

# South Asian Association of Pediatric Dentistry



## Minutes of the Urgent Council Meeting – 3rd December 2024

**Date:** 3rd December 2024

**Time:** 3 PM IST

**Location:** Virtual

### Attendees:

Dr. Gyanendra Kumar (Secretary- General, SAAPD)  
Dr Varinder Goel (EC member, SAAPD)  
Dr. Sivakumar Nuvvula (Co- Patron, SAAPD)  
Dr. Ashish Saxena (EC member, SAAPD)  
Dr. Saumya Navit (Assistant Secretary, SAAPD)  
Dr. Rinee Khanna (Assistant Editor, JSAAPD)  
Dr. Deepak Bhayya (EC member, SAAPD)  
Dr. Rasna Shreshtha (Assistant Secretary, SAAPD)  
Dr. Sumita Upadhyay (EC member, SAAPD)  
Dr. Gauri Kalra Yadav (Associate Editor, JSAAPD)  
Dr. Ferah Khanna (Treasurer, SAAPD)

Dr. Umme Salma Abdullah (President, SAAPD), Dr. Rahul Hegde (Vice-President, SAAPD), Dr. Inder Kumar Pandit (Patron with EC, SAAPD), Dr. Chandra Herath (EC member, SAAPD), Dr. Senchhema Limbu (EC, SAAPD), Dr. Ikramul Ahmed (Vice- President, SAAPD), Dr. Megha Pradhan (EC, SAAPD), Dr. Vijay Prakash Mathur (Founder Editor-in-Chief, JSAAPD) were unable to attend the meeting due to limited internet connectivity. However, they had informed the council in advance that they would accept and abide by any decisions made during the meeting.

### Proceedings:

#### Approval of Members

The meeting commenced with the Secretary's approval of the attending members after the minimum quorum was achieved.

## Agenda Overview

The Secretary outlined the agenda for the urgent meeting.

1. SAAPD Journal's indexing with PubMed and Web of Science. To meet the requirements for indexing, a full-time Editor-in-Chief was required, along with their editorial team.

## Proposal for Editor-in-Chief

The Secretary proposed the name of Dr. Gauri Kalra for the position of Editor-in-Chief. The proposal was put to a vote, and the council unanimously approved Dr. Gauri Kalra for the role.

## Selection of Editorial Team

Dr. Gauri Kalra was requested to form her editorial team. She proposed the following members for the editorial roles:

Editor-in-Chief: Dr. Gauri Kalra

Associate Editor: Dr. Sumita Upadhyay

Section Editor: Dr. Urvashi Sharma

Assistant Editors: Dr. Ferah Khanna, Dr. Rinee Khanna

## 2. Addition of two International Members for Editorial Board: Dr. Monty Duggal, Dr. Osama El Shahawy

The council reviewed and approved the editorial team with applause and full support.

## 3. Revision of APC charges wrt 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2025.

The revised APC suggested by Jaypee team are Rs 10,000 plus 18% GST for Indian Authors (Non-Member, SAAPD) and USD 300 for Foreign Authors. The proposal was unanimously agreed by the quorum. Further, it was informed by Dr. Gauri Kalra that in their recent meeting with Jaypee team, Dr. Geetika Sareen from Jaypee had suggested offering a 50% discount on the new APC to all the members of the society. Jaypee's proposal for employing 50% charges on APC was rejected by the SAAPD Council and it was reinforced to keep zero APC charges for SAAPD membership keeping the vision and mission of the SAAPD society at forefront. The decision would be conveyed to the publisher.

## Next Steps and Closing Remarks

The council agreed that the new editorial team would begin working immediately on the indexing process for the journal. The members expressed their confidence in the new team and their ability to enhance the journal's reach and impact.

The meeting was adjourned at 03:30 pm IST.

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