

**IIPA Alumni Association
Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi.**

Minutes of the Seventh Annual General Meeting of the General Body of
IIPA Alumni Association
held in the Conference Hall of the Institute
on 17th June, 2011 at 6.30 p.m.

The following were present:

Dr. Yogendra Narain	Chairman
Dr. Rakesh Hooja	Director, IIPA
Shri P.K. Anand	
Mrs. Sudha P. Rao	
Brig. Vivek Sohal	
Shri Kamalpreet Singh	
Prof. P.K. Chaubey	
Prof. (Mrs.) Noorjahan Bava	
Prof. V.K. Sharma	
Prof. K.K. Pandey	
Dr. V.N. Alok	
Dr. Kusum Lata	
Dr. Naresh Kumar	
Maj. Gen. (Retd.) S.C. Chopra	Secretary-cum-Treasurer

In his opening remarks, the Chairman welcomed Dr. Rakesh Hooja, Director of the IIPA, who is an ex-officio Patron of the Alumni Association and the members present. Thereafter he informed them that, as the quorum for the General Body Meeting as per the Rule 8(c) of the Memorandum of Association, was not complete, i.e. one-fourth or 25 members, which ever is less, the meeting has to be adjourned and convened after half an hour break, at which point members present would constitute the quorum.

At 7.00 p.m., the members reassembled again to transact the listed Agenda of the meeting.

Chairman once again formally welcomed Dr. Rakesh Hooja, Director, IIPA and members of the Alumni Association. He thanked Shri B.S. Baswan, erstwhile Director, IIPA, for unfailing assistance and administrative help during his tenure. Chairman expressed hope that Dr. Rakesh Hooja would also be kind enough to continue the support and help to the Alumni Association to achieve its aims and objectives.

Item No. 1. Welcome Address by the Secretary-cum-Treasurer

On behalf of the Chairman and the Executive Committee members, Maj Gen S.C. Chopra, welcomed participants to the Sixth Annual General Meeting of the General Body of the Alumni Association. He informed the members that as on date, the Association had a membership of 553 members out of approximately over 1000 plus, who were eligible. He requested members present to reach out to their friends and peers, and persuade them to join the Alumni Association. He informed the members regarding the agenda for the General Body meeting and introduced to them the relevant papers that were in their folders.

Item No. 2 Report of the Chairman of the IIPA Alumni Association.

The Chairman presented the report for the year 2010-11. Welcoming the members to the Annual General Meeting of the General Body, he informed

the members, that, the primary aim of the Association was to give valuable additional inputs to the APPPA participants, through arranging seminars/panel discussions by well known experts, MPs, and other prominent public figures.

Membership Details

The Chairman informed that as of 31st March, 2011, the membership of the Alumni Association stood at 553. A total of 28 new members were enrolled during the year 2010-11.

Activities of the Association during 2010-11

During the year 2010-11, the IIPA Alumni Association had organized a seminar on Food Security on 11th October, 2010. Shri N.C. Saxena, former Director, National Academy of Administration, Mussorie & Member of the National Advisory Council and Shri B. Raj, Principal Adviser to the Committee on Food Security of the Supreme Court were on the panel as speakers. Dr. Yogendra Narain, Chairman, IIPA Alumni Association presided over the session. The seminar was a huge success and well appreciated by all the participants of APPPA course.

The Institute of Defence Studies and Analysis (IDSA) on the request of the Alumni Association had organized a day long capsule on "Present Regional and Global Environment" on 9th August, 2010. The interaction with IDSA was well appreciated by APPPA participants. The Institute of Defence Studies and Analysis is one of the premier strategic think tank of India. It is our endeavour to develop regular and deep relationship with IDSA to enable the participants of APPPA to fully appreciate the finer nuances of strategic issues which were indeed very important for all administrators.

A farewell dinner for 36th APPPA participants was organized on 28th March, 2011, The faculty members and APPPA participants enjoyed the evening get together and participated in impromptu cultural items.

Alumni Association Medal

The IIPA Alumni Association Medal for the best dissertation for the year 2010-2011 was awarded to Mrs Anju Nigam, IPS (Postal) for her dissertation "An Analysis of Fiscal Deficit in the Government of India: Trends and Issues (1990-91 to 2009-201)".

Raising of Funds

The Chairman stressed that, although the Association has managed to build up some funds, in order to fulfill the Aims and Objectives of the Association, much more needs to be done. He suggested the need for establishment of a permanent Fund Raising Committee. He requested the members having flair and experience of fund raising to offer their services.

Proposed Activities 2011-12

The Chairman thereafter, covered the details of proposed activities for the year 2011-12 and suggested that these be deliberated upon during discussion on Item 6 of the Agenda (Details covered under item 6).

At the end of his annual report, the Chairman requested Dr. Rakesh Hooja to kindly give his comments and also his views on what the Alumni Association should do to enhance the Association's inputs to the APPPA programme.

