

Urological Society of India West Zone (USIWZ)

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Ex Officio Members: Dr. Rohit Joshi, Dr. Arvind Ganpule.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING (AGM), UROLOGICAL SOCIETY OF INDIA – WEST ZONE (USI-WZ), 2025.

The Annual General Body Meeting of the Urological Society of India, West Zone for the year 2025 was held as per our yearly protocol during the annual conference of our society.

Date and Time: Saturday 4th October 2025 at 5:15PM.

Venue: Hall A, First Floor, Mahatma Mandir Convention Centre, Sector 13C, Gandhinagar, Gujarat 382016.

The meeting commenced punctually at 5:15 PM, as per the agenda circulated in advance by the Hon. Secretary, **Dr. Rajesh Kukreja**.

1. Welcome Address

The President, **Dr. Ashish Rawandale Patil**, called the meeting to order and welcomed all members to the Annual GBM. He delivered his opening remarks and thanked members for their active participation throughout the year. He urged all the members to cooperate for the smooth conduction of the AGM.

2. Obituaries

The Hon. Secretary, **Dr. Rajesh Kukreja**, requested all members to observe two minutes of silence in memory of the departed members:

- Dr. Ashok Bapat (Thane)
- Dr. K. L. Bandi (Indore)

3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda circulated was approved by Dr. Jaydeep Date and seconded by Dr. Ulhas Sathaye.

4. Confirmation of Previous AGM Minutes

The minutes of the Annual GBM held on 5th October 2024 at Raipur were confirmed. Passed by Dr. Deepak Kirpekar and seconded by Dr. Rajeev Joshi.

5. Matters Arising Out of Previous AGM Minutes

No further discussions were raised on the previous minutes.

6. Hon. Secretary's Report

Dr. Rajesh Kukreja, Hon. Secretary, presented the annual report for 2024–25.

- **116 new members** were added (69 Full, 45 Trainee, 2 Associate).
- **Three Midterm Meetings** were successfully conducted:
 1. First meeting **WZ-UROFINANCECON** was held in March 2025 at Khajuraho in collaboration with Gwalior Urology Society (Org Chairman: Dr Brajesh Singhal and Org Secretary: Dr Neeraj Gupta). The meeting was attended by 105 members.
 2. Second meeting **WZ-UROPRACTICECON** was held in June 2025 at Nadiad, with the team of MPUH (Org Chairman: Dr R B Sabnis and Org Secretary: Dr Dr Abhijit Patil). The meeting was attended by 150 members.
 3. Third midterm meeting **WZ-ENDOUROCON** was held in August 2025 at Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar in collaboration with Aurangabad Urological Society, (Org Chairman: Dr Abhay Mahajan and Org Secretary: Dr Prashant Darakh). The meeting was attended by 150 members.
- **Five webinars** were organised by various council members; recordings are available on the official YouTube channel.
- **Overseas Tour: Overseas tour of USI-WZ** was arranged to **Greece** and **80 members with families** attended and enjoyed the tour.
- **Website:** The **website of USI-WZ** was updated with the help of Dr Abhijit Patil. Now all members can login and confirm or change their credentials. All academic activities and operative videos of the members were uploaded on the website; they are available for the use of members.
USI WZ YouTube channel has 407 subscribers and 34 videos.
- **Newsletters:** Timely Newsletters were published for online circulation to all members of USI-WZ. They were released on time and well appreciated by the members.
 - First newsletter was released in January 2025 which was prepared by Dr Kishor Wani, the council member.
 - Second newsletter was released in May 2025 which was prepared by Dr Prashant Darakh, the council member.
 - Third newsletter was released in August 2025 which was prepared by Dr Kishor Wani, the council member
- **Council Meetings:** 13 meetings were conducted (physical and online). These meetings were attended by all the council members and Ex-official members enthusiastically; between 9 PM to 11 PM online on zoom meeting platform. All council members were communicated the agenda well in time for each meeting. Various academic, extra-curricular activities and different letters from the members were discussed in the meetings with great details.
- **Annual Conference Scientific Programme:** Scientific programme of the annual conference was prepared in detail and was circulated to all the members six weeks before

the conference. All the convenors, session chairperson's and panel members were communicated regarding their presentations well in time; that is, two months before the event. 108 papers were accepted (podium/poster/video) for the prize paper sessions.

