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INDIAN STATISTICAL INSTITUTE  
203 B.T. Road, Kolkata – 700 108

No. CAF/10-2/326  
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Dear Sir / Madam,

I am forwarding herewith a copy of the proceedings of the meeting of the General Body of the Institute held on 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2018, as approved by the President of the meeting, for your information and record.

Yours sincerely,

( **Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay** )

Director

Enclo. : As stated.

To : All members of the Indian Statistical Institute.

Copy for information to :

1. The President of the Institute.
2. The Chairman and all members of the Council of the Institute.
3. Shri K.S. Rejimon, Director (CAP), Central Statistics Office, Ministry of Statistics & P.I., Government of India, Sardar Patel Bhavan, Sansad Marg, New Delhi – 110 001.
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# INDIAN STATISTICAL INSTITUTE

Minutes of the General Body Meeting of the Institute held on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 at 3.00 p.m. in the Auditorium at Platinum Jubilee Academic Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, of the Institute at 203, B.T. Road, Kolkata – 700 108.

Present: Prof. Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay, (Director of the Institute), and total of 24 members, attended the General Body Meeting. Details of all attendees are attached at the end.

## Preamble

At the outset, the Director informed the members that Dr. Vijay Kelkar, the President of the Institute as well as Prof. Goverdhan Mehta, Chairman of the ISI Council had expressed their inability to attend the meeting. In absence of the President and the Chairman, Dr Malay Kr. Kundu (L/5737), one of the senior Life Members of the General Body was nominated to preside over the meeting, which was wholeheartedly accepted by the members.

## Welcome Address

Dr. Malay Kr. Kundu welcomed all the members present in the meeting and conveyed his sincere thanks to them for attending the General Body Meeting, conveyed his good wishes and sought for the cooperation of the house in conducting his solemn duty. He then requested the Office bearers to proceed with the meeting as per the Agenda.

## **Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of the proceedings of the Annual General Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.**

1.1 Members took note of the fact that the proceedings of the Annual General Meeting of the Institute held on 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 were circulated under reference No. CAF/10-2/092 dated 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2018, and no comments were received from any member. The proceeding of the Annual General Body Meeting of the Institute held on 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 was placed for confirmation.

1.2 (R) **It was resolved by the General Body that the proceedings of the Annual General Body Meeting of the Institute, as circulated vide reference No. CAF/10-2/092 dated 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2018, be confirmed.**

## **Agenda Item No. 2: Action Taken Report (ATR) of the previous Annual General Body Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.**

2.1 Copy of the Action Taken Report (ATR) was handed over to the members and no comments were received from them.

## **Agenda Item No. 3: Declaration of the results of the election for the:**

- (i) **President of the Institute**
- (ii) **Two representatives of the members of the Institute (not employed in the Institute)**
- (iii) **One representative of the members of the Institute (not**

**employed in the Institute and not ordinarily resident of West Bengal)**

- 3.1 The Council of the Institute in its meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 appointed Shri A.K. Biswas, Dy. Chief Executive (Admn.) as the Election Officer to conduct election to various positions of the Institute.
- 3.2 Dr. Malay Kr. Kundu (L/5737), in the Chair, requested Shri A.K. Biswas, Dy. Chief Executive (Admn.) 'B' and Election Officer to announce the results of the election.
- 3.3 The Dy. Chief Executive (Admn.) 'B' and Election Officer informed the house that the Council in its meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 had nominated Shri Bibek Debroy, Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) and Member, Niti Aayog, for the office of the President of the Institute and no alternative nomination was received and hence, no voting through ballot was required to be held.
- 3.4 (R) It was resolved by the General Body that Shri Bibek Debroy be declared elected as the President of the Institute for a two year term commencing from 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.**
- 3.5 The Dy. Chief Executive (Admn.) 'B' and Election Officer stated that for election of two representatives of the members of the Institute not employed in the Institute to the Council, three valid nominations were received namely from Dr. Mihir Kumar Chakrabarti (Membership No. L/1156), Dr. Shibdas Bandyopadhyay (Membership No. L/1902) and Dr. Aditya Bagchi (Membership No. L/5664). Hence, voting was necessary. Dr. Shibdas Bandyopadhyay (Membership No. L/1902) and Dr. Aditya Bagchi (Membership No. L/5664) have since secured relatively higher number of votes viz 92 and 88 respectively, and they were declared elected as two representatives of the members of the Institute not employed in the Institute to the Council.
- 3.6 The Dy. Chief Executive (Admn.) 'B' and Election Officer further stated that for election of one representative of the members of the Institute not employed in the Institute, not ordinarily resident in West Bengal to the Council, only one nomination was received from Dr. I.K. Ravichandra Rao (Membership No. L/5017). Hence, voting was not necessary for the same. As there is no alternative nomination, Dr. I.K. Ravichandra Rao may be declared elected as one representative of the members of the Institute (not employed in the Institute, not ordinarily resident in West Bengal to the Council).
- 3.7 (R) It was resolved by the General Body that Dr. Shibdas Bandyopadhyay (Membership No. L/1902), Dr. Aditya Bagchi (Membership No. L/5664) and Dr. I.K. Ravichandra Rao (Membership No. L/5017), not ordinarily resident in West Bengal), be declared as three elected representatives of the Institute members not employed in the Institute to the Council for a two year term commencing from 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.**
- 3.8 (a) The Dy. Chief Executive (Admn.) 'B' and Election Officer informed the members that he had placed the report on the election for various positions to the Council of the Institute for the two-year term

