**ASIA PACIFIC ORTHOPAEDIC ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of the 3rd Council (2024-2025) Meeting held on Wednesday, 9th April 2025 on a Hybrid format via Online and Physically at the Cairns Convention Centre, Australia**

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| **Present Physically** |  |
| Dr Jamal Ashraf (India) | President |
| Dr Ellewellyn Pasion (Philippines) | Immediate Past President |
| Dr Nicolaas Budhiparama (Indonesia) | 1st Vice President |
| Dr Prof Syed Alsagoff (Malaysia) | Honorary Treasurer |
| Dr Frankie Leung (Hong Kong) | JOS Editor |
| Dr Inho Jeon (Korea) | Member at Large |
| Dr Denny Lie (Singapore) | Member at Large |
| Dr Daisuke Sakai (Japan) | Member at Large |
| Dr Marinis Pirpiris (Australia) | Congress Chairman 2025 |
| Dr Frederic Diyco (Philippines) | Chair, Congress Committee |
| Dr Leo Donnan (Australia) | Chair, Paediatric Orthopaedics Section |
| Dr Margaret Fok (Hong Kong) | Chair, Hand & Upper Limb Section |
| Dr Raja Bhaskar (India) | Chair, Newsletter |
| Dr Md Shah Alam (Bangladesh) | Chair, Membership Committee |
| Dr David Choon (Malaysia) | Chair, Education Committee |
| Dr Edward Ted Mah (Australia) | Chair, Ethics Committee |
| Dr Bintang Soetjahjo (Indonesia) | Federation Delegate |
| Dr Syed Shahidul Islam (Bangladesh) | Chair, Infection Section |
| Dr Yudha Mathan Sakti (Indonesia) | Chair, Young Surgeons’ Forum |
| Dr Susan Liew (Australia) | Chief Delegate |
| Dr Nick Russell (Australia) | Chapter Delegate |
| Dr Mohammad Abdul Gani Mollah (Bangladesh) | Chief Delegate |
| Dr Khondker Abdul Awal Rizvi (Bangladesh) | Chapter Delegate |
| Dr Monaim Hossen (Bangladesh) | Federation Delegate |
| Dr Jahangir Alam (Bangladesh) | Federation Delegate |
| Dr Michael To (Hong Kong) | Chief Delegate |
| Dr Siu Kwai Ming (Hong Kong) | Federation Delegate |
| Dr Ram Chaddha (India) | Chief Delegate |
| Dr Harpal Singh Selhi (India) | Chapter Delegate |
| Dr Manish Agarwal (India) | Chapter Delegate |
| Dr Zairin Noor Helmi (Indonesia) | Chief Delegate |
| Dr Ucok P Siregar (Indonesia) | Chapter Delegate |
| Dr Yasuharu Nakashima (Japan) | Chief Delegate |
| Dr Cheng-Hung Lee (Korea) | Federation Delegate |
| Dr Charanjeet Singh (Malaysia) | Chief Delegate |
| Dr Marcelino Cadag (Philippines) | Federation Delegate |
| Dr Khun-Hui Chen (Taiwan) | Federation Delegate |
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| **Present Online** |  |
| Dr Arif Khan (Pakistan) | Secretary General |
| Dr Roohi Ahmad (Malaysia) | Federation Delegate |
| Dr Onder Aydingoz (Turkey) | 2nd Vice President |
| Dr Rujuta Mehta (India) | Chair, Women’s Advocacy Section |
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| **By Invitation** |  |
| Dr Kenneth Cheung |  |
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| **Absent** |  |
| Dr Shalimar Abdullah (Malaysia) | Chair, Disaster Response Committee |
| Dr Yan Chun Hoi (Hong Kong) | Chair, Finance Committee |
| Dr Sureshan Sivananthan (Malaysia) | Chair, History & Archives Committee |
| Dr Arvind Puri (Australia) | Chair, Foot & Ankle Section |
