses. This book also contains the excerpts of Srivastava Committee Report on "Medical Education – Current Indian Scenario". There are also details of all the officials of National and State Level Governing Bodies of ANBAI. Photo gallery has been incorporated. The last section has a Directory of various member institutions, one of the main objectives of the resource.

Dr. H.S.Chhabra mentioned that this book would be a good resource which would be helpful to all the stakeholders. He also solicited help of members present in the Auditorium for making people aware about it. Dr Chhabra's huge efforts were appreciated in this regards.

State Chapters- Another initiative under the leadership of the President was the consolidation of the State Chapter Governing Councils of ANBAI.

Dr Chhabra requested all members to participate actively in the Association's activities so that ANBAI could continue to work further and serve the objectives of the society.

3. Treasurer's Report

Dr. Kishore Babu presented the salient features of the Associations balance sheet for the financial year 2015-2016 (Balance Sheet enclosed). At the end of the financial year 2014 - 2015, the surplus with ANBAI was 2.51 lakhs whereas the surplus at the end of financial year 2015 - 2016 was Rs 4.51 lac. Financial statements were approved by GB. It was also decided to have the same auditors to do the accounts before dissolution. Auditor Details: M/S Rao & Sreeram Chartered Account.

4. ANBAI Dissolution And Reconstitution Formalities pertaining to the newly registered society:

The members were informed that ANBAI, conceived & registered in Bangalore had achieved a lot and was now at a stage where it needed to make a national impact. Hence there was a need to move the office from Karnataka to a central location like Delhi. To do so there was a need to register the society in Delhi. ANBAI had taken a legal opinion in this regards. All the papers including the MOA and RR had been prepared after taking legal advice. A meeting was held on 17th June at Ganga Hospital, Coimbatore where the Governing Council deliberated and improved upon the constitution taking into considerations that enhanced objectives of the society. It was proposed to have the office of ANBAI at IMA building within the AHPI Office or another suitable location in Delhi which is easily approachable to all members. After lot of deliberations and discussion the members of the General Body unanimously approved the dissolution of ANBAI society registered in Karnataka. The Treasurer produced the books and accounts of the Society and it was noted and approved by all members that there are no assets, bank deposits, nor liabilities pertaining to the ANBAI society in Bangalore hence the same be dissolved. It was also unanimously decided and resolved to transfer any cash at hand if any should exist as on last date prior to filing of dissolution to the new society to be registered in Delhi. It was also unanimously decided to have the new registration of the new Society in Delhi.

The members were informed that it would take around 3 months for all the formalities to be completed. Also after registration of the new body the society registered in Karnataka would need to be dissolved and there would be transfer of assets and funds to the new account. The Governing Council has proposed that in the interim period of

around 3 months before the new Governing Council took over, the present committee comprising of Dr. Alexander Thomas, the current President, Dr. S. Rajashekaran, Vice President, Dr H S Chhabra, Secretary, Dr Kishore Babu, Treasurer, and current Zonal Chairman's Prof.Dr.Bhabatosh Biswas, Dr.Narendra Trivedi, Dr.S.K.S Maarya and Dr.Rajasabapathy to continue the various official activities of the Society. They are also authorised by the GB to proceed with procedure of dissolution. The members unanimously approved the proposal.

The new office bearers at the National level Dr S.Rajashekaran,Prof.Dr Bhabatosh Biswas,Dr H.SChhabra, Dr Kishore Babu, Dr.Alexander Thomas and Dr.Devi Shetty will take over on the date of registration. State level chapters and zonal chairman's (Prof.Dr Bhabatosh Biswas, Dr.Narendra Trivedi, Dr.S.K.S. Maarya and Dr.Rajasabapathy) to GB will be functional immediately.

Dr Alexander Thomas, Dr. Rajashekaran, Dr. H.S.Chhabra, Dr.Kishore Babu, Prof.Dr.Bhabatosh Biswas, Dr.Narendra Trivedi, Dr.S.K.S. Maarya and Dr.Rajasabapathy will continue as ANBAI office bearers till the date of registration of ANBAI in Delhi.

5. Address by Dr. Alexander Thomas, Outgoing President, ANBAI - Dr Alexander Thomas welcomed President and Executive Director of NBE and gave 6 years report of ANBAI. He mentioned that ANBAI had achieved many goals in last 6 years but many more needed to be achieved. He thanked Dr. Devi Shetty and all the founder members including all member institutions associated with ANBAI. He also expressed gratitude to all colleagues in Bangalore Baptist hospital. He also mentioned how ANBAI had worked closely with NBE. Various successful and well organized Conclaves were held in different parts of the country such as Bangalore, Coimbatore, Kochi & Hyderabad. NBE provides the highest quality of post graduate education at a competitive price anywhere in the country. Many issues were taken up in various sessions with National Board and were subsequently followed up with Dr. Batra for implementation on the important decisions. Equivalence of the National Board degrees with those of Medical Council of India was one such issue where NBE and ANBAI worked together. Introduction of Healthcare communication and quality in the medical curriculum was another area where ANBAI was working with NBE, AHPI & CAHO.

6 Address by Dr. S. Rajasekaran, Vice President

Dr Rajasekaran thanked all for making him the upcoming President of ANBAI. He said that it would be the endeavour of the new team to work hand in hand with NBE in reaching the common aims and objectives of improving the status of Medical Education in India. NBE has trained 43,000 specialists and Post Graduates in our country. Every year NBE contributes to training of more than 5,000 specialists which is more than 33% of the specialty training. Dr. Rajasekaran made two requests to NBE on behalf of ANBAI. The first request was for National Board to give the ANBAI Organizations and Institutions, a parity with the MCI Institutions. For this the main objective should be that NBE should hold the Common Entrance Test not only for NBE Institutions but also for all the Post Graduate selections i.e. MD, MS and DNB Exams in the country. The students should be allowed to choose the institution of his / her own choice. Similarly there should be a Common Exit Exam for both the MCI and NBE Institutions. Secondly, there should be a representation of ANBAI on the Governing Council of NBE.

7. Launch of ANBAI Book:

Dr Chhabra called upon important members to the dais who had been contributing actively to the activities of ANBAI. The State chapters of Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, Maharashtra, Delhi & NCR and Gujarat as well as Dr.Sudarshan Balal, Dr. Bhaskar Rao, Dr. Prem Nair, Dr. Shah, Dr. Girdhar Gyani & Dr. Vijay Agarwal joined other dignitaries on the dais. Dr Chhabra also thanked profusely on behalf of ANBAI, Ms Ishika Ahluwalia, the designer of the textbook.

The Hon'ble dignitaries Dr. Abhijat Sheth, Dr. Bipin Batra, Dr. Ajay Kumar & Dr. Reena Nayyar were requested to launch the ANBAI Book.

8. Elections of the New Governing Council of ANBAI:

The members ratified the election of the following office bearers to the newly constituted ANBAI Society being registered in New Delhi:

Members of Governing Council of new Society:

Dr. S. Rajasekaran – President

Dr. Bhabatos Biswas - Vice President/East Zonal Chairman

Dr. H.S.Chhabra – Secretary

Dr. Kishore Babu – Treasurer

Dr. Rajasabapathy - South Zonal Chairman

Dr.Narendra Trivedi - West Zonal Chairman

Dr.S K S Marya - North Zonal Chairman

Dr. Alexander Thomas – Advisor

Dr.Devi Shetty - Advisor

9. It was also resolved not to collect membership for the first year

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chair.