

Dear members

Greetings.

Quick update on IASP Elections 2018

Some of you were in the GB when we discussed about the IASP elections. Thanks to Prof CM Pandey, chairman of the election committee for briefing the GB about the progress and way forward.

Prof CM Pandey mentioned about the two options relating to the e voting software , viz, the one developed by Mr Tyagi of IEG and the survey monkey that was tried and tested in several elections including the recent ISMS election.

As we have given the responsibility of conducting the elections to the Election committee, IASP should not interfere in the process.

As the current IASP office bearers were involved in the e voting software development and many of them would be contesting the elections, there could be conflict of interest. This was the opinion shared by many of the members including the election committee members. In view of this, the final decision regarding the e voting software to be used should be taken by the election committee. This helps the committee in conducting free and fair elections in a democratic way.

The efforts made by Mr Tyagi were appreciated and IASP is thankful to him for his contribution. Prof CM Pandey told me that it can be used in the near future with some modifications and refinement to make it more safe and secure. But it would take time and we can't afford any more delays in the elections.

The purpose of this communication is to let you all know the facts so that each one of us would help the election committee in conducting smooth and fair elections at the earliest possible.

In our country, the EVM software is always prepared by the Election commission and not the union or state Govts.

Request each one of you to cooperate with the election committee and also communicate the facts to the members.

As Prof PM Kulkarni opted out of the election committee, it was discussed with Prof CM Pandey and he said that there is no need for replacement now. Instead, they would have 4 independent observers to oversee the election process.

Regards

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