Dr. Rakesh Hooja, in his opening remarks, mentioned that though he had attended one of the earlier Executive Committee meeting, this being his first Annual General Body meeting, he would like to inform the

members about the Committee set up to review the APPPA course. He informed the members that a complete review of the APPPA course was underway. One meeting of the main Committee constituted and two meetings of the sub-Committee had been held and some valuable suggestion from Dr. Yogendra Narain and some members of Alumni Association have been received. The main points are listed below:

- (a) Increase the duration of the programme to 10 months.
- (b) The course be made more rigorous and assessment and evaluation of the participants be made more valuable.
- (c) Conduct of special lectures and visits to various institutions in and around Delhi be stepped up.
- (d) An attempt should be made to include cultural, literary and other extra-curriculum activities, as part of the course.
- (e) We need to consciously step up as change programme. Syllabus to be in tune with and focused on global issues, so that participants who pass out from IIPA are able to effectively deal with multi lateral institutional at international or bilateral levels as and when opportunity arises in their respective areas of work.
- (f) Each participant to be assigned a faculty member who would act as their guide for the entire duration of the course.

The Director also suggested the following:

- (a) Updation of Members Directory in particular designation and address.
- (b) A more active participation of the Alumni Association members in the various APPPA activities.
- (c) As also recommended by Dr. Yogendra Narain, we need to formalize publication of summaries or even full articles of Dissertations prepared by the participants.
- (d) He would appreciate if the Alumni Association members and APPPA participants participate in "book reviews" session recently started at IIPA. This would certainly help in improving inter-action between faculty members and the Association.

In his closing remarks, he mentioned that he looked forward to having an active interaction with IIPA Alumni Association and its activities.

Item No. 3 Confirmation of the Report of Proceedings of the 6th Annual General Meeting of the General Body held on 21st May, 2010

Report of proceedings as circulated were confirmed.

Item No. 4 To approve Audit Report for the year 2010-11 submitted by the Chartered Accountants.

The Audit Report as circulated was confirmed..

Item No. 5 Appointment of Auditors

The General Body approved that Mittal & Associates, IIPA auditors, be appointed Auditors for the year 2011-12.

Item No. 6 Discussion on the proposed activities of IIPA Alumni Association for the year 2011-12

The Executive Committee in its meeting held on 28th March 2011 had short-listed the under mentioned topics for lectures for the year 2011-12 for consideration of the General Body:-

- (a) Goods and Service Tax (GST)
- (b) Corporate Social Responsibilities
- (c) National Security in present Regional and Global Environment

(d) Communitisation of Assets at District/State levels

- (e) Energy Security
- (f) Millennium Development Goals of Public Health/National Health Scheme
- (g) Role of Financial Services in Industrial Growth
- (h) Unique Identification (UID)
- (i) Economic Perspective in Post Recession Global Environment

The Chairman requested the members present to express their views and suggested that, other topics could also be considered, if recommended by the members. In an open discussion many views were expressed emphasizing on taking up hard-core issues confronting Governance in modern India in a globalised environment. The list of subjects finally recommended by General Body are summarized below:-

- (a) "Goods and Service Tax (GST)" A special lecture to be held in July/August 2011.
 - (b) "Corporate Social Responsibilities" It was decided to approach Shri Arun Maira, Member, Planning Commission for a special lecture on the subject.
 - (c) "National Security in present Regional and Global Environment" To be organized at the Institute of Defence Studies and Analysis in July, 2011.
 - (d) "Communitisation of Assets at District/State levels" It was proposed to invite Shri R.S. Pandey to deliver special lecture
 - (e) "Energy Security" It was proposed to invite Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar to deliver special lecture.
 - (f) "Millennium Development Goals of Public Health/National Health Issues" It was suggested that a lecture/panel discussion may be held. Prof. N.K. Sethi, Director, National Institute of Health along with World Bank representative may be invited for a panel discussion/special lecture on the subject.
 - (g) 'Role of Financial Services in Industrial Growth' It was suggested that Shri U.K. Sinha Chairman, SEBI may be invited for a panel discussion.
 - (h) "Unique Identification (UID)" It was proposed to invite Shri Nandan Nilekani, Chairman, Unique Identification Authority of India to deliver special lecture.
 - (i) Economic Perspective in Post Recession Global Environment It was proposed to invite Shri Pranob Sen for this subject.
- Item No.7 Election of members to the Executive Committee under Rule 8(h) and Chairman and Vice Chairman under Rule 10(a) and 10(b)

General Body elected the following members to the Executive Council unopposed.

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| 1. | Dr. Yogendra Narain | Chairman |
| 2. | Shri P.K. Anand | Vice-Chairman |
| 3. | Dr. U.K. Sen | Member |
| 4. | Mrs. Sudha P. Rao | Member |
| 5. | Maj Gen S.C. Chopra | Member |
| 6. | Brig. Vivek Sohal | Member |
| 7. | Shri Kamalpreet Singh | Member |

There being no other points, the General Body meeting ended with thanks to the

Chair and Director, IIPA.

Item No. 8 Vote of thanks by the Secretary-cum-Treasurer
On behalf of the Chairman and Executive Committee members, the Secretary thanked all the members present in the Annual General Body meeting, for sparing their valuable time and their contribution in

making the exercise meaningful.

The Secretary further mentioned that, he would be failing in his duty, if he did not put on record, unfailing help and assistance that was forthcoming to the Association from the IIPA.

(Maj Gen S.C. Chopra)
Secretary-cum-vTreasurer

(Dr. Yogendra Narain)
Chairman