

Proceedings of the General Body meeting held on 3rd January 2020 during the 22nd Annual Conference of the Society of Statistics, Computer and Applications at the Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune, during 02-04 January 2020

The twenty second General Body meeting of the Society of Statistics, Computer and Applications (SSCA) was held at the Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune under the chairmanship of Dr. V.K. Gupta. The following members attended the meeting:

1. V.K. Gupta - In Chair
2. Bikas Kumar Sinha
3. Rajender Parsad
4. Ashish Das
5. Alope Lahiri
6. Hukum Chandra
7. V. Ramasubramanian
8. Vishal D. Pajankar
9. Harihar S. Lunge
10. D. Roy Choudhury
11. Mukesh Kumar
12. Susheel Kumar
13. Sukanta Dash
14. Ranjit Kumar Paul
15. Santosha Rathod
16. R. Vishnu Vardhan
17. Raosaheb Vikram Latpate
18. B. Re. Victor Babu
19. Shibani Roy Choudhury

The following delegates, who are not members of the Society, also attended the GB meeting, without any voting rights:

1. Y.M. Tripathi
2. Tanuj Kumar
3. T.V. Ramanathan
4. David D. Hanagal
5. K. Muralidharan

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all the members present in the meeting. He also appreciated the involvement of the delegates, who have been attending the sessions of the conference since mornings till evenings with full enthusiasm and taking active participation in deliberations of the Conference. It speaks volumes of the academic standards of the conference and the interest of the delegates. Thereafter, the President requested the Executive President to start the proceedings of the meeting. Following issues were discussed and appropriate decisions taken as follows:

1. Tribute to Dr. J. Subramani, Life Member of the Society

Tributes were paid to Dr. J. Subramani, Life Member of the Society, who left for heavenly abode on July 23, 2019 at Trichy, Tamil Nadu. It was informed that on behalf of the Society,

a condolence message was sent to his family at his home address. Two minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect to the departed soul.

2. Confirmation of the proceedings of the GB meeting held on 30th January 2019, during the 21st Annual Conference of SSCA at S.V. Agricultural College, Tirupati

The proceedings of the General Body (GB) meeting held at S.V. Agricultural College, Tirupati on January 30, 2019 were circulated to the members of the Society through E-mail. The proceedings are also available online at the website of the society. Even during the present General Body Meeting, the members were asked to give their comments, if any. Since no comments were received on the proceedings, these were confirmed.

3. Dr M.N. Das Memorial Young Scientist Award 2020

The President informed the members that a total of 13 nominations were received for this prestigious award. The papers were reviewed by 8 reviewers (both from India and abroad). As per the rules, the best three of them, with average score more than 7.0, were selected for making presentations of their respective research papers at the conference. A separate bench of five judges evaluated the presentations. Based on the scores of the reviewers and judges, the result was finalised. The President announced the result. Dr. Debraj Das, Assistant Professor, IIT Kanpur, was declared the winner of the Dr. M.N. Das Memorial Young Scientist Award - 2020. Prof Bikas Kumar Sinha presented the winner, with a cheque of Rs. 20,000/- and a certificate. Shri Sachin Mahadev Patil, Senior Research Fellow, Shivaji University, Kolhapur, Maharashtra was presented with a memento and a Young Scientist Merit Certificate. As the third presenter, Shri Anuj Mishra, could not present his paper, he was presented the memento and the certificate in absentia.

4. Presentation of the report and the activities of the Society

President requested the Executive President to start the proceedings of the meeting. After a brief introduction, the Executive President requested the Secretary to present the activities of the Society during the year 2018-19. Secretary informed that (i) there were 368 members including 9 foreign members and 3 honorary members of the Society as on day; (ii) a Special Volume of "Statistics and Applications" in honour of Prof. Arun Nigam on his 75th birthday had been brought out by the Society, which is available at the website of the Society. Special Proceedings were also brought out in print form for limited circulation; (iii) another Special Volume in honour of twin statistician brothers, Profs. Bikas Kumar Sinha and Bimal Kumar Sinha is proposed to be brought out by January 2021; (iv) Special Proceedings comprising of few selected papers of the 21st annual conference of the Society held at Tirupati during 29-31 January 2019 have been released and are available at the website of the Society. Special Proceedings were also brought out in print form for limited circulation; (v) first leaflet of the Society mentioning brief profile has been released in September 2019. The same has been hosted at the website of the Society; and (vi) the Society organized a half-day workshop on topics of current interest at a College of Delhi University and the lectures were delivered by two executive council members of the Society. The Society was also involved in a consultancy/advisory activity for data analysis of preventive Health Check-up.

