

# OBSTETRICAL AND GYNAECOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF MALAYSIA

## Minutes of the sixtieth Annual General Meeting

held at 15.00 hrs on 22 July 2023

Setia SPICE Convention Centre, Penang

### Present

No.	Name	No.	Name
1.	Datuk Dr Abd Aziz Yahya	41.	Dr Khoo Kong Beng
2.	Dato' Dr Achaiah Kumar Rao	42.	Dr Krishen Kumar Devaser
3.	Dr Ahmad Murad Zainuddin	43.	Dato' Dr Krishna Kumar H Krishnan
4.	Lt Col (R) Dr Ahmad Saifuddin Ahmad Yahaya	44.	Dr Kuharaj Balasubramaniam
5.	Dr Aida Hani Mohd Kalok	45.	Dr Lakshmi Paramananda
6.	Dato' Dr Alex Mathews	46.	Dr Lavitha Sivapatham
7.	Dr Alifah Mohd Zizi	47.	Dr Lim Yun Hsuen Helena
8.	Datuk Dr Amaranathan V Pathmanathan	48.	Dr Loh Huey Wen
9.	Dr Anil G Krishna Dass	49.	Dr Lorenzo Christopher Selvaraj
10.	Dato' Dr Aruku Naidu	50.	Dr Lua Khai Leng
11.	Dr Aruna Rangasamy	51.	Dr Mahalakshmi Ratnavale
12.	Dr Asokan Shanmuganathan	52.	Dr Malar Kandasamy
13.	Dato' Dr Balanathan a/l Kathirgamanathan	53.	Dr Moganaraju Perianan
14.	Dr Balasundram Govindasamy	54.	Dr Mohamad Nurfadli Senin
15.	Dr Baskaran Arunasalam Pillay	55.	Dato' Dr Mohamed Rafi Mohammed Feizal
16.	Dr Cheng Shu Xian	56.	Dr Muniswaran a/l Ganesham @ Ganesan
17.	Dr Chew Ghee Kheng	57.	Dr Muralitharan Ganesalingam
18.	Dr Chien Keat Leong	58.	Dr Narinder Singh Shadan
19.	Dr Choi Yee Xian	59.	Prof Dr Nazimah Idris
20.	Dr Diong Seng Kwok	60.	Dr Ng Beng Kwang
21.	Dr Divakaran a/l T Govindan	61.	Dr Nik Ahmad Nik Abdullah
22.	Dr Eeson Sinthamoney	62.	Dr Nur Khalisah Muhd Yazid Selvam
23.	Dr Gayathri Sitharai	63.	Dr Ong Zhong Wei
24.	Dr Goh Huay-yee	64.	Dr Pakirisamy Baskaran a/l P Thangavelu
25.	Dr Goh Yong Soon	65.	Dato' Dr Prashant Vasant Nadkarni
26.	Dr Gopinath Muruti	66.	Dr Pravin Peraba
27.	Dr Gunasegaran P.T. Rajan	67.	Dr Premitha Damodaran
28.	Dr Gurdeep Singh Bedi	68.	Dr Priyadarshi
29.	Dr Hari Ram Ramayya	69.	Datuk Dr Puraviappan Arunasalam Pillay
30.	Dr Ho Choon Moy	70.	Dr Rajesh Mahendran Radha Krishnan
31.	Dr Hoo Mei Lin	71.	Dr Rama Krishna Kumar Krishnamurthy
32.	Dr Inbajoothi Veeramuthu	72.	Dr Ravi Chandran Munusamy
33.	Dr Jagdeesh Kaur	73.	Dr Ravichandran J a/l R Jeganathan
34.	Dato' Dr Jekinder Singh Gendeh	74.	Dr RM Udayar Pandian Ramachandhiran
35.	Dr Kaithri Devi Subramaniam	75.	Dr Selva Ganesan Sockalingam
36.	Dr Kalavathy Subramaniam	76.	Dr Sevellaraja Supermaniam
37.	Dr Kamaljit Kaur Harban Singh	77.	Dr Shankar Sammanthamurthy
38.	Dr Kannappan Palaniappan	78.	Dr Sharifa Azlin Hamid
39.	Dr Kanwal Nain Singh	79.	Dr Sharipah Halimah Jaafar
40.	Dr Kartik Balaraman	80.	Dr Shashi Indran Naidu

