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### **MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 03.11.2017 AT 7.00 P.M. IN THE MINI CONFERENCE HALL OF SRI VENKATESWARA VETERINARY UNIVERSITY, TIRUPATI**

Governing Council Meeting of National Academy of Veterinary Sciences (India) was held on 03.11.2017 at 7.00 P.M. in the Mini Conference Hall of Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, Tirupati. The following members of the Governing Council (GC) attended the meeting:

1. Maj. Gen. Shri Kant, SM, VSM (Retd) - President
2. Dr. D.V.R. Prakasha Rao - Vice-President
3. Dr. S. Honnappagol - Ex-officio Member
4. Dr. S.K. Gupta - Secretary General
5. Dr. Nem Singh - Treasurer
6. Maj. Gen. M.L. Sharma (Retd) - Member
7. Dr. S.N.S. Randhawa - Member
8. Dr. S.K. Srivastava - Member
9. Dr. V.D.P. Rao - Member
10. Dr. S.N. Singh - Member
11. Dr. Mandeep Sharma - Member
12. Dr. S.K. Tiwari - Member
13. Dr. S.K. Saha - Member
14. Dr. Ravindra Sharma - Member
15. Dr. Minakshi - Member
16. Dr. Sanjeev Kumar - Member
17. Dr. Y. Hari Babu - Special Invitee
18. Dr. T.S. Chandrasekhara Rao - Special Invitee

Col. R.P. Garg, VSM (Retd), Prof. K.M.L. Pathak, Prof. R.N. Kohli, and Dr. A.B. Mandal informed the Secretary General in advance about their inability to attend the meeting, whereas, Dr. P.N. Khanna and Dr. B.N. Tripathi did not inform about their absence. The meeting started with address by the President, NAVS (I), Dr. S. Honnappagol, Animal Husbandry Commissioner (GOI), Dr. Y. Hari Babu, Vice Chancellor, SVVU, Tirupati and thereafter, the agenda-items were discussed as mentioned below :-

1. **Confirmation of the minutes of the last Governing Council Meeting held in the Committee Room of Dean, College of Veterinary Sciences, LUVAS, Hisar on 05.08.2017 (Saturday) at 2.00 P.M.**

**Resolution :** Confirmed.

2. **To bring out policy papers on disease-free India with particular emphasis on Rabies, FMD, PPR, Anthrax in Southern India, NCD in poultry, Glanders, etc**

It was decided to hold brain storming sessions in different institutes/colleges depending upon the disease-wise expertise. In each of these sessions at least one GC member of NAVS (I) will also be associated. The following venues were finalized:

Sr. No.	Disease	Venue	GC Member of NAVS(I) to be associated
1.	FMD & PPR	IVRI, Mukteswar Campus	Dr. Ravindra Sharma, Hisar
2.	Anthrax	Veterinary College, Tirupati	Dr. V.D.P. Rao, Hyderabad
3.	Glanders	National Research Centre on Equines	Maj Gen M.L. Sharma, Brookes India (Ltd)
4.	Rabies	Veterinary College, Bengaluru	Dr. D.V.R. Prakasha Rao, Chennai
5.	New Castle Disease in Poultry	Veterinary College and Research Institute, Namakkal	Dr. Minakshi, Hisar

**Resolution:** Letters in this regard will be written by the Secretary General to the concerned scientists and head of the Institute/College to organize the same.

3. **Selection of non-vets for important positions in veterinary institutions as well as awarding honorary D. Sc by Vety. Universities to non-vets:**

The issue was discussed in detail. However, it was agreed upon that we should not press upon this issue. However, in case of selection of a non-vet on the post of Dean of Veterinary College, the VCI regulations are to be followed.

**Resolution:** Secretary General will write a resentment letter to the Director, IVRI, after verifying about the selection of a non-vet on the post of Dean of the Veterinary College. However, if the non-vet has been given the charge of the post, no action will be required on the part of NAVS(I).

4. **Representation of NAVS(I) in VCI and other Government organizations related to Veterinary and Animal Sciences streams for rapport and professional development:**

NAVS(I) being an apex body and think tank of the veterinary professionals, its representation with the Govt Organisation cannot be over-emphasised. The academy is doing yeoman's service since 1993 and is awarding fellowship to the eminent veterinary professionals settled in India or abroad. It is requested that the President of NAVS(I) may be associated in Governing Body of VCI, ICAR, MCI, ICMR, Animal Welfare Board, etc

**Resolution:** Secretary General will draft a letter on behalf of NAVS(I) and will send the same to ICAR, Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Welfare Board, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare etc

**5. Enhancement of retirement age of veterinarians as per the pattern of medicos:**

In the 5<sup>th</sup> Central Pay Commission, veterinarians were equated with medicos in all respects. Now since the retirement age of medicos has been enhanced to 65 years, the same should be applicable for veterinarians also.

