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REPORT ON 38TH ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING-2010

Thirtyeighth (38th) AGB meeting of the Institution was conducted on 11th December 2010 at 2-30 P.M..

Out 3162 members of the Institution only 99 members were present.

In the absence of Dr.K.V.Sarvesh, President, IAT the Vice President, Prof.V.Veerabhadrappa presided over the AGB meeting.

Secretary of the Institution Sri.K.J.Devendrappa welcomed the members present and requested Prof. V. Veerabhadrappa to lead the proceedings. Various issues were discussed.

The proceedings of the 38th AGM meeting is as under.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 38TH ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF THE INSTITUTION OF AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGISTS, BANGALORE FOR THE YEAR 2009-10, HELD ON SATURDAY THE 11TH DECEMBER 2010 AT 2-30 P.M. AT Dr. H.R. ARAKERI AUDITORIUM OF THE INSTITUTION.

Members Present:

The members assembled for the Annual General Body Meeting at 2-30 P.M. and Ninety-nine (99) members as against the total membership strength of 3161 were present in the Annual General Body Meeting. As the number was not satisfying the quorum requirement, the Vice-President Prof.V.Veerabhadrappa, who presided over the AGM in the absence of the President adjourned the meeting for thirty minutes as per the procedure.

The members reassembled at 3-00 P.M. and the Vice-President Prof.V.Veerabhadrappa who presided called the 38th AGM to order.

(1) Welcome : The Secretary Sri.K.J.Devendrappa extended a warm welcome to all the members present and requested the Vice-President Prof.V.Veerabhadrappa to preside over the meeting. Further deliberations were carried out as per the agenda.

The Vice-President Prof.V.Veerabhadrappa who presided, declared the 38th Annual General Body Meeting open

Reverence to the departed members

Paying homage to the departed technocrats from the previous General Body to this General Body, the house observed two minutes silence in respect of the following 15 (fifteen) members viz., Sriyuths (1) Prof. B.K.C. Rajan (2) S. Linganna (3) Shivalingaiah (4)K.T.Hanumantha Reddy (5) T.M. Shanthakumar Gowda (6)K. Range Gowda (7) R.T. Kamat (8) Y.S. Somashekar (9) Sanganna Siddappa Nigadi (10) Dr. A.M. Krishnappa (11) Devaraj (12)S.Janardhana Reddy (13) Adhi Narayana Reddy (14) Dr. Somashekar, K and (15) Halappanavar, K.G.

(2) To read the notice calling for the 38th Annual General Body meeting of the Institution :

Sri. K.J. Devendrappa, Secretary of the Institution read the meeting notice dated 30th October 2010, calling for the 38th Annual General Body Meeting of the Institution, vide Page 3 of the AGM Report.

(3) Confirmation of the minutes of the 37th Annual General Body Meeting held on 14-11-2009 and action taken thereon

The Secretary readout the proceedings of the 37th Annual General Body meeting of the Institution held on 14th November 2009 and action taken report as furnished in pages 5 to 8(five to eight) of the 38th AGM Report; and sought for confirmation of the minutes as well as the action taken report. Sri.P.Hanumappa proposed for adoption and seconded by Sri. K. Shankar. The General body unanimously approved the minutes including the action taken thereon.

(4) To consider and adopt the Annual Report for the year ending March 2010

The Secretary presented the Annual Report of activities of the Institution for the year 2009-10 as furnished in pages 9 to 15 of the AGM report and sought the approval of the house. At this juncture, Sri. K. Shankar intervened and said that a mention has not been made in the AGM Report, regarding the activities conducted under

Dr.M.Puttarudraiah Memorail Endowment and Hans. E. Kardel and B.J.Nanjundappa memorial Endowment programmes.

Prof. V. Veerabhadraiah clarified that, the programmes under the above endowments are conducted on alternate years and since Dr. M. Puttarudraiah Memorial Endowment was conducted during 2010-11 instead of 2009-10, the same was not mentioned in the report. However, Sri.K.Shankar requested the authorities to mention the same in the AGM Report atleast in future. The suggestions of the member were well taken and assured to take appropriate action. Dr. B.N. Viswanath proposed for approval of the Annual Report and seconded by Dr. Kantharaj. The house unanimously approved to adopt the Annual Report for the year 2009-10.

(5) To consider and adopt the Annual Balance Sheet as on 31st March 2010 and Income and Expenditure Account

The Treasurer, Sri.K.Krishnappa while presenting the auditors report pertaining to the Receipts and Payments accounts, Income & expenditure accounts and Balance sheet for the year 2009-10, as furnished in pages 17 to 25, of the AGM Report, also brought some of the printing mistakes to the notice of the august body.

The Treasurer requested the august General Body to approve the audited accounts for the year 2009-10.

Sri. B.N. Aswathanarayana suggested to renew the two Fixed Deposits shown in the Investment statement, incase the same has not been attended, and the treasurer agreed to take note of the suggestion.

