

Minutes of the Meeting dt 18th April 2023

Online meeting of MLSI was organised on Tuesday 18th of April 2023 at 8:50 pm

It was attended by

Dr. Mukesh Yadav

Dr. Nitin Dhande

Dr. Shivkumar Kumbhar

Dr. Amita Ray

Dr. Rajeev Joshi

Dr. Jayanti Ghosh

Dr. Abhay Shahapurkar

Dr. Anuradha Mishra

Dr. Rajeev Dubey

Sumit Chauhan

Dr. Ashish Khatod

Following points were discussed during the meeting

1. Dr Rajeev Joshi informed about the Certificate course on Law and Medical Profession, LAMP Jan Apr 2023, there were 28 participants and 30 faculty members. Certificate of participation was issued to all the participants.
2. Dr. Rajeev Joshi informed about difficulties faced and time required for the process of issuing membership certificate, LAMP course completion certificate and certificate to faculty members of LAMP. and need of automation Dr. Amita Ray replied that for this we have to take help of IT or computer experts. Dr. Rajeev Joshi asked, "Has any one of us done this before? to which Dr. Anita Ray replied that she has contact with one such person, she will ask him and will revert within a couple of days.
3. Dr. Rajeev Joshi informed that after completing LAMP course 13 members became eligible for becoming office bearers of MLSI so they should spare some time and participate in work of society. Dr. Abhay Shahapurkar from Osmanabad showed interest and suggested that we should start a branch of MLSI at district level and he is ready to work as incharge of Dharashiv district. Dr. Rajeev replied that MLSI is a new organisation and the number of members are still not sufficient to start branches at district level but we would definitely like to start district branches, tahasil branches in future. He requested Dr. Abhay Shahapurkar to work as divisional incharge or with some other designation. He said that he appreciated the need of having designation and MLSI would like to appoint in charge of taluka, district, division etc as discussed during formation meetings. Dr. Abhay replied that it is not possible to travel for work of MLSI due to his old age if he acquires any other post. Dr. Rajeev replied that there is no need to travel physically because almost all work of MLSI is done online. Dr. Abhay Shahapurkar agreed and said that some lawyer friends wanted to become members of society. Dr. Rajeev replied that we will welcome them but they can become affiliated members only and not become office bearers of MLSI as per constitution.
4. Dr Rajeev Joshi asked Dr Rajeev Dubey whether he can spare some time for the association. Dr Dubey said that he would be happy to work for the eastern zone of Uttar Pradesh if an opportunity is given to him. Dr Rajeev Joshi informed that he has

sent the application form to all those who have become eligible and requested everyone to fill the form and send it to the office ASAP so that it can be processed.

5. Dr. Rajeev Joshi asked for the opinion about what stand should be taken for persons in medico legal society whatsapp group who have not paid membership fees. Dr Khatod said that we should request them to pay membership fees to which all agreed.
5. Dr. Rajeev Joshi asked for the opinion of members about what should be our stand on the decision of Pune Municipal Corporation to constitute a grievance redressal cell for patients.. Amita replied that we should first know about the constitution of such a cell. Dr Abhay Shahapurkar added that along with the constitution we should also know the powers and only after knowing this we can decide our stand. He said that there are expert committees at medical colleges or district level headed by civil surgeons and what is the need of such grievance cells? Dr Joshi informed that in addition to medical negligence cases, patients have various other grievances such as over billing, arrogant behaviour of staff etc. Dr Abhay suggested filing an RTI application to get details of the grievance cell.. Dr. Rajeev Joshi suggested that MLSI should write to PMC asking these details and if these details are not provided in 15 days we can apply under RTI Act .Dr Rajeev Joshi said that if required we can file an RTI and he will request Dr Jape to file one. All members agreed to this suggestion.
6. Dr. Rajeev informed that one of our members suggested that there are numerous platforms available to patients for redressal of grievances against hospitals but there is not a single platform available to hospitals for redressal of grievances against patients, to which all agreed that there is a need for such a platform and discussed this issue. Dr. Mukesh Yadav said that he is chairman of the state level committee constituted by the UP state government which is working on a mechanism of redressal of grievances of both hospitals and patients against each other and this project is in collaboration with CDAC. Dr.Joshi said that he has contacts in CDAC and will ask them.
7. Dr Shahapurkar asked whether there was any progress regarding RTH in Rajasthan. Dr. Joshi informed that MLSI has submitted our point wise objections to the RTH Act to National Medical commission, Governor of Rajasthan and chief minister. He requested members to share the link of Google Form created for study of economics of right to health bill / Act and explained the importance and usefulness of such data in court.
8. Dr. Joshi informed the participants of the meeting about the publication of a response on an article of BMJ which is available online on bmj website and he will provide the link. (<https://www.bmj.com/content/381/bmj.p632/rapid-responses>)

The meeting ended at 10 pm with decision to meet on Tuesday 2nd May 2023

Dr. Ashish Khatod