



ASSOCIATION OF AGROMETEOROLOGISTS

Minutes of the General Body meeting held at JNU,
New Delhi on Feb. 12, 2019

The Twentieth Annual General Body meeting of Association of Agrometeorologists was held at J.N.U. Convention Centre, New Delhi on Feb. 12, 2019 at 1800 hrs. Dr Akhilesh Gupta President of the Association presided over the meeting assisted by the EC members. One hundred twenty (120) members were present.

First of all Dr Akhilesh Gupta President of the Association addressed the meeting. He expressed great satisfaction and congratulated the LOC members for successful organization of the INAGMET 2019. He informed the house that due to INAGMET now AAM presence is being felt in various ministries of the Government. He informed the house that MoU signed between AAM and IMS would be a win-win situation for the members of both societies. Similar MoUs may be signed with other related societies including international societies. While appreciating the publication of Journal of Agrometeorology, he stressed that the Association should also work for farmers and public. Thereafter the agenda were taken up.

- 20.1. Secretary presented the minutes of last GB meeting held at Raipur on 15th November, 2017 and was displayed on the screen for members. The same was approved.
- 20.2. The annual report and accounts of Association for year 2017-18 was presented by the Secretary and was displayed on the screen for members. The same was approved by the house. It has also been put on website.
- 20.3. The proposal received from Dr B Ajithkumar for forming a chapter at Thrissur was approved by EC and was endorsed by the General Body. The office bearers are Dr Ajith K. Chairman, Dr. B. Ajithkumar as Secretary and Dr. P. Lincy Davis as Treasurer.
- 20.4. All Chapters except Pantanagar and Mohanpur presented their account reports. From Hyderabad, Dr Subbarao informed that the account details are yet to be taken from the bank. Secretary informed the house on record the name Hyderabad Chapter is "A.P. Chapter". Hence it was recommended that the name of A.P. Chapter may be changed as "Hyderabad Chapter"
- 20.5. Secretary informed that as per decision taken by the EC a new chapter will be given Rs.50000/ as seed money to start the activities. No chapter can retain more than Rs.1,00,000/-. All the excess money must be transferred to HQ. President warned that strict action would be taken against the chapters not complying the order from HQ. Same was endorsed by the GB.
- 20.6. House was informed that the Revised Constitution of Association which was circulated to all members and invited their feedback in 2017 was discussed during GB meeting held at Hisar and subsequently at Raipur. GB had authorized President and Secretary of Association to finalize the same. The minor corrections suggested in EC meeting was incorporated and approved by the GB. The same would be effective from April 2019.

- 20.7. A six member committee was formed by the EC to review the procedures, guidelines terms and conditions of different awards including prize money as well as amount of donations to be accepted for instituting such awards. The committee is comprised of Dr. A. M. Shekh as Chairman; Dr. Y. S. Ramakrishna, Dr. L. S. Rathore, Dr. T. N. Balasubramanian, and Dr. N. V. K. Chakravarty as members; and Dr. Surender Singh as Convener.
- The same was approved by the GB.
- 20.8. For organizing next national seminar, Dr. J. D. Jadhav, Head CASAM Pune proposed for the same which was accepted by the EC and same was endorsed by the GB. Dr. Jadhav may explore the possibility to organize the seminar jointly with IITM and IMD Pune. The theme, and proposed date will be communicated by Dr. Jadhav in due course of time. House endorsed the same.
- 20.9. Secretary informed that the term of EC is ending by March 2019. House proposed the name of Dr. S. R. Patel from IGKV Raipur as Returning Officer to conduct the election through e-voting which was accepted by him. Head, Department of Agricultural Meteorology, IGKV Raipur was requested to provide the necessary computer/internet facility for the same.
- 20.10. In a clarification to a query raised by an honorable member that the guidelines prescribed for recruitment of person from Agrometeorology discipline under GKMS project in KVKs are not being followed, President said the matter would be taken up at appropriate level.

The meeting was adjourned with vote of thanks.



(Vyas Pandey)
Secretary