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Minutes of the 2nd Executive Committee (EC) Meeting of the Indian Association of Endocrine Surgeons (IAES)- A section of the Association of Surgeons of India (ASI) -held online on Zoom platform 7.00-8.20 pm on Sunday, 15th March 2026.

This second meeting of EC members was held in response to an intimation circulated by the Secretary, IAES, on WhatsApp two weeks ago. The IAES honorary secretary invited and circulated the agenda to all members.

Out of 17 members of the current EC, the following 14 members attended the meeting:

1. Dr Gaurav Agarwal (President IAES)
2. Dr Anjali Mishra (Immediate Past President IAES)
3. Dr Pooja Ramakant (Hon. Secretary IAES)
4. Dr Sabaretnam M (Vice President)
5. Dr Gyan Chand (Vice President)
6. Dr Ritesh Agarwal (Vice President)
7. Dr Nikhil Singh (Treasurer)
8. Dr Chitresh Kumar (Joint Secretary)
9. Dr Siddhartha Chakervorty (EC Member)- online
10. Dr Chandan Jha (EC Member)
11. Dr Vishvak Chanthar (EC Member)- online
12. Dr Sanjay Kumar Yadav (Editor-in-Chief)
13. Dr Dhritiman Maitra (Editorial Board Member)
14. Dr Sushobhan (EC Member)
15. Special Invitee Dr P V Pradeep (Past President IAES)
16. Special Invitee Dr Abhishek Krishna (Organising Secretary Midcon IAES)

IAES President Dr Gaurav Agarwal delivered the welcome address. IAES Honorary Secretary Dr Pooja Ramakant began with the agenda items planned before the meeting notification. The minutes of the last EC meeting were circulated. There were no condolences.

Agenda 1: Mid-term conference IAES on 3rd to 5th April, 2026 to be organised by SGPGIMS, Lucknow. Dr Gaurav Agarwal gave the context and background about the Mid-term conference and updated all members about its progress. Dr Abhishek Krishna told all members about the scientific program, endocrine and breast sections and involvement of all EC and most of the IAES Members. Dr Pradeep opined that State-level Endocrine Societies can organise the IAES mid-term conference in the future. Dr Gaurav agreed and said that the SOP will be circulated in the upcoming Information Brochure, which will be circulated to all IAES Members. Dr Nikhil Singh said we should check the ASI's norms and plan a mid-term conference for one or two days accordingly, so we can earn points by organising it. Dr Gaurav said that amongst the IAES EC Members, Dr Gyan Chand is the Convener, Dr Anjali Mishra is the Scientific Committee Chair and Dr Saba Retnam is the Co-organising Chairman and Treasurer of the mid-term IAES conference. Dr Sushobhan asked about integrating Breast. Dr Gaurav said that, in the last GBM held in Mangalore, many IAES members requested adding Breast to the mid-term and the pre-conference



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workshop of the main IAESCON conference. Dr Gaurav invited all EC Members in the midcon IAES conference.

Agenda 2: Regarding Active members and payment issues raised by some IAES Members. Dr Pooja informed all EC Members that some IAES members raised objections regarding the annual payment of Rs 3000. Dr Nikhil Singh said that this issue has already been passed in GBM; an email was sent to all IAES members and the EC meeting, and GBM had fulfilled the minimum quorum. He said that GBM is the supreme power and no one can oppose its decision. Dr Anjali Mishra also said that in 2 GBMs (in Lucknow and Mangalore), email notification and EC meeting this has been passed. She said that Active members are defined as those who attend at least once in 3 years, are IAESCON members, pay annual fees, will get faculty preference in the annual conference and have voting rights. Rest continue as inactive members of the IAES. Dr Gaurav said that we should define various member categories in the upcoming Constitution. Dr Nikhil said that Retired Senior IAES Members may be exempted from this annual payment. Dr Gaurav said that these Senior Members should have served IAES at least for 30 years. Dr Gaurav said that those who raised objections have not been active in IAES for many years. Dr Ritesh said that most expenses are due to journal printing. Dr Gaurav said that a major part of the money goes into publishing the journal IJESR, which is the official Bulletin of IAES, and that, due to efforts in the recent past, it is moving towards getting indexed. He said that IAES needs money for other expenses, such as website maintenance, an Auditor, travel grants, etc. Life membership is a meagre amount that is consumed by the society's expenses. Dr Pradeep said that people who regularly attend IAESCON understand and know that we need money to run the society. The members who raised concerns are mostly dormant. We should ensure that as many IAES members as possible attend the GBM. ASI does not provide financial support for publishing the journal. Dr Chitresh suggested having paid articles in the journal. Sponsors may or may not give money every year. Dr Pooja said that around 75 members have paid annual fees. Dr Pradeep said it is discouraging to know that so few IAES members have paid, and, like ITS, we should have membership categories such as active and dormant members. He said we should take a stand and send a message that the society needs to grow. Dr Anjali said that ASI permits Sections to collect fees, and we should have adequate funds to have more travel grants to encourage young surgeons. All agreed. Dr Siddhartha said that we should have separate categories for Emeritus Professors. Dr Saba Retnam said that any society gets money from membership drives, FAES, elections and donations. He supported the annual payment. Dr Vishvak said that these details should also be put on the IAES website. Dr Gaurav said that the reply should be drafted after consultation with the President, Secretary and Dr Pradeep.

Agenda 3: Evening webinars. Dr Pooja informed all Members that the IAES Evening webinars (8pm to 9pm) will start on 18th March 2026 and will take place once every two months. It is primarily aimed at MCh residents preparing for their exams, and all IAES Members are encouraged to join. The SOPs will be put in the Information Brochure and circulated to all members. Dr Gaurav said that morning, 8am Tele sessions are also held monthly.



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Agenda 4: IAESCON 2026 preparations and Journal IJESR indexing update. Dr Sanjay informed all EC Members that he is pursuing DOAJ indexing and expects it to happen this year. The publisher's side caused some delays. He said that after indexing, the journal will become self-sustainable and attract advertisements. He said changing the publishing company could further delay the indexing process and that it is wiser to wait. Article fees are currently not feasible, as it is not indexed. He said that preparations for IAESCON 2026 are in full swing and more than 25 International Faculties have confirmed their participation. He said the venue may change; it is still under consideration, and he will update us in the next EC Meeting in April 2026.

Any other Agenda with permission from the President: Dr Saba informed about Parathyroid awareness program to conduct under the aegis of IAES. Dr Pooja informed about Dr Sudhi's proposal to do webinar on parathyroid awareness under the aegis of IAES. All agreed to both proposals. Dr Anjali asked whether the IAESCON 2025 Organisers have paid any amount to IAES. Dr Pooja informed that it hasn't been done to date and said she will ask the organisers again. Dr Anjali said that in the next EC, we can discuss fixing the amount to be paid to IAES. Dr Ritesh asked about Dr SK Mishra Sir's oration, and Dr Pooja updated everyone that it is happening this year.

Dr Gaurav informed everyone that the next EC Meeting in hybrid mode will be held on 4th April 2026 evening at Midcon IAES in Lucknow.

The meeting concluded at 8.20 pm on a happy note, and all participants bid goodbye and agreed to meet in Midcon IAES in 1st week April in Lucknow.

With warm regards,

Dr Gaurav Agarwal,
President IAES

Dr Pooja Ramakant,
Honorary Secretary IAES



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