

Statement Outlining How I Fulfil the Requirements for Secretary Finance & Fundraising

Organizational Experience Across WPA Member Societies

My candidature for Secretary for Finance & Fundraising is grounded in over three decades of leadership across organizational, academic, financial, and advocacy domains. I have served two WPA member societies—the Indian Psychiatric Society (IPS) and the Indian Association for Social Psychiatry (IASP)—and currently serve the World Psychiatric Association as a Board Member (2023–2026). Within IPS, I have held major academic, executive, and finance-related roles at State, Zonal, and National levels from 1995 to 2025, and in IASP I served eight years as Executive Committee Member and Treasurer.

These responsibilities have given me a deep, practical understanding of organizational functioning, resource mobilization, financial stewardship, and collaborative governance.

Ten Years of Direct Financial Leadership as Honorary Treasurer

IPS (National)– 4 years (2012-16), IPS Eastern Zonal: 2 years (2002-2004) IASP – 4 years (2016-20)

Key Achievements as Treasurer, IPS

- Proactive and solution-oriented financial leadership
- Resolved longstanding tax-related issues
- Strengthened IPS finances through successful membership drives
- Generated funds to support academic programs and publish educational contents
- Worked to set new awards which enriched the award-corpus

Transforming IPS Publications into a Fund-Raising Academic Venture

I led the **transformation of IPS Publications** from an occasional, free-distribution activity into a **structured, revenue-generating academic venture**. Through strategic partnerships with leading medical publishers, mobilizing IPS members to author and edit chapters, and securing sponsorships to increase sales and reduce costs, IPS achieved unprecedented growth. **During my six-year tenure**—as Chair of the Publication Committee, Honorary General Secretary, President-Elect, and President—the Society published **20 international-standard books, with 6 more nearing release and 8 in early development**. **IPS books are now showcased and sold at international meetings, significantly enhancing the Society’s academic stature and financial stability.**

Experience in Organizing Conferences and Generating Funds

I have organized academic meetings at state, zonal, national, and international levels, recognizing conferences as essential to both academic growth and financial sustainability.

As a WPA Board Member, I convened **WPA Inter-Zonal meeting on Indigenous Mental Health Resources**, the successful **WPA Art & Psychiatry Section Meeting Psychartica 2025** (Jaipur), **two psychotherapy workshops for Early Career Psychiatrists** (Mumbai 2024; Jaipur 2025), and two consultations with the APA Director of Research and South Asian nosology experts on forthcoming DSM editions.

I am also working on **future WPA meetings planned for 2026, 2027, and 2028**.

International Exposure and Fundraising Potential

My past and present leadership roles have provided international exposure and good global networks. Additionally, India's global presence and its internationally active industries offer significant opportunities for fundraising.

Residence in an under-represented part of the world

Since the WPA's inception, only one Indian has ever been elected to WPA Executive Committee.

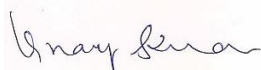
Language, Commitment and Conflict

- Fluent in English and Hindi, can speak Urdu and understand Nepalese.
- Have my own office with support staff
- Ready to devote at least 30 days per year to WPA activities.
- No conflicts with the ethical codes and purposes of WPA

Imagination, Creativity, and Vision

I think beyond conventional frameworks—an approach that has shaped my leadership and resulted in nine volumes of my own creative writings. I believe in identifying and nurturing the latent strengths of individuals and organizations.

The WPA has immense untapped potential, and with imaginative, proactive strategies, we can significantly enhance fundraising and support global mental health initiatives.



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