

INDIAN STATISTICAL INSTITUTE


203 B.T. Road, Kolkata – 700 108

No. CAF/10-2/ 092
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am forwarding herewith a copy of the proceedings of the meeting of the General Body of the Institute held on 29th November, 2017, for your information and record.

Yours sincerely,


(Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay)

Director

Encl: As stated

To: All members of the Indian Statistical Institute.

Copy for information to:

1. The President of the Institute.
2. The Chairman and all members of the Council of the Institute.
3. Shri K.S. Rejimon, Director (CAP), MoSPI).
4. Head, Delhi Centre.
5. Head, Bangalore Centre.
6. Head, Chennai Centre.
7. Chairman, Committee for North-East Centre, Tezpur, Assam.
8. Prof. Bimal K. Roy, Head, R.C. Bose Centre for Cryptology and Security.
9. Director's Office.
10. CE(A&F)'s Office.

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Institute held on Wednesday, 29th November, 2017 at 11.00 a.m. in the Auditorium at Platinum Jubilee Academic Building, 1st Floor, of the Institute at 203, B.T. Road, Kolkata – 700 108.

Present: Dr. Vijay Kelkar, President, The Indian Statistical Institute, Prof. Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay, Director, The Indian Statistical Institute and 43 members of the Indian Statistical Institute. The list of the attendee members is provided in the Annexure.

Welcome Address

To begin with, Dr. Vijay Kelkar, President of the Institute welcomed all the members present in the meeting and conveyed his sincere thanks to them for attending the Annual General Meeting. He requested the members to observe one-minute silence to condole the sad demise of Prof. J. K. Ghosh, Padmashree and former Director of the Indian Statistical Institute.

Thereafter, the business transactions of the meeting began as per the Agenda, with the permission of the President.

Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of the proceedings of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 30th November, 2016

1.1 Members took note of the fact that the proceedings of the Annual General Meeting of the Institute held on 30th November, 2016 were circulated under reference No. CAF/10-2/867, dated 21st February 2017, and no comments were received from any member. The proceedings of the Annual General Meeting of the Institute held on 30th November, 2016 was placed for confirmation.

1.2 (R) **It was resolved by the General Body that the proceedings of the Annual General Meeting of the Institute, as circulated vide reference No. CAF/10-2/867 dated 21st February, 2017, be confirmed.**

Agenda Item No. 2: Matters arising out of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 30th November, 2016

2.1 One of the Members requested the President to form a committee for selection of Emeritus Professor with Prof. Ashok Sen, FRS and Prof. Bhargab B. Bhattacharya as members of the said Committee.

He also informed the President that the P C M Museum should be maintained properly.

Agenda Item No. 3: To consider the Draft Annual Report of the Institute for the year 2016 – 2017

- 3.1 Prof. Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay, Director apprised the members on the activity status of the Institute during the period 2016-17. She explained about the overall progress of the Institute in respect of ongoing construction works undertaken in different Centres. She mentioned that both in Chennai Centre and in Tezpur Centre construction works are in progress. Bangalore Centre Guest House and Hostels are being renovated.

The Director informed that a good number of prestigious awards and honors were conferred upon the faculty members of the Institute.

She stated that the Institute is observing P C Mahalanobis and J B S Haldane 125th Birth Anniversary year in the form several academic events.

She mentioned that the 52nd Convocation of the Institute will be held on 9th January 2018.

Regarding the maintenance of the P C M Museum, she informed that the work has been entrusted to the CPWD and the Institute is pursuing with the CPWD to expedite the maintenance work. The S N Bose Bhawan and R A Fisher Bhawan was under renovation work.

One of the members raised question on the issue of restructuring of the Council of the Institute, in terms of its size. He expressed his concern over such an attempt. He opined that the steps taken in doing such changes are to be transparent in nature. The Director assured that before restructuring it will be discussed among all the stakeholders.

The Director mentioned that the website of the Institute needs a new look, in order to give the world at large a better understanding of the Institute.

She also mentioned that the government emphasizes on the need of internal resource generation and the Institute is trying its best to generate resources in a time bound manner.

She further added that the Institute is planning to apply for the Institute of Eminence Deemed to be Universities as invited by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. If successful in coming through this competitive platform, a new scenario will emerge for the Institute. It will lead to substantial changes. The eminence status will improve all existing facilities of the Institute and facilitate creation of different academic centres of excellence, and so on due to availability of special financial assistance under the Institute of Eminence scheme.

For implementation of the 7th CPC both for scientific and non-scientific staff members all the stakeholders are anxiously awaiting the approval of the Administrative Ministry and the President of the Institute will take up this issue with the Administrative Ministry in this regard.