No.	Name	No.	Name
81.	Dr Shasindran Ramanujam	97.	Dr Tang Boon Nee
82.	Dr Sheik Johari Bux S Y Bux	98.	Dr Tham Seong Wai
83.	Dr Shilpa Nambiar Balakrishnan	99.	Dr Thaneemalai Jeganathan
84.	Dr Silvam Sellapan	100.	Dr Thinakaran Malapan
85.	Dr Sivabala Selvaratnam	101.	Dr Usha Devy Balaguru
86.	Dr Smita Sinha	102.	Dr Victoria Ivy Paul Raj
87.	Dr Sokhdave Singh	103.	Dr Vigneswaren Ponnudurai
88.	Dr Somaskandar Sivasuntharam	104.	Dr Vijaendreh Subramaniam
89.	Datuk Dr Subramaniam Nachimuthu	105.	Dr Vijayan Valayatham
90.	Dato' Dr Sudesan Raman	106.	Dr Vijayavel G Vadiveloo
91.	Dr Sufian Hadi Tationo	107.	Dr Vishalkumar Dalichand Jasani
92.	Dr Suresh Kumarasamy	108.	Dr Voon Hian Yan
93.	Dr Sureshkumar Subramaniam	109.	Dr Wan Noor Amalya Wan Fadzil Adlan
94.	Dr Surinder Singh Ranbir Singh	110.	Dr Yegappan Shanmugam Vengadasalam
95.	Dr Sushilnathan Kathirgamanathan	111.	Dr Zaharuddin Rahmat @ Mohd Rawi
96.	Brig Gen Dato' Dr T Thavachelvi S Thangarajah	112.	Dr Zainab Zulkifli

The 60th Annual General Meeting started at 15.30 hrs and was chaired by the President, Dato' Dr Balanathan Kathirgamanathan.

Dato' Dr Balanathan welcomed everyone to the AGM and mentioned that he would like to bring forward Item 12 (*To decide on any amendments to the Constitution or any Resolution submitted to the meeting as provided for under Article 7.1 Section (b) (x) of the Constitution*) to be discussed after Item 6 in the AGM Notice. This was because the Resolutions were proposed by his Council which he would like to be discussed under his Presidency.

Proposer: Dr Surinder Singh Ranbir Singh  
 Seconded: Dr Pravin Peraba

The above proposal to discuss the Resolutions after Item 6 in the AGM Notice was accepted by the House.

Dato' Dr Balanathan mentioned that the Council made the decision to maintain the digital voting process.

An electronic copy of the Annual Report has been circulated via email. The Annual Report has also been made available to our members on the OGSM website since 2<sup>nd</sup> of September 2022.

### **Confirmation of the minutes of the Fifty Ninth Annual General Meeting**

The minutes of the Fifty Ninth Annual General Meeting were accepted and passed.

Proposer: Dr Vijayan Valayatham  
 Seconded: Dr Kuharaj Balasubramaniam

### **Matters arising from the minutes**

Dato' Dr Balanathan announced that the Constitutional amendments that were passed at the 59th AGM 2022 were approved by the Registrar of Societies. The latest version of the Constitution is available on the OGSM website.

There were no other matters arising from the minutes.

### **To receive from the Council and to accept a report of the activities of the Society during the preceding year**

Dr Loh Huey Wen, the Hon. Secretary, presented the Secretary's Report. OGSM subcommittees have all been hard at work and they have organised a total of 32 events over the last council year. The Gynaecological Endoscopy, Paediatric & Adolescent Gynaecology Subcommittee and Reproductive Medicine subcommittees have been actively organising events which have been of great benefit to our members. ICOE has remained very active throughout the year organising regional as well as local courses. The CSR Subcommittee of OGSM organised the very successful 'I Love Me' conference in March 2023. This was held in conjunction with International Women's Day and Endometriosis Awareness Month. It had good response and received very good feedback. This event has also increased the presence of OGSM amongst the public.

The Council has been working on streamlining office processes. We have been revising and refining the SOPs and have been putting in place the guidelines for the AGM that were approved at the last AGM. The resolutions proposed at the last AGM have again been accepted by the ROS. We have informed members that there will be changes in the membership fees as proposed at the last AGM.

This change in the membership fee will take effect on the 1st of January 2024, which will be the start of our financial year.

