



Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP)

Minutes of the General Body Meeting held on 20th December, 2017, 02. 15pm at Andhra University, Visakhapatnam.

The General Body meeting of IASP was held at the Platinum Jubilee Hall of the Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, at 2:15 PM on 20th December 2017. The meeting was presided over by the President of IASP, Dr. UV Somayajulu. The General Secretary of IASP, Prof. P Mohanachandran Nair welcomed the members . A total of 49 members attended the GB meeting. Since the meeting did not have the required Quorum, the meeting was adjourned for 10 minutes, and reassembled to discuss the agenda of the meeting. Copy of the agenda was circulated among the members.

CONDOLENCE

The President, Dr Somayajulu mentioned about the sad demise of three senior Demographers and members of IASP, namely, Dr. P. H. Reddy (former Director, Population Centre, Bangalore), Dr. Bhattacharjee (former Director, Population Centre, Bangalore), Dr. Moneer Alam (Professor, IEG, Delhi). He made a brief mention of their contribution in the field of population in general and towards growth of IASP in particular. The members observed 2 minutes silence as a mark of respect to the departed Senior Demographers.

Item 1 : Confirmation of minutes of the last General Body meeting held at IEG, Delhi University, Delhi, on December 7, 2016

The minutes of the last GB meeting was approved with the support of all members present in GB. Prof. D. P Singh proposed and Prof. Arvind Pandey seconded it.

Item 2 : General Secretary's Annual report for 2016-17

The General Secretary's report, highlighting the activities carried out by IASP during 2016-17, was presented to the GB by Prof. P Mohanachandran Nair. The same was proposed to be accepted by Prof. H. C. Srivastava and seconded by Prof. N Audinarayana.

During the discussion on e-voting in the next election, Dr. Manoj Alagarajan raised the issue of validity of the existing e-mail ids of the members. In his reply, the president mentioned that it is the collective responsibility of the members to ensure that we have the correct mailing address including e mail id and mobile No of all the members. He also mentioned that each member can take the responsibility of collecting correct mailing address including e mail id of at least 10 members. The conference registration form can be used to verify the old e-mail ids. The IASP website is also used for this purpose.

Prof Srinivasan has mentioned that address of some of the old members may not be up to date and we have to take steps for getting the correct address. First send communication to members by post and it can be included in the news letter. One month time may be given for them to respond to give current and correct address.

Item 3 : Conducting of Election

Appointing a Returning Officer from RGI office for conducting Election is very expensive. Hence alternative mechanism was suggested by Prof Arvind Pandey and others. President mentioned that we can follow the approach adopted by ISMS for conducting their elections. It was decided to form an election committee comprising Prof. C. M Pandey as chairman, and Prof. P. M Kulkarni and Prof. C. P. Prakasam as members. If any proposed member is not interested Prof. Sudesh Nangia can be considered. This resolution was proposed by Prof. K. K. Singh and seconded by Dr A. G. Khan. Again it is decided as a special case the tenure of the committee consisting President, EC and BOT members be extended up to completion of the 2021 IUSSP Conference. This was proposed by Prof. M. S. R Murthy and seconded by Prof. K. K. Singh.

Item 4 : Memorandum to MOHFW on PRC issues

Prof. Nair mentioned about the memorandum submitted by the IASP on the PRC issues with an earnest request to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) to initiate steps for strengthening the PRCs in India. Dr Somayajulu briefed the members about the committee with Prof PM Kulkarni as the chair person and Profs Arvind Pandey, Sayeed Unisa and KS James as members formed by the MOHFW. He also informed the members about the discussion he had with Prof Arvind Pandey and Prof K S James and submission of a note to the committee on possible collaboration between PRCs and IASP.

Item 5 : Presentation of Accounts and Balance sheet

The Treasurer, Dr. Suresh Sharma presented the balance sheet for approval of the GB. After seeking some clarification, it was approved with Prof. M. S. R Murthy proposing and Prof N Audinarayana seconding.

Prof K Srinivasan, Chair Person of BOT mentioned that 25 per cent of the membership fee should be deposited in the BOT account. The president informed the members that an appeal was made to the members of IASP to contribute for the corpus fund. Dr Suresh Sharma , Treasurer added that so far four office bearers, (Drs Somayajulu, Subrahmanyam, Nair and Sharma) contributed Rs. 10,000/- each to the IASP fund. All the EC and BOT members were requested to contribute generously. Prof Srinivasan suggested that this amount should be credited to the corpus fund of the association and opined that this fund can be used to build the professional base of the association- through training programmes or fellowships to the students etc., at least one or two fellowships in every year. This can be worked out depending on the amount generated.

Item 6 : IUSSP 2021 Conference

The president mentioned about the discussion with Dr Shireen Jeejeboy, Hyderabad convention bureau, Governor's office, Vice President's office, UNFPA chief and others about the 2021 IUSSP conference. Prof. S. C. Gulati suggested to form a National Organizing Committee with President, and other office bearers former presidents and new office bears can be inducted after the election . He also added that this committee can co-opt new members. All the decisions taken by the current President, and office bearers should be respected and accepted by the subsequent President, committee and office bearers. This resolution was proposed by Prof, G Rama Rao was approved by Prof Arvind Pandey. Prof: K. Srinivasan, mentioned about the 2019 Parliament elections and suggested to include PMO, Niti Ayog etc, in NOC. It was also suggested that we should have a rough calculation of the money needed in 2019,2020, 2021 etc. The committee should work on this from funding agencies. Dr. Venkat Puchcha opined that we should follow a time line in budget, manpower etc. The GB authorised the current President to form the NOC , fund raising committee and other committees required.

Item 7 : Demography India

Prof K. K. Singh, Chief Editor of the journal reported that all the pending issues of the Journal were published and it is available as online. A special issue with selected papers of the 37th annual conference were also published. The GB congratulated Prof. KK Singh, Dr. Brijesh P. Singh, Managing Editor and other members of the Editorial Board for their effort in timely publication of the journal. The President made a special mention of the support extended by Prof CM Pandey in getting the software for the on line publication of Demography India. The GB joined the President in thanking Prof CM Pandey for his active support to IASP.

Item 8 : Appointment New Auditor

The last GB at Delhi had suggested to change the auditor, but nothing has happened so far, so the present GB again suggested to select four or five auditors with details share with the EC to facilitate selection of one among them as new auditor. Prof. Arvind Pandey suggested that President be authorised to change the auditor particularly because of IUSSP conference new auditor will be better.

Item 9 : Any Other Items

Prof. Sudesh Nangia talked about the contribution Late Prof. Asish Bose to the discipline and to the IASP as he was one of the founder member and president of the association for a long time. Prof. Nangia proposed to have a memorial lecture in the name of Late Prof Asish Bose and requested the members of IASP to cooperate in this regard. The GB agreed to have this memorial lecture from the next conference and requested Prof Nangia and others to initiate fund mobilisation drive for this by approaching the institutions he worked, his students, well wishers and colleagues and friends for fund raising and start a separate fund for this purpose.

The GB was informed that the EC and BOT decided to have the next annual conference of IASP at BHU, Varanasi and GB approved the same.

The President thanked the members for their active participation. He also thanked UNFPA, USAID, IHAT, Population Council, ICRW, Helpage India, Save the Children, Wish Foundation, and STAR Foundation for the financial support for the conference. The GB also thanked Andhra University for hosting the 38th annual conference.
