

Medicolegal Society of India
(Medicos Legal Aid association)
Minutes of the meeting dt 29th May 2022 at 11:30 am

The meeting of the Medicolegal Society of India (Medicos Legal Aid Association) was conducted between 11:30 to 12:30 am on Sunday 29th May 2022. It was attended by :

- 01 Dr Sanjay Gupte
 - 02 Dr Surendra Saxena
 - 03 Dr Mukesh Yadav
 - 04 Dr Ashish Khatod
 - 05 Dr Sangeeta Pikale
 - 06 Dr Rajeev Joshi
 - 07 Dr VInay kumar
 - 08 Dr Niraj kumar gupta
 - 09 Dr Pratibha Kane
 - 10 Dr Chandra vilas rathor
 - 11 Dr Amol Awchar
 - 12 Dr Vijay Anand
 - 13 Dr Nitin Dhande
 - 14 Dr Amita Ray
 - 15 Dr Raghavendra Gaur
 - 16 Dr Ajay Gangoli
 - 17 Dr. Nisar shaikh
 - 18 Dr. Satishchandra Kale
 - 19 Dr Gladstone DCosta
 - 20 Dr Karne
 - 21 Dr Anand Harke
 - 22 Dr Ashok Shukla
 - 23 Dr Rajendra Abhyankar
 - 24 Dr Yugal Mishra
24. Apologies if I have missed some names inadvertently and the members who were present may kindly let me know.

Following points were discussed

1. Approval of the aims and objectives as finalised by the advocates

Dr Mukesh Yadav said that Aims and objectives should be merged and he agreed to send revised document in a couple of days.

2. Finalisation of names of governing council :

Dr. Rajeev Joshi said that he is finding it difficult to get members having qualification in both Medicine and Law to take positions of zonal incharge and state presidents. Therefore he suggested that qualification of M. D. in forensic medicine should also be included in the list of qualifications. All members agreed to this suggestion and unanimously passed the resolution.

Dr. Gangoli said that it is not necessary to have qualification in law to become office bearer. Dr Joshi said that we have discussed this before and there has to be some qualification for being office bearer of the association. Today we are adding MD(Forensic Medicine)

Dr. Vijay Anand from Tamil Nadu raised an objection that only members from Pune and Bombay are there in the managing committee and there is no representation for Tamil Nadu. Doctors are hesitating to become members of the association.

Dr. Rajeev Joshi explained that the registrar of societies in Pune has the rule that two members should be from Pune, two from Maharashtra and remaining from outside maharashtra. Accordingly, the members who were active since the beginning of the discussion, and who have committed to travel and work for the association have been given posts as per their commitment and choice. There is no regional bias and if anyone from TamilNadu who has legal qualification he himself is willing to give his post to such members and happily work for the association as founder member.

Dr Anand said that there is no legally qualified doctor from TN, on which Dr Sangeeta suggested that the association will conduct a first training program for Tamil Nadu doctors so that they become eligible for posts in the association and subsequently can be selected / elected for the posts. Dr Rajeev Joshi proposed that Dr Vijay Anand become coordinator for the program. This suggestion was accepted by Dr. Vijay Anand and all members participating in the meeting.

Accordingly it was resolved that qualification of MD (Forensic Medicine) be added to the list of qualifications for office bearers in addition to LLB degree, experience of working as faculty in medico legal seminars and participation in training program conducted by association.

3. Discussion on "National Medical Commission, Registered medical practitioner (Professional Conduct) Regulations 2022."

Dr. Gupte said that there are many issues related to the NMC document. There is good intention, but there are implementation Issues which need to be pointed out in a document. e.g. Advertisement Telemedicine, Gifts for last 5 years : retrospective

Dr. Satischandera Kale said that while we are discussing what is there in 104 pages, what is to be added should be included in the response submitted to NMC e.g.Include doctors on panel

Dr. Yadav said that right from the title there are changes and issues should be highlighted so that it is informative and insightful.

Dr. Rajeev Joshi said that he had worked on Telemedicine practice guidelines and submitted suggestions before. However issues related to consent need to be relooked at and included in the consent document.

Dr. Yadav suggested that Members take responsibility for chapters

Dr. Joshi said that everyone should send suggestions point by point and we will merge the suggestions into one document.

We can discuss each point threadbare and decide what association would like to submit to NMC after the discussion. He is willing to take responsibility of telemedicine part and others can volunteer to take responsibility of other parts, so that they can compile suggestions on those chapters

Timeline for this task :

08 June	All members to send suggestions in word document / email
10 June	Dr. Rajeev will compile all suggestions and send to all members
12 June	All points to be discussed after two weeks in an online meeting at 10:30
15 June	After discussion chapter wise compilation to be done by volunteers
17 June	DRAFT document to be sent to NMC for comments by all members
19 June	Final suggestions to be discussed in an online meeting at 10:30
19 June	Final document to be circulated with members by afternoon
19 June	Approval to be sent by email by all members to association email address
20 June	Document to be submitted to NMC well in advance (last date 22nd June)

4. Finalisation of the survey for problems of medical professionals

In addition to above, following suggestions were made by members :

Dr Saxena :

1. Compensation should be as previously decided similar to MVA
2. There should be a Medical manual : Constitution to be approved by parliament
3. Indian medical services
4. Removal of cpa : medical accidents

Dr. Mukesh Yadav

1. Capping has been discussed before
2. Removing from copra has been rejected by Supreme Court
3. Do we want to be regulated or not is an important issue
4. We should come out with legitimate documents looking after the interest of the patients also, as we will be patient at some time
5. We should not be protecting doctors who are doing illegal things

Some of these points are covered in the survey form. At the end of the survey, there is space to submit suggestions. All members are requested to take the survey ASAP which is available on the link below. We will discuss these points in subsequent meetings.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf8j6VILZaDG6VAJqUdoAHPLvqlwvWd73ckH1OZqvFR9weHAw/viewform>

The meeting ended at 12:30 PM. Errors and omissions may pleased be excused.

Dr Rajeev Joshi,

founder /proposer

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