#### **OGSM Membership Fee**

<b>Type of Subscription</b>	<b>Current fee</b>	<b>New fee (Effective 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2024)</b>
Annual Subscription	RM 50.00	RM 200.00
LIFE Subscription	RM 1,000.00	RM 2,000.00

A new accounting software, Bukku, was purchased during the previous Council year. The old software could not be integrated with our website or assist in member management. The Secretariat has now successfully transferred the accounting data to the new software. This upgrade has significantly reduced the Secretariat's paperwork, allowing them to focus on other responsibilities. Members may have noticed email reminders regarding subscription fee payments, and the new system has made the payment process more efficient.

The Annual Report was accepted.

Proposer: Dr Pravin Peraba  
Secunder: Dr Hari Ram Ramayya

## **Statement of Accounts**

The Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2022 was presented by the Hon. Treasurer, Dr Rama Krishna Kumar Krishnamurthy.

A summary of the income and expenses of the Society and an overview of the financial status of the Society was presented. The accumulated fund of the Society now stands at RM9.53 million (excluding appreciation of fixed assets) as compared to RM9.48 million in the previous year.

Previously, we held a fixed deposit of RM1.4 million with the Standard Chartered Bank with an interest rate of 1.8-2.0%. We have invested RM1.5 million, the funds from Standard Chartered Bank RM1.4 million and an additional new fund of RM100,000.00 with MBSB Bank for better interest rate of 4.2%.

There is a slight difference in the taxation paid in 2021 and 2022. This is mainly attributed to the fact that the income from the Congress in 2021 was a lot higher as it was a virtual event where costs were reduced as there was no physical venue and this resulted in a higher profit margin (RM 1.4 million). As a result, OGSM will receive around RM165,000.00 back from the Inland Revenue Board.

The income of the Society in 2022 comprised mainly of membership subscriptions, congress incomes, webinars, rental from properties and the fixed deposit interests.

There was an outstanding debt of RM96,288 until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, however, the arrears have been cleared by June 2023.

The financial report for the year takes into account the apportionment of the indirect expenses of all activities in accordance with the revenue generated by each activity of the Society.

The Statement of Accounts was accepted.

Proposer: Dr Gurdeep Singh Bedi  
Seconder: Dr Harris Tham Bin Abdullah @ Tham Seong Wai

## **Budget for 2024**

The Hon. Treasurer, Dr Rama Krishna Kumar Krishnamurthy, presented the Budgeted Statement of Accounts for the year 2024.

The Budget presented was essentially the same as last year with the total budgeted operating expenses amounting to RM1,034,970.

Dr Tang Boon Nee requested a review of the staff salary. It was noted that the OGSM staff are entitled to a contractual salary increase as well as a contractual bonus. There is also a performance-based bonus on top of that. The staff are also paid overtime for the hours incurred outside of office hours.

The Budget was accepted.

Proposer: Dr RM Udayar Pandian Ramachandhiran  
Seconder: Dr Thaneemalai Jeganathan

## **Resolutions tabled for Discussion at the AGM**

### **Resolution: 1**

The Constitution states that all Ordinary/Associate members must pay their annual membership dues.

The resolution proposes that the Society write-off the membership fees of members who have not paid their membership dues for the past 3 years and have not responded to any communications from the Society. These members will be removed from the list of members, and a notice of this resolution be sent to the lapsed members, informing them that they are no longer members of the Society and will not receive any further communications or benefits of membership until their membership is reinstated.

If any of the written-off members wish to renew their membership, they will need to settle all unpaid membership fees and reinstatement fees determined by the Executive Committee. The re-admission of former members will not be automatic and will be subject to approval by the Council.

To ensure clear accounting, the sum of unpaid membership fees for the lapsed members shall be written-off.

Proposer: Dr Rama Krishna Kumar Krishnamurthy  
Seconder: Dr Hoo Mei Lin

### **Voted Result (%)**

Agree 97.96%      Disagree 2.04%

### **Result – Accepted**

### **Resolution: 2**

That the Society creates a committee within its framework that addresses issues faced by its members related specifically to private practice.

#### **Preamble:**

There are many unique issues that affect ObGyn's functioning within the private sector. These would include many fees related issues as well as a myriad of other issues. The on-going debacle of sonographers and general practitioners advertising their expertise in providing specialty level 'detailed fetal scans' is just another example. Other issues may relate to the new Private Healthcare Facilities and Services Act.

While it is acknowledged that the OGSM Council does try its best to address and resolve these issues, we must admit that the Council may not have the time, resources or perhaps an adequate understanding of the relevant issues being faced by ObGyn's functioning in the private sector.