Sri. Jagadeesh Reddy proposed for adoption of the annual Balance sheet and Dr.B.N.Vishwanath seconded the same. The General Body accepted the Balance sheet as on 31.3.2010, including the income and expenditure statement for the year 2009-10.

The Treasurer, Sri. K. Krishnappa further requested the AGM, to ratify the following expenditures incurred on some the activities which exceeded the powers of M.C. (i.e. Rs.75,000/-)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Amount (Rs.)
(1)	Conducting of 37 th AGB Meeting, Special General Body meeting and Election expenses	2,57,897
(2)	Water proof treatment for roof leakage of IAT building (BJN Block)	4,92,580
(3)	Donation towards CM's Flood Relief Fund	1,00,000

Sri. B.N. Aswathanarayana proposed for adoption and Sri.Shobhna Murthy seconded.

The General Body ratified the expenditures and the sanction accorded by the M.C. during the year.

(6) To approve the Budget for the year 2010-11

The Treasurer, Sri.K.Krishnappa presented the Budget proposal for the year 2010-11, as furnished in page 27 and sought the approval of the General Body.

The Treasurer stated that the budget has been prepared based on the availability of funds and the probable requirement of funds for conducting different activities. IAT receives income mainly from the Building lease, life membership fees, co-sponsorship of activities, consultancy, bank interest on investments, utilization of halls and some other miscellaneous receipts.

The Treasurer also explained that the IAT has to incur expenditures on taxes to BBMP, Service Tax, Insurance, Electricity, Water, Telephone, Registrar fees, Auditor's fee, AGM expenses, Election expenses and Maintenance of building, equipments and office etc. After meeting all such expenditures the remaining amount is being used for conducting programmes/activities, on Regional Chapters, salary and other benefits to staff and establishment, and other miscellaneous expenditures.

The proposed budget for 2010-11 includes the proposed expenditure for conducting some of the important activities like seminars, repairs to IAT building and quarters, newsletter publication, deposit towards Golden Jubilee Celebration Fund (Rs.50,000/- per year - started in 2006). The Treasurer requested the august body for approval of the proposed budget

While discussing on the Budget proposals for the year 2010-11, Sri.B.N.Aswathanarayana suggested the Treasurer to include the opening balance under the Income (closing blance of 2009-10) while preparing the Budget proposal statement. The Treasurer agreed to take note of the suggestion for future action. Further, Sri. B.N.

Aswathanarayana and several other members felt that, the budget of Rs.35,000/- proposed for organizing Foundation Day of the Institution is not sufficient, since honouring of Senior Technologists above 65 years is fixed on the Foundation Day from this year onwards and suggested to increase it to atleast for Rs. 60,000/- to make elaborate arrangements. Accordingly, the budget under Foundation Day celebration is raised from Rs. 35,000/- to Rs.60,000/- and Budget under Cultural and Sports item is reduced from Rs.1,00,000/- to Rs.75,000/-. With this few corrections, it was proposed for adoption.

Sri. B.N. Aswathanarayana proposed and seconded by Dr. T.V. Reddy. The General Body unanimously approved the Budget proposal for the year 2010-11.

(7) To appoint Auditors to audit the accounts for the year 2010-11 and fix their remuneration.

The Treasurer, Sri. K. Krishnappa proposed for the continuation of the present Auditors, M/s. Lakshmipathaiiah and Co for the year 2010-11, and to pay their remuneration depending on the work load and financial transactions.

Sri. K. Shankar proposed for adoption which was seconded by Sri.Shobana Murthy. The General Body unanimously approved to continue the present auditors for the year 2010-11 and to pay their remuneration.

(8) To consider written proposals if any, received by the Secretary.

(a) The Secretary placed the letter received from Dr.S.N.Vajranabhaiah, regarding arranging/ sponsoring of seminars on :

Genetic Diversity, Molecular biology, Bio-diversity & Environmental concerns, Fuel energy systems & Deforestation and climate change & its effects on agriculture during last 50 years.

Dr. Vajranabhaiah, also suggested to get funds from different organizations including the State and Central governments for organising such seminars.

The suggestions of Dr.Vajranabhaiah were debated and Prof.V.Veerabhadraiah opined that these subjects can be included in our regular seminar activity.

At this juncture, Dr.D.Rajagopal, Vice-President and Chairman of the Seminar sub-committee suggested that first three subjects mentioned were very much concerned with the university and can be taken up at the university level and the remaining two subjects can be taken up by IAT.

However, the AGM after lengthy discussion felt that, it is better to discuss the subject in the M.C. meeting and then arrive at a decision.

(b) The Secretary placed the letter received from Dr.T.K.Narayana Swamy, regarding extending financial support to under graduate and post graduate education in Agriculture.

