

Minutes of the General body meeting of the Indian Crystallography Association (ICA) held at the JNU Convention Centre, Jawaharlal Nehru University on 21st November 2013 at 2:30 pm

The following members of the ICA executive committee were present in the meeting:

Dr. T. P. Singh, *President*
Dr. N Gautham
Dr. Rajnikant
Dr. K Sekar, *Treasurer*
Dr K Sivakumar , *Joint Secretary*
Dr. A. Nangia
Dr. D Pandey
Dr. K Byrappa
Dr. Vedavati G Puranik
Dr. S Karthikeyan
Dr. Parthasarathy Dastidar
Dr. J K Dattagupta
Dr. M V Hosur
Dr. B Gopal, *Secretary*

1. On behalf of the ICA, the secretary welcomed the members to the general body meeting held in the auspices of the 42nd National Seminar in Crystallography. The president introduced the Executive committee functionaries to the members of ICA.
2. The minutes of the last meeting were ratified, without corrections. This was proposed by Dr. D. Velmurugan (Madras University) and seconded by Dr. S. Krishnaswamy (Madurai Kamaraj University)

3. Presentation on the budget was made by the treasurer Dr. K. Sekar. I was proposed to retain the auditor for the next financial year (FY 2014- 2015). This motion was proposed by Dr Rajnikant (Jammu University) and seconded by Dr Punit Kaur (AIIMS).

4. The treasurer proposed an increase in the membership fees as this had not been revised for over a decade. His proposal was discussed amongst the members of the general body and a consensus was reached on the following fee structure

Corporate membership - Rs 10,000

Foreign members - USD 100

Student membership - Rs 500 (This can be upgraded to a life membership upon the payment of Rs 1500 before the end of five years).

Life membership - Rs 2000

This motion was proposed by Dr Vinay Kumar and seconded by Dr P. Ramaswamy.

5. One of the founding members of the association, Dr M Vijayan spoke about

the need to enhance the corpus of the association. He discussed the need

for income tax exemption. In case of endowments, he suggested that 50 % of the interest be returned every year back to the corpus.

6. The president informed the members that the jury for the Professor K Venkatesan awards had been formed under the chairmanship of Dr M N Ponnuswamy (Madras University).

7. The proposals for the forthcoming ICA meetings were discussed. The secretary presented the list of requests that were received in this connection.
8. After due deliberations, it was decided that three meetings could be held in 2014 to commemorate the International Year of Crystallography. These meeting would be held in Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat, The CSIR Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow and the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Mohali. The dates of these meetings would be decided by the conveners, in consultation with others. This was proposed by Dr P Chakraborty (Bose Institute) and seconded by Dr Sampa Biswas (SINP, Kolkata).
9. In response to a suggestion by Dr. Abdul Ajees on local chapters of the ICA, it was proposed that local chapters could be formed by members of the ICA who were desirous of doing so. The activity of these local chapters could be reviewed at a later date. This motion, passed after considerable discussion, was proposed by Dr Ravishankar (CDRI, Lucknow) and seconded by Dr Ruchi Anand (IIT, Bombay).
10. The secretary informed the general body about the eligible nominations received for membership of the executive council (2014-2016). As the number of nominations was consistent with the number of vacancies, all nominees were approved. This motion was proposed by Dr D M Salunke (RCB, Delhi) and seconded by Dr S Krishnaswamy (MKU, Madurai).

11. The secretary thanked the outgoing members for their services to the ICA. In this context, the outgoing president expressed the hope that an increase in the membership would improve the diversity of the association both in terms of the geographical locations of the members and the research areas.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair