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MINUTES OF THE SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Venue: CSIR-IMMT, Bhubaneswar

Date & Time: 28.12.2021; 17.00 hr.

Members Present

35 (Thirty Five) Corporate Members were present in the AGM is mentioned in the Annexure-1

Prof. M.K. Jha., President of the Institute for 2021, chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order.

0.0 Condolence

Prof. M. K. Jha informed the members present about the following valued IChE members, who passed away during the year:

Prof. M. K. Sarkar (LF 01692), Prof. G.J.V.J. Raju (LF 03272). Mr. M. Ranga Rao (LM 09037), Prof. K. Raghubabu (LM 40988), Mr. R. S. Sinha (LM 03470) and Dr. M. C. Chabaria (LM 06392).

The members observed silence for two minutes to pay homage to the departed souls.

01. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Seventy-third Annual General Meeting of the Institute.

The minutes of the 73rd (Seventy-third) Annual General Meeting, held on 28.12.2020 at Osmania University, Hyderabad were confirmed, as proposed by Dr. S. K. Gupta and seconded by Dr. Sanjay Bharadwaj.

02. Consideration and Adoption of the Annual Report for 2020-2021 (from 01.04.2020 to 31.03.2021) and Adoption of the Audited Statement of Accounts of the Institute for the year ended 31.3.2020.

The Honorary Secretary briefly read out the activity reports of the Headquarters, Regional Centres and the Student Chapters for the reporting year. Dr. Ghosh also reported about different meetings (Council meetings and Sub-committee meetings), conducted in 2021 during the COVID-19 situation.

Regarding the Annual Accounts of the Institute, Dr. Ghosh emphasized the difficulties faced by the HQ Accounts Department in preparation of the Headquarters accounts as well as the consolidated accounts, which had also been noted in the Auditor's Report.

That suit-filed accounts, showing net balance of Rs. 23, 31,555/- as investment in UTI, SBI accounts and one FD with UCO Bank, were included in the Consolidated Financial Statement but not available in actual. After a long deliberation, the AGM requested the Honorary Secretary to close the matter at the earliest in consultation with the auditors.

The Honorary Secretary also updated the members about the major financial parameters, such as, total receipts, total expenditure, net surplus and net profit ratio, in the consolidated accounts and the Headquarters accounts. He assured the members that this year the accounts had been prepared after sorting out all the anomalies in the accounts of the previous years. Dr. Ghosh was hopeful that there would not be any contentious issue while preparing the annual accounts in the subsequent years.

The meeting unanimously adopted the Annual Report of the Institute as proposed by Dr. S. Illiah and seconded by Dr. Utkarsh Maheswari.

03. Decision on action in respect of non-receipt of audited accounts from Kalpakkam Regional Centre.

Members requested the new Council to take a decision in this regard.

04. Decision on adoption of the recommendations of the 1st & 2nd meetings of the Constitution Amendment Committee of 2021 regarding revised Life Membership criteria and Life Associate Membership Criteria.

(a) The Honorary Secretary reported that as per the recommendations of the Constitution Amendment Committee 2021 (CAC 2021), the Council took a decision for offering the following discounts to the passed out Student Members of IChE with a view to encouraging them to take the corporate membership of the Institute:

SM to LAM after B.Tech/BE	Amount to be paid (Without GST)
Within 1 yr	1500
Within 2 yrs	2000
Within 3 yrs	3000
Within 4 yrs	4000
After 4 yrs	5000

The house unanimously appreciated the decision and approved the same.

(b) The Honorary Secretary further informed the members about revision of the existing criteria of membership by the CAC 2021, which have been duly approved by the Council. The revised membership criteria is presented as under:

Educational qualification	Minimum year of experience required			
	From Industry		From Academia	
	LAM	LM	LAM	LM
BE/B.Tech/Integrated MS in Chemical Engineering/ Chemical Technology/Allied Process Technology.	Nil	3	Nil	5
BE/B.Tech/ Integrated MS in non-Chemical Engineering but having experience in Chemical Engineering related field.	2	5	3	6
Diploma in Chemical Engineering/ Chemical Technology/Allied Process Technology.	5	7	7	9
B.Sc in Science.	5	7	7	9
M.Sc in Science	3	5	5	7

After deliberations, the AGM approved the revised membership criteria, to be effective from January 2022.

(c) Opening of Overseas Regional Centres and Student Chapters of IChE

After deliberations, the members unanimously agreed on the opening of the Overseas Regional Centres (ORC) of IChE.

The members also suggested a few eligibility criteria for opening of an ORC:

1. Minimum number of corporate members should be **seven (07)**
2. The membership fees should be **Rs. 15,000/- (INR)**.

It was unanimously decided that the Council would have the authority to periodically revise the eligibility criteria.