5. Presentation of the audited accounts of the Society

The treasurer presented the audited report of the Society for 2018-19. The same was accepted by the General Body. The treasurer also informed that the Income Tax Return (ITR) of the Society for the Financial Year 2018-19 had also been filed by the Chartered Accountant.

It was further informed that as decided in the last GB meeting, the effort of opening a new saving bank account in two nationalised banks was explored. Secretary explained the pros and cons of the benefits accrued from these two banks vis-a-vis with the existing private bank, where the account of the Society is being maintained and suggested that let the account of the Society remain in the Private bank (AXIS BANK) for some more time. The suggestion was approved by the GB.

6. Election of the Executive Council members and office bearers for the year 2020 - 2021

The proposal of the Executive Council was put up before the General Body for seeking suggestions and approval. After discussions, the following decisions were made: (a) Prof. Bikas Kumar Sinha and Dr. L.M. Bhar were nominated as Patron and Vice President of the Society, respectively; (b) Smt. Shibani Roy Choudhury was nominated as one of the three Joint Secretaries against the vacancy of the position of Joint Secretary created as a consequence of Dr. L.M. Bhar being nominated as Vice President. There are 15 Executive Council Members of the Society. The members have a tenure of 3 years. As per the norm, every year, first five members who have completed the tenure of 3 years may be re-nominated/replaced by the new members suggested by the Executive Council and vetted by the General Body. This year, such outgoing five EC members were, (i) Manish Kumar Sharma, (ii) Praggya Das, (iii) Piyush Kant Rai, (iv) Manisha Pal, and (v) K.V. Palanichamy. It was decided that four members viz. Manish Kumar Sharma, Praggya Das, Piyush Kant Rai and Manisha Pal may be renominated and Dr. Anil Kumar Yadav, Scientist, ICAR- Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute (CIFRI), Guwahati was nominated as new member in the Executive Council. Dr. Rao Saheb Latpate, Organising Secretary of the 22nd conference was also nominated as one of the council members against the vacancy created by the movement of Smt. Shibani Roy Choudhury as Joint Secretary. The above proposal has been approved by the General Body. The Executive Council for 2020-21 is given in the Annexure. The new executive council would be effective from April 01, 2021.

The Society gratefully acknowledges the services rendered by the outgoing Executive Council Members for their effective role in managing the day to day work of the Society.

7. Appointment of the auditor of the Society for 2020-21

The General Body ratified the decision of the Executive Council (EC) that the present auditor of the Society, namely, M/S Panjraath Kapoor and Company, Chartered Accountants, may be requested to continue for the next financial year 2020-21 as well due to their satisfactory and timely completion of audited report. They may also be requested to prepare the income tax returns for the financial year 2019-20 (Assessment year 2020-21). The GB ratified the decision of the EC regarding payment of Rs. 15,000 plus GST to be paid to the auditor. As per the bill submitted by that Firm, a remuneration of Rs. 13,811/- [(i) Audit fee and IT return 2019-20, (ii) Dual Signature charges of Rs. 1,100/-] plus GST of Rs. 2,289/- totalling an amount of Rs. 16,100/- is required to be paid.

8. Discussion of the Venue and Theme of the Next Conference

The President informed that an invitation with the approval of the Principal has been received from Shivaji Science College, Amravati, Maharashtra regarding the possibility of holding the XXIII annual conference of the Society there during 18-20 January 2021. The invitation was placed before the EC at its meeting and was approved by it. Dr. H.S. Lunge, Associate Professor of Statistics at the college, who was present at the conference and the GB meeting as a life member of SSCA, informed the members about the possibility of holding the said conference. The proposal, which was approved by the EC, was vetted by the GB.

