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

The Sixth annual general body meeting of ISG was held on December 10, 2001 at 18 00 Hours at CEPT, School of Planning, Ahmedabad under the chairmanship of the President, ISG. The meeting proceeded as per the agenda circulated to the members.

Agenda 1:

Dr. A K S Gopalan, President, ISG welcomed the members for sixth 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.

Agenda 2:

The minutes of last AGM were discussed in detail and were approved by the AGM.

Agenda 3:

Secretary Shri I C Matieda presented the report on the activities of the society during the year 2001-02. The report includes

- Geomatics 2001: Experience gained from Geomatics 2001 was briefly discussed.
- Pune and Delhi chapters formation was informed to the members. He also informed on the efforts being put to get opened Hyderabad, Bangalore, Mumbai and Chennai chapters.
- 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 is being attempted. The recent Newsletters were 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. Income Tax returns are filed up to current year.
- ISG logo designed by Shri Anand Upalekar (member ISG) was improved as per suggestions of the members in last AGM and was approved by ISG-EC.

President	: A.K.S. Gopalan Director, SAC	Secretary	: I.C. Matieda Head, ISD/SITAA, SAC
Vice Presidents	: A.R. Dasgupta Deputy Director, SITAA R. C. Mathur President, ESRI, India	Jt. Secretary	: Ashok Kaushal Programme Co-ordinator Geomatics Group, CDAC
		Treasurer	: M. H. Kalubarme Project Co-ordinator, SAC

- EC set up expert panels for providing professional consultancy in the field of Academy/Research, Industry & Applications areas.
- ISG Executive Council election for Period 2002-2005 is completed.
- ISG participated in organization of CARG-2001 (4 days Training programme on Remote Sensing and GIS followed by one day workshop) with ISRS Ahmedabad chapter & VASC/SAC at Mumbai during September 2001.
- Ahmedabad local chapter organised a half a day workshop on “Use of Geomatics for Disaster Management” on December 10, 2001.

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

Agenda 4:

Shri M H Kalubarme, Treasurer presented the Treasurer's report for the F Y 2001-02. The report included: Audited report of F Y 2000- 2001, Audited report of Geomatics 2001 and budget estimate for F Y 2001-02.

After discussion following points emerged:

- The fixed deposits should be tagged to different activities of ISG like lecture series, Newsletter printing, Website activity, Workshop/Conference, Chapter activities etc. for its proper justification and utilization.
- The audited accounts of the conference should be the part of ISG audited report and should not be circulated separately.

Audited accounts for F Y 2001 - 2002 and Geomatics-2001 were passed by the AGM.

Agenda 5:

The minutes of past AGMs were gone through by ISG Secretariat and the following actions were found to be addressed:

- **Organisation of the conferences/workshops jointly with other societies**
This is being put into practice for workshops with CARG-2001, Pune chapter joining with ISRS etc. A committee is set up to work out the modalities for the handling of such an event jointly in terms of sharing responsibilities, funds/savings etc.
- **Give more focus on Education sector for making them aware about Geomatics**
This is being attempted by organizing training programs for students/Teachers by various ISG chapters. We have a proposal from ESRI to provide free licenses of GIS software to Universities/Institutes to make students aware of GEOMATICS technology & Applications.
- **To bring out ISG Journal**
The quality of of ISG Newsletter is being improved in terms of reading material as well as paper and also providing material in colour wherever necessary.

- **Membership Drive**

To bring more and more academicians/Professionals in to the society and seek their knowledge accessible to others, we are putting special efforts increase our membership strength. Expert Panels are set up to provide guidance in various fields.

Agenda 6: Programme for the 2002 - 2003

- 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 Secretariat.
- To establish the contacts with similar foreign professional society to exchange the technical information/expertise.
- A Geomatics-2002 conference is planned in September 2002 at Trichanapalli. Prof. S M Ramaswamy Director, Center for Remote Sensing & GIS, Bharathidasan University, Kalamalai Campus, Trichanapalli is nominated as organizing Secretary. The theme of the conference can be 'Geomatics and NSDI'
- A series of workshops/Training Programs are to be organized with help of chapters and in association with NASSCOM, CII, GCCI, VASC/SAC, ISRS/INCA/IMSA etc.

Agenda 7: Appointment of Auditor for F Y 2001-02

The present auditor of the society Virk H P Singh & Company (Chartered Accountants) has shown their inability to continue further. The AGM empowered the Secretary to appoint new auditor to audit the accounts for the F Y 2001-02.

Agenda 8: Chapter Activities

- Ahmedabad local chapter organized half day workshop on 'Use of Geomatics for Disaster Management' on December 10, 2001.
- Shri Rajesh Mathur, Vice- President informed the formation of Delhi chapter. He provided information on the forth-coming events at Delhi and participation of ISG.
- Dr. Ashok Kaushal Jt. Secretary, ISG & Chairman, ISG Pune Chapter informed members on the opening of the new chapter at Pune and organization of one day workshop jointly with ISRS at Pune. He also informed on the various activities being planned at Pune.
- Bhopal chapter had their first executive council meeting on September 29, 2001 and has announced a one-day preconference training programme on 15.01.2002 on use of Remote Sensing, GIS and GPS in Human Settlement Planning during International Conference and Exhibition on, "Remote Sensing, GIS and GPS in Human Settlement Planning" being organized by the Department of Architecture & planning, Maulana Azad college of Technology at Bhopal during 16-19, January, 2002.

Agenda 9: Any other matter with permission of the Chair

It was suggested that society should issue a membership certificate and it was agreed upon to provide such a certificate after selecting proper format & design.

A resolution was passed to authorize Executive Council (EC) to discuss with other societies like ISRS, INCA and IMSA to organize events jointly. The modalities of cooperation is to be worked out by the EC.

Secretary, ISG thanked the authorities of School of Planning for providing the facilities to the society to conduct the workshop and AGM.

The meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

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Approved by

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**(A K S Gopalan)
President, ISG**