Therefore, a dedicated Committee within the framework of the Society would be invaluable to concentrate expertise, time and effort in resolving these issues in a timely, effective and amicable manner. As a direct consequence, OGSM will become more relevant in this rapidly evolving O&G landscape. In time, we envision that the experience and knowledge gained by the Committee will help resolve the many future issues faced by the fraternity in this arena.

In addition to addressing any private healthcare related issues affecting the fraternity, they could also look into possible mechanisms to address grievances of the ObGyn's functioning in the private sector.

We therefore propose that:

1. The Society creates a Committee within its framework that addresses issues faced by its members related specifically to private practice.
2. That the Chair of this Committee is elected at the AGM and holds the position for a tenure of two years.
3. That the Chair be allowed the opportunity to appoint its own Sub-Committees as seen appropriate.
4. That the Committee remains answerable to Council BUT MUST report to the wider membership annually at the AGM and periodically via the newsletter.

Proposer: Dr Kuharaj Balasubramaniam

Seconder: Dr Vijayan Valayatham

Dr Kuharaj explained that there are some issues faced by those in the private sector and proposed to create a Committee to address these issues to reduce the burden on the Council. The Committee will address the fee schedule, unlicensed practitioners, and other profession-related issues, such as infidelity work.

It was noted that whilst the issue is important, the Committee Chair's appointment can only occur at the next AGM, as it must go through the ROS process. An ad hoc Committee appointed by the Council with a specific purpose and tenure was proposed which would allow for a more efficient resolution and expedite the process.

It was pointed out that OGSM has a Fee Schedule Committee, previously headed by Dr Tang Boon Nee. The Fee Schedule Committee is currently under the leadership of Dr Ng Kwee Boon who has been attending meetings with KKM. The main issue is that KKM is unwilling to negotiate. Dr Ng Kwee Boon is working on the issue and it was suggested Dr Kuharaj work with the Fee Schedule Committee to resolve these issues.

The Council explained that they were aware of the issues faced by the private sector, including the issues surrounding the training and regulation of sonographers. OGSM is not a regulatory body. There were efforts made by the Council to organise a roundtable discussion with the stakeholders involved. OGSM was told that investigations by KKM were underway and OGSM was instructed to write a letter to the Director General, and cc Dr Wan Hazim, the Head of O&G Services. The letter has been sent to KKM as instructed.

To ensure compliance with the Constitution and maintain efficiency, the Council provided assurance that they would set up a Committee with appropriate terms of reference to address these issues.

**Result – The resolution was withdrawn. The House suggested that a Special Subcommittee to be set up as requested under OGSM Council purview.**

### **Valedictory Address by the Outgoing President**

Dato' Dr Balanathan thanked the members for their trust and support by giving him the opportunity to serve the Society as President. He also thanked the Council members for working hard to solve the many issues during his Presidency.

### **Acceptance of the Chair by the Incoming President**

Prof Dr Nazimah Idris accepted the Presidency for 2023/2024. She thanked the members and the out-going Council for the opportunity to serve the Society.

### **To Accept and Declare as Immediate Past President, the President of the year preceding**

Dato' Dr Balanathan was declared the Immediate Past President.

### **Election of the President-Elect for 2023/2024**

Nomination: Dr Muniswaran a/l Ganesham @ Ganeshan  
Proposer: Dato' Dr Alex Mathews  
Secunder: Dr Tang Boon Nee

Dr Muniswaran a/l Ganesham @ Ganeshan was unanimously elected as President-Elect.

### **Election of the Hon. Secretary for 2023/2024**

Nomination: Dr Loh Huey Wen  
Proposer: Prof Dr Nazimah Idris  
Secunder: Dato' Dr Balanathan Kathirgamanathan

Dr Loh Huey Wen was unanimously elected as Hon. Secretary.

### **Election of the Hon. Treasurer for 2023/2024**

Nomination: Dr Rama Krishna Kumar Krishnamorthy  
Proposer: Datuk Dr Abd Aziz Yahya  
Secunder: Dr Rajesh Mahendran Radha Krishnan

Dr Rama Krishna Kumar Krishnamorthy was unanimously elected as Hon. Treasurer.

### **Election of the Hon. Assistant Secretary for 2023/2024**

Nomination: Dr RM Udayar Pandian Ramachandhiran  
Proposer: Prof Dr Nazimah Idris  
Secunder: Dato' Dr Balanathan Kathirgamanathan

Dr RM Udayar Pandian Ramachandhiran was unanimously elected as Hon. Assistant Secretary.

