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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BODY MEETING

Held on 16.03.2019

The Third meeting of the Indian Library Association (ILA) General Body (2016-2019) was held on Saturday, the 16th March 2019 at 2.00 P.M. at the 64th ILA Conference Venue, at Shri Vaishnav Vidyapeeth Vishwavidyalaya, (SVVV) Indore – 453111 (M P).

Proceedings

At the very outset, Prof. Shabhat Husain extended a very warm welcome to the members of the General Body. Thereafter, Dr. Pardeep Rai, General Secretary intimated the house regarding the sad demise of the following esteemed members of ILA:

1. Dr. A.P Gakhar, former General Secretary of ILA
2. Dr. Kautialya Shukla, former President ILA
3. Prof. S.B Ghosh (IGNOU)
4. Dr. Krishna Shripad Rao Deshpande, Former Librarian, Karnataka University.

The house observed two minutes silence as a mark of their respect and prayed the Almighty to give peace to the departed souls.

The President then apprised the august body, about the problems faced by ILA from the time the present team had taken over charge on 1st April, 2016. In its first meeting of ILA council held on 1st May, 2016 (minutes available on the ILA portal), the following issues were discussed on Priority basis:

1. **Accreditation of LIS courses in India:** In view of large scale mushrooming of LIS courses and resultant falling standards of library profession in the country, ILA submitted its representation to the Chairman, UGC vide letter D. No. ILA/MU 742 Dated 16th March 2017, followed by a reminder. But ILA is yet to receive a response from UGC.
2. **New Education Policy, 2015:** As the draft of the Policy released by UGC was devoid of a section on Libraries, ILA prepared a document and submitted to Mr. Vinay Sheel Oberoi, Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, New Delhi on 28.05.2016 for consideration.

3. **Librarians scales and designations in 7th Pay Commission:** With reference to the letter from Pay Review Committee vide D.O. No.F1-3/2016(PS/PRC) dated August 2016, ILA undertook a marathon exercise of inviting suggestions from all stakeholders from all corners of the country and then finally compiled and submitted the same to Prof. V.S. Chauhan, Chairman, 7th Pay Review Committee on 22.09.2016. The president expressed his happiness while informing the house that almost 90% of the ILA recommendations have been included in the final document.
4. **Design and Development of ILA Portal (www.ilaindia.net) :** As per the resolution of ILA Council dated 01-05-2016 entrusting the President, ILA to take the initiative. It took about 6 months for the President himself to finally develop a dynamic portal (www.ilaindia.net), that may serve as a panacea to all the perennial problems of ILA. The responsibility of maintaining the ILA portal as a Manager was assigned to Mr. Ali Raza Naqvi, Cybrarian, DLIS, AMU, who managed the portal to the full satisfaction of ILA members and Office Bearers. The site, thus, provides for:
 1. **Online registration** of New Members: Consequently hundreds of new members from all parts of the country have joined ILA. With the help of 'PayUMoney' gateway, ILA received about 7.25 lacs as membership fee till date (after deduction of PayUMoney service charges).
 2. **Self updating of Members' Profile:** This facility of updating your own Profile was provided in the portal, which in the manual system was not possible. However, only 400 members could update their profiles during the last two years or so.
 3. **Access to Proceedings of the meetings** of all ILA organs: To inform the members about the ILA activities, Minutes of General Body, Executive Committee and Council have been made available on the Portal under 'News & Info'.
 4. **JILA Online:** The gradually increasing cost of printing had made it difficult, if not impossible, to send free copies of the 4 issues of JILA to each Life member per year by post. With this in mind, the Journal of ILA was made online from submission of the articles to the Access of current and retrospective issues, by Dr. Mohd Nazim, Assistant Professor, DLIS, AMU, who was entrusted with the responsibility of Manager, JILA, a job that he has so well done in coordination with the Editor-in- chief, i.e. President ILA and General Secretary, Dr. Pardeep Rai, who very meticulously looked after JILA's timely Printing and distribution to the subscribers. It may be put on record that during the tenure (2016 to 2018), JILA was published not only in print from volume 52 to 54 but also Online under a new ISSN.

