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## **Minutes of the tenth Annual General Body meeting of Indian Society of Geomatics (ISG)**

**Tenth annual general body meeting of ISG was held on 04-January-2006 at 1800 Hours at Park Shereton Hotel, Chennai. The President, ISG chaired the meeting. The meeting proceeded as per the agenda circulated to the members.**

### **Agenda 1: Welcome and opening remarks by President**

Shri Rajesh Mathur, President, ISG welcomed the members for taking interest and coming all the way to Chennai to participate in AGM as well as Geomatics-2006 conference. He appreciated the hard work and efforts of IRS and especially Prof Ramalingam, Organizing Secretary and his team members in organizing 'Geomatics – 2006' conference at Chennai. He congratulated Amedabad Chapter for receiving the '**Active Chapter of the Year Award**' for 2004-05 and requested the other chapters to compete for this award. He also requested members 'each one get one' member annually and also to encourage the professionals to join ISG as a part of membership drive.

### **Agenda 2: Approval of Minutes of the Ninth AGM**

The minutes of last AGM were circulated to the members and were requested to offer comments/suggestions. After detailed discussion, the minutes of Ninth AGM were approved by the AGM.

### **Agenda 3: Report by Secretary**

Secretary Shri M.H. Kalubarme presented the various activities conducted by the society during 2005-06. The report includes:

- Efforts made to form new chapters, chapter activities and Best chapter award for the yaer 2004-05.
- Membership drive, Geomatics-2006 conference and Millennium lecture etc.

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President	: R. C. Mathur President, ESRI India, New Delhi	Secretary	: M. H. Kalubarme Sci./Engr. 'SG', ARG/RESIPA SAC, Ahmedabad
Vice President	: Ajai Group Director FLPG/RESIPA SAC, Ahmedabad	Joint Secretary:	Brig. (Retd.) M. C. Dhamija PAN INDIA Consultants New Delhi
	Ashok Kaushal Programme Co-ordinator Geomatics Group, CDAC, Pune	Treasurer	: I. C. Matieda Manager, VASC/RESIPA SAC, Ahmedabad

- Issues related Newsletter and starting of Geomatics Journal by the ISG and ISG awards status etc.
- Shri A. R. Dasgupta, suggested that, the ISG Awards needs to be popularised by making vigorous announcements in IT related journals as well as in ISG newsletter. This should also prominently announced in website of the ISG.
- Members showed concerned about website not being updated regularly. Shri I.C. Matieda informed that the website is being managed in-house with limited support at no cost to the society. Shri A. R. Dasgupta, requested to get the website designed from the expert professionals to make it more attractive and content oriented. It should also be updated every quarterly.

#### **Agenda 4: Presentation of Accounts by Treasurer**

Shri I.C. Matieda, Treasurer presented the Treasurer's report for the F Y 2005-06. The report included: Audited report of F Y 2004-2005 and trial balance as on 31-December- 2005. The audited report circulated to the members was discussed in detail and following suggestion were made by the members:

- i) Shri V. Tamilarasan suggested that the points, which are not relevant to the society on the first page of the auditor's report, should be struck off.
- ii) The expenditure of Newsletter for each issue should be shown separately, including printing cost and postage charges. It was also suggested that, it should become self-sustaining by generating funds through advertisements.

#### **Agenda 5: Review of Action Items identified in previous AGMs**

Shri A.R. Dasgupta suggested that the action items identified in each AGM should be separately brought out and action taken should be informed to the house.

#### **Agenda-6: Programme and Budget for year 2006-07**

The brief account of various focused training programs to be conducted at various places and Series of popular lectures, quiz and other activities for the students to be conducted were discussed and President requested all the chapters to take active parts in such programmes.

#### **Agenda-7: Appointment of the Auditor for FY 2006-07**

The AGM empowered Secretary/Treasurer to continue the present auditor Mr. Upadhyay to audit the accounts for the F Y 2005-06.

#### **Agenda-8: Chapter Activities**

- The cases of inactive chapters where constitutionally mandatory elections have not been conducted along with HQ office bearers, EC has already empowered President, ISG to send a one-month notice of dissolving the EC and nominate office bearers of the Chapter, in consultation with members of that specific chapter.
- AGM empowered President, ISG to initiate appropriate actions to make the chapters vibrant.

- President also suggested that following mandatory activities that each chapter has to conduct every year:

Activity	Date
i) Science-Day	28-February
ii) GIS Day	to be decided
iii) Technology Day	11-May

Chapter Secretaries are requested to celebrated these important Days by conduction various activities to popularise the Geomatics Technology among the cross section of the society and send the reports for publication in the ISG Newsletter.

### **Agenda-9: Discussion on ISG Newsletter/Journal**

- The members felt that the topics/special issues to be brought out for next four issues should be announced in the newsletter and articles should be requested well in advance from the authors.
- It should also maintain proper schedule of publication as well as its distribution to the members.
- The next issue of January-2006 should include some of the relevant technical papers presented in the Geomatics-2006 conference. Shri A.R. Dasgupta suggested that Editorial Board (EB) should request the authors to improve the text and presentation and submit it for publication in the newsletter.
- AGM empowered EB to select the best papers presented in the conference for publication.
- It was felt that the progress towards bringing out the Journal was at very low key/pace and needs to be activated to bring out the Journal at the earliest.
- Shri A.R. Dasgupta & Shri Rajesh Mathur informed that discussions on publisher, terms of reference, printing cost, its circulation, etc. are in progress and expected to be finalized once they receive quotations from 2-3 targeted publishers.
- Dr Baldev Sahai informed that issues related to guidelines to authors, list of referees / Editorial-Advisory board members, formal layout/cover page etc. and progress made so far and emphasized the need to finalize and give wide publicity.

### **Agenda-10: Any other matter with permission of the chair**

#### **i) Changing name of the Society:**

- Dr. Baldev Sahai, suggested that keeping in view the tremendous progress made in the IT industry, the name of the society should be changed from Indian Society of Geomatics to **Indian Society of Geoinformatics**. He also pointed that the term Geomatics has not found wider acceptability amongst the IT and GIS fraternity and most of the international community is using Geoinformatics except for Geomatics Canada.
- Dr Ajai, informed that the term Geoinformatics covers all the gamut of technology and has wider acceptability & linkages with other international societies.

- Shri V. Tamilarasan agreeing to the suggestion, requested, first to ascertain from the Registrar's office, possibility of changing the name of already registered society. Since ISG is registered under Public Trust Act as well as under the Registered Society's act, the formalities needs to be checked. He also suggested minuting the discussions properly and getting approval from all the members before approaching the Registrar.
- Shri R.P. Dubey cautioned that if after five years, members discover that the term Geomatics is more acceptable than Geoinformatics, should again name of the society be changed to Indian Society of Geomatics. We should be very careful before taking such drastic steps.
- Dr P. Jyothimani informed that, as on today there are 5-6 journals having term Geoinformatics. We have created our own separate identity and we are not going to gain any new advantage by changing the well-established society's name.

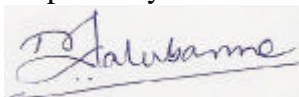
After a long debate the house decided to change the name of the society from Indian Society of Geomatics to **Indian Society of Geoinformatics**, provided that the opinion poll of members gives clear-cut majority.

**ii) Membership Certificates:**

Dr Nandkumar, suggested that society should issue membership certificates to all life-members. However, Shri A.R. Dasgupta was of the opinion that instead of certificates, photo I-cards is the current trend and which is more attractive as compared to certificates.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

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Secretary

Approved by:

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President