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Minutes of the 5th Managing Committee Meeting of AFG for the Year 2026-27 held on Thursday, 13th August 2026 from 9.30pm onwards on CLIRNET online platform.

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:

Dr. Bela Bhatt

Dr. Mukesh Agarwal

Dr. Anurag Bhate

Dr. Nimish Tutwala

Dr. Rajendra Saraogi

Dr. Ankesh Sahetya

Dr. Jayanti Kamat

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Dr. S.N. Agarwal

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Dr. Nileema Masurkar

Dr. Vipin Checker

Dr. Nitin Shah

Dr. Saurabh Sureka

Dr. Komal Chavan

Apologies for absence.

None

2) Condolences if any

None

3) Confirmation of the Minutes of the last MCM held on 10th July 2026 and

discussion on any business arising therefrom.

Dr. Jayanti Kamat then read out the minutes of the previous Managing Committee Meeting held on 10th July 2026. The minutes were confirmed and approved.

Proposed by Dr. Bela Bhatt

Seconded by Dr. Ankesh Sahetya

4) Approval of New Members

Secretary Jayanti Kamat read out the names of the 6 new membership applications received since the last meeting.

Life Member

Dr. Sujay Nirgudkar

Dr. Kritika Pandey

Dr. Shabana Qureshi

Dr. Amol Wankhede

Dr. Saloni Suchak

Dr. Hitesh Kotawala

5) To discuss about upcoming Zonal Conference with AMC on 22nd August 2026 (to be discussed with Dr Raju Nagarkatti, ONCO-MEET with MOC on 20th September 2026 at Ginger Hotel Andheri East and GYNAECON with MMA (Malad Medical Association) on 04th October 2026. Dr Mukesh Gupta / Dr Unnati Shah for Details.

Dr. Anurag Bhate gave an update on the upcoming events and invited the committee to discuss the arrangements and plans.

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Zonal Conference with AMC – 22nd August 2026

The upcoming Zonal Conference is being organised jointly with the Association of Medical Consultants (AMC) on 22nd August 2026 at Tunga International, Andheri.

Dr. Rajendra Nagarkatti had proposed that AFG join hands with AMC for this one-day evening programme, and the proposal was welcomed by AFG.

The programme will begin at 7:30 PM and conclude around 11:00 PM. It will include four scientific talks by Dr. Siddhesh Iyer, Dr. Kaushal Kadam, Dr. Geeta Balsarkar and Dr. Amit Patki, followed by a panel discussion on **“Death within 24 Hours of Admission in a Hospital or Nursing Home – What Should Be Done?”** The panel will include approximately 10–11 panelists.

Members were requested to publicise the programme widely in the AFG groups and encourage members to attend.

It was discussed that AFG annual registered members will have **free registration**, while those seeking MMC credit points will be required to pay Rs.200. It was clarified that the Rs.200 charge is only towards the MMC credit points and not for event registration.

ONCO-MEET with MOC – 20th September 2026

The next programme is an ONCO-MEET being organised jointly by AFG, AMC and MOC on 20th September 2026 at Ginger Hotel, Andheri East.

The programme will include one talk by an AFG speaker, one talk by an AMC speaker and three talks by MOC faculty covering various oncology topics related to the breast, uterus and ovary, followed by a panel discussion on different oncology cases.

The programme outline has been shared by the MOC team and further details will be finalised accordingly.

GYNAECON with Malad Medical Association – 4th October 2026

The GYNAECON programme is scheduled to be held jointly with the Malad Medical Association (MMA) on 4th October 2026.

Dr. Mukesh Gupta and Dr. Unnati Shah are coordinating this programme. The detailed programme and topics are yet to be shared with the committee. Once the details are received, AFG will nominate speakers and finalise its participation.

It was informed that there will be no financial expenditure for AFG, as the programme arrangements will be managed by the Malad Medical Association. Any mutually agreed honorarium or contribution to AFG will be discussed and finalised with MMA.

The committee agreed to proceed with the above events and to coordinate with the respective organisations for further details and arrangements.

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6) Secretary's Report on AFG-MLCON - 19th July 2026 and CRITICON - 2nd August 2026

Dr. Jayanti Kamath presented the Secretary's Report

AFG-MLCON Conference held on **19th July 2026**.

The conference was very well received, with a total attendance of **129 delegates**. The scientific programme covered important medical-legal issues relevant to practising gynaecologists.

The first talk was delivered by **Dr. Ashok Shukla**, who explained the anatomy of a valid consent and the essential elements that should be included in it.

Dr. Vipin Checker spoke about MMC complaints and legal proceedings. He emphasised that although the Maharashtra Medical Council (MMC) is not a regular court, it functions in a quasi-judicial manner, and doctors therefore need to exercise appropriate caution.

