

**OBSTETRICAL AND GYNAECOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF MALAYSIA**  
**Minutes of the Sixty First Annual General Meeting**  
**held at 15.00 hrs on 6 July 2024**  
**Sabah International Convention Centre, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah**

**Present**

No.	Name
1.	Datuk Dr Abd Aziz Yahya
2.	Dato' Dr Achaiah Kumar Rao
3.	Assoc Prof Dr Aida Hani Mohd Kalok
4.	Dr Aini Hanan Azmi
5.	Dato' Dr Alex Mathews
6.	Dr Alvin Isaac Sukumar
7.	Dr Annalene Melkiau
8.	Dato' Dr Aruku Naidu
9.	Dato' Dr Balanathan A/L K. Kathirgamanathan
10.	Dr Baskaran Arunasalam Pillay
11.	Dr Cheng Shu Xian
12.	Dr Chua Wang Ching
13.	Dr Chung Chow Cheang
14.	Dr Deepa Ramudaram
15.	Dr Devendran Davidas
16.	Dr Divakaran A/L Thrippanikkara Govindan
17.	Dr Eeson Sinthamoney
18.	Dr Eswaran Sinusamy
19.	Dr Fara Bashar Barr Mohd Rashid
20.	Dr Goh Huay-Yee
21.	Dr Goh Yong Soon
22.	Dr Gopinath Muruti
23.	Dr Guhan Ethirajulu
24.	Dr Gunasegaran P.T. Rajan
25.	Dr Haris Njoo Suharjono
26.	Prof Dr Helen Benedict Lasimbang
27.	Dr Hinakaran Malapan
28.	Dr Ho Miaw Ping
29.	Dr Hoo Mei Lin
30.	Dr Hoong Farn Weng Michael
31.	Dr Ian Michael Netto
32.	Dr Janisha Silva Raju
33.	Dr Jaya Balan Valliappan
34.	Dr Kannappan Palaniappan
35.	Dr Khoo Kong Beng
36.	Dr Krishen Kumar Devaser
37.	Dato' Dr Krishna Kumar H. Krishnan
38.	Dr Lakshmi Paramananda
39.	Dr Lau Jinn Hwa
40.	Dr Lim Chai Hong
41.	Dr Loh Huey Wen
42.	Dr Lorenzo Christopher A/L Selvaraj
43.	Dr Mahalakshmi Ratnavale
44.	Dr Mohamad Nurfadli Senin
45.	Dr Muniswaran A/L Ganesham @ Ganeshan
46.	Dr Murali Ganesalingam

No.	Name
47.	Dr Nachi Annamalai
48.	Prof Dr Nazimah Idris
49.	Dr Ng Kwee Boon
50.	Dr Nor Azila Mohd Nafiah
51.	Dr Norlelawati Ab Latip
52.	Dr Nurul Nafizah Bt Mohd Rashid
53.	Dr Ong Zhong Wei
54.	Dr Pakirisamy Baskaran
55.	Dr Prasanna Raj Supramaniam
56.	Dr Pravin Peraba
57.	Dr Premitha Damodaran
58.	Datuk Dr Puraviappan Arunasalam Pillay
59.	Dr Puvanesvaran Velupulai
60.	Dr Rabindran Gandhi
61.	Dr Rajesh Mahendran Radha Krishnan
62.	Dr Rama Krishna Kumar Krishnamurthy
63.	Dr Ramesh Marimuthu
64.	Dr RM Udayar Pandian Ramachandhiran
65.	Dr Sevellaraja Supermaniam
66.	Dato' Dr Shankar Sammanthamurthy
67.	Dr Sharifa Azlin Hamid
68.	Dr Sharmini Krishnan
69.	Dr Sheik Johari Bux S. Y. Bux
70.	Dr Silvam Sellapan
71.	Dr Sivabala Selvaratnam
72.	Prof Dato' Dr Sivalingam Nalliah
73.	Dr Sokhdave Singh A/L Bhajan Singh
74.	Dr Subashini Selvaratnam
75.	Datuk Dr Subramaniam Nachimuthu
76.	Prof Dato' Dr Sudesan Raman
77.	Dr Sundar Gagan Santhana Dass
78.	Dr Suntharram Krishnasamy
79.	Dr Surinder Singh Ranbir Singh
80.	Dr Sushilnathan A/L K. Kathirgamanathan
81.	Dr Tan Kah Loong
82.	Dr Tan Teck Sin
83.	Dr Tang Boon Nee
84.	Dr Thaneemalai Jeganathan
85.	Brig Gen Dr T. Thavachelvi A/P S. Thangarajah
86.	Dr Vairavan @ Ramesh A/L L. Velayudham
87.	Dr Valyakalayil Daniel Philip
88.	Dr Vijaendreh Subramaniam
89.	Dr Vikneswaran S. Chendirasagaram
90.	Dr Voon Hian Yan
91.	Dr Wen Ting Neo
92.	Dr Yogendren Rakupathy

The 61st Annual General Meeting started at 15.30 hrs and was chaired by the President, Prof Dr Nazimah Idris.