**Resolution :** Secretary General will write a letter to Central Govt as well as Haryana Govt in this regard.

**6. Equal status and recognition of fellowship of NAVS like that of NAAS :** It is believed that this agenda-item is under active consideration of ASRB. It was resolved that President, NAVS(I) will meet the Chairman, ASRB along with the Vice-President and senior GC members in this regard.

**7. Follow up action taken by the Chairman of various Committees, constituted during the last meeting of Governing Council:**

**i) Guidelines regarding the disciplinary action to be initiated against the GC members who do not attend the GC meetings regularly without any genuine reason:**

The committee made the following recommendations for consideration of the GC, which were accepted after few changes.

- a. Circular for the scheduled meeting should be given at least one month in advance, enabling the GC members to plan their travel well in time.
- b. In case of inability, the GC member must inform the General Secretary well in advance with valid reason(s).
- c. If a member does not attend the meeting without information, the same will be recorded in the minutes of the GC meeting(s).
- d. If a GC member does not attend the GC meeting consecutively three times, he/she may be debarred from contesting the next election of NAVS(I).

**Resolution :** Action will be taken by the Secretary General regarding points a to d.

**ii) Consideration of revised score card:**

The committee submitted the revised score card for NAVS(I) fellowship and membership. The same was finalized after thorough discussion. It was also decided that the revised score card will be applicable from year 2017 and onwards and the date for accepting the applications for fellowship and membership of NAVS(I) will be extended up to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Further, it

was decided to enhance the present authorisation of fellowships from 450 to 500 to encourage deserving eminent veterinarians to apply more in numbers.

**Resolution :** The revised score card(s) will be uploaded on NAVS(I) website shortly along with the information regarding extension of date. Vice-Chancellors / Deans / Directors of Veterinary Universities/Colleges/Institutes, respectively will also be intimated in this regard through e-mail for wide publicity.

**iii) Recognition of NAVS Fellows at par with Fellows of other Academies :**

Since the Chairman, ASRB will be the Chief Guest during inaugural function, it was decided to approach him personally in this regard.

**Resolution:** President, NAVS(I) will meet the Chairman, ASRB along with the Vice-President and senior GC members in this regard.

**iv) Making efforts for establishment of ICVR:**

The draft proposal regarding establishment of ICVR submitted by the Committee was accepted. The members lauded the pains taken by the committee members in preparation of the draft proposal. The house desired that the draft may be strengthened by providing logical data, wherever, required. All the esteemed GC members were also requested to go through the same and submit their suggestions, if any, at the earliest to Dr. Nem Singh, the Coordinator of the committee, for finalization of the draft.

**Resolution:** Dr. Nem Singh will submit the final draft to Secretary General, NAVS(I) for further action after incorporating the suggestions/data as discussed in the GC meeting within a period of three months.

**v) Paravet Regulations and implementation of OIE Minimum Standards for Working Equines:**

The draft policy paper on "Paravet Regulation in India" submitted by the Chairman of the committee was discussed and accepted after minor modifications.

**Resolution:** Secretary General will arrange to get sufficient copies printed and forward the copies of the recommendations to Veterinary Council of India, Animal Husbandry Commissioner, GOI, New Delhi, Vice-Chancellors of the Veterinary Universities, Deans of Veterinary Colleges and Directors of the State Animal Husbandry Department of various states for their further necessary action.

**vi) OIE Minimum Standards for Working Equines :** It was decided that Maj Gen M.L. Sharma, CEO of Brooke India will organize a one day workshop in collaboration with NAVS(I) inviting the experts from different streams in this regard.

**Resolution :** Secretary General will write a letter in this regard to Maj Gen M.L. Sharma for organization of one day workshop preferably at NRCE Hisar or at CMVL Meerut Cantt.

**vii) Post-graduation in Clinical Subjects:**

This agenda was deferred and it was decided to discuss the same in the next GC meeting, where the coordinator of the committee (Dr. Kirti Dua of GADVASU) will also be invited for further discussion on this point.

