

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BODY MEETING OF THE BOSE INSTITUTE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HELD ON 30.01.2016 AT FALTA EXPERIMENTAL FARM OF BOSE INSTITUTE AT 1.00 P.M.

Member present: Prof. Nitai C. Mandal, Prof. Arun Lahiri Majumder, Prof. Sujoy K. Das Gupta, Prof. Tapan K. Dutta, Dr. Mahadeb Pal, Dr. Atin Mandal, Dr. Pallab Kundu, Dr. Gopal Chakraborty, Dr. Anup Haldar, Dr. Amit K. Chakraborty, Dr. Amitava Kundu, Dr. Ajit B. Datta, Dr. Tapas Sengupta, Dr. Sumita Sengupta, Dr. Biswajit Bera, Dr. Alok K. Hazra, Prof. Narayan C. Mandal, Prof. S.R. Sikdar, Prof. Sampa Das, Dr. Sib Sankar Roy, Prof. Parimal C. Sen, Prof. Maitrayee Das Gupta, Dr. Ashish Bhattacharjee, Prof. Debabrata Basu, Dr. Jayanta Mukhopadhyay, Dr. Kunal Roy, Dr. Shyamal Roy Choudhury, Dr. Ferdousi Begum, Dr. P. Mohan Kumar, Dr. Surekha Kundu, Dr. Runa Sur

Meeting started with a very warm welcome by the Secretary while Prof. N.C. Mandal, Vice-president of Bose Institute Alumni Association (BIAA) chaired the session.

Agenda Item No.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the General Body Meeting held on 17.01.2015

Confirmed the minutes of the meetings held on January 17, 2015 at Lecture Hall, Main Campus, Bose Institute.

Agenda No. 2: Brief report on the update of BIAA activities

Prof. Tapan K. Dutta, Secretary of BIAA briefly pointed out the activities based on the discussions held in the last General Body Meeting and two subsequent Executive Council Meetings convened on 08-05-2015 and 21-12-2015. It was decided that to promote activities, BIAA will organize seminars round the year (3-4 times) on topics relevant to the objectives of BIAA as mentioned in the Bye Laws. Further, in one of the Executive Council Meetings it had been highlighted the essence of Alumni Association to route the link for arranging lectures of foreign BI Alumni when they are visiting country. Moreover, a proposal to organize a fitting event to honour Late Sambhu Nath De, the discoverer of cholera toxin was discussed and it was decided that the same will be considered as a part of events in the forthcoming Bose Institute Centenary Celebration by BIAA.

Agenda Item No.3: Report on accounts

N. C. Mandal

Tapan K. Dutta

Dr. Pallob Kundu, Treasurer of BIAA presented a balance sheet with respect to the detail of audited account for the financial year 2014-15 and informed about the current financial condition of BIAA.

Agenda Item No. 4: Centenary Celebration of Bose Institute and other future activities

Based on a previous discussion with the Director of Bose Institute and a few of the Executive Council Members, it emerged that BIAA may organize one or two sessions in one of the International Symposiums that will be arranged by Bose Institute as a part of Centenary Celebration. The House accepted the proposal and decided to organize two sessions of a suitable symposium for Centenary Celebration by BIAA. In this context, the House unanimously decided to extend responsibilities to the Executive Council to form Centenary Celebration Core Committee. However, suggestions will be sought from all alumni and will be considered in decision making process.

Prof. Arun L. Majumder pointed out that in Centenary Celebration the history of Bose Institute (since its foundation till 100th year of existence) needs to be highlighted and only Alumni Association, where quite veteran to very young members are present is capable of delivering justice to it. Apart from that, he also suggested that views on future research direction in Bose Institute should be included in the forthcoming symposium of Centenary Celebration by BIAA. The House appreciated the suggestions.

Dr. Alok K. Hazra pointed out that it will be appropriate to publish the history of Bose Institute in the form of a book as a part of activities of Centenary Celebration of Bose Institute by BIAA, which will be one of the best ways to disseminate this important information to common people. The House has also appreciated the suggestion.

Agenda Item No. 5: Miscellaneous with the permission of Chair

The Secretary has pointed out the need to appoint a new Auditor since the currently engaged Auditor, N.K. Biswas & Associates could not help in submitting Tax return of BIAA and renewal of registration under Society Registration Act. The House has deputed the Secretary of BIAA to appoint a suitable Auditor in consultation with the Treasurer and fix his/her remuneration.

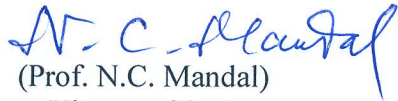
The secretary expressed his concern about slow progress in new member enrollment and lack of enthusiasm among overseas alumni in particular. He also opined that a more effective method of communication capable of reaching to most of our alumni should be devised. In this context, Dr. Kunal Roy reasserted the proposal of communication via Facebook or other currently used social media networking Apps. The House has accepted the proposal and decided to move in that direction of communication.

N. C. Mandal

Tapan K. Dutta

Dr. Ferdousi Begum, the only overseas (Bangladesh) alumnus present in the meeting pointed out to float an appeal to non-resident alumni for possible donation to BIAA.

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


(Prof. N.C. Mandal)
Vice-president


(Prof. Tapan K. Dutta)
Secretary