Dr. Hitesh Bhatt presented "Mistakes That Became a Nightmare" and discussed various cases and their implications in detail.

One of the highlights of the conference was the session involving **three doctors who had faced harassment during cross-examination by an advocate**. Their willingness and courage to share their experiences before a large audience was highly appreciated.

Dr. M. C. Patel spoke on the legal and medical aspects of **MTP after 24 weeks**.

The conference concluded with a panel discussion titled "**Beyond the Delivery Room: Navigating the Toughest Medico-Legal Hurdles in Gynaecology Today**," which provided valuable insights into challenging medico-legal situations.

CRITICON – 2nd August 2026

The next event presented in the Secretary's Report was **CRITICON 2026**, held on **2nd August 2026**. It was a joint CME involving gynaecologists and anaesthetists, focusing on teamwork and the management of obstetric emergencies.

Dr. Atul Ganatra presented several challenging cases referred to him and discussed their management in a tertiary-care hospital.

Dr. Girija Wagh spoke on "**When Common Presentations Hide Uncommon Killers**" and presented several difficult and unique cases, covering conditions ranging from PIH and vulvar haematoma to labour complications. She also highlighted the importance of judicious use of commonly used medications.

Dr. Avadhoot Kulkarni, Senior Anaesthetist from Borivali, spoke on "**The First 10 Minutes**", highlighting the critical importance of the initial minutes in managing obstetric emergencies. He also emphasised the need for small nursing homes to be adequately prepared, including the availability of essential equipment such as ETCO₂ monitoring and defibrillators.

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Dr. Kalpesh Shah discussed recent advances in anaesthesia and stressed the importance of investing in essential equipment that can be life-saving during emergencies in the operation theatre.

A comprehensive panel discussion followed on “**Management of Obstetric Emergencies in the OT and Labour Room.**” Various case scenarios were discussed, including the indications and considerations for **perimortem LSCS**.

After lunch, a **practical demonstration of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) in an obstetric patient** was conducted. The hands-on session was highly appreciated by the delegates.

The CME was a great success, with approximately **202 delegates, including gynaecologists and anaesthetists**, in attendance. The programme was well appreciated for its practical approach, interactive sessions and emphasis on teamwork in managing obstetric emergencies.

7) Report of Ran Symposium held on 9th August 2026 by Dr Vidya Bandukwalla.

Dr. Vidya Bandukwalla presented the report of the **RAN Symposium**, held on **9th August 2026**.

The symposium included two interesting long-case presentations, with participation from **Bhopal Medical College**. The cases discussed were **Gestational Diabetes Mellitus (GDM)** and **fibroid uterus**. Four external faculty members from outside AFG also participated in the scientific programme.

This was followed by a specimen discussion conducted by **Dr. Jignesh**, who presented a case of **vesicular mole**. The case was discussed extensively and was well received by both the Head of Department and the consultant from Bhopal Medical College.

Dr. Pooja from Wadia Hospital also participated in the programme. Overall, the symposium was well organised and the academic discussions were highly appreciated.

Dr. Vidya, however, highlighted some difficulties in coordinating with **Clirnet**, particularly regarding the promotional material. The flyers and registration link were received only at the last moment, with the final flyer being prepared just two days before the symposium. There was also an error in the registration categories, where the paid and free categories had been interchanged. Fortunately, the error was identified and corrected before the event.

The attendance details from Clarinet are still awaited.

Dr. Vidya requested Dr. Anurag Bhate to take the matter forward and address the coordination issues. Dr. Anurag Bhate stated that the matter was already on the agenda and would be discussed accordingly.

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8) Discussion on choice of Digital platform for further online programmes.

The committee discussed the choice of a digital platform for conducting future AFG online programmes, particularly in view of the recent coordination issues with Clirnet.

Dr. R. M. Saraogi suggested that **Dr. Nitin Shah** would be best placed to share his experience regarding the management of online programmes and the use of digital platforms in the past.

Dr. Nitin Shah explained that Clirnet may no longer be interested in continuing its association with AFG because of changes in its revenue model. It was previously believed that Clirnet was providing the platform free of cost, but it was later understood that Clirnet was generating revenue through other arrangements.

Dr. Saraogi agreed with this observation. **Dr. Anurag Bhate** added that the matter had already been discussed with Clirnet and this appeared to be the main reason for their reduced interest in continuing the association with AFG.

Dr. Nitin Shah mentioned that AFG had expected approximately **Rs.3.5 lakh from Clirnet last year**. **Dr. Anurag Bhate** added that for the three events planned this year, the expected amount is only around **Rs.40,000–Rs.50,000**. Therefore, the committee felt that the arrangement had effectively reversed and that AFG should consider an alternative platform.