- **Nurses & OT Assistants' Session:** Successfully conducted under Dr. Kishor Wani and Dr. Haresh Thummar.

The Secretary's Report was **passed by Dr. Sanjay Kulkarni** and **seconded by Dr. Kandarp Parikh**.

7. Treasurer's Report

Dr. Sushil Rathi, Treasurer, presented the audited financial report.

- **Total Fixed Deposits:** ₹2 Crores across banks.
- **Profit from Raipur Conference (2024):** ₹69 Lakhs.
- **Surplus Funds:** Approximately ₹76 Lakhs (subject to 39% taxation if unutilised).
He advised prudent utilisation of surplus to avoid tax losses (~₹15–16 Lakhs).
The Treasurer's Report was approved by Dr. Shirish Yande and seconded by Dr. Nabar.

8. Discussion on Utilisation of Surplus Funds

It was presented by the treasurer Dr Sushil Rathi, that we had to utilise approximately 76 lacs or else the society would have to bear taxes on the same. Historically the profits of any conference would be divided equally in between the local organising body and the WZUSI. President **Dr. Ashish Patil** discussed that the council had deliberated on the issue and felt that the excess money that is collected from the members should go back to the members. This can be fitted legally by giving back to the members indirectly in the form of concessional registration fees for upcoming conferences to the members who were regularly attending the conference. Thus passing on loyalty benefits for the delegate members attending the conference, Dr Ashish Patil then proposed a model for utilisation:

- $\frac{1}{3}$ to Local Organising Committee (LOC)
- $\frac{1}{3}$ to USI-WZ
- $\frac{1}{3}$ as member benefit through subsidised registration
- The above formula would serve to constantly increase the corpus plus pass on benefits to the attending members. Also keep a share for the local organising body. The matter was then put open for discussion.

Members' suggestions to spend the excess funds and the answers given by Dr Ashish Patil included:

- Dr. Kandarp Parikh was of the opinion of giving Subsidised registrations to members who regularly attended the conferences which was similar to the proposal of Dr Ashish Patil
- Dr. Prashant Mulawkar, Dr. Sabnis advised for a Office/virtual office setup. Dr Ashish Patil noted the point and mentioned that the annual expense of an office would not be more than 2 to 3 lacs a year which was quite less as compared to the compulsory spend budgeted.
- Dr. Anita Bapat-Patel suggested to start Research fund to which Dr Ashish Patil commented that PARC the committee for publication was already established by the council and response to scientific publication has been quite poor.
- Dr. Arvind Joshi suggested that we spend on State-wise academic activities to which the president commented that was already being done and yet even these meeting were generating profits.
- Dr Ashish Patil commented that after exploring all the options the council had come to a conclusion that the only way in which the excess funds being collected can be utilised without conflict of interest and a nonbiased way would be by giving back the funds to the members in a tangential way by reducing the delegate fees for the upcoming conferences.
- Dr Anil Bradoo suggested to use this surplus fund for educational and research activities of the society.
- Dr Keval Patel again suggested for seed capital as per the need of local organising committee should be handed over to them, because many advance payments are to be done much ahead of the planned conference and organisers have to invest own money for such advances.

Dr Ajay Bhandarkar requested President to summarise the discussion.

Dr Ashish Patil Hon. President of USI-WZ, Summarised the discussion on following points:

- Research activities.
- Member registration benefit or benefit coupon to be carry forward for subsequent conferences
- To Create Research System
- Provide seed money to the next local organising committee (LOC).

Dr Jaydeep Date suggested to increase the expenses of the society.

President replied that each conference and midterm meetings are generating some surplus funds and profits. This will keep on happening in subsequent meetings also, hence just by increasing the expenses is not sufficient to utilise current surplus money having risk of 39% taxation. Dr Nabar suggested to form a committee of 5 Past Presidents along with Auditor and as per the decision, the council will take the final decision and inform all the members. Dr Ajay Bhandarkar, seconded this opinion.

