

## **Minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of ISG held on December 5, 2018 at Yashpal Auditorium, SAC, Ahmedabad**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) and Annual Convention-2018 of Indian Society of Geomatics (ISG) was held during National symposium on "Advancements in Geospatial Technology for Societal Benefits" at SAC, Ahmedabad during December 5-7, 2018. The meeting was organised on 5<sup>th</sup> December at Yashpal Auditorium, SAC and 81 members attended the meeting.

The following agenda was discussed:

1. Welcome and opening remarks by President
2. Approval of the Minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> AGM
3. Annual Report by Secretary
4. Presentation of Audited Report for FY 2017-18
5. Appointment of the Auditor for FY 2018-19
6. Proposed Activities for the year 2018-19
7. Any other matter with permission of the Chair
8. Vote of thanks by Joint Secretary

Shri Tapan Misra, President of ISG, welcomed the members. He also mentioned about the long-term plan ISG need to undertake, especially the efforts to strengthen the new chapters. He requested wholehearted support from the members for organising the national and regional events. He thanked all the members in organising and participating in the national symposium and ISG silver jubilee celebration. He thanked all previous office bearers of ISG for gracing the event and their untiring efforts in building ISG. A brain-storming meeting of Chairman/Secretary of all ISG chapters needs to be convened by the first week of January 2019.

Shri. Shashikant A. Sharma, Secretary ISG, welcomed the members and requested for approval of the Minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> AGM. The house approved the minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> AGM. He presented the annual report for 2018. He mentioned the activities carried out by various chapters and appreciated all the local chapters who have contributed significantly in organising a number of events. He extended special thanks to Ludhiana chapter for organising a symposium, which was attended by about 300 participants. ISG Ahmedabad Chapter also conducted a large number of activities including the ISG National Symposium-2018.

Shri. P Jayaprasad presented the Audited Report for FY 2017-18. After few clarifications, it was unanimously approved. He appreciated the efforts made by the previous committee in bringing the funds into a good shape and maintaining it efficiently. He requested the forum to approve the current auditor for the FY 2018-2019 which was also unanimously approved.

There were discussions regarding the next symposium to be hosted by ISG. Dr. P. L. N. Raju expressed his willingness to conduct 2019 ISG-ISRS Annual Convention at Shillong. It was decided that decision on venue for ISG 2019 will be taken later after contacting few other chapters like Bhubaneswar, Hisar, Shillong etc.

There was discussion on whether the title of the Journal of ISG should be changed or not. Legal issues need to be discussed and then final decision should be taken. It was decided that we should not change the name of the Journal and should pursue with the concerned authorities of UGC to resolve the issue. Members suggested to create online facility to update the address and other fields through ISG website. Secretary informed that this task shall be soon initiated and this facility will be soon available on the website.

There were discussions on budget that the term "Excess fund" should not be used in accounts. It was suggested to explore about GST on sponsorships. Treasurer shall be contacting members experienced in handling accounts for making the accounting false proof.

Members gave following suggestions:

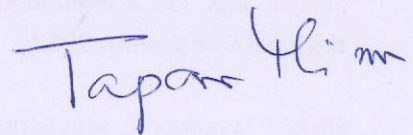
1. Secretary report should mention amount given to each chapter for conducting events
2. Chairman of local chapter should be called for symposium related meetings
3. Soft copy of audited report and MoM of previous AGM should be sent with AGM notice to all ISG members one month in advance
4. There should be at least three meetings of EC in a year
5. Add the Activities of Vadodara chapter as well as other chapters in the secretary report, before finalising on web.
6. FD should be opened for excess amount in bank
7. Members from Antrix Corporation or corporates should be included in EC committee
8. Each school should be provided with a satellite image and facilities of that area to develop understanding of Geomatics among school children
9. SVNIT-Surat needs support of ISG in organising a symposium on Smart City during Dec 2018
10. ISG should invest in Artificial Intelligence, Deep Learning and block chain technology as these are the future technologies of the world
11. Shri P P Kale expressed his willingness to support for any activity from ISG Pune chapter

Secretary assured to consider these suggestions after due deliberations in EC.

As there was no other matter to be discussed, the meeting concluded with vote thanks, by Dr. PLN Raju, Joint Secretary, ISG and Director, NESAC.



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Secretary, ISG



Approved by  
President, ISG