

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF VETERINARY SCIENCES (INDIA) (REGD.)

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MINUTES OF GENERAL BODY MEETING OF NATIONAL ACADEMY OF VETERINARY SCIENCES (INDIA), HELD ON 01 JUL 2023 AT 2.30 AT GADVASU, LUDHIANA

The General Body (GB) meeting of National Academy of Veterinary Sciences (India) was convened on 01 Jul 2023 at 2.30 P.M. Since, the quorum for the GB Meeting was not complete; hence, the meeting was adjourned and reconvened after half an hour.

The President, Dr DVR Prakash Rao welcomed the Fellows and conveyed his gratitude for their presence. He apprised the house regarding the salient achievements of the Academy in the past one year. The milestone achievement was the allotment of Furnished Office Accommodation to the Academy, at DMS Complex, New Delhi by the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (Min of FAH&D), recognising the Academy as a “Technical Resource/Advisory Body”. The President conveyed his satisfaction regarding the financial position of the Academy i.e Rs. 1.7 Cr (Approx). However, he emphasised the need of finding a regular source of funding from the Govt by engagement of Academy’s Technical Resources to support the Min of FAH&D.

The following agenda items were discussed:-

1. Minutes of the last General Body Meeting held on 20 Jun 2022 at 2.00 PM at MAFSU, Nagpur (Maharashtra) were readout and confirmed.
Proposed by - Dr KML Pathak, Seconded by – Maj Gen Shri Kant SM, VSM (Retd).
2. Treasurer’s report: The Treasurer report along with audited balance sheet was placed before the house and the same was accepted.
Proposed by – Dr Suresh S Honnappagol, Seconded by – Col(Dr) Tej Ram

Pending Points from Last GB:-

3. Technical Workshop/Seminar – The Academy has organised number of technical Seminars/Workshops in collaboration with VCI, Brooke India and GADVASU on various topics like One Health, Continuous Veterinary Education (CVE), Rabies, Transboundary Viral Diseases in Livestock etc.

Agenda Points

4. The agenda points for the GB Meeting are as under :-

(a) Amendment of NAVS (I) Rules & Regulations :-

- (i) During the Governing Body Meeting held at MAFSU, Nagpur on 20 Jun 2022, the issue of amendment of NAVS (I) Rules & Regulation as recommended by the Committee headed by Maj Gen Shri Kant SM, VSM (Retd) approved by GC, were deliberated. It was decided that the committee looking into the amendment be broadened and only the salient points which need immediate change, be considered for the amendment.
- (ii) Accordingly, the following committee was reconstituted :-

- (aa) Maj Gen Shri Kant SM, VSM (Retd) - Chairman
(ab) Prof (Dr) AM Paturkar - Member
(ac) Dr Inderjeet Singh - Member
(ad) Prof (Dr) MP Yadav - Member
(ae) Prof (Dr) KML Pathak - Member
(af) Prof (Dr) AC Varshney - Member
(ag) Dr SK Gupta - Member
(ah) Dr Minakshi Prasad - Member
(aj) Dr DN Garg - Member
(ak) Dr Nem Singh - Member
(al) Maj Gen ML Sharma (Retd) - Member

(iii) The above committee deliberated the issue and recommended the following changes which were approved by the Governing Council.

Ser No.	Present Objectives/Rules & Regulations	Recommendations of the Committee constituted for amendment of Rules & Regulations of NAVS (I) chaired by Maj Gen Shri Kant SM, VSM (Retd)	Decision of the Governing Council	Decision of the Governing Body
(a)	Signatories: Names of the fellows who had signed the MoA at the time of registration of the Academy (Total 10 including Dr CM Singh as President and Dr RPS Tyagi as Vice-President)	Names of the Fellows who signed original document will continue. The present GC Members will sign all the amendments made from time to time by the previous GCs and GB as documented in booklet published up to 04 Nov 2015 and thereafter it will be submitted to Registrar of Societies for record but their names will not appear on revised printed copy of R&R.	Approved. The booklet to be prepared by the committee constituted as under : - Chairman Maj Gen Shri Kant SM, VSM (Retd) Members Maj Gen ML Sharma (Retd) - Dr. DN Garg Dr. Ravindra Sharma Dr. SK Gupta	Approved
(b)	Membership defined (a) Patrons (b) Fellows (c) Honorary Fellows (d) Members (e) Associate Members (f) Foreign Fellows	The Academy will consist of:- (a) Patrons (i) Cabinet Minister, Ministry of FAH&D (ii) Eminent Veterinarian (b) Fellows (c) Honorary Fellows	Patron (a) (i) was approved by Majority. However, for Eminent Veterinarian, rules/regulations will be made by the President, Vice-President and Secretary General of the	There was a proposal that the Academy must allow award of Membership and previously elected Associate Members be upgraded as Members. The proposal was accepted. The GB approved the decision of GC that Cabinet Minister of FAH&D will be Patron