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5. **ILA Newsletter:** Under its section, 'News and Info' the portal provides access to current and retrospective issues of ILA Newsletter regularly. The responsibility of bringing out ILA News letter on monthly basis and maintenance of its Database was given to Dr. Muzzamil Mushtaq, Assistant Professor, DLIS, AMU, who reshaped the News letter and introduced many new features, such as different sections pertaining to LIS conferences, LIS Books, Honors and Awards to Librarians, National & International Events in Library Profession and other activities. This is besides the timely publication of News letter in the first week of every month.
6. **IFLA's money:** Thanks to the efforts of Dr.D.V.Singh, that IFLA money was got released after a nagging legal battle, through Honorable Delhi High Court of judicature and put into fixed deposit. It remained untouched during the tenure of present office bearers. (2016-19).
7. **DDA for allocation of a piece of land:** It was decided that efforts should be made for getting a piece of land allocated by DDA, on which a new building of ILA will be constructed, on the pattern of American Library Association. Consequently, ILA requested, H.E. Dr. Shri Najeeb Jung, the then Lt. Governor, Delhi on 06.06.2016. Our request was responded to, asking us to apply for the same on the prescribed Performa of DDA after fulfilling all necessary requirements. The same was also done, but the file did not move further. ILA then requested for an appointment with Shri. H.E.Anil Baijal, the present Lt. Governor of Delhi vide our letter/ Email dated 07.06.2018, but unfortunately could not succeed.
8. **Revival of JOCLAI:** ILA also tried to revive 'JOCLAI' by calling a meeting on 24.11.2017 at the venue of the 63rd ILA Conference, at BabasahebBhimRaoAmbedkar University, Lucknow (U.P). Unfortunately, only one member from Patna participated in the meeting. JOCLAI meeting also called on 14.03.2019 at the 64th ILA Conference Venue, at ShriVaishnavVidyapeethVishwavidyalaya, (SVVV) Indore – 453111 (M P), this time no other association representative turn up for the same.
9. **Updating the Database of Members:** At the time of designing and developing the ILA portal, efforts were made to update the Data base by circulating one page questionnaire dated 01.07.2016, but received a lukewarm response from the members. Thereafter, provision of self editing the profiles was made in the ILA Portal.

The following business was transacted as per the agenda of the meeting:

Agenda Item No.1: To consider and adopt the report on the activities of the Association for the period 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018.

Though the minutes of the meetings of ILA are regularly uploaded on the ILA portal, yet the report on the activities of the Association for the said period was presented by Dr.

PardeepRai, the General Secretary. The same was approved by the General Body without any changes.

Agenda Item No. 2:To consider and adopt the audited Statement of Accounts of the Association for the period from 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018.

The Statement of Accounts for the period from 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018 was presented before the AGM by the treasurer, Dr. Pravin Kumar Choudhary. The members approved the Statement of Accounts for the period from 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018.

Agenda Item No. 3: To consider and adopt the interim report of the activities of the Association for the period 1stApril 2018 till date

General Secretary presented the report of the activities of Indian Library Association during the period from 1st April 2018 till date. The house approved the interim Report of the activities of the Association.

Agenda Item No.: Announcement of the Election Results by the President.

While announcing the result, Prof. Shabhat Husain, the President ILA, thanked Dr. Sarabjeet Singh Pawar, Election officer and Prof(Dr) M. Koganurmath, Returning officer for doing the wonderful job. The President then announced the results of the Election conducted for the term 2019-22. The same were unanimously approved by the house. He also intimated the house that the results will also be uploaded on ILA website on the next working day. On behalf of ILA and also on his own behalf, Prof. Shabhat Husain congratulated and extended a very warm welcome to the newly elected team members.

Agenda Item No. 5: To consider and adopt any resolution received by the General Secretary from the Hon'ble members of the Association:

Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

No resolution had been received as per the prescribed procedure, therefore no item came up for discussion before the General Body.

The meeting came to an end with a vote of thanks to the chair.



Prof. Shabhat Husain
President

Dr. Pardeep Rai
General Secretary