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MINUTES OF GENERAL BODY MEETING OF NAVS (I), HELD ON 20.12.2018 AT 6.30 P.M. IN THE BIJU PATTNAIK HALL OF ORISSA UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY, BHUBANESWAR

The General Body (GB) Meeting of NAVS(I) was convened on 20.12.2018 (Thursday) at 06.30 P.M. in Biju Pattnaik Hall of OUAT, Bhubaneswar. under the Chairmanship of Maj Gen Shri Kant SM, VSM (Retd), President of NAVS(I) but due to lack of quorum, it was adjourned for half an hour as per rules of the academy and resumed again. Two minutes silence was observed as a tribute to the departed fellows : Dr. R.P.S. Tyagi, Dr. V.M. Mandokhot as well as Mrs. D. Bala Tripura Sundari w/o Dr. Prakash Rao, who left for heavenly abode recently. In the beginning the President apprised the house about the important issues taken up by the Academy and the progress made so far in this regard. He apprised the members about the outcome of his meeting with Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, DG ICAR and Sh. Tarun Shridhar, Secretary (AHDF), GOI, on 15.06.2018 as well as on 04.10.2018 regarding parity of NAVS fellows with that of NAAS fellows as well as for financial assistance to the Academy by the ICAR. He also met Sh. Radha Mohan Singh ji, Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Govt of India on 4th October, 2018 and submitted a proposal for the establishment of ICVR in presence of Animal Husbandry Commissioner. Further, the proposal to establish Indian Council of Veterinary Research has also been submitted to Sh. Mohan Bhagwat ji. Dr. Nem Singh and Maj Gen M.L.Sharma volunteered to procure the supporting documents pertaining to Parliamentary Standing Committee Report on the establishment of ICVR. President also requested the GC members to use their contacts/good office to pursue this proposal. He further apprised the house that the document 'Paravet Regulation in India' has already been published and has been sent to the concerned quarters. Further, two more policy papers on 'CRD in poultry' and 'Glanders in equines' will be published shortly. He also informed that this time there is overwhelming response for various awards of the Academy. He further informed the house that during a short span of one year we have been able to mobilize Rs. 21 lakhs for NAVS (I)-a unique feat. After the address of the President, the following agenda-items were discussed

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1. **Confirmation of the minutes of the last General Body Meeting held on 04.11.2017 at 6.00 P.M in the Auditorium of Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, Tirupati :** Confirmed.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** The report was presented by Dr. Nem Singh, Treasurer of NAVS. He informed the house that presently Academy is having Rs. 83.00 lakhs in the form of fixed deposits in the bank. The treasurer's report was accepted and efforts made by the present GC in improving the financial position of the Academy were appreciated by the house.
3. **Institution of Dr. C.M. Singh Memorial Award for Excellence in Animal Health and Animal Production :** The GB approved the proposal in principle and authorized the GC to finalize the rules and regulations. However, in place of cash prize a gold medal (gold plated 50 gm silver medal) alongwith the citation will be given to the recipient(s). Further, the recipient will be reimbursed the air-fare provided the ticket is purchased atleast one month in advance.
4. **Institution of Young Scientist Award for significant contribution in Animal Health and Animal Production :** The GB approved the proposal in principle and authorized the GC to finalize the rules and regulations. However, in place of cash prize a gold medal (gold plated 50 gm silver medal) alongwith the citation will be given to the recipient(s). Further, the 2nd AC train fare will be reimbursed.
5. **Ratification of the decision of the Governing Council regarding grant of Fellowship :** The decision of GC for grant of 18 fellowship against a maximum number of 15 was approved as a one-time measure only.
6. **Change in the qualifying marks for the award of Membership and Associate Membership:** Though the GC had suggested lowering the qualifying marks for the award of Membership as well as Associate Membership from 70 to 65. However, the GB approved the qualifying marks as 65 for Membership and 60 for Associate Membership in order to encourage young faculty members /scientists to apply for these awards. However, the minimum qualifying marks for the award of Fellowship will remain the same i.e. 70 per cent.
7. **Financial assistance for holding brain storming sessions on important diseases/issues pertaining to livestock sector :** The GB approved the decision taken by GC in this regard.

8. **Concern of NAVS (I) regarding prevailing situation in Veterinary Council of India :** The President apprised the house that a letter has been written in this context to Sh. Tarun Shridhar, Secretary, AHD&F for taking appropriate steps in making the VCI functional.. Further, it was resolved to organize a brain storming session in this regard. In this session experts from other professional Societies/Associations will also be invited. It was also emphasized upon that President, NAVS (I) should be a member of VCI. A reminder letter will be written to Secretary, AHDF in this regard.
9. **Minor change in the date of holding of annual Convocation-cum-Scientific Convention:** The Secretary General suggested 18th December instead of 19th December as the date of holding annual convocation of the Academy as the first convocation was held on 18th Dec., 1993. However, it was agreed upon that the Convocation may be held in December but before the winter session of the Parliament to ensure participation of Govt. official(s).
10. **Generation of resources:** To put NAVS (I) on sound financial status, GC members are requested to mobilize financial support from corporate houses like Intas and other industries dealing with pharmaceutical and biologicals.
11. **Venue for the next Convocation-cum-Scientific Convention:** Requests were there from two Institutions i.e. ICAR-NRC on Mithun, Nagaland and Kamdhenu University, Gandhinagar (Gujarat). The GB finalized Kamdhenu University, Gandhinagar as the venue for the next convocation –cum-Scientific Convention of NAVS (I).



(S.K. Gupta)

Secretary General

Dated : 27.12.2018

Approved.

President



27/12/18