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Minutes of 19th ISG Annual General Body Meeting

The 19th ISG Annual General Body Meeting was held on December 10, 2014 at 1830 hrs at Hotel Park, 22, Rajbhawan Road, Somajiguda, Hyderabad. The following agenda items were discussed.

Agenda Item 1: Welcome and Opening remarks by the President, ISG

On behalf of President, Dr. A.S. Rajawat, Vice – President, ISG welcomed all members to the 19th ISG annual general body meeting. He appraised the house about the activities conducted by ISG, Millennium lectures & Awards, status of ISG Journal/News letter, support to ISG chapters for the conduction of mandatory events of the society. He thanked Dr. S. Sudhakar, Director, NESAC and his team for successesfully organised the regional conference jointly with NEHU at Shillong and also mentioned that, so far no society has organised any conference in NE Region. He appreciated the organisation of the ISPRS - ISRS - ISG International Symposium - 2014 jointly and hosted by NRSC, Hyderabad. He also appreciated the activities conducted by various chapters for the dissemination of Geomatics technology across the country.

Agenda Item 2: Approval of Minutes of the 18th ISG AGM.

Minutes of the 18th ISG AGM were circulated to all members earlier and also along with Annual Report - 2014. The same were approved after discussions on the actions identified with a voice vote.

Agenda Item 3: Annual Report by Secretary

Shri N.S. Mehta, Secretary, ISG circulated copies of the annual report for the period January – December, 2014, and made a detailed presentation on the activities conducted during the year. He highlighted the increase in life membership of the society, regional conference organised at Shillong, support given to the chapters for conducting mandatory activities of ISG, activities related to Journal of Geomatics and ISG News letter, declaration

and presentation of various Geomatics Awards, Annual Conventions and Joint ISPRS - ISRS & ISG International Symposium – 2014, conduct of Executive Council meetings etc. He also mentioned regarding institution of new award this year called "National Geomatics Award for Excellence" and formation of a committee to prepare a proposal to carry out professional consultancy by ISG Members. The report was discussed and the

same was approved subject to incorporating following suggestions by members.

- Report of professional consultancy committee should be kept on website after approval from ISG – EC.
- Members suggested to show last year's figures of income expenditure along with current year's data in the audited report.

(Action: Treasurer, ISG)

Agenda Item 4: Presentation of Accounts by Treasurer

The audited report for the year ending March 31, 2014 was circulated and presented by Shri K.P. Bharucha, Treasurer, ISG and the same was approved with a voice vote.

The trial balance for the period from April 2014 to December 2014 and activity wise budget for the year 2015 - 16 was also presented, and same was approved by voice vote.

Agenda Item 5: Appointment of Auditor for the financial year 2014-2015

Shri Kamal C. Mehta has been approved as auditor of the Society for the FY 2015 - 16.

Agenda Item 6 : Any other matter with permission of Chair

A number of matters in relation to i) Email address of all members, ii) Journal of Geomatics in soft copy, iii) ISG Web site, iv) Revival of inactive Chapters, and v) Office Space for ISG were discussed with the permission of chair and the decisions are as follows:

Secretary informed all members that, ISG Secretariat has sent a request to all members and ISG Chapter's Chairman/ secretary to update and send the correct e

 mail and addresses of all ISG members of their respective chapters. The response is very poor and member's database is updated with whatever feedback

is received. The secretariat is sending e-mails in smaller groups for efficient delivery. The Secretary requested once again all Chapter's Chairman/ secretary to send updated database of their respective members to ISG Secretariat.

(Action: Chapter's Chairman/ secretary & Secretary, ISG)

• Concerns were raised about activating inactive ISG Regional Chapters. Dr. Ajai suggested to write letters to such chapters for holding the elections along with national body and carry out at least mandatory activities. He also requested Dr. Rabi N. Sahoo, Senior Scientist, IARI, New Delhi to revive ISG Delhi Chapter. Dr. Sahoo agreed to the suggestion and requested Secretary, ISG to send list of members from ISG Delhi Chapter. Shri D.R.M. Samudriah, Dr. Brahmprakash Professor, ISRO suggested that, Senior members of the society should visit inactive chapters and encourage them for carrying out mandatory activities.

(Action: Dr. Rabi N. Sahoo & Secretary, ISG)

• Many suggestions came from members regarding encouraging students to become member of ISG. Dr. Anjana Vyas suggested that, ISG and ISRS jointly should declare scheme to provide student life membership at concessional rate. She also suggested ISG to participate in ISPRS activities. Shri D.R.M. Samudriah suggested to provide Tutorial lecture notes to students on CD on request basis. Dr. Prakash Chauhan and Shri K.R. Manjunath suggested to organise national level compitition related to activities on geoinformatics / S/W apps. on mobile, for students and award them during annual convention.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

These minutes has the approval of President, ISG.

(N.S. Mehta)

Secretary, ISG