

# Minutes of the General Body Meeting held on June 10, 2016 at 5.30 PM in the Siddhaganga Institute of Technology, Tumkur

## **Agenda Item No.1: Welcome by the Secretary**

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

## **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.

## **Agenda Item No. 3: Confirmation of the minutes of the 11th AGB Meeting**

Dr. Shyam S. Kamath read out the minutes of the 11th AGB 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 the membership now stands at 386 after the conference has commenced and that it is likely to cross the mark of 400 very soon. He also mentioned that 100 persons from the entire span of India participated in the workshop which was an overwhelming response as the expectation is an average 30 in general. Further, he also mentioned that 170 persons have registered in advance for ICDM-2016 and with the spot registrations, the total number is close to 200, which again is an overwhelming response.

## **Agenda Item No. 5: Report of the Academic Secretary**

The Academic Secretary Prof. B. N. Waphare was not available in the meeting due to personal reasons. Dr. Shyam S. Kamath placed the report on his behalf. He mentioned briefly about the Pre-Conference Workshop on Signed Graphs and the Annual Conference which is being organised as International Conference on Discrete Mathematics (ICDM-2016).

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

Prof. E. Sampathkumar placed the audited Statement of Accounts before the members 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  $\text{\LaTeX}$  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**

Secretary informed that the tenure of the present Executive Committee comes to end on June 30, 2016 and placed before the members the following proposal in respect of the next Executive Committee (as decided by the present Executive Committee):

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. Sundareswaran 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 Dr. Shyam S. Kamath to all the members.