**Resolution :** Secretary General will invite Dr. Kirti Dua in the next GC meeting, as and when the date and venue are finalized.

- 8. Revision of travelling and halting allowances to be paid to council members and members of the standing committees:** All the members were of the view that the present rates are adequate and need not be enhanced keeping in view the limited resources of the Academy.

**Resolution :** No further action is required.

- 9. Venue and theme of next convocation-cum-scientific convention of NAVS (I).**

It was agreed upon that the dates for the convocation-cum-Scientific Convention should be fixed every year on the foundation day of NAVS (I) i.e. on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of December. It was suggested that the next venue should be either in the Eastern or Western part of our country.

**Resolution:** The President will contact the Vice-Chancellor(s) of Veterinary/Agricultural Universities/Dean(s) of Veterinary Colleges of these zones in this regard.

- 10. Maintenance of record of permanent articles in an inventory register:**

Mr. Sumit Sharma will prepare an inventory register of all the permanent articles of NAVS office, which will be checked by Dr. Nem Singh.

- 11. Payment related to redesigning of the NAVS(I) website including technical maintenance of website for the year 2017-18 :** The payment due to M/s INet was approved and further it was decided to continue the services of M/s INet Business Hub, Hisar for maintenance of website for the year 2017-18.

- 12. Any other item with the permission of the chair.**

- a). **UID from NITI Aayog :** It was suggested that NAVS (I) should be registered with Niti Aayog, for which a UID is to be generated.

**Resolution:** Secretary General will get the needful done.

- b) **Renewal of registration of NAVS (I) :** Mr. Sumit Sharma will enquire from the office of Registrar of Societies of Delhi as well as from NAAS office, whether renewal of registration is required or not?. If yes, then the needful will be done by the Secretary General. Further, Dr. S.S. Randhawa has offered to send the detailed procedure regarding renewal of registration of Societies/Associations.

**Resolution:** Dr. S.S. Randhawa will be requested to send the detailed procedure as mentioned above. The Secretary General will submit the case to the Registrar of the Societies for renewal of registration.

- c) **Award of honorary fellowship to Dr. R.K. Sharma** : The case was discussed and was not agreed to since the application was not as per the procedure laid down.. The GC members were of the view that that Dr. R.K. Sharma should send his application as per procedure in this regard.

**Resolution:** Secretary General will inform Dr. M.P. Yadav, who had made the request in this regard, accordingly.

- d) **Request of Dr. C. Varshneya, for reconsideration of his application for the award of fellowship of NAVS(I)** : The issue was discussed and it was resolved that the request of Dr. Varshneya may be considered and his application may be re-evaluated by the same committee.

**Resolution:** Secretary General will send the application of Dr. C. Varsheya to Chairman of evaluation committee (Dr. R.K. Singh) for re-evaluation.

- e) **Veterinary Education System in India, Challenges and Way forward** The GC members were of the view that there is a need to deliberate on various challenges in the existing veterinary Education System in India. It was decided that a committee of the following GC Members be constituted to formulate draft policy paper on the subject to be submitted to the concerned authorities (Min of Agriculture/ICAR/VCI) for implementation.

Dr. S.N.S. Randhawa	Chairman
Maj Gen M.L. Sharma (Retd)	Member
Dr. S.K. Gupta	Member
Dr. Mandeep Sharma	Coordinator

**Resolution:** Secretary General will write the letters to the committee members and the report is to be submitted in two months.

- f) **Wages to Mr. Sumit Sharma:** Mr. Sumit Sharma has been appointed recently in the Delhi office of NAVS(I); he has requested to enhance his salary from Rs. 12,000/- to Rs. 15,000/- per month. It was decided to observe his working for at least 6 months and the enhancement, if any, may be made afterwards. Further, it was resolved that the Delhi office of NAVS (I) will remain open from 10.00 A.M. to 3.00 P.M. from Monday to Friday. This will be given wide publicity..

**Resolution:** Secretary General will inform Mr. Sumit Sharma, Caretaker of Delhi office of NAVS(I) accordingly.

- g) **Telegram Group of GC Members** : Dr. Sanjeev Kumar suggested to start a telegram group of GC members of NAVS (I), for which he volunteered to be the admin.

**Resolution:** Dr. Sanjeev Kumar will initiate the same, however, all the GC members are requested to upload the telegram app in their smart phones.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

President, NAVS(I) (S.K. Gupta)  
Secretary General, NAVS(I)