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Minutes of 14th ISG Annual General Body Meeting

The 14th ISG Annual General Body Meeting was held on February 05, 2010 at 1800 hours at Space Applications Centre (ISRO), Ahmedabad. Various issues related to membership drive, mandatory events of the society, chapter activities, Journal of Geomatics, ISG News letter, status of accounts, venue for Geomatics-2011 etc., were discussed as per the agenda (Annexure-I).

Agenda Item 1: Welcome and Opening remarks

Dr. R.R. Navalgund, President ISG welcomed ISG members to the 14th ISG annual general body meeting. He appraised the house about the actions taken with respect to finalisation of the format for applications to conduct Geomatics National Conference by ISG chapters, release of Journal of Geomatics (Vol.3, No. 1, April 2009 and Vol.3, No. 2, October 2009), ISG Newsletter (Vol. 15, No.1-4, Jan-Dec., 2009), funds provided to ISG chapters for the conduction of mandatory events of the society viz. GIS day, Science day, Technology day etc. and formation of corpus fund to meet the expenditure of the society. He appreciated the proceedings of the national conference 'Geomatics-2010' with respect to pre-conference tutorials, inaugural session, awards session, conduct of millennium lecture, technical sessions etc. He appreciated the co-operation extended by CEPT University, Ahmedabad in smooth conduct of pre-conference tutorial and the national conference Geomatics-2010. With these introductory and opening remarks, the agenda items were taken up for discussion.

Agenda Item 2: Approval of Minutes of 13th ISG AGM.

Minutes of 13th ISG AGM were circulated to all members earlier. The same was approved with a voice vote.

Agenda Item 3: Annual Report by Secretary

Dr. S.K. Pathan, Secretary, ISG circulated copies of the annual report for the year 2009-10 and made a detailed presentation on the activities conducted during the year. He highlighted the increase in life membership of the society, support given to the chapters for conducting mandatory activities of ISG, formation of new chapters, activities related to Journal of Geomatics and ISG News letter, declaration and presentation of National Geomatics Awards for Technology and Innovative Applications, conduct of Executive Council meetings etc. The report was discussed and the same was approved with a voice vote subject to the following suggestions.

A suggestion was made that student membership applications should be approved immediately without waiting for the approval of ISG-Executive Committee since it is meant for one year only. This will enable the students to get benefits for the year. A two member

committee comprising of Dr. Ajai, Vice President and Dr. S.K. Pathan, Secretary was constituted to clear the applications as early as possible. This will be ratified by the EC subsequently.

It was brought to the notice of general body that 'ISG Life Membership Certificates' have not been issued till date and action needs to be taken to distribute them at the earliest possible. After a detailed discussion on the topic, it has been decided that the certificates in electronic form will be sent to all members (Life + Annual) through email.

A question was raised about the limit of the ISG activities to be conducted by the ISG Chapter. In response to this, President, ISG has informed the house that there is no ceiling in the conduct of programmes by a chapter provided the funds are pooled to meet the expenses of the activities and they are regional in nature. He also reiterated that ISG main body will support one activity of the chapter financially during the year with a maximum amount of Rs. 10,000 (Rupees ten thousand only).

Lengthy discussion took place with respect to a point raised when a small group of professionals (4 or 5 life members) who are not attached to any chapter want to conduct the activities for the purpose of disseminating geomatics techniques in the region. A decision has been taken that they are required to join with nearby chapter to conduct such programmes or else they can make a request to main body for support and this will be decided on to case to case basis.

Agenda Item 4: Presentation of Accounts by Treasurer

The audited report for the year ending March 31, 2009 was circulated and presented by Shri N.S. Mehta, Treasurer, ISG and the same was approved with following clarifications.

Additional amount charged along with the membership fee to be dropped wherever core banking facility is available. Guidelines regarding this will be included in the membership form.

The trial balance for the period from April 2009 to December 2009 was also prepared and presented.

Agenda Item 5: Programmes for the year 2010-11

The programmes to be conducted for the year 2010-11 were discussed at length and the following decisions were taken.

ISG National Conference 'Geomatics-2011' is allotted to ISG-Kashmir Chapter. The dates for the national conference will be decided in consultation with ISG-EC taking into consideration weather regimes at Srinagar.

ISG National Conference 'Geomatics-2012' will be conducted by ISG-Bhagalpur Chapter at Bhagalpur.

In addition to this, chapters are requested to organise all mandatory activities of ISG during the year viz. popular lectures, regional conferences, debates, quiz at college level etc. towards disseminating the geomatics technology.

Agenda Item 6: Proposed Budget for the year 2010-11

Shri N.S. Mehta, Treasurer presented the budget proposal for the year 2010-11 to meet the needs of various activities of the society.

He also presented the details of corpus fund, item wise to meet the expenditure of various ISG activities viz. awards, chapter activities, printing of JoG etc. and the same was approved.

Agenda Item 7: Appointment of Auditor for the financial year 2010-2011

The AGM approved appointment of 'Upadhyay and Company' as auditor for financial year 2010-11.

Agenda Item 8: Any other matter with permission of Chair

A suggestion was made in the house that young scientists/students should be encouraged by deputing them to attend international conference once in a four year period. This is possible once the financial position of the Society improves.

Dr. Baldev Sahai suggested to get 'ISDN' number for the Journal of Geomatics at the earliest possible. The suggestion was accepted and Dr. Ajai, Chief Editor, JoG was requested to complete all the required formalities and obtain the required number.

Shri R.P. Dubey raised a point of discussion on the merger of professional societies viz. Indian Society of Remote Sensing and Indian Society of Geomatics into one major professional body as the members to these two societies are common. The point of merger was discussed at length. Secretary, ISG has been requested to elicit views of members on this specific issue through email.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

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