

## INDIAN STATISTICAL INSTITUTE

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Institute held on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2020 at 3.00 p.m. in the Conference Room of C.S.S.C at S.N. Bose Bhawan of the Institute at 203, B.T. Road, Kolkata - 700 108 and also through video conferencing.

### Present:

1. Shri Bibek Debroy, President,
2. Prof. Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay, Director
3. 19 Members of the Indian Statistical Institute and 3 Invitees.

The list of the attendee members is provided in the Annexure - I.

At the outset, the Director of the Institute informed that preparation of the Annual Report and Annual Accounts of the Institute took a little more time than usual because of the pandemic and the consequential constraints. So, the meeting had to be called on a short-notice which is regretted.

### Welcome Address

Shri Bibek Debroy, President of the Institute welcomed all the members present in the meeting.

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| <b>Agenda Item</b> | <b>Condolence on the demise of respected members of the Institute.</b>   |
| <b>No. 1</b>       |  |
| <b>1.1</b>         | The Chief Executive (Admn. & Finance) informed that the Institute deeply mourned the loss of a few of its esteemed members and requested that a minutes' silence be observed.  |
| <b>1.2</b>         | The Institute mourned the loss of some esteemed members. The house observed one minute's silence in memory of these personalities.   |
| <b>Agenda Item</b> | <b>Confirmation of the proceedings of the General Body Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.</b>   |
| <b>No. 2</b>       |  |
| <b>2.1</b>         | Members took note of the fact that the proceedings of the General Body Meeting of the Institute held on 9 <sup>th</sup> September, 2020 were circulated under reference No. CAF/10-2/945 dated 27 <sup>th</sup> October, 2020 and some suggestions were received from one of the members which are already incorporated. |

One of the members pointed out that it was noticed during confirmation of proceedings of the Council meeting that some members objected to the confirmation as they had been unable to hear certain things during

the meeting. The General Body member pointed out the oddity of such a claim at a later point of time. The President concurred that if any member is unable to hear something during a meeting, he/she should raise it then and there. He/she should not raise such objections at a later point of time.

**2.2(R)** It was resolved by the General Body that the proceedings of the General Body Meeting of the Institute held on 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2020, as circulated vide reference No. CAF/10-2/945 dated 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 after suggested modifications be confirmed.

**Agenda Item No. 3** Matters arising out of the previous General Body Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

**3.1** Copy of the Action Taken Report (ATR) of the General Body Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 was handed over to the members and no comments were received from them.

**Agenda Item No. 4** To consider the Draft Annual Report of the Institute for the year 2019 - 2020

**4.1** Members were informed that the draft Annual Report of the Institute for the year 2019-2020 was very well prepared by the Editorial Committee of the Institute despite the pandemic situation. The team had made the Annual Report more attractive and more informative. The Finance Committee and the Council were both very impressed in the way the report was placed and had put their appreciation on record. The President of the Institute also congratulated the Editorial Committee.

One of the members, Prof. S.M. Srivastava urged to know the status of the R.C. Bose Centre for Cryptology of the Security. The Director responded that as per her information the Centre is another Centre of the Institute like Delhi/Bengaluru. However Prof. Srivastava contested that while, the Institute can open as many research Centres as it likes, for establishing a Centre like Delhi/Bengaluru, the matter should come to the General Body. The President stated that this matter may be taken up in next meeting with adequate background information. Another member, Shri R. N. Das, highlighted that there were very small groups/units in the Social Sciences Division of the Institute, and they have to increase their activities. He urged the Administration to look after this.

**4.2 (R)** It was resolved by the General Body that the Draft Annual Report of the Institute for the year 2019-2020, as recommended by the Finance Committee and subsequently by the Council members, be accepted and the same be approved for submission before the Parliament through the Ministry of Statistics & P. I., Government of

India as well as to the Registrar of Firms, Societies and Non-Trading Corporation, West Bengal.

**Agenda Item No. 5** To consider the Draft Audited Statement of Accounts of the Institute for the year 2019 - 20 together with Auditor's Report and Administration's replies thereon

**5.1** The Draft Audited Statement of Accounts of the Institute for the year 2019- 20 together with the Auditor's Report and Comments of the Administration thereon were placed before the Finance Committee in its meeting, held on 21st December, 2020 and subsequently before the Council on 22nd December, 2020 with the recommendations of the Finance Committee. Shri Sudip Chakraborty, Dy. Chief Executive (F) informed the members that the Institute has appointed Sarkar Gurumurthy & Associate for Physical verification of fixed assets and they have submitted a report on that. This report is now going to be placed before the Govt. Auditors. If the Govt. Auditors agree, the fixed assets register will be incorporated in the accounts.

It was deliberated and duly accepted by the Council, the same was placed in the Annual General Meeting for approval of the General Body Members.

**5.2 (R)** It was resolved by the General Body that the Draft Audited Statement of Accounts of the Institute for the year 2019-20 together with the Auditor's Report and Administration's replies thereon, as recommended by the Finance Committee and subsequently by the Council, be accepted and the same be approved for submission before the Parliament through the Ministry of Statistics & P.I., Government of India as well as to the Registrar of Firms, Societies and Non-Trading Corporation, West Bengal.