commencing from 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018 before the Council and he further informed that, based on his report, the Council in its meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2018, appointed the following persons as the Professors-in-Charge of the respective Scientific Divisions to the Council, as mentioned below against each for a two year term commencing from 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 :

Sl. No.	Name of the elected candidate with Roll No.	Name of the Scientific Division
1	Professor B.V. Rajarama Bhat (Roll No. 8979)	Theoretical Statistics and Mathematics Division
2	Professor Sumitra Purkayastha (Roll No. 9083)	Applied Statistics Division
3	Professor Susmita Mukhopadhyay (Roll No. 8997)	Biological Sciences Division
4	Professor E. Somanathan (Roll No. 9236)	Social Sciences Division
5	Professor Bhabatosh Chanda (Roll No. 8703)	Computer & Communication Sciences Division
6	Professor Parthasarathi Ghosh (Roll No. 9158)	Physics & Earth Sciences Division
7	Dr. Ashis Kr. Chakraborty (Roll No. 8327)	Head, Statistical Quality Control and Operations Research Division
3.9 (b)	The Dy. Chief Executive (Admn.) and Election Officer informed the members that, the Council in its meeting held on 4 <sup>th</sup> September, 2018, also appointed Prof. Goutam Mukherjee (Roll No. 8967) as the Dean of Studies for a two year term commencing from 18 <sup>th</sup> September, 2018.	
3.10	He further informed the members that based on the election report, the Council in its meeting held on 4 <sup>th</sup> September, 2018, elected the names of Dr. Partha Pratim Mohanta (Roll No. 9195) and Shri Gouri Sankar Acharya (Roll No. 8694) as the representatives of Scientific and Non-Scientific Workers of the Institute respectively, to the Council for a two year term commencing from 18 <sup>th</sup> September, 2018.	
3.11	The Dy. Chief Executive (Admn.) and Election Officer in his report informed the Council that no nominations from any of the six Scientific Divisions and SQC & OR Division was received for election of the members of the Academic Council.	
3.12	It was resolved by the Council that the selection of the following persons as representatives of the Academic Council (DCSW) from their respective Divisions be approved for two year term commencing from 18 <sup>th</sup> September, 2018:	

Sl No.	Name of the Division	Name of Candidates [with Roll No.]	Category
1.	Theoretical Statistics & Mathematics	Dr. Paramita Das [Roll No. 9378]  Dr. Deepayan Sarkar [Roll No. 9340]	Assistant Professor  Associate Professor
2.	Applied Statistics	Dr. Holendro Singh Chungkham [Roll No. 9459]  Dr. Arijit Chakrabarti [Roll No. 9286]	Assistant Professor  Associate Professor
3.	Biological Sciences	Dr. Raghunath Chatterjee [Roll No. 9413]  Dr. Suparna Mandal Biswas [Roll No. 9006]	Associate Professor  Assistant Professor
4.	Social Sciences	Dr. Soumyanetra Munshi [Roll No. 9460]  Dr. Monisankar Bishnu [Roll No. 9466]	Assistant Professor  Assistant Professor
5.	Computer and Communication Sciences	Dr. Debrup Chakraborty [Roll No. 9465]  Dr. Sujata Ghosh [Roll No. 9396]	Associate Professor  Assistant Professor
6.	Physics & Earth Sciences	Dr. Shiladri Shekhar Das [Roll No. 9008]  Dr. Santanu Kumar Maiti [Roll No. 9403]	Assistant Professor  Associate Professor
7.	Statistical Quality Control & Operations Research	Smt. Rina Chakravorty [Roll No. 8838]  Dr. Biswabrata Pradhan [Roll No. 9062]	Technical Officer Gr.I  Associate Professor

**Agenda Request to take up the matter of amendment of the Indian Item No. 4 Statistical Institute Act, 1959.**

- 4.1 The institute grants, besides other degrees and diplomas, PhD degrees in statistics, mathematics, quantitative economics, computer science, and quality, reliability & operations research. Besides these, the Institute admits Research Fellows (Junior/Senior) in other subjects like, Physics, Geology, Agricultural Sciences, Sociology, Anthropology, Genetics, Biological Sciences, etc. However, while these JRFs/SRFs are fully funded by the Institute, they are not awarded degrees in these disciplines from the Institute because of the constraint imposed in the ISI Act. These research fellows register in other Universities for their degrees.

