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Minutes of the 1st Managing Committee Meeting of AFG for the Year 2026-27 held on Wednesday, 8th April 2026 from 3.30pm onwards at Synergy, Kanchpada, Malad (W), Mumbai - 400064.

The Secretary officially called the meeting to order. The following agenda items were discussed and transacted during the meeting.

1) Roll Call

The Following Managing Committee (MC) members were present and signed the attendance:

Attendees MCM 8-04-2026.

① Dr. Ashok Shukla	
② Dr. Sargam Soni	
② Dr. Ujala Netam	
③ Dr. Umida Sunka	
④ Dr. Ashlesha Sankhe	
⑤ Dr. Rajendra Sarvagi sir	
⑥ Dr. Nitin Shah	
⑦ Dr. Ankesh Sahetya	
⑧ Dr. Raju Sahetya	
9 Dr. S.N. Agarwal	
10) Dr. Bela Bhatt	
11) Dr. Rupali Dharwadkar	
12) Dr. Seema Gadivan	
13) Dr. Mridula Sarde	
14) DR. NAMRITA SHEREGAR	
15) DR. VIPIN CHECKER	
16) DR. RIDDHI DESAI	
17) Dr. Kamal Chavan	
18) Dr. Jayanti Kamath	
19) Dr. Vidya Bandukwalla	
20) Dr. Mukesh Agrawal	
21) Dr. Nileema Masurkar	

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2) Apologies for absence.

Dr. Niranjan Chavan Dr. Navneet Desai

3) Welcome of new managing committee members and trust board

President welcomed the new managing members and trust board members 2026-27

4) Co-opting two new mc members for the year 2026-2027

Dr. Sargam Soni and Dr. Nimish Tutwala were coopted.

5) Confirmation of the Minutes of the last MCM held on 11th March 2026 and

discussion on any business arising therefrom.

Dr. Jayanti Kamat then read out the minutes of the previous Managing Committee Meeting held on 11th March 2026. The minutes were confirmed and approved.

Proposed by Dr. Bela Bhatt

Seconded by Dr Urmila Sureka

6) To appoint web editor

Dr. Saurabh Sureka was appointed as web editor

7) Approval of New Members

Secretary Jayanti Kamat read out the names of the new membership applications received since the last meeting. The committee approved a total of 5 new members.

Dr. Priyanka Tiwari

Dr. Kruti Vinit Sha

Dr. Udit Sanjay Harjai

Dr. Udayan Balchandra Palnitkar

Dr. Vinisha Abhale

Dr. Hemakshi Mehta

Dr. Pramod Kumar Mishra

Dr. Suvarna Satish Kadhilkar

8) Report of Annual conference by president Dr Nitin Shah

Dr. Nitin Shah presented the Annual Conference Report.

The Annual Conference was held on 29th March 2026 at The Club, Andheri. The program was well attended, with a total of 158 registrations recorded on the day.

The morning session commenced with the felicitation of pharmaceutical companies. This initiative was highly appreciated, as the representatives expressed gratitude for the recognition. Scheduling the felicitation in the early hours proved effective, considering that most pharma representatives arrive early to set up their stalls.

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The scientific sessions were engaging and diverse. Dr. Pujya Swamy delivered an insightful talk on *"Healing the Healers,"* which was very well received by the audience. This was followed by an inspiring oration by Mr. Mylasami Annadurai. Additionally, valuable academic contributions were made by Dr. Krishnakumar, Dr. Atul Ganatra, and Dr. Shailesh Puntambekar.

The conference also featured a panel discussion on *"Future Medicines"* and another thought-provoking panel on *"Day-to-Day Clinical Challenges in Fetal Medicine and High-Risk Pregnancy."*

A group photograph was also taken with the AFG team, marking the occasion.

The event concluded with the installation ceremony of the AFG Committee for the year 2026–27.

9) To decide Annual/ Life Member fees, CME fees and Student fees.

President Dr. Anurag Bhate informed the house that the fee structure for the Annual "Free for All" program will remain the same as last year, with charges of Rs.7,500 for AFG members and Rs.12,500 for non-members.

10) To discuss about upcoming CME on endometriosis on 19th April 2026 at Radisson

President Dr. Anurag Bhate informed the house about the upcoming CME on Endometriosis, scheduled for 19th April 2026 at Radisson.

He stated that the venue has already been booked. The program will begin in the morning following a puja.

The academic agenda will include three scientific talks—covering both medical and surgical aspects of endometriosis—along with a sponsor talk by Sun Pharma. The sessions will comprise two medical and two surgical presentations.

A panel discussion on *"Endometriosis – What's the Right Approach?"* will also be a key highlight of the program.

The RAN Symposia will be conducted on the Clirnet platform next month, under the supervision of Dr. Vidya Bandukwalla.

Dr. Nitin Shah suggested a registration fee of Rs.200 per participant, while the program will remain free for annual members. It was proposed that consultants joining the session will also be charged Rs.200. The house agreed that the fee should be collected in advance to avoid any additional platform clearance charges.

It was further discussed that the registration fee of Rs.200 per person will be uniformly applicable for all non-members, while annual members will continue to attend free of cost.

Additionally, a program on *Critical Care in OBGYN* is being planned in collaboration with anesthetists. The speakers are yet to be finalized.

Regarding scheduling, an initial date of 10th May was proposed; however, it may be rescheduled to either 17th or 25th May based on faculty availability.

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It was also informed that Dr. Sampath Kumari from Kerala, a contesting FOGSI candidate, has expressed interest in delivering a sponsored talk. The final date will be coordinated accordingly to align with her availability.

11) To discuss about charitable activities

Dr. Anurag Bhatе discussed the ongoing and upcoming charitable activities.