05. Appointment of Auditors for the financial year 2021-2022

The meeting decided to appoint **M/s K. Jana & Associates**, Chartered Accountants, South End Conclave, Unit – 005, Ground Floor, 1582, Rajdanga Main Road, Kolkata - 700107 as Auditors of the Institute for the financial year 2020-2021 for the IChE Headquarters Accounts, the IChE Consolidated Accounts and for all tax related matters on the basis of the following remuneration:

Services	Remuneration
Auditing of IChE Headquarters Accounts, Consolidated Accounts, online filing of Form 10B, IT Return, Form 10/ 9A and advices on Income Tax & TDS related matters.	Rs. 35,000/- + GST

06. Any other matter(s)

6.1 IChE Training Institute

The Honorary Secretary stressed the need for offering special trainings to the Student Members of IChE to ensure their better employability. In this connection, Dr. Ghosh proposed introduction of a dedicated training institute.

The members accepted the proposal and requested the Council to take appropriate measures in order to develop the training institute under IChE.

6.2 IChE-RGIPT Collaboration

The Honorary Secretary reported that as a part of the Institute's research activities, the Council has decided to sign a MoU with Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum Technology (RGIPT), Jais (Amethi) for collaborative research work. Additionally, a fellowship would be offered to a deserving student, pursuing the PhD programme.

After a long deliberation, while commending the proposed collaboration with RGIPT, the members present unanimously decided that IChE would only contribute Rs.5000/- per month as Fellowship to one PhD scholar for a maximum period of 4 years and the rest of the scholarship amount will be borne by RGIPT.

6.3 Mr. D. P. Misra, Past President of IChE, observed that there should be greater representation from Industry in the Council for stronger Industry-Institute interaction. It was proposed that the Council might consider co-opting chemical engineering professionals from the Industry to the Council.

6.4 Honorary Secretary reported that an amount of Rs.23, 31,555.00 was being shown as suspense account (as it has not actual existence) since 1991-92 till 2017-18 and finally the amount was shifted under the Suit Filed account, as in accounting principle, suspense account cannot be the part of Financial Statement. This incident of defalcation came to notice due to withdrawal of more than 600 forged cheques from SBI, Jadavpur University Branch by Mr. S. B. Ghosh. When detected, an FIR was lodged against Mr. Ghosh at Jadavpur P.S. Mr. S. B. Ghosh was arrested and kept under police custody from 06.12.1991 to 16.01.1992. Mr. Ghosh secured bail on 17.01.1992 as the Police failed to produce adequate evidence for arrest and did not file any charge sheet before the learned court.

The members noted the fact and requested the new Council to investigate the entire issue and to close down the matter as there was no practical existence of the said amount.

The President, Prof. M. K. Jha, thanked the Council members, the members of the Executive Committees of the Regional Centres, the Coordinators of the Students Chapters and the members of the institute for extending their sincere help and co-operation in all the activities of IChE during the year.

The members conveyed their gratitude to the President and the outgoing Council Members for the services rendered by them during the year towards the growth of the Institute.

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

Dr. Avijit Ghosh
Honorary Secretary

Prof. M. K. Jha
President & Chairman

Annexure -1

List of Corporate Members Present

SI No	Members	Mem. No.	SI No	Members	Mem. No.
1.	Jha, Prof. M. K	LF-09764	19.	Dwari, Dr. R. K	LAM-19342
2.	Saxena, Mr. Praveen	LF-24415	20.	Dash, Mr. Bibek	LAM-57418
3.	Ghosh, Dr. Avijit	LM-50202	21.	Dash, Dr. Swagatika	LAM-42661
4.	Balasubramanian, Prof. N	LM-27085	22.	Saxena, Mr. Dhawal	LM-43343
5.	Jain, Dr. M. P	LM-08262	23.	Marandi, Ms Barsha	LAM-57419
6.	Agarwal, Dr. Madhu	LF-40031	24.	Geetikamayee Padhy	LAM-62974
7.	Karthikeyan, Prof. C.	LM-17257	25.	Rath, Dr. P.C	LM-10106
8.	Mahapatra, Prof. Alpana	LM-20164	26.	Maheshwari, Dr. Utkarsh	LM-38850
9.	Prasad, Dr. T. L	LF-09389	27.	Singh, Dr. S. K	LM-21322
10.	Satyanarayana, Prof. S. V	LF-13584	28.	Boopathy, Dr. R	LAM-64296
11.	Raju, Prof. G. M. J	LM-17533	29.	Hazare, Ms. Gayatri	LAM-68058
12.	Rajanandam, Prof. K. S	LM-07327	30.	Misra, Mr. D. P	LF-07256
13.	Pokale, Mr. S. S	LM-15603	31.	Saravanan, Prof. R	LM-26932
14.	Gupta, Prof. S. K	LM-19814	32.	Mistri, Mr. N. K	LAM-62116
15.	Mandal, Prof. B. P	LF-21472	33.	Soni, Mr. Rahul K	LM-70252
16.	Bharadwaj, Dr. Sanjay	LM-56227	34.	Eswaraiah, Dr. C	LF-42288
17.	Ilaiah, Mr. S	LAM-54313	35.	Bose, Dr. Sujoy	LAM-61192
18.	Mohanty, Mr. J. N	LM-09301			