The possibility of using **AFG's own Zoom platform** was discussed. **Dr. Nitin Shah** explained that the main challenge with managing an independent Zoom account would be the responsibility of starting and conducting the meetings. During his tenure as Secretary, when **Dr. Raju Sahitya** was President, two Managing Committee members and the Secretary were assigned to manage the online RAN meetings. However, there were occasions when the assigned members were unavailable or the Zoom link faced technical issues, making it difficult to start the meeting.

It was therefore suggested that a dedicated person should be responsible for initiating the Zoom meetings, managing the links and handling basic technical coordination. If **Ms. Rabiya** is able to take up this responsibility, AFG could consider using its own Zoom platform.

Dr. Anurag Bhate stated that **Ms. Rabiya** is already handling most of the administrative and online coordination work for AFG and could also manage the Zoom platform. He suggested discussing the matter with her and finalising the arrangements.

The committee agreed to explore the option of using AFG's own Zoom platform for future online programmes, subject to finalising the responsibility for technical and meeting management.

9) Treasurer's Report by Dr. Komal Chavan.

Dr. Komal Chavan presented the Treasurer's Report for the period from 10th July to 12th August 2026.

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The opening balance was Rs.18,73,205. During the period, the total credits were Rs.6,48,901, while the total debits were Rs.8,35,011.68, resulting in a closing balance of Rs.16,87,094.32.

The major receipts during the period were from membership registrations and CME fees. Other receipts included:

- **MOC / Cell Cure Cancer Centre:** Rs.3,43,000
- **AFG Education Grant:** Rs.27,000
- **NOPEX Healthcare:** Rs.23,000
- **Neon Laboratories:** Rs.45,000
- **Clarinet:** Rs.9,400

The Treasurer mentioned that the AFG Education Grant of Rs.27,000 could not be traced immediately, as it appeared to be a UPI transaction and required further verification.

The major expenditures during the period were related to the two CMEs conducted during this period. Payments included:

- **Associated Hospital:** Rs.2,13,850 and Rs.3,36,890
- **Raju's Diagnostic:** Rs.50,000
- **AV Power Vision:** Rs.96,000 and Rs.33,850
- **Versatile Rocks:** Rs.35,302 and Rs.28,746
- **Pankaj Patel:** Rs.8,000 and Rs.4,000
- **Ekta Trophies:** Rs.27,750

Dr. Anurag Bhatte clarified that some of the payments to **Versatile Rocks and other vendors** were cleared during this period because the cheque book was not available earlier.

It was noted that, despite the expenditure on two CMEs, AFG currently has a healthy balance and all staff payments and outstanding expenses have been cleared.

Dr. Anurag Bhatte further informed the committee that the next two CMEs are **sponsored programmes**, and therefore AFG will not have to incur significant expenditure for them. AFG is also expected to receive approximately **Rs.7 lakh** in sponsorship funds.

In addition, pending receipts from **Emcure and Provision** are expected. With these anticipated receipts, the association is likely to receive approximately **Rs.8–9 lakh** in the coming period, which will further strengthen the financial position.

The committee also discussed **GST registration**. It was noted that, considering the income from the previous and current financial years, AFG may cross the applicable turnover threshold. Therefore, it was decided to proceed with GST registration, and the matter has already been discussed with the concerned person who will initiate the registration process.

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10) Any other matter permission with the chair

Dr. Nitin Shah suggested that the funds available for charity should be utilised for meaningful charitable activities. The committee agreed that AFG should regularly undertake charity initiatives and maintain a transparent approach.

The committee discussed several possibilities, including:

- Supporting **orphanages and underprivileged children** through donations, school bags, books, clothes and other essential items.
- Conducting **health and hygiene awareness programmes in schools**.
- Supporting **sanitary hygiene initiatives** where feasible.
- Conducting awareness programmes in association with other medical organisations on important health-related occasions.
- Supporting charitable organisations that regularly work with schools and underprivileged communities.

It was suggested that AFG prepare a **list of suitable orphanages and charitable organisations**, along with the names of AFG members who are associated with or can recommend them. The Managing Committee can then decide the beneficiaries and allocate a specific charity budget each year, with the beneficiaries being rotated periodically to ensure transparency and wider outreach.

Dr. Nitin Shah suggested exploring charitable initiatives in **Palghar and Dahanu**, where doctors are already involved in supporting underprivileged schools and villages. It was also suggested that AFG members could personally participate in the distribution of educational materials and other essential items.

Dr. Anurag Bhatte agreed to coordinate with **Dr. Rajendra Chavan** and explore suitable opportunities for AFG's charity activities. The committee agreed to take this forward and finalise the activity after receiving further details.

The committee also discussed planning a **Diwali charity initiative**, including distribution of gifts, clothes or essential items to underprivileged children.

There being no other agenda for discussion, **Dr. Jayanti Kamat** concluded the meeting with a vote of thanks to all the members for their participation and valuable contributions.



Signed approved by:
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