Prof Dr Nazimah informed the House that an electronic copy of the Annual Report has been circulated via email. The Sixtieth Annual General Meeting minutes has also been made available to our members on the OGSM website since 28th November 2023.

### **Confirmation of the Minutes of the Sixtieth Annual General Meeting**

The Minutes of the Sixtieth Annual General Meeting were accepted and passed.

Proposer: Dr Pravin Peraba  
Seconder: Dr Premitha Damodaran

### **Matters arising from the Minutes**

There were no 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. A total of 36 activities have been organised by OGSM. The Council kick-started the year with the Urogynaecology Fellowship Evening with Dr Abdul H. Sultan, one of the leading names in urogynaecology, from the United Kingdom and the Fellowship Night was made more memorable by the attendance of Dr Raneer Thaker, the President of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG). This was followed by the KL/Selangor Fellowship evening with Prof Tak Yeung Leung from Hong Kong. He delivered valuable insights to the limitations of teaching through simulations focusing on shoulder dystocia.

The OGSM Expert Webinar Series has remained active with a total of 7 webinars to enhance the knowledge and skills of our members. With collaboration with MMA, OGSM has managed to achieve a greater reach for our webinars. Our Subcommittees have remained active organising a myriad of events to benefit the different aspects of our fraternity.

ICOE remains active both in Malaysia and at regional level. There was a total of 2 ICOE Doctor Courses in Malaysia and a total of 12 ICOE Regional Courses. ICOE's presence in the Asia Pacific has increased the presence of OGSM amongst these countries. The team remain hard at work with many more activities to come.

As a result of our recent AGM, the Special Interests (SI) Subcommittee has been formed to deal with matters that arise that may concern certain segments of our fraternity. With regards to the matter of the Fee Schedules, this Subcommittee will be working with our existing Fee Committee which was reformed in 2021. The Fee Schedules Committee has been in existence for many years and our representatives have attended many meetings with KKM to try and update the Fee Schedules for Obstetrics and Gynaecology. A final meeting was held in 2022 to discuss the amendments of the 13th Fee Schedules. Despite a good fight from our representatives, it was discovered that KKM was not interested in the amendments proposed. There was resistance from KKM to unbundle the current procedural charges and they were not keen to add on multiple charges for different sites of surgeries. The Committee was unfortunately forced to accept the 13th Fee Schedules to ensure that the newer fees were gazetted. The Subcommittee are now hard at work, involving representatives from all the subspecialties, towards a more comprehensive fee schedules for our fraternity before the next fee schedules meeting with KKM.

A resolution was passed at the 59th AGM to increase the OGSM membership subscription fees. Membership subscription fees for the Society have remained unchanged for 30 years. The Council have been hard at work to streamline this process, assisted by our electronic accounting system. Members now have the option to make their payments online and regular reminders are being sent electronically. As a result of these factors, OGSM has seen a surge in life memberships.

One of the aims of the Council this year was to increase engagement of the Society with the community. For the first time, OGSM ran 2 “I Love Me” events; one in Kuala Terengganu and one in Kuching, Sarawak. Taking the “I LOVE ME” conference outside of Kuala Lumpur allowed OGSM to impart health education to communities in other states. The event held in Kuala Terengganu was themed “Breaking Barriers to Health Today”. It was held in January 2024, and was a successful event with 400 participants. On the 10th of March 2024, our second “I LOVE ME” event with the theme “What I Imagine, I Become” was held in conjunction with International Woman’s Day. This event was successful with a good turnout and received positive reviews.

Prof Nazimah updated the House that, she wrote an update regarding Sonographers in the OGSM Newsletter Connect, Issue 3/2024. This is about unlicensed Sonographers performing obstetric scans in primary care practices. To recap, based on Act 774 Allied Health Professions Act 2016, Sonographers are not recognised as allied health professionals in the Second Schedule List of Allied Health Professions. Sonographers are not registered with the Allied Health Division of KKM, hence has no APC to permit practice. Below are the chronology of events, for your reference:

**18 July 2023:** A letter was sent by the then President of OGSM, Dato’ Dr Balanathan Kathirgamanathan, to Datuk Dr Muhammad Radzi Abu Hassan, Director-General of Health, Ministry of Health Malaysia on matters related to Medical Ultrasounds and the role of Sonographers in the Private Sector for his urgent attention. Copied in the letter was Datuk Dr Wan Ahmad Hazim Bin Wan Ghazali, National Head of O&G Services. We did discuss this in the Society AGM in July 2023.