Dr Sabnis said council to should take the final decision in time bound fashion with suggestion of council members, after this committee's decision. Dr Anita Bapat-Patel also reiterated the same opinion. This suggestion was noted down and President assured to form

the committee as early as possible and finalise the “Modus Operandi” for utilising surplus funds regularly in future.

After extensive discussion, it was resolved:

- A **committee of 5 Past Presidents and the Auditor** will be formed to suggest the **modus operandi** for optimal fund utilisation.
- The **Council** will implement recommendations within a time-bound framework.

9. Appointment of Auditors (2025–26)

The house unanimously resolved to **continue with the current auditors**, noting satisfactory performance.

10. Membership Update

116 new members were approved (69 Full, 45 Trainee, 2 Associate).
Totals: 896 Full Members, 97 Trainee Members.

11. Report of WZUSICON 2024 – Raipur

Presented by Dr. Bhagwat and Dr Yogesh Barapatre:

- Delegates: 440
- Sponsors: 45 pharma companies
- Profit: ₹69 Lakhs

President Dr. Ashish Patil handed over 50% of the profit to Chhattisgarh Urological Society.

12. Matters related to 36th WZUSICON 2026 to be held at Goa, Hotel Grand Hyatt (Bambolim) from the 9th till the 11th October 2026.

The details of venue, dates and delegates registration charges were discussed; along with incentive for early bird registrations during this conference till 5th October 2025. Secretary, Dr Rajesh Kukreja detailed the Goa arrangements. He also narrated the details of the site visit by Dr Ajay Bhandarkar and he himself.

13. Matters related to 37thWZUSICON 2027 decision for the Host city from Maharashtra.

The Hon Secretary informed that applications were received from

*Urological Society of Central India, Nagpur as the Host city and

*Kolhapur Urological Society, Kolhapur as the Host city.

He also informed that Kolhapur Urological Society has sent an email on his official USI-WZ email ID regarding withdrawal of their claim in favour of Nagpur city. Hence, **Nagpur city got the opportunity to host the WZUSICON-2027** and GBM passed this proposal. Dr Sadashiv Bhole from Nagpur detail the arrangement in brief.

14. Discussion and approval of Constitutional Amendment Agenda

The Agenda was mailed by the Hon Secretary to all members on 19th August 2025, 6 weeks before the conference and GBM. Dr Ashish Patil presented the need for the increase in the number of the council members. The number of members of the society has grown by 3 times and also the number of aspirant members had grown. The works of the council had increased and also it was necessary to have more seats to give an increased chance for all the members of all the states. Hence he proposed the increase from the present 4 to a total of 6 council seats.

Dr. Kudchadkar from Goa suggested that there should be state wise members, in the council of USIWZ. Dr Shirish Shinde said No State-wise Quota/Reservation should apply in council members. Dr Ravindra Sabnis also said that there should not be any state wise membership quota at the USI WZ Council. It is a Zonal representation and every member of the Zone has opportunity to get in the council, by appropriate actions.

Dr Bipin Sharma said small states need fair and proper representation in the council. Dr Ajay Bhandarkar and Dr Ravindra Sabnis pointed out that let us restrict to the agenda of increasing council members from 4 to 6 as per the agenda. No discussion on Quota system in this GBM.

The proposed amendment increase Council Members from 4 to 6 was discussed and passed.

- **To be implemented from 2027 (Nagpur) with elections for 3 Council Members per year.**
- **Proposal passed by Dr. Ravindra Sabnis, seconded by Dr. Deepak Kirpekar.**

15. Members' Letters and Resolutions

Letters were received from the members and were read out by the secretary as follows:

The first group of Letters (2 in number) from Dr. Kamlesh Maurya and Dr. Keval Patel were discussed. The letters mentioned three aspects. One of increasing the number of council posts and the second about implementing reservation for the smaller states to facilitate adequate representation. And third to make it compulsory for each voter to vote for the maximum number of candidates that he is eligible to cast vote for. Dr Prashant Mulawkar suggested that voting should be compulsory for all the posts being contested. Dr. Ravindra Sabnis suggested that voting should be, by choice and member can choose to vote for any number of posts and not necessarily all the posts. Dr Ajay Bhandarkar insisted that council needs six executive council members for proper functioning, and if there is voting for all these posts, voter member should vote for all the posts and not incomplete voting process. Dr Shirish Shinde said voters should have right for not to vote to unwanted candidate. Members from Chhattisgarh suggested that people should vote for all required number of posts. Dr Keval Patel and Dr Ajay Bhandarkar suggested secret online voting from all the members of the society should be taken. Dr Prashant Mulawkar reminded that; GBM is superior over secret online voting and GBM should take the decision.