| Dr Lewis Chan (Hong Kong) | Chair, Hip Section |
| Dr Mun Keong Kwan (Malaysia) | Chair, Spine Section |
| Dr Enrique Pasion (Philippines) | Chair, Sports Injury Section |
| Dr Mohammed Iqbal Qavi (Bangladesh) | Chapter Delegate Proxy Dr Sayed Shahidul Islam, Bangladesh |
| Dr Peilai Liu (China) | Chapter Delegate |
| Dr Tunku Kamarul Zaman (Malaysia) | Chapter Delegate |
| Dr Arjun Lamichhane (Nepal) | Chief Delegate |
| Dr Binod Serchan (Nepal) | Federation Delegate |
| Dr Muhammad Amin Chinoy (Pakistan) | Chief Delegate |
| Dr Syed Shahid Noor (Pakistan) | Chapter Delegate |
| Dr Zeeshan Khan (Pakistan) | Chapter Delegate |
| Dr Justinian Aquilino Pimentel (Philippines) | Federation Delegate |
| Dr Wong Hee Kit (Singapore) | Chapter Delegate |
| Dr Yi-Sheng Chan (Taiwan) | Chief Delegate |
| Dr Merter Ozenci (Turkey) | Chair, Knee Section |
| Dr Ismail Hadisoebroto Dilogo (Indonesia) | Chair, Orthopaedic Research Section |
| Dr Rajesh Malhotra (India) | Chair, Osteoporosis & Fragility Fracture Section |
| Dr Anup Agrawal (India) | Chair, Trauma Section |
| Dr Michael Johnson (Australia) | Federation Delegate |
| Dr Khairul Azmi Abdyl Qadir (Brunei) | Chief Delegate |
| Dr Sintour Phot (Cambodia) | Chief Delegate |
| Dr Jianguo Zhang (China) | Chief Delegate |
| Dr Yan Bun Wong (Hong Kong) | Federation Delegate |
| Dr Rajiv Shah (India) | Chapter Delegate |
| Dr Kunisada Toshiyuki (Japan) | Chapter Delegate Proxy: Daisuke Sakai, JAPAN |
| Dr Ryosuke Kuroda (Japan) | Federation Delegate Proxy: Daisuke Sakai, JAPAN |
| Dr Atsushi Teramoto (Japan) | Federation Delegate |
| Dr Hak Sun Kim (Korea) | Chief Delegate |
| Dr Jae Yoon Chung (Korea) | Chapter Delegate |
| Dr Bae Dae Kyung (Korea) | Chapter Delegate |
| Dr Yong Sik Kim (Korea) | Federation Delegate |
| Dr Ki Tack Kim (Korea) | Federation Delegate |
| Dr Sankara Kumar (Malaysia) | Chapter Delegate |
| Dr Suhail Abdullah (Malaysia) | Federation Delegate |
| Dr Khin Mg Myint (Myanmar) | Chief Delegate |
| Dr Myint Thaung (Myanmar) | Federation Delegate |
| Dr Mohammad Ali Darwish (Oman) | Chief Delegate |
| Dr Mohammad Shoaib (Pakistan) | Federation Delegate |
| Dr Lal Khan Kakar (Pakistan) | Federation Delegate |
| Dr Abdul Aziz Al Jurayyan (Saudi Arabia) | Chief Delegate |
| Dr Hamza Alrabai (Saudi Arabia) | Federation Delegate |
| Dr James Hui (Singapore) | Chief Delegate |
| Dr Fareed Kagda (Singapore) | Federation Delegate |
| Dr Poon Kein Boon (Singapore) | Federation Delegate |
| Dr V. Swarnakumaar (Sri Lanka) | Chief Delegate |
| Dr Ruey Mo Lin (Taiwan) | Chapter Delegate |
| Dr Chii Jeng (Mark) Lin (Taiwan) | Federation Delegate |
| Dr Wei Ren Su (Taiwan) | Federation Delegate |
| Dr Charoen Chotigavanich (Thailand) | Chief Delegate |
| Dr Saranatra Waikakul (Thailand) | Chapter Delegate |
| Dr Bedri Karaismailoglu (Turkey) | Chapter Delegate |
| Dr Cem Nuri Aktekin (Turkey) | Federation Delegate |
| Dr Mehmet Demirhan (Turkey) | Federation Delegate |
| Dr Saeed Al Thani (UAE) | Chief Delegate |
| Dr Ali Al Belooshi (UAE) | Federation Delegate |
| Dr Vo Van Thanh (Vietnam) | Chief Delegate |

