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Minutes of the 59th Annual General Body Meeting held on 20th December 2024 in DY Patil Deemed to be University, CoE, Sector 7, Nerul, Navi Mumbai at 6:00 pm. 78 members participated in the meeting and hence the quorum for the GB was fulfilled.

1. **Welcome:**

Dr. Naveen Shivanna, Honorary Secretary, welcomed all the members to the 59th Annual General Body Meeting and welcomed all present CEC on the dais.

2. **Minutes of previous AGBM :**

The Hon. Secretary, with the permission of the Chair, took the agenda forward and read the minutes of the previous 58th AGBM meeting that includes Bye-Law amendments. He mentioned that the minutes of the previous AGBM were circulated to all the members after due ratification by the CEC and that no comments have been received on the same.

3. **Secretary's Report (annual reports from Headquarters & Chapters):**

Dr. Naveen Shivanna, Hon. Secretary informed that the annual report 2024 has been circulated to all the members and he further highlighted the major activities carried out by the present CEC 2024.

- i. The Central Executive Committee (CEC) has met four times during the year to discuss various agendas for strengthening AFST(I) activities, and taken and implemented several important decisions.
- ii. **Membership status:** The present membership of AFST(I) stands at 5030 of which 4433 are life members.
- iii. **Promotional activities for 30thICFoST 2024 organized during the year:**
 - AFST(I) HQ CEC has encouraged & supported various chapters to conduct World Food Day (WFD) and 30th ICFoST 2024 Curtain raisers programs during World Food Day celebration like AFST(I) Pune Chapter, Haldia Chapter, Coimbatore Chapter, Longowal Chapter, Hyderabad Chapter, Mumbai Chapter, Guntur Chapter, Aurangabad Chapter, Davanagere Chapter, Kolhapur Chapter, Bhopal Chapter, Kakinada Chapter, Raichur Chapter, Thrissur Chapter, Jabalpur Chapter, Cochin Chapter, Pondicherry Chapter. This time a Pre-Conference is being conducted for students.
 - Dr H A B Parpia Memorial Lecture organised at SantLongowal Institute of Engineering and Technology, Longowal, Punjab on 3rd May 2024 @ 03.00 PM on the topic: **“Evolution and future of food packaging from consumer, science and technology, business and environment perspective”** by Mr. Maneesh Sharma, Packaging Consultant, FMCG.
 - Sri Burra Raghuramaiah Memorial Lecture organised by AFST(I) Chennai Chapter at Ramachandran Hall, School of Bioengineering, SRMIST, Kattankulathur on 7th

December 2024 @ 10:00 AM on the topic: “**Challenges in Entrepreneurship**” by Mr. Anurag Lodha, Director, Avlaan Pharmaceutical Pvt. Ltd., Chennai.

- Sri G C P Rangarao Memorial Lecture organised by AFST(I) Chennai Chapter at Ramachandran Hall, School of Bioengineering, SRMIST, Kattankulathur on 7th December 2024 @ 10:00 AM on the topic: “**Exploring Nature’s Palette: Future of Plant Based Food Colors**” by Mr. KarthickShanmugaSundaram, Founder & CEO, Gusteau Food Pvt. Ltd., Chennai.
 - Dr B L Amla Memorial Lecture was organised by AFST(I) Delhi and NIFTEM Chapter in 5th Floor Engineering Block Conference Hall, SRM University, Delhi-NCR Sonapat, Haryana on 10th December 2024 @ 10:30 AM on the topic: “**Rediscovering Food as Medicine What’s the New Evidence?**” by Brigadier S.K. Kaushik, Brig Food Inspection, Quarter master General Branch, Army HQ.
- **IFI Mag:** The secretary informed the GB that IFI Mag has received its ISSN No. and is in the process of applying for UGC recognition through UGC-CARE web portal.
- **Chapter Activities & Audit Report:** We have received 27 chapters activity report and 30 audited financial statements from various chapters.

DISCUSSIONS

- The president requested the viewpoints of GB and sought approval of the Secretary’s report. One of the senior members, Dr Halde proposed for acceptance and another senior member Dr Warriar seconded the same. However, at this juncture, one of the senior life members, Dr Aradhya, raised objection for the approval of secretary report without clarifications and/or discussions on the Secretary report. The president allowed the concerned member to put forth his view points.
- Dr Aradhya informed to the GB that there is a deviation from established protocols as per the co-operative society act of Karnataka which is legally binding on the AFST (I). He mentioned that as per the act Annual report is to be provided to the members 7days prior to the AGBM. Accordingly, he demanded AGBM 2024 at Mumbai is null and void due to procedural lapse. He also suggested that the AGBM should be conducted in September as per the bye-law and cooperative society act and that AGBM should be delinked to the ICFOST or any other conferences or meeting. He sought answers on this from the office bearers and the president OR postponement of AGBM. Dr Aradhya, also alleged that office bearers in the current CEC are exceeding their authority in conducting various activities, financial spending and violation of act need to be addressed followed by appropriate action from the incoming office bearers. The president sought to give specific instances on the same and all the Questions raised by the member was addressed satisfactorily.