**15 September 2023:** A meeting to discuss this matter was held on the 15 September 2023, chaired by Pengarah, Bahagian Amalan Perubatan, KKM and attended by the President of OGSM, the National Head of Service for O&G, National Head of Service for Radiology, and the Deputy Director of CKAPS, and several other officers from KKM. The meeting agreed, among others, that the practice of medical ultrasound in private practice, particularly the GP practice should only be performed by trained medical practitioners. The meeting suggested OGSM play a role in training the GPs in basic obstetric ultrasounds. In response to this, our Chair of the MFM Subcommittee and his team have started work on suitable training courses for the GPs. The outcome of the meeting was forwarded to DG’s office for further action. We were informed at the meeting that the office of DG will issue a directive regarding the matter and we had hoped it would not take too long for that to happen since there were no ambiguities in the regard to the subject and the relevant laws.

**8 November 2023:** The MFM Subcommittee Chair, Dr Vijayan Valayatham, invited the MMA General Secretary, Datuk Dr Thirunavukarasu Rajoo to a Zoom meeting to discuss Obstetric Ultrasound Practices among General Practitioners for MMA’s views and input. From the meeting, it was obvious that MMA shared OGSM’s concerns about patient safety related to the illegal sonography practices by unlicensed Sonographers.

**1 February 2024:** Another email was sent by the President of OGSM to the Director General of Health, Datuk Dr Muhammad Radzi Abu Hassan to ask about the progress of the matter since more than four months has passed and we have not received any communication from Datuk’s office despite the reassurance we received at the 15th September 2023 meeting. We were again directed to contact Bahagian Amalan Perubatan, KKM, who will take ‘further action’ on the matter. We were informed that the matter will be discussed at the ‘Medical Advisory Action Committee’, which is a high-level Committee for decision-making related to clinical service matters.

**17 May 2024:** The Medical Advisory Action Committee meeting took place and one of the agenda was ‘Penetapan Polisi Ultrasound di Klinik Perubatan Swasta’. Among the attendees to the meeting were the Pengarah Bahagian Amalan Perubatan, National Heads of Service (O&G, Radiology, etc), officers from Bahagian Perkembangan Perubatan, and officers from CKAPS. OGSM was represented by the President and Chair of Special Issue Subcommittee, Dr Kuharaj Balasubramaniam and we again emphasized on the urgency of the matter and that our colleagues in the fraternity are very much looking forward to some firm decisions on the issue we raised almost a year to date. The meeting

agreed that unlicensed Sonographers are not to perform any procedures at the GP clinics and that only trained GPs are allowed to do so. At the meeting, CKAPS shared the policy document they have drawn up. The document will first be reviewed by the legal office before being forwarded to the DG's office for further action.

It was noted that on 31 May 2024, the MMA has taken to the press to urge the government to regulate the industry and ensure sonography graduates are licensed to consult, advise, diagnose, and treat members of the public.

The Annual Report was accepted.

Proposer: Dr Eeson Sinthamoney  
Secunder: Dr Mohamad Nurfadli Senin

### **Statement of Accounts**

The Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2023 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 RM9.97 million (excluding appreciation of fixed assets) as compared to RM9.53 million in the previous year. A total of RM1.5 million has been placed in the MBSB bank fixed deposit and the total cash and bank balance is RM5,133,598 in 3 OGSM bank accounts.

Membership fee collections for the year 2023 have increased to RM614,012.00 due to many members converting from ordinary to life membership. The total taxation for year 2023 was RM183,098.

The House expressed concerns about generating income in the coming years, as the majority of members have converted to life memberships as operating expenses rise. The House also suggested to look into optimising the expenses.

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 Pravin Peraba  
Secunder: Dr Thaneemalai Jeganthan

### **Budget for 2025**

The Hon. Treasurer, Dr Rama Krishna Kumar Krishnamurthy, presented the Budgeted Statement of Accounts for the year 2025.

Dr Rama stated that RM50,000.00 has been given to ICOE due to the increased number of regional and local activities.

The Budget presented was essentially the same as last year with the total budgeted operating expenses amounting to RM1,086,270.

The Budget was accepted.

Proposer: Dr Ng Kwee Boon  
Secunder: Dr Goh Yong Soon

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

Prof Dr Nazimah thanked the members for their trust and support by giving her the opportunity to serve the Society as President. She also thanked the Council members for working hard to solve the

many issues during her Presidency.

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

Dr Muniswaran accepted the Presidency for 2024/2025. He 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**

Prof Dr Nazimah was declared the Immediate Past President.

#### **Election of the President-Elect for 2024/2025**

Nomination: Dr RM Udayar Pandian Ramachandhiran  
Proposer: Prof Dr Nazimah Idris  
Secunder: Dr Muniswaran Ganeshan

Dr RM Udayar Pandian Ramachandhiran was unanimously elected as President-Elect.

