

THE MUMBAI OBSTETRIC & GYNAECOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Model Residency Co. Op. Hsg. Society, 605, Bapurao Jagtap Marg, Mahalaxmi (E), Mumbai 400 011.

September 3, 2011

Dear Colleague,

A General Body Meeting of the Mumbai Obstetric & Gynecological Society will be held on Sunday, September, 25, 2011 at 12.00 noon at Kohinoor College of Hotel Management, 706, 7th Floor, B.W.Pathare Marg, Behind Dadar Catering College, Sane Guruji Vidyalaya Compound, Nr. Shivaji Park, Dadar(W), Mumbai - 400 028.

The agenda is as follows:-

AGENDA

1. Roll Call.
2. Condolences.
3. To pass the Statement of Accounts and the Balance Sheet for the year ending March 31, 2011 duly audited by our Auditor M/s Ambalal Thakkar & Associates (Abridged Statement of Accounts and the Balance Sheet annexed).
4. To discuss and adopt any financial resolutions relating to the accounts.
5. To receive a half yearly report of activities conducted by MOGS since April 1, 2011.
6. To approve the Managing Council recommendation to admit Prof. Sabaratnam Arulkumaran as an Honorary Fellows of MOGS,
7. To discuss and approve the Managing Council recommendation for the MOGS Dr. BN Purandare Award and such other awards.
8. To adopt Vision and Mission statements for MOGS.
9. To discuss and approve the request received from Nursing Homes Association for supporting their cause.
10. To discuss and approve proposed constitutional amendments which include adopting a postal system of ballot for MOGS elections (Proposed amendments annexed).
11. Any other matter with the permission of the chair.

Dr. Nozer Sheriar
President

Dr. Ameet Patki
Secretary

Dr. Nandita Palshetkar
Treasurer

Enclosures:

Abridged Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet

Proposed constitutional amendments

Please note:

The Board of Trustees and the Managing Council of MOGS have approved the distribution of an abridged Statement of Accounts as a green initiative.

The entire Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet has been displayed on the MOGS Website mogsonline.org.

It will also be provided to any MOGS member requesting the MOGS Office for the same in hard copy.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

The following amendments before the General Body of MOGS are proposed by the Managing Council with the approval of the Board of Trustees

1. It is proposed that given the expansion of the Managing Council over the years the number of co-opted members also be increased to three.
 2. It is proposed that given the large membership base of MOGS spread over a very large geographic area the postal system of ballot would be more equitable and permit the entire membership an equal opportunity to exercise their franchise. This proposal has the overwhelming support of MOGS members as evidenced by the responses to a questionnaire circulated at the last two MOGS conferences.
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Current Constitution

14. (a) 12. Co-opted Members: Maximum of two eligible members of the society may be Co-opted at the discretion of the President.

Suggested Amendment

14. (a) 12. Co-opted Members: Maximum of three eligible members of the society may be Co-opted at the discretion of the President.

Current Constitution

16. Election to the Managing Council

The outgoing Managing Council shall invite nominations for:

- (i) Seven posts of members for the Managing Council (or the number may vary depending upon vacancies as determined by the Managing Council).
- (ii) One post of Joint Clinical Secretary.
- (iii) One post of Treasurer
- (iv) One post of Vice President

The incumbent Managing Council shall not recommend any names as candidates for the post of Joint Clinical Secretary.

The outgoing Managing Council shall invite nominations for election to the new Managing Council at least four weeks before the Annual General Body Meeting.

All nominations must be addressed to the Secretary and sent or given to the office of the MOGS in a sealed envelope (superscripted - Election MOGS Year). Nominations can also be sent by Reg. A. D. Post or by courier service. The office must record the receipt of such envelopes and give an acknowledgment for the same immediately.

The nominations should reach the Society's office at least fifteen days before the Annual General Body Meeting and will be scrutinized by at least two Office Bearers. It is clearly emphasized that no contestant at these elections can also be a returning officer.

All nominations received must be put inside a sealed box and kept in locked security. These will be opened only on the day and time of scrutiny and in front of the scrutinizers. A person may withdraw his nomination not later than ten days prior to the Annual General Body Meeting.

If the requisite number of nominations for the membership of Managing Council are not received, the Managing Council shall recommend names to fill up these vacant posts or these may be filled up by the names suggested for consideration by the General Body itself or by the newly elected Managing Council.