DECISION

- The secretary’s report proposed (by Dr Aradhya & Mr. Nilesh Lele) and seconded (by Dr PrabodhHalde & Dr. S.B.K. Warriar) as presented to the GB and approved.

4. Treasurer's report and audited statement of accounts:

Dr. Neelakanteshwar Patil K, Honorary Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report and mentioned that the budget was for the year 2024-25 and proposal for 2025-26 and consolidated financial statement was presented.

- Dr.Aradhya asked about the financial expenditure and returns from IFI Publication to AFSTI. Dr. Mohan Dhale suggested that IFI Mag can be circulated in online (soft copy) as hard copy is getting too much of expenses in bulk posting charges.
- Dr.Aashitosh A Inamdar informed that even though IFI Mag is not profitable but it has to be circulated in hard copy as it will reach to students, each and every college, academicians, industrial, research associates. Imm. Past President, Dr Bhaskar informed that the same was discussed in many AGBMs as well and it was decided that for the benefit of senior members to keep contact with AFSTI hard copy mode was retained and hence may be continued.
- Dr.Nilesh S Amritkar informed that along with Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer he has visited 10 different institutes where AFST (I) chapters are not opened, but in their college, they are receiving IFI Mag. Dr.Nilesh S Amritkar added that AFST (I) is an association which comes under society act where profit word should not be used as it is a non-profitable association.
- Dr.Aradhya enquired from the office bearers, students and food technologist prefer digital updating the knowledge in science and technology. He also sought data on as to how much Food technologist, entrepreneurs national or state Food policy makers and regulators are subscribers or beneficiaries of IFI publication.
- The President, Secretary and Treasurer assured that they would request the next CECs to collect such data as it would be useful for further improvements.
- Dr. K V Harish Prashanth suggested that Building committee should ensure that the adoption of transparent process to plan and design the Diamond Jubilee Building as it would also provide clarity of purpose to the next incoming CEC members.

DECISION

- The treasurer's report was proposed by Dr Harish Prashanth and seconded by Dr. S.B.K. Warriar was approved by the GB.

5. Appointment of Auditor & fixing the remuneration:

The Honorary Treasurer proposed the willingness letter received from the **CA Sri. N Vaidyanathan, RAU & NATHAN** for AFST(I) and AFST(I) Edu. & Pub. Trust accounts. The members agreed to continue with the same auditor.

DECISION

- The appointment of auditor as proposed by Dr. K V Harish Prashanth and seconded by Dr. Brijesh Srivastava was approved by the GB.

6. Announcement of Election Results

- Hon. Secretary received the election report from the Election Returning Officer (ERO) and requested to Sri. Vasu B, ERO to announce the Election results.

Dr Parmjit S Panesar	President - Designate
Dr Nandini P Shetty	Vice President - HQ
Dr R Mahendran	Vice President, Thanjavur
Dr Vijayendra SVN	Vice President, Hyderabad
Ms Subhaprada Nishtala	Vice President, Mumbai
Dr Brijesh Srivastava	Vice President, Tezpur
Dr Tanaji G Kudre	Honorary Joint Secretary
- The ERO recommended for re-election to the post of Treasurer as there was violation of conduct rules by both the contestants. He also mentioned that although he considered disqualifying both the candidates, as a matter of providing a chance he is recommending for the re-election to the post.
- He handed over his report to the President. At this juncture, the President Designate, Dr Inamdar also sought the approval of the GB for continuing Mr Vasu as the ERO for the next year as well.

DECISION

- The GB unanimously agreed for conducting re-election to the post of Treasurer and till that time the present treasurer will be continued as Hon treasurer.
- Continuation of Mr. Vasu as ERO for the year 2025 was proposed by Dr. Prabodh S Halde and seconded by Dr. Shalini Arya followed by approval of the GB.

7. Remembrance and obituaries

Dr N Bhaskar Immd. Past President informed the GB that AFSTI lost many important senior members during the year and he also apologized to the GB for not putting up this item as the first one at the start of the AGBM. The GB stood in silence for a minute in honour of the departed souls and prayed for them to be resting in peace in their heavenly abode.

8. Induction of Elected office bearers of AFST(I), Mysore

OATH TAKING: All the elected members were inducted to **AFST(I), Mysore**, incoming office bearers took the oath of office administered by Dr. S.B.K. Warriar and Dr. Prakash Kondekar, Senior Life Members of AFST(I).

Dr. Nilesh S Amritkar congratulated all the incoming office bearers and thanked the outgoing CEC members for the support and execution of the activities throughout the year.

9. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

Nil

10. Resolutions of annual general body meeting

Nil

The Chairperson thanked all members for their active participation and emphasized the need for collective action to uphold the integrity of the trust.

The meeting ended with Vote of Thanks by the Hon. Secretary AFST(I).

Sd/-
Dr Naveen Shivanna
Honorary Secretary-2024, AFST(I), Mysore