3.2 (R) It was resolved by the General Body that the Draft Annual Report of the Institute for the year 2016-2017, as recommended by the Finance Committee and subsequently by the Council, be accepted and the same be approved for submission before the Parliament through the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, Government of India as well as to the Registrar of Firms, Societies and Non-Trading Corporation, West Bengal.

Agenda Item No. 4 To consider the Draft Audited Statement of Accounts of the Institute for the year 2016-17 together with Auditor's Report and Administration's replies thereon

4.1 One of the members enquired about the fund position of the Institute. Deputy Chief Executive (Finance) apprised that in non-plan component, the Institute remains comfortably placed. There is a shortfall of 8.00 crores in Plan-Capital and Plan-Revenue taken together. Considering both the Plan and Non-plan components we have a shortfall of 2.00 crores. Though the fund position is not entirely rosy yet we are performing somewhat well.

4.2(R) It was resolved by the General Body that the Draft Audited Statement of Accounts of the Institute for the year 2016-17 together with the Auditor's Report and administration's replies

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Agenda Item No. 5 **Miscellaneous (if any) with the permission of the Chair**

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With the permission of the President, one of the members suggested to implement the procedure of crowdfunding for the Institute in order to generate revenue. Some members expressed concern on the necessity of post creation. The Director apprised that the Institute has already requested the Administrative Ministry for sanction of posts for Tezpur Centre. The Institute is hopeful of getting sanctions from the administrative ministry in this regard. She added that in the R C Bose Centre for Cryptology and Security 8 posts are created. One of the members informed that 4 Science Units in the Headquarter (Baranagore) are very small in terms of number of faculty members. He suggested that there should have a proper policy for the different Science Units. A critical mass should be retained so that that these small Units are not closed. The Director informed that Professors-in-Charge of the concerned Divisions have been requested to come up with a good proposal and/or recruitment plan to obviate the problem. Some members wanted to know about the status of the Geology Building (Pamela Robinson Bhawan). They enquired whether there is any plan to renovate the building or to go for demolition of the same? The Director added that still a definite decision has not been taken in this regard. However, this building presently is severely damaged and not being used. She added that demolition is not a very easy task and the Institute needs to make a suitable plan in this regard. One of the members requested the Director for the necessity of a room that can be used by the General Body members. Director assured that the possibility of such an arrangement will be explored.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Sd/- Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay
(Director)

Sd/- Vijay Kelkar
(President)

List of attendees of Annual General Meeting, held on 29th November, 2017.

1. Prof. Atis Kr. Dasgupta, 2. Shri Tapan Kumar Sengupta, 3. Dr. Kamal Krishna Basu, 4. Dr. Tapas Kumar Basu, 5. Prof. Ramjit Pandey, 6. Dr. N.C. Ghatak, 7. Dr. Pranati Dutta, 8. Prof. Shibdas Bandyopadhyay, 9. Shri Goutam Kumar Majumder, 10. Shri Kamalaksha Das, 11. Dr. Sukumar Bandyopadhyay, 12. Dr. Bholu Nath Ghosh, 13. Prof. Manoranjan Pal, 14. Dr. Susmita Bharati, 15. Dr. Subrata Gangopadhyay, 16. Dr. Prasanta Sinha, 17. Dr. Sudip Jana 18. Dr. Sujit Adhikary, 19. Sm. Malati Chatterjee, 20. Dr. Monoranjan Ghose, 21. Dr. Prasanta Pathak, 22. Dr. Subrata Chattopadhyay, 23. Shri B. Uma Shankar, 24. Dr. Debdulal Dutta Roy, 25. Sm. Himani Bhattacharya, 26. Shri Dilip Kr. Banerjee, 27. Shri Bajranil Sengupta, 28. Shri Tapas Basu, 29. Dr. Rabindranath Jana, 30. Shri Tejendra Nath Ghosh, 31. Prof. Rajkumar Roychoudhury, 32. Dr. Nibedita Ganguly, 33. Dr. Tapan Kr. Mandal, 34. Shri Kashi Nath Datta, 35. Shri Jiban Krishna Pal, 36. Dr. Deba Prasad Mandal, 37. Shri Subrata Kr. Debnath, 38. Shri Rabindra Narayan Das, 39. Dr. Amal Kr. Mallick, 40. Dr. Jadab Kr. Pal, 41. Prof. Barun Mukhopadhyay, 42. Shri Amitava Mukherjee, 43. Shri Sudip Chakraborty.