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THE 2nd GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING OF NATIONAL ACADEMY OF VETERINARY SCIENCES (INDIA) HELD AT NAVS (I) OFFICE, ROOM NO 5, ADMIN BLOCK, DMS COMPLEX, SHADIPUR, WEST PATEL NAGAR, NEW DELHI-110008 ON 19 JAN 2024 AT 02.30 PM

The 2nd Governing Council (GC) meeting of NAVS (I) was held on 19 Jan 2024. The following GC members, Ex-Officio Members and Special Invitee participated in the meeting:

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| 1. Dr DVR Prakash Rao | : | President |
| 2. Dr AC Varshney | : | Vice - President |
| 3. Maj Gen ML Sharma (Retd) | : | Secretary General |
| 4. Dr SK Gupta | : | Treasurer |
| 5. Dr LD Singla | : | Editor |
| 6. Dr Ashok Kumar | : | Member |
| 7. Dr Ravindra Sharma | : | Member |
| 8. Dr Rajeswari Shome | : | Member |
| 9. Dr Gajraj Singh | : | Member |
| 10. Col Tej Ram (Retd) | : | Member |
| 11. Dr SK Saha | : | Member |
| 12. Dr Yaspal Singh Malik | : | Member |
| 13. Dr (Mrs) Varinder Pal Uppal | : | Member |
| 14. Dr (Mrs) Neelam Bansal | : | Member |
| 15. Dr MK Chatli | : | Member |
| 16. Dr Jag Mohan Kataria | : | Member |
| 17. Dr Jyoti Palod | : | Member |

Ex Officio Members

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| 18. Dr Abhijit Mitra | : | AHC (Govt of India), |
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Special Invitee

Dr Inderjeet Singh, VC, GADVASU, Ludhiana attended the meeting as special invitee.

Maj Gen Pramod Batra, DGRVS, IHQ, President VCI and DDG (Animal Science) ICAR (Ex-Officio Members), Dr Vipin Gupta, Dr Mandeep Sharma and Dr Vivek Kumar Gupta (Members) did not attend the meeting due to their prior commitments.

Dr DVR Prakash Rao, President NAVS (I) welcomed the GC Members and special invitee Dr Inderjeet Singh, VC, GADVASU, Ludhiana and thanked them for making it convenient to attend the GC meeting. The President expressed his concern about decline in strength of Fellows due to high attrition rate and suggested that we should consider raising the number of Annual award of Fellowships from 25 to 30. Further, he requested the GC members to guide/motivate the eligible candidates to apply for the award.

The President conveyed his desire of involving the GC members in various committees and requested their whole hearted participation and contribution.

The following agenda points were discussed:-

1. **Award of Certificate to outgoing GC Members (2020 – 2023)** – Dr LD Singla, Editor of the Academy to design a Draft Certificate for its approval in next GC meeting.
2. **Disciplinary Committee (Code of Conduct)** – The Secy Gen suggested, formation of a disciplinary committee to address the issues regarding Code of Conduct of Fellows. The point was deliberated at length and it was resolved that the existing Rules & Regulations of the Academy have adequate provisions to deal with the disciplinary cases by Secy Gen and the President.
3. **Constitution of Financial Committee** – The following issues concerning financial management of the Academy were raised by the Secy Gen :-
 - (a) There is a need to revise/stream line the prevailing guidelines on travelling/sitting/lodging allowances in view of limited financial resources of the Academy.
 - (b) Acceptance of Cash Award by Govt Servants – The Govt of India has recently issued guidelines imposing restrictions on acceptance of cash award by Govt Servants which will impact continuation of Academy's awards.
 - (c) The Academy Office needs to add on office infrastructure in terms of additional furniture, procurement of Computer, Printer, Crockery and cutlery items etc which will involve substantial expenditure.
 - (d) Assessment of annual expenditure, anticipated income and suggestions for future funding/financial support.

Resolve – It was resolved that a Finance Committee consisting of Dr Ashok Kumar, ADG (AH) as Chairman, Maj Gen ML Sharma (Retd) and Dr SK Gupta as Members will be constituted to address the above issues.

4. **Vetting of Dr KK Baxi, Senior Scientist Award Guidelines and Score Card** – The draft guidelines and score card for the above award circulated to all GC members on 18 Dec 2023, were deliberated.

It was resolved that the age limit of the applicants be amended to read as 45 to 60 years and the title of the award be amended to read as Outstanding Scientist Award. A corrigendum on above changes be uploaded on the NAVS (I) website.

5. **Appointment of Maj Gen Shri Kant SM, VSM (Retd) as Past President** – The President, Dr DVR Prakash Rao proposed that Maj Gen Shri Kant SM, VSM (Retd) to continue as Past President of the Academy.

Resolve – The GC approved the proposal.

6. **Management of NAVS (I) Website** – The issue regarding nomination of a Coordinator for NAVS (I) website was discussed. The GC approved nomination of Dr YPS Malik as Coordinator of NAVS (I) website.
7. **Nomination of Editorial Board** – The President conveyed his appreciations to Dr LD Singla, the Editor of the Academy for his contributions in improving the quality of NAVS (I) Newsletter. On the recommendations of the Editor, an Editorial Board consisting of Dr LD Singla as Editor and Dr Jyoti Palod, Dr Ashwani Kumar, Dr D Thyagarajan and Dr Tapan Kumar Dutta as members was constituted.
8. **Short Term Courses at GADVASU in Collaboration with NAVS (I)** – Dr Inderjeet Singh, VC, GADVASU informed the house that he has drafted a project proposal to be submitted to DADH, Min of Fishery, Animal Husbandry & Dairying Govt of India. The proposal pertains to the conduct of short courses at GADVASU in collaboration with NAVS (I). Theme of these courses will be “Revolutionizing the livestock sector through capacity building of field functionaries.” A concept note/proposal forwarded by Dr Inderjeet Singh, VC, GADVASU will be circulated to all the GC members in due course for their perusal and comments.
9. **Awareness about Fellowship/Academy Awards** – The Secy Gen requested all the GC members to motivate the eligible candidates to apply for various Academy awards and Fellowships. The application forms and guideline for various awards are available at Academy's website.

10. **Any other points with the permission of the Chair**

- (a) **The minutes of GC meetings to be uploaded on NAVS (I) website** - It was suggested by some of the GC members that the minutes of GC meeting be uploaded on NAVS (I) website. The Secy Gen brought out that some of the deliberations in the GC meetings are of confidential nature like

constitution of committees for selection of candidates for awards/Fellowship etc. It was resolved that the minutes be uploaded by removing the names of committee members/confidential matter.

- (b) **Calendar of Activities for three years**– Dr AC Varshney, Vice President suggested that there is a need to formulate the calendar of activities of the Academy for the next three years. On the direction of the President, a committee constituted as under has been assigned the task of formalizing the above calendar through on line consultations.

1. Dr AC Varshney	-	Chairman
2. Dr Manish Kumar Chetty	-	Member
3. Dr Yashpal Singh Malik	-	Member
4. Dr Jyoti Palod	-	Member
5. Dr Neelam Bansal	-	Member
6. Dr Rajeswari Shome	-	Member

- (c) Formation of Indian Council of Veterinary Research (ICVR) – Dr Ravindra Sharma requested that we may consider discussion on formation of ICVR as agenda point for next GC meeting.


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APPROVED

Dr DVR Prakash Rao
President, NAVS (I)



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