

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on
June 8, 2016 at 7.00 PM in the Siddhaganga Institute
of Technology, Tumkur

Members Present:

1.	Prof. R. Bapat	President
2.	Prof. E. Sampathkumar	Member
3.	Dr. Shyam S. Kamath	Secretary
4.	Prof. B. N. Waphare	Academic Secretary
5.	Prof. B. S. Panda	Member
6.	Dr. Sundareswaran	Member (invited)
7.	Dr. Aparna Renjith	Member

Agenda Item No.1: Welcome by the Secretary

Dr. Shyam S. Kamath welcomed all the members of the EC.

Agenda Item No. 2: Presidential Remarks

Prof. R. B. Bapat began with the remark that he is happy to see the developments; but added that there must be more programs like mid-year workshops, seminars, mini-symposia etc. The members responded to this that such activities require financial support and ADMA is, at the moment, not very comfortable in this direction. He also observed that though the ADMA website is in a better shape than before, it requires some more changes and features to make it more effective and useful to the users. Dr. Kamath responded to this that someone should sit with the webmaster to do this and he assured to his best in this direction. Prof. Bapat also suggested that there should be a desk during the conference to help the new participants to become the life members of ADMA. He was informed that such arrangement is made here.

Agenda Item No. 3: Confirmation of the minutes of the 11th EC Meeting

Dr. Shyam S. Kamath read out the minutes of the 11th EC Meeting and it was approved by all the members.

Agenda Item No. 4.: Report of the Secretary

Dr. Shyam S. Kamath presented an informal report of the activities of ADMA for the year 2015-16. He mentioned that 8 more life members have joined and 10 more have so far joined as life members during the Pre-Conference Workshop. He added that more memberships are expected during the Conference and the response has been quite encouraging. He also informed that he has initiated the task of issuing Membership Cards to all the life members and each such card might cost about Rs.25/- approximately. He could not complete this task so far as he was busy with some important projects in his headquarters. He offered to complete the work if permitted (although his tenure as Secretary is coming to an end on June 30, 2016).

Agenda Item No. 5: Report of the Academic Secretary

Prof. B. N. Waphare mentioned briefly about the Pre-Conference Workshop on Signed Graphs and the ensuing Annual Conference which is being organised as International Conference on Discrete Mathematics (ICDM-2016). He was

happy to inform that there was an overwhelming response to the workshop, wherein the number of participants was 100 as against the expected 30-40. He also informed that 170 persons have already registered for the ICDM-2016 and with the spot registration, this number may swell to 200. Prof. Bapat mentioned that he was happy to note that the resource persons suggested by him were considered positively and that most of them are coming to deliver their presentations. He suggested that hereafter the number of endowment lectures must be limited to 5 or 6 and any new proposals for endowment lectures must be considered on bi-annual or tri-annual basis through rotation. However, the present five endowment lectures shall continue to be held on annual basis.

Agenda Item No. 6: Presentation of the audited Statement of Accounts

Prof. E. Sampathkumar placed the audited Statement of Accounts before the committee and it was approved by all the members.

Agenda Item No.7: Status of the Journal

Dr. Shyam S. Kamath, who is also acting as the Managing Editor, informed the members that the ADMA website also hosts the IJDM contents and Volume 1 (Two Issues) have already been published. The e-format of the Journal has been prepared using L^AT_EX by his colleague, Dr. A. Senthil Thilak at his headquarters. The papers for the Volume 2, Issue 1 have been forwarded by the webmaster to the Editor-in-Chief, Prof. S. Arumugam; but status of the papers is yet to be heard from him. Dr. Kamath informed the members that as soon as he gets the papers from Prof. Arumugam, he and Dr. Thilak will do the needful to publish the Volume 2, Issue 1.

Agenda Item No.8: Website and online Journal

This item was discussed as part of the agenda item numbers 2 and 7.

Agenda Item No.9: Nomination of the next Executive Committee

The members, after a long discussion, resolved to recommend the following in respect of the next Executive Committee to the General Body:

1. President: Prof. R. Balakrishnan
2. Vice President: Prof. V. Swaminathan
3. Secretary: Dr. Aparna Renjith
4. Academic Secretary: *To be decided by the President*
5. Treasurer: Prof. E. Sampathkumar
6. Other EC Members:
 - (a) Prof. Samir Vaidya
 - (b) Dr. Sundareswaran
 - (c) Dr. P. Siva Kota Reddy *and any other names to be decided by the President*

After this, Prof. Sampathkumar drew the attention of the members that the tenure of the Executive Committee is for two years beginning on July 1 and ending after two years on June 30. He said this causes some administrative inconveniences to the EC members in exercising their services effectively. Therefore, he submitted that the tenure of the Executive Committee should continue to be two years; but should begin on April 1 and complete after two years on March 31. The members agreed with his views and resolved the following: The term of office of the Executive Committee shall hereafter commence on April 1 and end after two years on March 31.

In this connection, as the tenure of the present Executive Committee ends on June 30, 2016, the next Executive Committee shall take over on July 1, 2016 and holds office until March 31, 2018 to hand over the charge to its next committee on April 1, 2018 itself.

Agenda Item No.10: Venue for the next Conference

Dr. Sundarewaran of SSN College of Engg., Chennai placed his submission that his institution intends to host the next year's annual event of ADMA. He offered to arrange to send a formal invitation in this regard to ADMA as soon as possible. The members felt that Chennai is a convenient place to hold the event and unanimously resolved to approve the submission of Dr. Sundareswaran and requested him to submit the formal invitation from his institution in this regard.

Agenda Item No.11: Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

Dr. Shyam S. Kamath offered to complete the work of preparation of membership cards to all the existing members. The members resolved to approve his request.

Prof. B. S. Panda suggested that provision could be made to submit the papers directly to the editors with the appropriate specializations so that the review process could be done quicker. The members felt that there should be a single window to submit the papers; however, with a suitable software application, the papers could be assigned to appropriate editors automatically with an information to the Editor-in-Chief so that he can monitor the needful processes thereafter. It was resolved to place the matter before the General Body in the Annual General Body Meeting to be held on June 10, 2016.

Agenda Item No.11: Vote of Thanks by the Secretary

The meeting ended with the Vote of Thanks by the Secretary to all the members.