**Agenda Item No. 6** Miscellaneous (if any with permission of the Chair).

**Agenda Item No. 6.1** Declaration of the results of the election for the:-

- I. One representative from the Non-Scientific Workers of the Institute.
- II. One representative from the Scientific Workers of the Institute.

**6.2** The Council of the Institute in its meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 appointed Dr. Jadab Kr. Pal, Dy. Chief Executive (Admn.) as the Election Officer to conduct election to various positions of the Institute.

The results of the Election for One representative from each of the Non-Scientific Workers and Scientific Workers respectively had not been declared in General Body Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

The President requested Dr. Jadab Kumar Pal, Dy. Chief Executive (Admn.) 'GA' and Election Officer to announce the results of the election.

6.3 With regards to Election of one representative of Non-Scientific Workers of the Institute to the Council, the Dy. Chief Executive (Admn.) & Election Officer reported that Shri Swarup Ghara (Roll No. 9077) had secured the highest number of votes out of the 2 candidates contested for this office.

6.4 (R) **It was resolved by the General Body that Shri Swarup Ghara (Roll No. 9077) be appointed the representative of Non-Scientific Workers of the Institute to the Council for a two-year term commencing from 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.**

6.5 With regards to Election of one representative of Scientific Workers of the Institute to the Council, the Dy. Chief Executive (Admn.) & Election Officer reported that Dr. Partha Pratim Mohanta (Roll No. 9195) had secured the highest number of votes out of the 2 candidates contested for this office.

6.6 (R) **It was resolved by the General Body that Dr. Partha Pratim Mohanta (Roll No. 9195) be appointed as the representative of Scientific Workers of the Institute to the Council for a two-year term commencing from 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.**

One member requested the Administration to provide the total list of members of the Institute. He also mentioned that there is Rule of the Society that any member can seek details of all the Members of the Society. In reply, the Chief Executive (A&F) stated that without the consent of the members, Administration cannot share their contact details, but if anyone is interested to know, then he/she may visit the Council Section and can have a look at the list.

The Director updated the members by reporting about the 4<sup>th</sup> Review Committee Meeting of the Institute, which has started working after 18 years, last Review Committee was in 2002. This Review Committee has been scheduled to submit its report by 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2021, which seems impossible because the Committee would like to visit at least the Kolkata, Bangalore and Delhi campuses. Since the visits have not happened due to COVID 19, it is expected the deadline will be extended by at least another six months.

One of the members requested the Administration to take up with the Govt. for declaration of the House of Prof. Prasanta Chandra

Mahalanobis as heritage building by Archeological Survey of India.

In response, CE (A & F) informed the house on the following two matters:-

1. Restoration of the building.
2. Declaring it as heritage building through Archeological Survey of India.

On the second point, the suggestion of the member was appreciated with an assurance that necessary attempts will be made to declare it as a heritage building.

Regarding restoration of the building initially CPWD was engaged for the work. But, their progress of work and identification of problems was not appreciated by the Works Advisory Committee. As such, they were requested to disassociate from the work. Subsequently, the Works Advisory Committee, in association with some eminent people in this field, has decided to do it themselves. However, due to the pandemic, Works Advisory Committee members and other outsiders, who were supposed to visit the site, were not able to come. In view of the importance of the work, ISI Administration is already working on it to get it done satisfactorily.

#### CLOSING REMARKS

The President thanked everyone and the Chairman, ISI Council, who also joined the meeting through online platform. He also expected that the next meeting would be physical.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay  
(Director)



Bibek Debroy  
(President)

List of attendees on Annual General Meeting, held on 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2020.

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Membership No.</b>
1	Dr. Ashok Kr. Lahiri	Invitee
2	Shri Sudip Chakraborty	Invitee
3	Shri Amitava Mukherjee	Invitee
4	Shri Asoke Kr. Chandra	L/1589
5	Dr. Arijit Chaudhuri	L/4042
6	Prof. Dipti Prasad Mukherjee	L/5335
7	Shri B. Uma Shankar	L/5839
8	Dr. Deba Prasad Mandal	L/6049
9	Dr. Tapas Kr. Basu	L/7560
10	Prof. Utpal Roy	L/8210
11	Shri Samar Chattopadhyay	L/8665
12	Dr. N.C. Ghatak	L/9006
13	Shri Rabindra Narayan Das	L/9245
14	Dr. Jadab Kumar Pal	L/9390
15	Dr. Shashi Mohan Srivastava	O/9468
16	Dr. Haimanti Sarbadhikari	O/9469
17	Dr. Tapan Kumar Mandal	O/9473
18	Shri Sudepto Biswas	O/9506
19	Brig Jagdish Narayan Pandey (Retd).	O/9535
20	Dr. Rajat Subhra Hazra	O/9546
21	Dr. Arijit Chakraborty	O/9547
22	Dr. Krishanu Maulik,	O/9548