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

**The Eighth annual general body meeting of ISG was held on November 7, 2003 at 18 00 Hours at India Habitat Center, New Delhi under the chairmanship of the President, ISG. The meeting proceeded as per the agenda circulated to the members.**

### **Agenda 1:**

Shri A R Dasgupta, President, ISG welcomed the members to the eighth general body meeting. In his address he stressed on the activities to be taken up during coming years. He also requested members to encourage professionals to join ISG as a part of membership drive. He thanked Prof. Yogesh Singh Organising Secretary, Geomatics – 2003, Dr. Darshan Singh Chairman, ISG Delhi chapter, Dr. Mahesh Chandra Chairman Technical Programme Committee and Maj. Gen. Gopal Rao Chairman Exhibition Committee and others for their contribution in organizing ‘Geomatics – 2003’ conference at New Delhi. He also thanked Mr. Pramod Kale, Dr. George Josheph, Mr. R Ramabadrnan and Dr. A K S Gopalan (Past Presidents, ISG) for their enlightened leadership and for his continuous valuable guidance and support to the society and for their presence at the celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> year by participating in this conference.

### **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 2003-04. The report includes

- Geomatics-2003 conference is being organized at New Delhi and has got a very good response from target departments. The experience gained here will be useful in future.

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

- Members were informed about the formation of Chapters in Hyderabad, Manglore and Tiruchirappalli. He also informed on the efforts to form chapters at Bangalore, Jaipur, Hissar, Dehradun, Mysore, Vadodara and Kolkata.
- The Newsletter is being 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 introducing cover-page in colour and by bringing the content up to the level of standard journals, is being attempted. The recent Newsletters were widely appreciated by members. The decision to upgrade the newsletter to a journal will be taken after two/three years. The publication cost of the Newsletter is also increasing hence more efforts are required to get more advertisements to cover the cost.
- 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. Chapters are requested to submit their audited accounts by May every year to include the auditing of the main body and any TDS (if deducted) can be claimed along with the main society in IT return form.
- We got a good response to our membership drive and the number of life members crossed 660 and along with Patron, annual & student members, the number of members have reached 700+. However, this drive has to be kept up to bring more and more professionals and students into the society. Efforts are on to get Foreign companies in this field as Patron members.
- It is decided to award a prize of Rs. 25,000/- to an individual researcher in India for significant contribution to fundamental research in Geomatics. A second award also was set up for any organisation that successfully completes a major project in Geomatics in India. A committee is to be set up to decide on the modalities of implementing these awards. The award winner should be invited to deliver a keynote address in the next annual conference. A free life membership of the society to be awarded to the individual winner and a patron membership for the award-winning organisation. This will be put in to action from F Y 2004-05.

**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 2003-04. The report included: Audited report of F Y 2002-2003 and trial balance as on October 31, 2003. These were discussed at length. He also informed the house that following heads are created in the accounts book based on the activities as suggested in last AGM :

## CORPUS FUND ALLOCATION FOR DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES

Sr No	Activity	Amount (Rs.)
1	<b>Lecture Series</b>	<b>200,000</b>
2	<b>ISG Newsletter</b>	<b>500,000</b>
3	<b>Chapter Activities</b>	<b>500,000</b>
4	<b>Annual Conference</b>	<b>200,000</b>
5	<b>Tutorials &amp; Training</b>	<b>200,000</b>
6	<b>Geomatics awareness among students</b>	<b>100,000</b>
7	<b>Awards</b>	<b>100,000</b>
8	<b>ISG Website &amp; Internet</b>	<b>200,000</b>
9	<b>Any other Activity</b>	<b>100,000</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2100,000</b>

**Audited accounts for F Y 2002 - 2003 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 overdue:

- **Organisation of the conferences/workshops jointly with other societies**  
This is being put into practice for workshops with CARG-2001 & CARG – 2002. A committee has been set up to work out the modalities for the handling of such an event jointly in terms of sharing responsibilities, funds/savings etc. **The report is awaited.**
- **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. Chapters are requested to organize training programs/workshops to create such awareness.

Also, we have received 'Geo-Mapper' software from Mr. Popat Khunti, Life member of our society for free distribution to ISG members. Information is available on ISG website as well in the ISG Newsletter. Members are requested to make use of this opportunity.

- **To bring out ISG Journal**  
The quality of ISG Newsletter is being improved in terms of reading material as well as paper and also providing material in colour wherever necessary. It was decided to continue the newsletter, as there is no need to bring out a journal immediately. Decision was deferred for next two/three years.