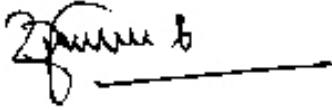
9. A vote of thanks to the organisers of the conference

The General Body placed on record the appreciation and gratitude to the organisers of the present 22nd conference for their all-round performance in conducting a smooth and fruitful conference. The arrangements were made by a very dedicated team of Dr. V.K. Gedam, Convener, Dr. R.V. Latpate, Organizing Secretary and Prof. T.V. Ramanathan, Head of Department. Sincerest thanks were also given to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Savitribai Phule Pune University, Prof. Nitin Raghunath Karmalkar for his support and guidance in hosting this major event. The conference has been academically very enriching with a record number of delegates participating as Invited Speakers from all across the country. It was a challenge for the organisers to accommodate all the speakers in the limited time available by running concurrent sessions with perfection and utmost diligence. The hospitality extended by the organisers and boarding and lodging arrangements at different guest houses of the University were carefully planned and were flawless. The President expressed his pleasure over the students, who helped the delegates with all logistics with high enthusiasm and sense of responsibility. A resolution, duly approved by the GB, would be presented in the valedictory function.

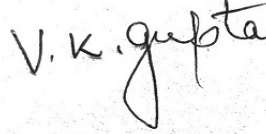
10. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

- i) The senior members were requested to share their views and experiences. Professor Bikas Kumar Sinha addressed the participants and in his address recalled his long association with the Pune University. He referred to a famous book authored by J.K. Ghosh, S.K. Mitra and K. R. Parthasarathy in which a reference of Prof. V.S. Huzurbazar was there.
- ii) A proposal was placed before the EC to bring some more internationally renowned statisticians as honorary members of the Society which might help in accelerating the growth of the Society. Presently, there are three such honorary members. This helps in enhancing the prestige of the Society and take advantage of their expertise in promoting the activities of the Society. It was decided that Professor C.R. Rao and Professor John Stufken may be requested to be Honorary Members of the Society.
- iii) As in the last GB meeting, the matter of financial position and generation of resources for the Society has been discussed at length. Secretary reminded the members that GB had set a target of generating Rs. 5.0 lakh (Rupees Five Lacs only) during the financial year 2019-20. He informed that the target could not be achieved as the only source of generating income of the Society is through membership drive and that was not enough to meet the target. President informed that he was confident that the target would be met in the coming financial year 2020-21. He appealed to all those scientists, present at the meeting to motivate their students and colleagues to become members of SSCA. He also requested them to use their contacts to have some foreign members. He also aired the idea of generating funds for the Society by way of donations, and endowment

funds, etc. from such persons/organizations having keen interest in the development of science. The President invited suggestions from the members for improving the financial health of the Society. It was suggested that rigorous efforts should be made for obtaining donations from Indian members and Indians settled abroad for generating financial resources for the society so that newer initiatives can be introduced.



Dipak Roy Choudhury
Secretary
Society of Statistics,
Computer and Applications



V.K. Gupta
President
Society of Statistics,
Computer and Applications

New Delhi; 17 February, 2020

ANNEXURE

LIST OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2020-21

Founder President: Late Prof. M.N. Das

President : V.K. Gupta

Executive President: Rajender Parsad

Patrons

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| 1. R.B. Barman | 2. Rajpal Singh |
| 3. Alope Dey | 4. R.C. Agrawal |
| 5. A.C. Kulshreshtha | 6. Pankaj Mittal |
| 7. A.K. Nigam | 8. Prithvi Yadav |
| 9. D.K. Ghosh | 10. K.J.S. Satyasai |
| 11. Bikas Kumar Sinha | |

Vice-Presidents

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| 1. S.D. Sharma | 2. V.K. Bhatia |
| 3. A. Dhandapani | 4. P. Venkatesan |
| 5. L.M. Bhar | |

Secretary: D. Roy Choudhury

Foreign Secretary: Sudhir Gupta, USA

Treasurer: Ashish Das

Joint Secretaries

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| 1. Alope Lahiri | 2. Hukum Chandra | 3. Shibani Roy Choudhary |
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Members

1. P. Rath	2. S.A. Mir	3. Manish Trivedi
4. Ranjit Kumar Paul	5. R. Vishnu Vardhan	6. Alka Arora
7. Anshu Bhardwaj	8. Sanjeev Panwar	9. V. Srinivasa Rao
10. Manisha Pal	11. Manish Kumar Sharma	12. Praggya Das
13. Piyush Kant Rai	14. Anil Kumar Yadav	15. Rao Saheb Latpate

Ex-officio Members

1. Chair Editor, Statistics and Applications
2. Executive Editor, Statistics and Applications
3. Director, ICAR-IASRI, New Delhi
4. Director General, CSO