Indepth discussions were held on the subject in the AGM. Some of the members like Sri.K.Shankar, Prof.V.Veerabhadraiah, Sri.B.N.Aswathanarayana, Jagadeesh Reddy and others have expressed their bitter experience with UAS, Bangalore for the financial support extended to the students under scholarship on earlier occasions. The university was unable to give the utilization certificate and accounts for the money received from IAT, inspite of repeated requests and hence IAT was forced to abandon funding of such project.

At this juncture, Dr.T.K.Narayana Swamy, Dr.Prasanna kumar, Dr.T.N.Anand and others assured the AGM that they will offer assistance in getting the accounts from the university and requested to reconsider the proposal. Dr.Kantharaj also requested the august body to workout the ways and means of reexamining the proposal by keeping the overall control and monitoring with IAT.

However, after detailed discussions, the AGM authorized the M.C. to discuss and re-examine the issue.

(c) The Treasurer and Convenor of the Infrastructure and Maintenance Sub-Committee Sri.K.Krishnappa placed the details of the following two important proposals before the AGM for consideration and approval.

(1) Building alterations and Face lifting programme of IAT at a cost of Rs. 68.00 Lakhs and

(2) Installation of Diesel Generator (D.G.) set in IAT at a cost of Rs. 4.64 lakhs.

The detailed proposals were circulated among the members present in the AGM, in addition to exhibiting the structural plans (existing and proposed) and elevation plans in the corridor.

The Treasurer explained to the august body as to how the M.C. conceived this Building alteration (BJN Block) project 8-10 months back from the utility and service points of view. In this connection, IAT engaged the services of a competent and reputed architect, M/s."AAYAMA". The Architect, after working for about 6-7 months on a series of developmental plans(rough sketches), finally came out with the working plans, abstract estimate for Rs.68.00 lakhs (excluding interiors) and elevation plans based on the feedback given by the M.C. and few senior IATians. Many of the senior IATians have complimented the M.C. for conceiving such idea, terming it as a 'bold step' and extended their moral support for this project. The M.C. also arranged for a special meeting with the Architect for its members including Infrastructure and Maintenance sub-committee members on a power point presentation, to get better understanding of the project and later after accepting the project, the M.C.decided to place this item before the General Body to seek its approval. The Treasurer, also explained about the pending painting work of the building for last 8-9 years, the problem of Toilet blocks, dilapidated condition of watchman quarters, long pending wish of IAT to put up a multipurpose hall on the terrace floor with lift facility and other necessary works. It is also brought to the notice of the august body that it is wise to spend the capital build up under administrative account atleast once on such activity, until IAT gears up to spend more on its mission activities. The M.C. has also got a novel idea to raise funds/donations to this project from individuals, companies (agrobased) or even government, through an attractive brochure, or through Souvenir and Benefit shows.

As regards installation of DG set in IAT, the Treasurer, explained to the august body that due to acute shortage of power, particularly in summer months, severely hit the IAT activities apart from causing more inconvenience to the hall users, who complain repeatedly. This necessitated the installation of DG set (62.5 KVA) in IAT.

With this brief explanation, the Treasurer sought the approval of the august body and to authorize the M.C. to take up these two item of works.

Sri.K.Shankar objected for moving these proposals in the AGM as they are not listed in the Agenda of the AGM and also said that it does not comply to the procedure.

The Chairman Prof.V.Veerabhadraiah said that since the M.C. itself has moved the proposals under agenda item "8. to consider written proposals, if any", it is well within the procedure and the proposals can be discussed.

The General Body debated the subject in detail.

Few members in the General Body along with Sri.K.Shankar expressed that sufficient time was not given to the members to understand this programme and come to a conclusion, as this is the first time this type of a big activity is planned with a huge amount of Rs.68.00 lakhs.

At this juncture, Prof.V.Veerabhadraiah brought to the notice of the General body that it is for the first time in IAT, this MC. has placed a proposal in the General Body for approval before executing the item of work. He also said, to his knowledge in the past, M.C's have directly executed their decisions and sometimes got ratified later in the General Body. At no point of time, the proposals were placed in the AGM for seeking approval, before execution.

At this point of discussion, Dr.T.V.Reddy suggested to have one more IATs own site elsewhere and go for construction of the building.

After a lengthy discussion on the subject and as suggested by Sri. K. Shankar and few other members, the AGM decided to call for a Special General Body meeting with prior intimation to all the members to take appropriate decision.

Regarding installation of DG set in IAT, the AGM authorized the M.C. to take action to install the required capacity of DG set.

Sri. K. Shankar finally congratulated the M.C. for its enthusiasm and zeal shown in conducting the AGM, in a befitting manner.

The Treasurer proposed vote of thanks to the chair, Managing Committee and all the participant members in the AGM.

The Chairman Prof. V. Veerabhadraiah declared the 38th AGM closed.

Bangalore
Date : 11-12-2010

Sd./-
Secretary