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### MINUTES OF THE ISAA ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING (AGBM) HELD ON 31st MARCH 2021

Annual General Body Meeting (AGBM) of The Institute of Science (Mumbai) Alumni Association (ISAA) was held ONLINE on Wednesday, 31st March 2021 at 5.00 p.m. on Google Meet.

Following alumni members were present:

Prof. Manikrao Salunke, Prof. Narendra V. Thakkar, Prof. A.D. Sawant, Dr. KV Hippalgaonkar, Dr Aparna Saraf, Dr. Satish Tendulkar, Shri. Anil Nimkar, Dr. Sampurna Murti, Dr. Ambuja Udas, Dr. Raj Mehta, Dr. Kumud Kale, Dr. Vinita Mulwad, Dr. Chandrakant Lattoo, Dr. Manisha Kulkarni, Dr. S.B. Kulkarni, Dr. Anamika Kadam, Dr. Ashish Chourey, Dr. Suneel Dike, Shri. Vijay Sane, Dr. Ambika Joshi, Dr. Nitesh Joshi, Dr Mayuri Joshi, Smt. Shilpa Sabnis, Prof. Vijay D. Mendhulkar, Dr. Amit Saraf, 'Dr. Selby Jose, Dr. Vinayak Parab, Dr. Bhimarao Patil, Dr. Sushama Ambadekar, Dr. Shital Taware, Mr. Shubham Tanpathak, Dr.Bhavita Chavan, Ms. Sheetal Sharma, , Dr. Shweta Sankhla, , Smt. Manjushri Savadi, and Dr. S.K. Cheema

At the outset, Prof. Thakkar welcomed all the alumni for the Online AGBM. He then paid condolence to the following alumni members who had passed away during the pandemic year:

- --Vice Admiral M. P. Awati
- -- Ms. Alpana Samant
- -- Mrs. Sushama Girap
- -- Dr. A. P. Argekar
- -- Dr. Goutam Rakshit
- -- Dr. B. M. Tejam
- -- Ms. Kalpana Thakkar Sahu
- -- Dr. Vinay Deshmukh
- -- Dr. Arun Jadhav
- -- Dr. Venkatesh Thakur
- -- Shri Pravin Chowdhary
- -- Dr. Anand S. Upadyay
- -- Prof. G. S. Nadkarni
- -- Dr. Mrs. Sheela P. Malve

Following business was transacted with Prof. N. V. Thakkar in the Chair.



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#### **Agenda Item 1:**

- 1A. Confirmation of the Minutes of the last AGBM held on 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.
- 1B. Confirmation of the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

The Minutes of the AGBM held on the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 and Alumni Meet on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were presented by the ISAA Secretary Dr. Aparna Saraf.

The minutes were unanimously approved by the Alumni members.

Dr. Vinayak Parab proposed and Dr Sushama Ambadekar seconded the motion.

#### **Agenda Item 2**: Annual Report for the year 2019-20.

Prof. Thakkar informed that the annual report from 16<sup>th</sup> February 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 and from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 till date were circulated on various alumni WhatsApp groups. He further informed that 26 activities were undertaken which were fully or partly supported by ISAA. RSM and Debate & Elocution Competition were fully funded by ISAA. Response to all the activities was overwhelming. He thanked Dr. Aparna Saraf and her colleagues for their active role in organisation of ISAA activities.

Dr. Aparna Saraf presented a report on activities carried out by ISAA from 16<sup>th</sup> February 2019 till date.

Prof. Thakkar highlighted that organisation of 7 Days Workshop on Analytical Instruments (with Practical Utility) which was conducted from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 was a huge success. He informed that it was due to the efforts of Alumnus Dr. Anil Nimkar who was the convener of the workshop. Dr. Gayatri Barabde & Dr. Aparna Saraf were the Coconvenors while Dr Sushma Ambadekar was the Organising Secretary. The workshop was conducted in collaboration with Industry. Nearly 40 participants from The Institute, colleges, Industry and other organizations had registered and benefitted from the Workshop. This Workshop was also beneficial for PhD students from The Institute and other colleges as a part of their course work.

Dr. Raj Mehta appreciated the efforts of Dr. Aparna Saraf for preparation of annual reports.

Dr. Nitesh Joshi proposed and Smt. Shilpa Sabnis seconded the motion.