### **Election of 4 other Ordinary/Life Members as Ordinary Members of the Council for 2023/2024**

Nomination: i) Datuk Dr Subramaniam Nachimuthu  
Proposer: Dato' Dr Aruku Naidu  
Secunder: Dr Harris Tham Bin Abdullah @ Tham Seong Wai

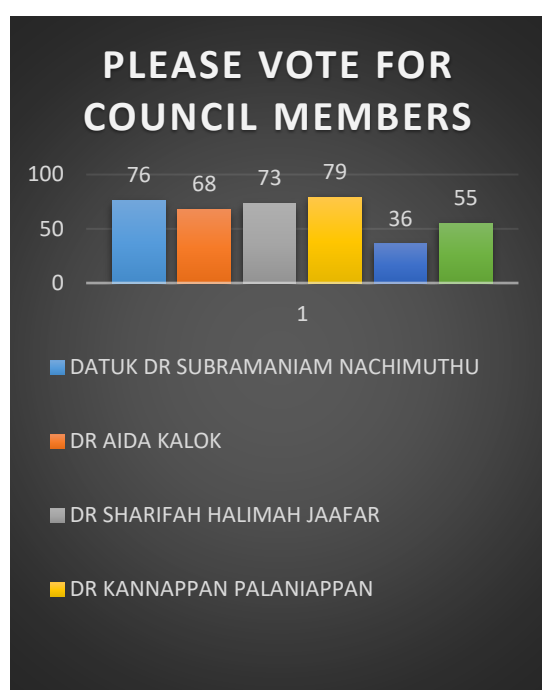
Nomination: ii) Assoc Prof Dr Aida Hani Mohd Kalok  
Proposer: Prof Dr Nazimah Idris  
Secunder: Dr Loh Huey Wen

Nomination: iii) Dr Sharifah Halimah Bt. Jaafar  
 Proposer: Dr Sufian Hadi Bin Tationo  
 Second: Dr Tey Shea Reen

Nomination: iv) Dr Kannappan Palaniappan  
 Proposer: Dr Hoo Mei Lin  
 Second: Dr Loh Huey Wen

Nomination: v) Dato' Dr Mohamed Rafi bin Dato' Dr Mohammed Feizal  
 Proposer: Dr Rama Krishna Kumar Krishnamorthy  
 Second: Dr Sureshkumar Subramaniam

Nomination: vi) Dr Pravin Peraba  
 Proposer: Dato' Dr Amaranathan Pathmanathan  
 Second: Dr Malar Kandasamy



Candidates	Total Votes
Datuk Dr Subramaniam Nachimuthu	76
Assoc Prof Dr Aida Hani Mohd Kalok	68
Dr Sharifah Halimah Bt. Jaafar	73
Dr Kannappan Palaniappan	79
Dato' Dr Mohamed Rafi bin Dato' Dr Mohammed Feizal	36
Dr Pravin Peraba	55

The following nominees were elected as Ordinary Members of Council by a simple majority vote being the four highest votes obtained:

1. Datuk Dr Subramaniam Nachimuthu
2. Assoc Prof Dr Aida Hani Mohd Kalok
3. Dr Kannappan Palaniappan
4. Dr Sharifah Halimah Jaafar



**Appointment of 2 Hon. Auditors for 2023/2024**

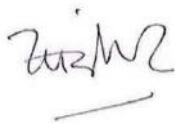
Nomination: Dr Eeson Sinthamoney  
Proposer: Prof Dr Nazimah Idris  
Seconder: Dr Loh Huey Wen

Nomination: Brig Gen Dato' Dr T. Thavachelvi S. Thangarajah  
Proposer: Prof Dr Nazimah Idris  
Seconder: Dr Loh Huey Wen

The House appointed Dr Eeson Sinthamoney and Brig Gen Dato' Dr T. Thavachelvi S. Thangarajah as Hon. Auditors.

**Other Matters**

1. Dr Sivabala Selvaratnam highlighted that over 300,000 girls in secondary schools were not vaccinated against HPV. The fraternity advocates for women's health, but health should be prioritized over financial policy and economics. OGSM has a significant role in empowering women's health and raising awareness.



**Prof Dr Nazimah Idris**  
**President 2023/2024**



**Dr Loh Huey Wen**  
**Hon. Secretary 2023/2024**

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