**IN ATTENDANCE (Secretariat)**

Ms Molly Kong

Mr Matthew Faulkner

The meeting was called to order at 1500 hours (GMT+10) with Dr Jamal Ashraf, APOA President, in the chair.

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| **1** | **Welcome by the President** |
|  | Dr Jamal Ashraf, APOA President, bid a warm welcome to the Council members to the third Council Meeting in Cairns, Australia. |
| **2** | **Apologies and Proxies** |
|  | Dr Arif Khan, Secretary General, informed the meeting about the proxies received from various members who were unable to attend physically (list was displayed on the screen). |
| **3** | **Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2st Council Meeting held on 13th July 2024** |
|  | The minutes of the 2nd Council (2024–2025) Meeting were passed on proposal of Dr Syed Shahidul Islam and seconded by Dr Ellewellyn Pasion. |
| **4** | **Reports** |
| **4.1** | **President’s Report** |
|  | Dr Jamal Ashraf reported that since he assumed the APOA presidency in February 2024, he has represented the APOA at 14 conferences and has reported large enthusiasm amongst the junior surgeons at these meetings.  Due to scheduling conflicts with other congresses, Dr Inho Jeon, Member at Large, represented the APOA at the Japan Orthopaedic Association Congress also in May 2024, and Dr David Choon, Education Committee Chair, the Malaysian Orthopaedic Association Congress in June 2024. |
| **4.2** | **Secretary General’s Report** |
|  | Dr Arif Khan presented the Secretary General's report, detailing the structure of the Association, including the Executive Committee, standing committees, and 12 sections. The Association has 24 chapters, 21 federations, and over 60,000 members, making it the largest in the world.  Dr Arif Khan then introduced the Council members for the term 2024 – 2025 with their positions as well as the national delegates.  Dr Arif Khan also mentioned that all of the reports for the Council are available online on the Association website. |
| **4.3** | **Education Committee Report** |
|  | Dr David Choon, Chair, Education Committee presented his report, presenting the current status of the APOA’s website and its functionality as an education platform. Completed educational programmes include the above-mentioned Virtual Hip Fellowship Program.  Dr Kenneth Cheung reinforced the usefulness of the website as a didactic learning tool and proposed the creation of a sub-committee to assist with the various sub-specialty sections to develop a curriculum that is specific to the needs of the Asia Pacific region.  Dr Arif Khan clarified that the curriculum for minimal standards and subspecialities was already developed during Dr Ellewellyn Pasion’s tenure with Dr Ted Mah as the committee chair at the time. This included travelling fellows being sent to centres of excellence in different countries which could be accredited by the APOA. This document is available on the website. |
| **4.4** | **Ethics Committee Report** |
|  | Dr Ted Mah presented the APOA Ethical Framework, and this was accepted by the Council |
| **5** | **APOA 2027 and Future Meeting Selection Criteria** |
|  | Dr Arif Khan reported that there had been three bids from potential host countries for the 2027 Congress, including Taiwan, Turkey, and Indonesia.  Dr Jamal Ashraf reported to the Council that the Executive Committee would like to propose a new model for organizing the Congress, whereby a central PCO (Serenas) would be appointed to handle the logistics and a local PCO would be responsible for the on-site planning. The central PCO would guarantee a sum of $75,000 for the association's functioning, and the profits from the Congress would be divided between the PCO and the APOA.  The Council also discussed the need for a consistent structure for the APOA meetings and the importance of the sections being well-informed about the meeting details.  Another function of the central PCO would be to manage the Congress’ finances and ensure financial stability and highlighted the importance of assessing the costs of running a congress in different locations, such as Sydney and Bangkok, to determine the financial viability of holding a meeting at these venues.  The Council determined that the Executive Committee be empowered to pursue this matter but that it should not affect the bidders for 2027.  Dr Frederic Diyco, the Congress Committee chair, reported that Taiwan is currently the most prepared bidder. The Council determined that APOA 2027 will be held in Taiwan, with Dr Yi-Sheng Chan, Chief Delegate, Taiwan, pledging that the APOA will receive a guaranteed USD100,000 from the Congress. This is dependent on getting this pledge on the guaranteed sum in writing. |
| **6** | **APOA Ltd** |
|  | Dr Arif Khan reported on the progress of registering the APOA as a business in Hong Kong, with the constitution having been rewritten and the financial audit of the Association since 2018. Dr Arif Khan highlighted that a new firm has been hired to continue the process and the new contract is based on task completion rather than time. The previous firm had an outstanding bill of $10,500 but this has been waived.  Dr Arif Khan notified the Council about the APOA’s academic activities, including the Virtual Hip Fellowship Program which had 25 participants with certificates to be presented during the ongoing Congress and the Infection Section's Fellowship on Diagnosis and Management of Periprosthetic Joint Infections. Dr Arif Khan invited the Chapters and Sections to step forward to utilize the updated and more dynamic website to run their programmes. |
| **7** | **APOA Election Report** |
|  | Dr Arif Khan presented the APOA election report, from which Dr Kenneth Cheung was elected unopposed to the post of 2nd Vice President. |
| **7** | **Any other business with the permission of the chair** |
| **7.1** | **APOA Chapters Activities on Website** |
|  | Dr Arif Khan brought up an issue from the Chapters requesting that their activities be posted on the website. Dr David Choon replied that this is possible and awaits the chapters submissions. |
| **7.2** | **APOA 2026 Congress Registration Fee Reduction** |
|  | Dr Jamal Ashraf requested approval from the Council for the APOA Congress in India, to reduce registration fees to increase attendance and industry participation. Dr Jamal Ashraf also proposed complimentary registration for council members as this will be the 25th Congress. The council supported this request and thanked the Indian Organizing Committee for this gesture. |
| **7.3** | **APOA-IOA Allegations** |
|  | Dr Jamal Ashraf presented several allegations of alleged bribery by several members of the IOA and APOA Council stemming from the payments to the APOA on behalf of the Indian Orthopaedic Association for his personal benefit and provided evidence that these payments were in fact legitimate. The attending Council members expressed their support for Dr Jamal Ashraf and condemned the accusations. |
| **8** | **Note of Thanks** |
|  | Dr Arif Khan expressed gratitude to Dr Ellewellyn Pasion for his dedication and time a part of the Executive Committee and to the APOA. The council acknowledged his efforts and wished him well. |

The meeting adjourned at 1800 hours (GMT +8) with a vote of thanks to the chair.

**Minutes prepared by APOA Secretariat:**

Ms Kong Yoon Moi

**Minutes vetted by:**

Dr Arif Khan, APOA Secretary General

**Minutes approved by:**

Dr Jamal Ashraf, APOA President