Should the number of nominations for any elected post or post of Member of Managing Council exceed the number of vacancies, an election by a secret ballot to choose the winning candidate will be held at the Annual General Body Meeting of the society.

Contestants and/or their certified representatives can be present at the time of scrutiny and counting of votes. For the post of member of Managing Council, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be appointed to the longest term. Elections must be held to decide the tenure of membership if any vacancy is less than 3 years.

Suggested Amendment

16. Election to the Managing Council

The outgoing Managing Council shall invite nominations for:

- (iii) Seven posts of members for the Managing Council (or the number may vary depending upon vacancies as determined by the Managing Council).
- (iv) One post of Joint Clinical Secretary.
- (iii) One post of Treasurer
- (iv) One post of Vice President

The incumbent Managing Council shall not recommend any names as candidates for the post of Joint Clinical Secretary.

Nominations

The outgoing Managing Council shall invite nominations for election to the above mentioned positions on the new Managing Council in the **first week of February** each year.

All nominations must be addressed to the Secretary and sent or given to the office of the MOGS in a sealed envelope (superscripted - Election MOGS Year). Nominations can also be sent by Reg. A. D. Post or by courier service.

The nominations should reach the Society's office by not later than **5.00 pm February 15**. The office must record the receipt of such envelopes and give an acknowledgment for the same immediately. All nominations received must be put inside a sealed box and kept in locked security.

The nominations will be scrutinized by at least two Office Bearers. It is clearly emphasized that no contestant at these elections can also be a scrutinizer. These will be opened only on the day and time of scrutiny and in front of the scrutinizers. A person may withdraw his nomination not later than **5.00 pm on February 20** or if this is a holiday then the next working day.

If the requisite number of nominations for the membership of Managing Council is not received, the Managing Council shall recommend names to fill up these vacant posts or these may be filled up by the names suggested for consideration by the General Body itself or by the newly elected Managing Council.

Postal Ballot

Should the number of nominations for any elected post or post of Member of Managing Council exceed the number of vacancies, an election by a secret ballot to choose the winning candidate will be held by postal ballot prior to the Annual General Body Meeting of the society.

The President/Vice President/Joint Secretary/Treasurer shall be the returning officers of the election. They shall sign all voting papers. The society office shall forward to each active member a voting paper signed by a returning officer under certificate of posting, by Reg. A. D. Post or by courier service containing the names of persons who have been nominated and two envelopes, one white envelope marked "Voting Paper Only" and the second brown business prepaid envelope bearing the address of the Society Office with bar coding.

Members after exercising their voting right should insert the voting paper in the white envelope marked "Voting Paper Only" which is then inserted in the second brown business prepaid envelope bearing the address of the Society Office with bar coding and mailed to the society.

Only voting papers received in the official envelopes with authenticity confirmed by checking the bar code will be valid. The last date for accepting these will be **5.00 pm on March 31** or if this is a holiday then the next working day. At this time the envelopes will be counted and sealed under the supervision of the returning officers and a representative of the independent auditor.

Counting and Declaration of Results

The scrutinizing of the voting papers shall only be carried out by the scrutineers appointed by the General Body of the Society with assistance from an independent auditor. The sealed envelopes shall be handed over to the scrutineers at the start of the Annual General Body meeting for scrutiny, counting, submission and declaration of the result by the President.

Contestants and/or their certified representatives can be present at the time of scrutiny and counting of votes. For the post of member of Managing Council, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be appointed to the longest term. Elections must be held to decide the tenure of membership if any vacancy is less than 3 years.

Current Constitution

!7. Eligibility to the Various Offices of the Society

(6) Election shall be by secret ballot which includes any computerized election process. The elections will only be held at the Annual General Body Meeting where the members are physically present and voting. Adequate number of returning officers shall be appointed at the Annual General Body Meeting by the President.

(7) In the event of a tie at election the President shall declare a winner either by drawing lots or using his casting vote

Suggested Amendment

!7. Eligibility to the Various Offices of the Society

(6) Election shall be by secret postal ballot. The scrutiny and counting will only be done at the Annual General Body Meeting. Scrutineers shall be appointed at the Annual General Body Meeting by the President.

(7) In the event of a tie at election the President shall declare a winner either by drawing lots or using his casting vote