		(d) Foreign Fellows (e) Associate Fellows It was resolved that the criteria for selection of Patrons will be discussed and defined by the GC of the Academy	Academy.	of the Academy. However, the criteria for selection of Eminent Veterinarians will be made by the President, Vice President and Secy General of the Academy.
(c)	Promotion of knowledge of Veterinary Sciences in India and its practical application to the problems of national welfare	Objective : (a) Promotion of knowledge of veterinary science and its practical application in India	Approved	Approved
		New Objective: To promote research and continuing veterinary education (CVE) in collaboration with central /state ministries/departments, Veterinary Council of India and Universities/Colleges	Approved	The new objective will read as "To promote research and Continuous Veterinary Education (CVE) as an apex advisory body, in collaboration with central /state ministries/departments, Veterinary Council of India and Universities/Colleges
(d)	Para 10.2 (a) Tenure President will hold the office for three years and will not be eligible for re-election to that office	The issue was deliberated in detail and resolved that the President will be eligible for re-election like other office bearers of the Academy. However, The President will be eligible to hold the office for two consecutive tenures.	Approved	The decision of GC was modified to read as "The issue was deliberated in detail and resolved that the President will be eligible for re-election like other office bearers of the Academy"
(e)	Any other point	One of the members of the committee proposed that the Past Presidents be invited for the GC Meetings. It was resolved that as per the existing R&R of the Academy, the immediate Past	Only immediate past President will be invited. However, the President may invite any past President on need basis.	The decision of GC was modified to read as "only immediate past President will be invited."

		President is invited for the GC Meetings. However, the past Presidents may be called as special invitees. The issue be discussed in GC Meeting. The issue was deliberated and resolved.		
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Proposed by – Dr KML Pathak, Seconded by – Dr Inderjeet Singh

- (b) **Review of Guidelines/Criteria of various Awards** :- A committee constituted to review Guidelines/Criteria for the following Awards based on the recommendations of various evaluation committees recommended the following changes , which have been approved by the Governing Council.

(a)	Dr. RK Sharma Memorial Award for Outstanding Veterinary Extension Specialist	Maj Gen Shri Kant SM,VSM (Retd) briefed the GC Members about the terms and conditions and score card of the award as recommended by the Committee that was chaired by Dr. MC Sharma, former Director of the IVRI. The issue regarding maximum age limit (at the time of last date of receipt of application). It was deliberated and resolved that maximum age limit will be 62 years provided the candidate is in service.	The GC approved the terms and conditions and the score card. Further, it was agreed to introduce the award from next year i.e., 2023 since the FD in the bank for Rs ten lakh (donated by Dr. Azad Kaushik) will not generate the requisite amount of interest for cash award (Rs 41,000/-).	Approved
(b)	Dr Mandokhot Memorial Award	All the committee members agreed unanimously with recommendation of the Evaluation Committee, valued the	All the GC members agreed to raise the present age limit from 45 years to 50 years for Women Field Veterinarian and	Approved

		<p>sentiments of the Sponsor for enhancement of the age limit for women field veterinarians (Applicable in odd years) as well as women scientist (Applicable in even years) from 45 to 50 years and communicate to aspirants immediately through NAVS web site.</p> <p>President/ Secretary General of the Academy can write to Directors of Animal Husbandry of all the states, President VCI, Industry/NGOs etc and invite their suggestions</p>	<p>Women Scientist. Further, the members agreed that the President/ Secretary General of the Academy can write to Directors of Animal Husbandry of all the states, President VCI, Industry/NGOs etc and invite their suggestions to make necessary amendments in the score card for women field veterinarian.</p>	
(c)	NAVS(I) Fellowship	<p>The issue regarding revisiting the score card was deliberated in detail. It was decided that allocating 30/25 marks in the hands of the Evaluation Committee will bring in subjectivity and the Academy should not only appear to be fair/transparent but evaluate the candidates objectively. It is, therefore, recommended</p>	<p>The scoring for the Fellowship to continue hither-to-fore. Outstanding Veterinarian, if any, can be considered for Honorary Fellowship</p>	<p>It was decided that the Honorary Fellowship for outstanding Veterinarians be granted up to the limit of Two every year.</p>

		that the GC may consider to reserve one or two Fellowships to the outstanding Veterinarians like Vice-Chancellors/Lt Gen/Maj Gen etc		
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Proposed by – Dr AC Varshney Seconded by – Dr KML Pathak

(c) **Ratification of Various Awards** :-

(i) **Fellowship/Associate Fellowship/Membership** –

(aa) Out of 46 applications received for Fellowship Award, 35 applicants have qualified for the award. Out of 14 applicants for Associate Fellowship Award, 08 applicants have qualified for the award. There are 38 applicants for Membership Award, 26 applicants have qualified for the award.