He informed the house about a proposal for conducting school health programs focused on menstrual hygiene. The concerned organization has approached AFG and requested speakers for these sessions. The program will include awareness talks by AFG representatives, along with the distribution of hygiene kits to students. The initiative aims to cover approximately 40–50 schools. It was mentioned that an honorarium of Rs.2,000 per session will be provided to the speaker. Further discussions and coordination will be carried out with the organizers.

Additionally, Dr. Bhatе shared that he has been in touch with Dr. Ratnaparkhi, whose team is actively working in Palghar by adopting schools. It was proposed that AFG members could collaborate with them during their visits. A few members may accompany the team and contribute by distributing essential items such as books, stationery, school bags, and other necessities.

It was suggested that instead of providing monetary donations, AFG may directly procure and distribute required items to ensure proper utilization for the children. Items like school bags and footwear were specifically discussed as immediate needs. The members agreed that this approach would be more practical and impactful.

It was also proposed that these activities could be conducted in collaboration with the Pediatric Association to enhance outreach and effectiveness.

12) Treasurer's Report by Dr. Jayanti Kamat

Dr. Jayanti Kamat presented Treasurer Report

The total income generated for the conference was Rs.3,28,500, comprising the following:

Sponsorship from Simcam System (camera): Rs.1,00,000

Delegate Registration (79 doctors): Rs.82,500

Life Membership Registration: Rs.28,500

Annual Membership Registration: Rs.97,500

Jewellery Stall: Rs.20,000

Expenditure Summary

The total expenditure incurred amounted to Rs.5,47,058, which included:

AV Power Vision (audio-visual services): Rs.1,62,900

Khanna Hotels (venue/club): Rs.2,17,660

Rabiya Shaikh: Rs.63,673

(including conference reimbursement, printing, MMC expenses, and monthly honorarium)

Hari Om Productions (decorator): Rs.49,560

Photographer (Mr. Pankaj Patel): Rs.6,000

Free Paper Prizes (1st, 2nd, 3rd – handed to Dr. Ridhi Desai): Rs.3,500

Pooja Items: Rs.180

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Ekta Trophies: Rs.43,585

As a result, the conference recorded a **deficit**, with expenses exceeding income.

Bank Balances & Investments

HDFC Bank (Current Account): Rs.8,96,034

(used for routine transactions and operational expenses)

Bank of Baroda (Trustee/Savings Account): Rs.57,790

(designated for corpus and trustee-managed funds)

Fixed Deposits (Corpus Funds): Rs.1,32,10,981

Interest Earned: Rs.8,47,611

TDS Deducted: Rs.84,822

Net Interest: Rs.7,62,789

Additionally, a new **Fixed Deposit of Rs.3,00,000** has been created this year to strengthen the corpus fund, particularly from life membership contributions.

Financial Structure Clarification

A clear distinction between accounts was emphasized:

HDFC Bank Account:

Used strictly for all day-to-day income and expenditure, including conference transactions and operational payments.

Bank of Baroda (Trustee Account):

Maintained as a corpus and reserve account, where funds from life memberships and fixed deposits are held. These funds are not intended for routine usage.

This structure ensures **transparency and financial discipline**.

Pending Payments & Expected Income

Pending Payments:

Rs.49,000 to Hari Om Productions *(re-issuance due to cheque error)*

Approximately Rs.15,000 towards additional hall charges at Khanna Hotels

Some pending Expected Sponsorship will come

These expected inflows are likely to improve the financial position in the coming period.

Dr. Nitin Shah suggested that any unutilized interest from the Bank of Baroda account during the year could be converted into fixed deposits, and the interest generated from these deposits could be used for charitable activities.

In response, Dr. Anurag Bhate emphasized the need to increase charitable work, noting that the current interest income is relatively limited.

Members further suggested allocating a fixed portion—approximately **Rs.5 lakh annually**—towards charitable activities. This aligns with regulatory expectations, as a certain percentage of funds should be utilized for charitable purposes to maintain tax exemptions.

The following points were proposed:

Establishing a minimum annual charity spending commitment

Presenting the proposal to the Trust Board for approval

Ensuring structured and visible charitable initiatives rather than ad-hoc spending

The proposal will be discussed further with the Trust Board.

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Compliance Matters

It was noted that **GST registration may be required**, as the turnover exceeds Rs.20 lakh. This will be addressed after finalization of audited accounts.

The issue of the **missing Form 12A certificate** was discussed. As it is essential for tax exemption and TDS refunds, it was decided to initiate the process to retrieve or reapply for the same with professional assistance.

13) Any other matter with the permission of chair

Dr. Anurag Bhat informed the house that he is planning to obtain a dedicated official mobile number for the association. This number will be used to send all WhatsApp messages and communications to members.

He mentioned that the approximate cost would be ₹70-₹80 per message, and coordinating this individually is becoming stressful. Therefore, centralizing communication through one number would be more efficient.

The proposal was discussed, and all members agreed to proceed with the same.

Dr. Rajendra Saraogi emphasized the need for better discipline and transparency in AFG functioning. He expressed concern over poor attendance in managing committee meetings and suggested stricter rules, including disqualification after three consecutive absences. To improve participation, a meeting structure of **60% physical and 40% online attendance** was agreed upon.

There was also a discussion regarding AGM documentation and accounts. Dr. Rajendra Saraogi raised concerns about the circulation of older financial statements. It was clarified that **audited accounts of the previous year are attached to AGM records**, while **current year unaudited accounts are presented during the AGM** and subsequently audited by the Chartered Accountant (CA).

Dr. Nitin Shah further clarified that during the AGM, the association always presents **unaudited accounts prepared internally**, as the audit by the CA is completed later, typically after September. Therefore, the accounts presented at the AGM are not prepared by the CA but by the association itself.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Jayanti Kamat.



Signed approved by:
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