The members discussed that the Research Fellows of the above mentioned categories are required to register their names in other Indian Universities. After deliberation it was agreed to suggest amendment of the section 4 of the Indian Statistical Institute Act 1959 (No. 57 of 1959, dated 24<sup>th</sup> December 1959) as follows:

"Notwithstanding anything contained in the University Grants Commission Act, 1956, or in any other law for the time being in force, the Institute may hold such examinations and grant such degrees and diplomas in statistics, mathematics, quantitative economics, computer science and such other subjects related to statistics, natural and social sciences as may be determined by the Institute from time to time."

The Institute will request the Administrative Ministry to initiate the process of amendment.

**4.2(R) The members of the General Body unanimously decided the following amendment to Section 4 of the ISI Act 1959 (No. 57 of 1959):-**

**"Notwithstanding anything contained in the University Grants Commission Act, 1956, or in any other law for the time being in force, the Institute may hold such examinations and grant such degrees and diplomas in statistics, mathematics, quantitative economics, computer science and such other subjects pertaining to natural and social sciences as may be determined by the Institute from time to time" and advised to take up the issue with the Nodal Ministry for necessary amendment in the Indian Statistical Institute Act, 1959 (Act No. 57 of 1959).**

**Agenda Item No. 5 Miscellaneous (if any with permission of the Chair)**

5.1 Concerns were raised that data in respect of members of the Institute are not updated. It results in mails not being delivered or at time communication being initiated while the members may have expired. Regular updation of data was emphasised and Director was requested to form a committee to suggest methodology for resolution of this problem where Dr. Shibdas Bandyopadhyay may be a member of the said committee.

**5.2 (R) It was resolved that a Committee be constituted with Dr. Shibdas Bandyopadhyay as one of the members for evolving a methodology for regular updation of list of members.**

5.3 Requirement of allotment of an office accommodation for the Society of the Institute was raised once again where administration informed that it could be possible only after sufficient infrastructure is created.

Dr. Shibdas Bandyopadhyay enquired if there was a Karnataka

Chapter of ISI where members met regularly and are they provided any funds from the Institute. Dr. Malay Kr. Kundu (L/5737), in the Chair, requested administration to check with the Accounts Section whether they have received any money. He further suggested to form a small committee, but the Chief Executive (A&F) assured the members that he will check the actual position and will inform the members in the next meeting.

- 5.4 (R) It was resolved that there is no requirement to constitute a Committee and the Chief Executive (Admn. & Finance) will find out the actual position on financial support to Karnataka Chapter of ISI and will report in the next General Body Meeting.**

### **Closing Remarks**

Dr. Malay Kr. Kundu (L/5737), in the Chair, conveyed thanks to Election Officer, ISI, members of outgoing council committee and particularly to Dr. Vijay Kelkar. He requested Director to convey the gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Vijay Kelkar, for his contribution to the Institute.

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

(Sd/- Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay )  
**Director**

(Sd/- Malay Kumar Kundu )  
**In the Chair**

List of attendees on General Body Meeting, held on 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.

1. Dr. Pradip Kr. Das, 2. Shri Samar Chattopadhyay, 3. Prof. Arijit Chaudhuri, 4. Dr. Shibdas Bandyopadhyay, 5. Dr. Subrata Gangopadhyay, 6. Dr. Malay Kr. Kundu, 7. Shri B. Uma Shankar, 8. Sm. Himani Bhattacharya, 9. Prof. Barun Mukhopadhyay, 10. Dr. Sujit Adhikary, 11. Sm. Malati Chatterjee, 12. Dr. Aditya Bagchi, 13. Shri Rabindra Narayan Das, 14. Dr. Uma Basu, 15. Dr. Monoranjan Ghose, 16. Dr. Rita Saharay, 17. Shri Tapas Basu, 18. Dr. Rabindranath Jana, 19. Dr. Bholanath Ghosh, 20. Shri Amal K. Biswas, 21. Dr. Deba Prasad Mandal, 22. Dr. Asit Kumar Ghosh, 23. Dr. Jadab Kr. Pal, 24. Brig Jagdish Narayan Pandey.