#### **Election of the Hon. Secretary for 2024/2025**

Nomination: Dr Loh Huey Wen  
Proposer: Dr Rama Krishna Kumar Krishnamurthy  
Secunder: Dr RM Udayar Pandian Ramachandhiran

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

#### **Election of the Hon. Treasurer for 2024/2025**

Nomination: Dr Rama Krishna Kumar Krishnamorthy  
Proposer: Datuk Dr Abd Aziz Yahya  
Secunder: Dr Thaneemalai Jeganathan

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

#### **Election of the Hon. Assistant Secretary for 2024/2025**

Nomination: Datuk Dr Subramaniam Nachimuthu  
Proposer: Dato' Dr H Krishna Kumar  
Secunder: Dr Deepa Ramudaram

Nomination: Assoc Prof Dr Aida Hani Mohd Kalok  
Proposer: Prof Dr Nazimah Idris  
Secunder: Dr Muniswaran Ganeshan

Datuk Dr Subramaniam Nachimuthu was elected as Hon. Assistant Secretary by a simple majority vote.

#### **Election of 4 other Ordinary/Life Members as Ordinary Members of the Council for 2024/2025**

Nomination: i) Assoc Prof Dr Aida Hani Mohd Kalok  
Proposer: Dr RM Udayar Pandian Ramachandhiran  
Secunder: Prof Dr Nazimah Idris

Nomination: ii) Dr Kannappan Palaniappan  
Proposer: Dr Haris Njoo Suharjono  
Secunder: Dr Muniswaran Ganeshan

Nomination: iii) Dr Haris Njoo Suharjono  
Proposer: Dr Gunasegaran P.T. Rajan  
Secunder: Dr Muniswaran Ganeshan

Nomination: iv) Dr Vairavan Ramesh A/L L Velayudham  
Proposer: Dr Arlies Chua Wang Ching  
Secunder: Dr Lim Chai Hong

Nomination:	v)	Dr Ho Miaw Ping
Proposer:		Dr Hoo Mei Lin
Seconder:		Dr Muniswaran Ganeshan
Nomination:	vi)	Dr Voon Hian Yan
Proposer:		Dr Haris Njoo Suharjono
Seconder:		Dr Muniswaran Ganeshan
Nomination:	vii)	Dr Ong Zhong Wei
Proposer:		Dr Arlies Chua Wang Ching
Seconder:		Dr Vairavan Ramesh A/L L Velayudham
Nomination:	viii)	Dr Aini Hanan Binti Azmi
Proposer:		Dr Muniswaran Ganeshan
Seconder:		Dr Premitha Damodaran
Nomination:	ix)	Dr Rajesh Mahendran Radhakrishnan
Proposer:		Dr Ramesh Marimuthu
Seconder:		Dr Rama Krishna Kumar Krishnamurthy

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

1. Assoc Prof Dr Aida Hani Mohd Kalok
2. Dr Haris Njoo Suharjono
3. Dr Ho Miaw Ping
4. Dr Voon Hian Yan

#### **Appointment of 2 Hon. Auditors for 2024/2025**

Nomination:	Dr Eeson Sinthamoney
Proposer:	Dr Loh Huey Wen
Seconder:	Dr Muniswaran Ganeshan
Nomination:	Brig Gen Dato' Dr T. Thavachelvi S. Thangarajah
Proposer:	Dr Loh Huey Wen
Seconder:	Dr Muniswaran Ganeshan

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

#### **Other Matters**

Dr Munis informed the House that OGSM intends to host the RCOG 2026 World Congress in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The bid document has been submitted and is awaiting a decision from RCOG. If OGSM is chosen as the host, the Congress will be held at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre and will require a seed fund of RM300,000 to begin preparations. A vote was taken and the House are in agreement about the need for the seed fund.

Dr Sivabala Selvaratnam requested the current Council to address several issues happening recently. Firstly, the ultrasound issue that has been discussed for a long time. Secondly, to address the parallel pathway issue which is affecting most of the OGSM trainees and thirdly, advocacy on HPV vaccination for school children. Lastly, there was a suggestion that the council should look into how to increase OGSM membership and to include the number of new members in the Secretary's Report.

Dr Tang Boon Nee suggested the current Council to look into the Constitution that was passed 2 years ago that which states that *"To be eligible for election, the President-elect, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall have served on the Council in any capacity for at least one term in the three years preceding the election"* because it limits the number of members who would like to serve the

Society. Secondly, she suggested increasing the number of Council members to give more opportunities for the members who would like to contribute to the Society.



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**Dr Muniswaran Ganeshan**  
**President 2024/2025**



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**Dr Loh Huey Wen**  
**Hon. Secretary 2024/2025**

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