



ASSOCIATION OF AGROMETEOROLOGISTS

FIRST MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR THE TERM 2019-21

As per email notice dated 16-04-2019, the meeting of Executive Council of Association of Agrometeorologists was held on Friday the 10th May 2019 at 0930 hrs in the Department of Agricultural Meteorology, AAU, Anand under the chairmanship of Dr. Vyas Pandey President of Association. Following members were present of which seven were newly elected members (2019-21) and three from outgoing of EC members (2017-19).

1. Dr. Vyas Pandey	President
2. Dr. J. D. Jadhav	Vice President
3. Dr. S. K. Bal	Vice President
4. Dr. M. S. Kulshrestha	Secretary
5. Dr. B. I. Karande	Treasurer
6. Dr. K. K. Dakhore	Member
7. Dr. Sandeep Singh Sandhu	Member
8. Rucha Dave	Treasurer (Past)
9. Dr. B Ajithkumar	Member(Past)
10. Dr. Mahender Singh	Member (Past)

Dr Ajay K Srivastav, Jt. Secretary, Dr N Subhash , Dr C S Dagar and Dr Sridhar could not attend the meeting due to their preoccupation.

First of all Secretary of Association Dr. M. S. Kulshrestha welcomed all the office bearer and both old and newly elected EC members of AAM. Dr Vyas Pandey, President while welcoming the new members, he thanked the outgoing president Dr. Akhilesh Gupta for his visionary and dynamic leadership, that enable Association in successfully organizing one national seminar and one international conference and signing a MoU with IMS. It was his contribution that Association could organize the first ever Scientist-Students Interaction Meets with support from IITM Pune during both the events. Then following agenda were taken up;

1. Formal taking over the charge.
2. Nominating zonal representatives.
3. Nominating Co-opted members.
4. Restructuring of editorial board and review system.
5. New website of Association.
6. Holding next national seminar.
7. Any other points with permission of chair.

AGENDA ITEMS No 1: FORMAL TAKING OVER THE CHARGE

- 21.1** President informed that locally, the secretary and treasurer have taken over the charge on 5th April 2019 and all the formalities for account operations and files and record transfers completed. Now, formally all elected new EC members taken over the charge. It was suggested that WhatsApp of group of EC member of which Dr. Rani Saxena Jt. secretary was admin may be asked to make newly elected secretary and Jt. secretary as admin so that new group member can be added.

AGENDA ITEMS No 2 & 3: NOMINATIONS OF ZONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND CO-OPTED MEMBERS

President informed the EC members that as per revised constitution of Association of Agrometeorologists, effective from April 2019, five zonal representatives and two co-opted members are to be nominated by the EC. Members discussed the matter and finalized the nominations.

- 21.2** EC has nominated five zonal representatives as below;
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| i. | North Zone | : | Dr. Raihana H. Kanth, | SKUAST, Shrinagar, Kashmir |
| ii. | East Zone | : | Dr. Abdus Sattar, | RPCAU, Samastipur, Bihar |
| iii. | South Zone | : | Dr. Ajith Pillai, | KAU, Thrissur, Kerala |
| iv. | West Zone | : | Shri V. B. Vaidya, | AAU, Anand, Gujarat |
| v. | Central Zone | : | Dr. R. K. Mall, | BHU, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh |
- 21.3** Following co-opted members were nominated;
- 1) Dr. Kamaljeet Ray, New Delhi representative MOES/IMD
 - 2) Dr. N. R. Patel, IIRS, Dehradun representative ISRO/DOS

AGENDA ITEMS NO 4: RESTRUCTURING OF EDITORIAL BOARD AND REVIEW SYSTEM

President informed the members that as per NAAS guidelines, secretary and managing editors should not be the same persons. Moreover, the review system and editorial board has to be modified. Now, the editors would be given responsibility to get papers reviewed and get them corrected by the authors and before submit to chief editor / managing editor for further action. Hence, a new subject wise editor's names are to be suggested. Association will be developing website for online paper submission and review system on Association/Journal portal.

- 21.4** EC members suggested various names for theme wise editors which will be finalized in consultation with Chief Editor and Managing editor.

Chief Editor	:	Dr. B.V. Ramana Rao, Hyderabad
Managing Editor:		Dr. S. K. Bal, Vice President, Hyderabad
International Editor:		Dr. MVK Sivakumar, Geneva

Theme wise proposed editors name are as given below;

