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Minutes of the fifth Annual General Body meeting of Indian Society of Geomatics (ISG)

The fifth annual general body meeting of ISG was held on February 16, 2001 at 18 00 Hours at B M Birla Science Centre, Hyderabad under the chairmanship of the President, ISG. The meeting proceeded as per the agenda circulated to the members.

Agenda 1:

The President, ISG welcomed the members for fifth general body meeting. In his address he stressed on the activities to be taken up during coming years. He also requested members to encourage the professionals to join ISG as a part of membership drive.

He informed members, the acceptance of the long pending resignation letter of Shri R Ramabadrnan by the Executive Council and nominated him to take over as President of the society. He in his address appreciated the services of Shri R Ramabadrnan to the society.

He also informed that the Executive Council has nominated Shri Rajesh Mathur, President, ESRI India Ltd as Vice- President of the society.

Agenda 2:

The report on the activities of the society during the year 2000-01 were presented by Jt Secretary Dr. Ashok Kaushal in absence of Shri Matieda I C, Secretary ISG. The report includes

- Geomatics 2001 : Organisational activities related to Geomatics 2001 were briefly discussed.
- Newsletter: Published regularly. Efforts are on to get the Newsletter registered under RNI which will help to reduce the postage expenditure. Improvement in quality by way of colour cover-page and to bring it up to level of the standard journal are being attempted. The special issue (Vol. 6, No. 4, December, 2000) on 'Disaster Management' containing three articles on earthquake has a relevance with the recent earthquake in Gujarat. This issue was widely appreciated by members.
- Income Tax exemption certificate (U/S 80G(5)) obtained from the IT department is valid from 1.04.1999 to 31.03.2004. To avail this facility, we need to submit Audited Accounts regularly to the IT department for assessment and exemption.
- ISG logo designed by Shri Anand Upalekar (member ISG), was approved by ISG-EC. However, members expressed their concern on the international boundary shown in the logo. It was informed that the necessary action is being taken.
- EC set up committees for creation of expert panel for providing professional consultancy, Identify the material for Geomatics CD preparation and finalising freeware for Geomatics data viewing.

- Ahmedabad local chapter organised a 'Training course on Geomatics for business' and a half a day conference on 'Exploring GIS for Business' in collaboration with Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industries to celebrate GIS day.

After deliberations, the report of the Secretary was passed by the AGM.

Agenda 3:

Shri M H Kalubarme, Treasurer presented the Treasurer's report for the F Y 2000-01. The report included: Audited report of F Y 1999-2000, Audited report of Geomatics 2000 and Unaudited accounts for F Y 2000-01.

After discussion following points emerged:

- It was informed that as suggested in 4th AGM, the correct format for accounts were used as per the requirement of the IT department.
- The efforts of Dr. Ashok Kaushal, organising Secretary, Geomatics 2000 were appreciated for improving the financial position of the society.
- Members suggested to approach private banks for fixed deposits to have better interest rates. However, it was felt that auditor of the society should be consulted before taking a decision.
- The accounts of the society have been computerised as suggested in last AGM. However, no special accounting software is being used.

Audited accounts for F Y 1999-2000 and Geomatics-2000 were passed by the AGM.

Agenda 4:

The recommendation/action items identified in previous AGMs are taken care and presented in reports from Secretary & Treasurer as given in agenda 2 & 3.

Agenda 5: Programme for the Year 2001

- To organise joint conferences with Indian Society of Remote Sensing (ISRS) on alternate years by ISG and ISRS, as the most of the participants, funding agencies, private industries and applications are common. Hence, in consultation with ISRS, the joint programmes needs to finalised.
- Efforts are to be put to bring more local chapters to have region-based activity.
- ISG web site to be enriched with up to date information by updating at regular interval by ISG Secretariate.
- To establish the contacts with similar foreign professional society to exchange the technical information/expertise.

Agenda 6:

The appointment of Virk H P Singh Company (Chartered Accountants) to audit the accounts for the F Y 2000-01 was approved by the AGM.

Agenda 7:

- Ahmedabad local chapter organized training programme on 'Training course on Geomatics for business' and a half a day conference on 'Exploring GIS for Business' in collaboration with Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industries.
- Formation of chapters at Pune, Hyderabad, Bangalore and Delhi are in progress.
- Since long no report-received from Bhopal chapter on the activities.

AGM ratified the decision of Executive Council nominating Shri AKS Gopalan as President, ISG and Shri Rajesh Mathur as Vice President, ISG.

The meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

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