**Agenda Item 3**: Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

Prof. Thakkar informed that the Balance Sheet & Statement of Income & Expenditure were circulated along with agenda. IT Returns & Financials with Charity Commissioner were filed as ISAA is registered as a Trust. The CA reported that the Income for this year is Rs.2,56,712/while Balance sheet shows Rs. 3,00,00 in UCO Bank as Fixed Deposit (Six FDRs of Rs 50,000/- each). He also informed that the membership fees received is put in corpus and only



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the interest and surplus, if any, is utilised for the activities of ISAA. We now propose to transfer another Rs. 50,000/- to fixed deposits. During the year ISAA added 47 members that amounts to Rs.47,000/-. The workshop gave a surplus of Rs.1,15,149. Interest generated during the year was 23,312/-. ISAA also received donation of Rs. 89,900/- from Golden Jubilee Trust & Joshi-Soman Memorial Trust & Anchrom Enterprises (I) Pvt. Ltd. for the workshop. Shri. Vijay Sane suggested to include the income generated from the Workshop should not have been included under heading miscellaneous income as it is a part of the objectives of the association. Prof Thakkar agreed with the observation and informed that CA had prepared the Statement at the last stage of filing and care would be taken in following year regarding the same.

Dr. Aparna Saraf updated the membership count as follow:

As reported in AGBM held in January 2019: Patron Members: 07

Life Members: 230

As in December 2019 Patron Members: 08

Life Members: 287

Dr. Aparna Saraf further informed that the Voluntary donations were received from alumni Prof. A.D. Sawant, Dr. A.E. Lakdawala, Dr. Mayuri Joshi and Dr. Rupesh Gaikwad.

Shri. Anil Nimkar proposed and Shri. Vijay Sane seconded the motion.

**<u>Agenda Item 4</u>**: To appoint an Auditor to audit the Accounts of the Association for the year FY 2020-21 and fix his remuneration.

Prof. Thakkar informed that M/s Sabharwal & Associates has been our auditor from 2014. The current remuneration being Rs.17,700 (including GST) which the auditor has asked to revise to Rs. 23,600 (Audit: 10,000 + 5,000 for filing IT/Charity returns each + 18% GST amounting to Rs. 23,600). He felt the amount was too high in comparison with the income of the Association. With a view to reduce the liability on this count, Prof. Thakkar requested Prof. A.D. Sawant, Chief Trustee, The I.Sc. Golden Jubilee Trust Fund, to explore the possibility to club the CA remuneration with that of Golden Jubilee Trust Fund. To this Prof. Sawant responded positively.

Prof. A.D. Sawant proposed and Dr. KV Hippalgaonkar seconded the motion.

**Agenda Item 5**: Discussion on Future activities of the Association.

Prof. Thakkar informed that several Online Talks by experts/alumni on different topics of interest have been lined up. Two such online talks were conducted by two of our Alumni Dr. Vaishali Palwankar and Dr. Sudesh Bhagwat. He also informed that Annual Get-together & Dinner was announced on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020 but had to be called off because of Covid-19



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lockdown. Our Alumnus and Vice president, ISAA, Shri P.G. Deshmukh had graciously volunteered to sponsor the Dinner.

Prof. Thakkar informed that a Committee was formed to nominate Vigyan Sanstha Ratna Awards under the Chairmanship of Prof. S.B. Chaphekar. The Committee had invited nominations from the alumni on WhatsApp groups. It was decided to organise the awards function during the Alumni Dinner or Centenary year function.

To augment the financial resources of the Association, EC constituted a Fund Raising Committee under the chairmanship of Prof. A.D. Sawant. The committee finalised the draft of Appeal for donation and the format for acceptance of donation. This was placed before the esteemed members by Prof. Thakkar. He appealed to the alumni to donate and/or sponsor the events conducted by ISAA. He requested that apart from monetary support, alumni can also consider other ways of contributing to the Institute like by way of participating in teaching, conducting workshops, discussion session, giving talks in the field of their expertise. He further suggested that alumni can also help by sponsoring research projects, conducting field trips, industrial visits, internship programs, campus interviews etc. for Institute staff and students.

Dr. KV Hippalgaonkar suggested to approach the media house to publicise the Centenary Event along with the appeal for donation. Prof. Sawant mooted an idea to develop an app for online membership. Dr. Ashish Chourey suggested that we need to find a way to organise an online concert and raise the funds by selling tickets. He requested to the Director to restore the canteen so that it becomes a meeting place for alumni. Prof. Thakkar pressed for the grand celebration of Centenary Year of the Institute and also publish a Centenary Volume. He further added that ISAA will give their full support and cooperation for conducting Centenary Year activities.

**Agenda Item 6**: Any other matter with the permission of Chair.

Dr. Ashish Chourey expressed his desire to continue on virtual platform so that people from abroad can participate in alumni activities.

As there was no other matter for further discussion, the meeting concluded with Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

Prof. N. V. Thakkar President, ISAA Dr. Aparna Saraf Hon. Secretary, ISAA