



ASSOCIATION OF AGROMETEOROLOGISTS

Minutes of the General Body meeting held at KAU,
Thrissur on Jan. 21, 2020

The Twenty first Annual General Body meeting of Association of Agrometeorologists was held at Central Auditorium of Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur, and Kerala on January 21, 2020 at 17:30 hrs. Dr Vyas Pandey President of the Association presided over the meeting and was assisted by the EC members. One hundred thirty (130) members were present.

First of all Dr Vyas Pandey, President of the Association welcome the members and thanked the members for electing him as a President. He also thanked to Dr. S.R. Patel for successful conduct of the AAM election. He expressed great satisfaction over the progress made by Association and at the same time congratulated the LOC members of AGMET 2020 for successful organization of seminar. There after he presented the progress made by the Association in terms of its membership, financial assets and publication of Journal of Agrometeorology in last two decades. He gave information about various impact factors and NAAS rating of the Journal. Thereafter the agenda were taken up.

- 21.1** The minutes of last GB meeting held at J.N.U., New Delhi on Feb. 12, 2019 was displayed on the screen for members and also put on the website. The same was approved.
- 21.2** The annual report and accounts of Association for year 2018-19 was presented by the Secretary and was displayed on the screen for members. The same was approved by the house, after some clarifications asked by members on account details particularly on travel expenses. Secretary informed that the detail annual report and audit reports are available for inspection.
- 21.3** House was informed that Executive Council meeting held on 10th May 2019 vide resolution no 21.7 (v) has recommended to revise the membership fee of Association with effect from April 2020. Some of the members asked for justification for increasing the membership fee. It was informed that as the publication of journal have been made quarterly, and seminar is being organized annually, moreover looking to the fee structure of other societies, the increase is justified. After clarification the revised membership fee as given was approved by the house.
 - i. Annual membership: Rs.500 + 100 (enrollment)
 - ii. Life membership: Rs.5000 + 100 (enrollment)
 - iii. Foreign membership (annual): \$50 + 5(enrollment)
 - iv. Foreign membership (Life) : \$500 + 5(enrollment)
- 21.4** Dr Vyas Pandey President appraised the members about the Bombay trust Act. According to which whenever EC members are elected, the Change Report is to be submitted to the Assistant Charity Commissioner, Anand. Neither Charity Commissioner informed us nor we were aware of such rules. Hence no such reports was submitted in past to Charity Commissioner. We were informed to complete the records of last 20 years and submit the same. Therefore Association engaged one Legal Advisor for this work and as per his suggestion the Change Report were prepared for every three years as per byelaws of Association submitted in 1999, according to which GB will be electing EC members every three years. Association had prepared the document as per as per byelaws submitted to the Charity Commissioner for its consideration. Until it is accepted and regularized by the

Charity Commissioner office, Association has to follow the old byelaws. Accordingly the three years term of EC is ending in March 2020. Hence the house was requested to elect the new EC members for three years term (2020-23). It was suggested that the EC members elected in 2019 may be requested to continue for the next three years term (2020-2023). Following names were proposed and elected unanimously.

1. Dr. Vyas Pandey	President
2. Dr. S. K. Bal	Vice President
3. Dr. J. D. Jadhav	Vice President
4. Dr. S. B. Yadav	Secretary
5. Dr. A. K. Shrivastava	Jt. Secretary
6. Dr. B. I. Karande	Treasurer
7. Dr. Sandeep Singh Sandhu	Member
8. Dr. C. S. Dagar	Member
9. Dr. K. K. Dakhore	Member
10. Dr. N. Subhash	Member
11. Dr. S. Sridhara	Member

- 21.5** President informed the house about development of new dynamic website of the Association which was launched during inaugural function of the seminar AGMET 2020. He also described the salient features of new website for online applications, paper submissions and its review system. He also invited feedback from the members for its improvements.
- 21.6** Different Chapters like Thrisur, Hissar, Mohanpur, Hyderabad, Coimbatore, Jammu, Raipur and Parbhani presented their report. Pantnagar, Ludhiana, Faizabad, Pune and Delhi chapters could not make their presentation. President informed all the chapters that only those activities are to be presented which are organized under the banner of AAM Chapters. He also informed that the account/ audit report of each chapter must be submitted to HQ. He also informed that any chapter can retain a maximum amount of 100000/-, excess over this must be submitted to Head Quarter. Same was endorsed by house.
- 21.7** For organizing next national seminar, President informed that there were three requests from Srinagar (Dr R.H. Kanth), Coimbatore (Dr. V. Geetalaxmi) and Varanasi (Dr. R.K. Mall) for organizing the next seminar. The proposal of Dr R. H. Kanth SKUAST-K, Srinagar was accepted by the EC and same was endorsed by the GB. However members were of different opinion on the suitable period during which it may be organized at Srinagar, moreover, security concerns were also raised by some members.
- 21.8** Some members suggested that the G.B. meeting should be held on first day of seminar so that maximum members could attend the meeting. Same was endorsed by the GB.
- 21.9** In a clarification to a query raised by an honorable member that the guidelines prescribed for recruitment of person from Agrometeorology discipline under GKMS project in KVKs are not being followed, President said the matter would be taken up at appropriate level.

The meeting was adjourned with vote of thanks by Dr J. D. Jadhav Vice President of Association.



(S. B Yadav)
Secretary