- **Membership Drive**

To bring more and more academicians and professionals in to the society, we are putting special efforts to increase our membership strength. For example Expert Panels have been set up to provide guidance in various fields. The website can be consulted.

#### **Agenda 6: Programme for the 2003 - 2004**

- Efforts are to be put to set up more chapters to promote geographical spread of our activities.
- ISG web site is to be enriched with up-to-date information by updating at regular intervals. Also there was a suggestion to start the 'Bulletin Board', 'Chat Room', 'Discussion Forum' etc on the website.
- To establish the contacts with similar foreign professional societies to exchange technical information/expertise. Efforts are on to contact similar societies abroad and also for getting International companies involved in the Society as Patron members.
- 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.
- ISG is celebrating its tenth year completion during this year. Chapters are requested to plan celebration activities in terms of popular lectures, Quiz programs for student community, Workshops etc. during this year.
- The International Conference is organized as a part of the celebration.
- We would like to conduct various focused training programs at various places. Chapters to take up this and come back with focused program.
- We will be participating in GSDI Conference being organized at Bangalore.

#### **Agenda 7: Appointment of Auditor for F Y 2003-04**

The AGM empowered the Secretary to continue the present auditor Mr. Upadhyay to audit the accounts for the F Y 2003-04.

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

- ◆ Mumbai Chapter organized training program and workshop for the college students.
- ◆ Election for Bhopal Chapter completed and following office bearers are elected for 2002-2005 period:
  - Chairman : Dr. V V S Rao
  - Co-Chairman: Shri S K Katiyar
  - Secretary: Shri N K Choubey
  - Treasurer: Dr. S Goyal
  - Jt. Secretary: Shri V Chitale

Following New Chapters are formed:

##### **Hyderabad :**

Chairman : Shri K Kalyanaraman

Co-Chairman: Dr. Ramachandran  
Secretary: Dr. S K Subramanian  
Treasurer: Dr. S Goyal  
Jt. Secretary: Dr. Y V S Murthy

**Mangalore :**

Chairman : Dr. Gangadhara Bhat  
Co-Chairman: Shri Anand Rao  
Secretary: Dr. G S Dwarakish  
Treasurer: Dr. Sripathi Kalluraya  
Jt. Secretary: Shri Vinaya M S

**Tiruchirappalli :**

Chairman : Prof. S M Ramasamy  
Secretary: Dr. C J Kumanan  
Treasurer: Dr. K Sankar

- ◆ Ahmedabad chapter organized four days training program for Gujarat Government officials and one-day workshop 'Land Information System' during April 2003.
- ◆ Pune and Delhi chapters are requested to complete the election process for the period 2002-2005.
- ◆ Chapters need to be more active and work out a plan of activities for promoting Geomatics technology among students community. Any technical and financial help required could be extended from ISG in organizing such activities based the proposal received.
- ◆ The resolutions related to the funds distribution to chapters for carrying out various promotional activities were discussed in detail and following resolutions were passed by the voice vote:

**Resolution 1:**

Apart from regular chapter share (as per constitution), **50% of the yearly income earned from the Fixed Deposits (FD) as interest is to be distributed to chapters based on number of Life & Patron members in the Chapter at the time of disbursement.**

This will be subject to **submission of annual plan of activities by March 31 for the year beginning April** for approval by the Executive Council..

Funds will be released subject to the submission of audited accounts report for the amount provided in the previous year.

**A bonus of 10% will be provided if audited accounts are submitted by April 30.**

**Resolution 2:**

For every new chapter formed a starting grant of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees Five Thousands only) is to be provided to open the bank account and meet the initial expenses.

The chapter has to ensure the submission of the audited accounts for the amount provided.

**Resolution 3:**

To encourage membership drive, it is decided to give a **one-time** bonus to the chapters for enrolling new Life & Patron members. The bonus will be 10% of the total new membership amount from the corresponding chapters for that financial year only.

This will be subject to the submission of audited accounts report for the amount provided in the every year.

**Resolution 4:**

Whenever a National or International Conference or workshop is organized with the help of a chapter, the net audited excess income over the expenditure arising out of the event is to be shared in the ratio of 30% for chapter and 70% for ISG respectively.

The chapter has to ensure the submission of the audited accounts for the amount provided

**Agenda 9: Any other matter with permission of the Chair**

Membership certificate format & design is being worked out.

Secretary, ISG thanked the authorities of Guru Gobindsingh Indraprashtha (GGIP) University and ISG Delhi Chapter for providing the facilities to the society to conduct the 'Geomatics - 2003' conference and AGM.

The meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

**Prepared by**



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**Secretary, ISG**

**Approved by**



**(A R Dasgupta)**

**President, ISG**