1. Crop Weather Relationship:
 - i. Dr. P. Vijaykumar Hyderabad
 - ii. Dr. TNB, Coimbatore
 - iii. Dr J D Jadhav CASAM, Pune
2. Crop Insect weather relationship:
 - i. Dr. NVK Chakravarty Hyderabad
 - ii. Dr. R G Prasad Hyderabad
 - iii. Dr M Srinivas Hyderabad
3. Crop Disease weather relationship:
 - i. Dr S Desai CRIDA Hyderabad
 - ii. Dr L K Dhaliwal PAU Ludhiana
 - iii.
4. Remote sensing & GIS application:
 - i. Dr. N R Patel, IIRS, Dehradun
 - ii. Dr B K Bhattacharya, Ahmedabad
 - iii. Dr A S Nain, GBPUAT, Pantnagar
5. Climate Change Studies:
 - i. Dr R K Mall BHU Varanasi
 - ii. Dr. V Geethalakshmi, TNAU, Combatore
 - iii. Dr S D Atti, IMD, New Delhi
6. Crop Simulation Models:
 - i. Dr. N. Subash, ICAR-IIFSR, Modipuram
 - ii. Dr Piara Singh, Punjab
 - iii. Dr S Naresh Kumar, IARI New Delhi
7. Micrometeorology:
 - i. Dr. Dr A M Shekh, Anand
 - ii. Dr Joydeep Mukherjee IARI New Delhi
 - iii. Dr Saon Banerjee, BCKV, Mohanpur
8. Weather forecasting & Agro advisory services:
 - i. Dr K K Singh IMD New Delhi
 - ii. Dr. H. Venkatesh, UASD, Bijapur
 - iii. Dr Surender Singh, Hisar
9. Animal Science & Fisheries:
 - i. Dr. S. B. Singh, NDRI Karnal
 - ii. Dr V. Sejian, Bangalore
 - iii.
10. Climatology / Agro climatic Analysis:
 - i. Dr. GGSN Rao, Hyderabad
 - ii. Dr GSLHV Prasad Rao, Waltair
 - iii. Dr Rajendra Prasad, Palampur
11. Water resources/irrigation water:
 - i. Dr. Gaurang Kar WTCER Bhubneswar
 - ii. Dr P K Kingra, PAU Ludhiana
 - iii.

AGENDA ITEMS NO 5: RELEASING THE WEBSITE OF ASSOCIATION

21.5 President opined that our present website has a lot of shortcomings as we are not able to update it as and when required. Moreover, in order to make our journal and research paper linked with Google search, the website need to be upgraded and should be linked with social media so that our activities and research papers get wide publicity.

President enquired if any one of our EC members could get this job done, but no one was ready. Hence, it was decided to get is done at Anand. A preliminary enquiry regarding redesigning the website with online review and publication of research paper as well as enrollment and payment of membership etc. suggested that the cost would be around Rs.3 lakh. EC approved the same, however, some other enquiries can also be made so that reasonable cost may be worked out before making payment. Suggestions from EC members are welcome.

AGENDA ITEMS NO 6: HOLDING NEXT NATIONAL SEMINAR

21.6 In the last EC and GB meeting held at JNU New Delhi on 12th February 2019, it was decided to hold the next national seminar at Pune on the request from Dr. J. D. Jadhav. Now, he showed his inability to organize the same in current year. Dr B. Ajith Kumar, KAU, Thrissur and Dr. Mahender Singh, Jammu showed their interests, however, they will confirm it only after consulting their respective university authorities. Meanwhile, it was decided to invite the proposals from other chapters also for their willingness to organize the national seminar.

AGENDA ITEMS NO 7: FOLLOWING POINTS WERE TAKEN UP FOR DISCUSSION WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

- 21.7 (i). **Recognition certificate to reviewer** – In order to encourage the interest of reviewer for critical review of the research paper to improve the quality of publication it was decided to issue an appreciation certificate to such deserving reviewer who significantly contributed their input in review process..
- 21.7 (ii). **Special issue of INAGMET 2019** – In a question to special issue of INAGMET 2019, President informed that it will be brought by LOC of INAGMET 2019 and Delhi chapter. However, some members suggested that it must be peer reviewed before publication in special issue and number of papers may be restricted as it would adversely affect the impact factor of the journal.
- 21.7 (iii). **Internal auditor for Association** – President suggested that we should appoint one internal auditor as the activities of Association is increasing through various chapters. EC members suggested that any one / two EC members of region/zone representing nearby the chapter may be asked to do this job, which was agreed upon. For these chapters, who are not furnishing the account details a strong letter from President should be send to chapter with a copy to university/ Institute officials.

- 21.7 (iv). **Chapter Management Committee** – President informed that as per new constitution of Association, there would be now “Chapter Management Committee” (CMC) comprising of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. As per rule 8.2(b) two year term of chapter shall be concurrent with the council, hence all chapters are requested to elect/ nominate CMC of their chapter for 2019-21 term.
- 21.7 (v). **Membership fee** – Looking to the present membership fee prevalent in other societies it was decided to revise the membership fee of Association with effect from April 2020. All EC members were asked to encourage the scientist / students to enroll before March 2020 to take advantage of the present membership fee.
- i. Annual membership: Rs.500 + 100 (enrollment)
 - ii. Life membership: Rs.5000 + 100 (enrollment)
 - iii. Foreign membership (annual): \$50 + 5(enrollment)
 - iv. Foreign membership (Life) : \$500 + 5(enrollment)
- 21.7 (vi). **Registration under 80G-** President informed the EC members that many people and organization have asked us about 80G certificate, hence association need to be registered under 80G, in order to encourage the donors, as they would get income tax rebate. For applying for registration we need PAN, and Aadhar cards of all EC members. Hence, all members were requested to provide the same to secretary.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Dr B I Karande, Treasurer, AAM

Secretary,
Association

Approved By President, AAM