Finally, president and collective opinion of the house suggested to take voting in the GBM. Secretary declared voting by raising hand in favour of voting for all the categories.

Total 41 members voted in favour of voting for all the posts being contested.

Then Secretary asked for raising hand for voting “for fewer / optional number of candidates” – this received only 9 votes.

Hence, the resolution was passed by raising hand 41 against 9 votes in favour of: “vote for all the posts being contested in the council elections or else voter member does not vote for any single post. Incomplete voting will be Invalid”.

The matter of reservation for the councils post was unanimously rejected by majority of the members present. The increase in the number of council posts was already passed by the house in the previous agenda

The second letter was by Dr Tushar Dani requesting the removal of complimentary freebees for the members and seniors.

Dr. Ashish Patil, President, clarified that no freebies or complimentary benefits are given to any member by the Council or from the West Zone accounts.

He stated that, as per the resolution passed in previous AGMs, only Past Presidents are given complimentary registration for the annual conference as a mark of respect and recognition for their contribution.

The third letter was regarding the request to allow Chhattisgarh to have independent rotation for hosting annual conferences. The matter was passed by the house unanimously, approved by Dr. Bhagwat, seconded by Dr. Ulhas Sathaye. **Hence, resolution was passed that Chhattisgarh state will have its independent turn to Host Annual USI-WZ conference as per prevalent system and clubbing Chhattisgarh with Madhya Pradesh state will not be there.**

16. Acknowledgement of Retiring Members

AGM acknowledged contributions of retiring members Dr. Ulhas Sathaye (Immediate Past President) and Dr. Kishor Wani (Council Member)

Members applauded their dedicated service to USI-WZ.

17. Declaration of Election Results

Dr. Ajay Bhandarkar, Election Officer and President-Elect, declared results:

- **President-Elect:** Dr. Suhas Salpekar (*Unopposed*)
- **Secretary-Elect:** Dr. Ajit Sawant (*Unopposed*)
- **Treasurer-Elect:** Dr. Sadashiv Bhole (*Unopposed*)
- **Council Member:** Dr. Vishwas Kulkarni (*Elected*)

18. Any Other Matter

No new matter was raised.

19. Vote of Thanks

The Hon. Secretary **Dr. Rajesh Kukreja** proposed a vote of thanks. He thanked all the members attending the conference and attending the GBM. He also thanked the outgoing council members. He congratulated the new council members and called for informal meeting before the end of this conference.

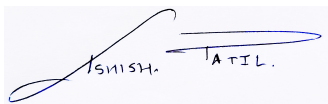
The list of Office bearers after the valedictory function on the 5th October 2025 and for the year 2025-2026 would be:

- President: Dr Ajay Bhandarkar
- Past President: Dr Ashish Patil
- President Elect: Dr Suhas Salpekar
- Hon Secretary: Dr Rajesh Kukreja
- Hon Secretary Elect: Dr Ajit Sawant
- Hon Treasurer: Dr Sushil Rathi
- Hon Treasurer Elect: Dr Sadashiv Bhole
- Council Members: Dr Vilas Sabale, Dr Abhijit Patil, Dr Prashant Darakh and Dr Vishwas Kulkarni
- Ex Officia Council Members: Dr Rohit Joshi and Dr Arvind Ganpule.

20. Closure of meeting

With no further business, the President Dr. Ashish Patil declared the meeting closed.

Meeting concluded with thanks to the Chair.



Dr. Ashish Patil.
President, (2024-2025)



Dr. Rajesh Kukreja
Hon. Secretary (2024-2026)



Dr. Ajay Bhandarkar
President, (2025-2026)