(ab) Further, The Secretary General brought out that as per the existing norms of the Academy, there is a limit of grant of 25 Fellowship Awards in an academic year. Due to Covid, there was very poor response from the candidates for applying for Fellowship during the year 2021-22 and therefore, we had to extend the date the receipt of application twice. Hence, 46 applications received, cover two Academic years i.e 2021-22 and 2022-23. The committee recommends grant of 35 awards covering both the years. The GC approved the above awards.

(ii) **Honours/Awards** :- The following Scientists/Researchers selected by various committees were approved by the GC :-

(aa) Dr CM Singh Award - Dr AK Tiwari

(ab) Dr DVR Prakash Rao Life Time Achievement Award cum Late Smt Sundari Prakash Rao Memorial Endowment Lecture - Dr KM Bujarbaruah

(ac) Dr Vallabh Mandokhot Memorial Award – Dr Sonika Ahlawat

(ad) Young Scientist Award – Dr Nitin Mehta

Proposed by - Dr AC Varshney, Seconded by – Dr SK Gupta

Info Points

(d) **Appointment of Editor NAVS (I)** :- Dr DVR Prakash Rao, President informed the house that Dr AK Pattanaik Editor has shown his inability to provide his services to the Academy because of his busy schedule in his new assignment. Dr DVR Prakash Rao, President conveyed his appreciation and thanks to Dr AK Pattanaik for an excellent work done in designing & publishing NAVS (I) Newsletter. Dr DVR Prakash Rao, President proposed Dr LD Singla, Director HRD, GADVASU for appointment as new Editor of the

Academy, who has given his consent to take over the assignment of Editor. The GC approved appointment of Dr LD Singla as new Editor.

(e) **NAVS (I) New Website** :- The New Website of the Academy www.navsindia.org has been launched on 01 Apr 2023.

(f) **Joint Activities in Collaboration with Other Organizations/Institutions** :- The President and Secretary General, on invitation, attended a seminar on the “Role of CSO’s in the promotion of one health in India: a Futuristic Prospective” organized jointly by The Brooke India & ILRI on 14 Feb 2023 at NASC Complex. The President and Secretary General attended a workshop on 25 & 26 Feb 2023 at Trivedrapuram, Kerala on invitation of Dr Umesh Chandra, President IVA. The workshop was attended by representatives of State Veterinary Associations. The agenda of discussion was to identify various issues pertaining to veterinary services and to formulate suitable remedies. The President IVA emphasized on the point of involvement of NAVS (I) in CVE and invited President and Secretary General of NAVS (I) to be Ex-Officio members of IVA.

A Joint Seminar in collaboration with Brooke India on Continuous Veterinary Education was held on 28 Apr 2023 at NASC Complex.

(g) **Next Election** : The present GC will complete it’s tenure of 3 Years on 02 Dec 2023. The next election process is due to be held in Nov 2023. The issue regarding initiation of election process was discussed during the GC meeting held on 28 Apr 2023. The GC appointed Dr Inderjeet Singh, VC, GADVASU, Ludhiana as Returning Officer for the next Election.

(h) **Any Other Points**

(a) Dr DVR Prakash Rao, the President informed the house that it is inappropriate to ask for the applications for Dr CM Singh and Dr DVR Prakash Rao Lifetime Achievement Awards; since, the candidates for such awards are very senior Veterinarians. He proposed that the Search and Selection committee should nominate three candidates and select one by majority. The committee must be constituted by five members.

Resolve – The GB accepted the proposal unanimously.

Proposed by – Dr Suresh S Honnappagol, Seconded by – Dr Inderjeet Singh

(b) Dr KK Baxi Senior Scientist Award for Excellence in Veterinary Sciences – The President apprised the house that Dr KK Baxi, Former Dean College of Veterinary Sciences, Ludhiana has offered Institution of above award by paying Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rupees ten lakhs only) to the Academy.

Resolve – The GB appreciated the gesture of Dr KK Baxi and accepted the offer. The President remarked that we need to constitute a committee for formulating Rules and Regulations for the above award.

(c) Next Convocation – The President apprised the house that the Vice Chancellor , LUVAS, Hisar and Vice Chancellor, DUVASU, Mathura have offered to host the next Convocation. The venue for the next Convocation will be confirmed in due course .

(d) The President proposed that keeping in view, the deliberations during Convocation at GADVASU, we need to develop the following proposals to seek funding support from Min of FAH&D :-

(aa) Role of NAVS (I) in implementation of Continuous Veterinary Education (CVE).

(ab) Establishment of “Veterinary Extension Research Institute” at DMS Complex, New Delhi.



Maj Gen ML Sharma (Retd)
Secy Gen,NAVS (I)



Dr DVR Prakash Rao
President, NAVS (I)