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Minutes of the 264th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 29th June, 2007 at 5.30 p.m. in the APPPA Lecture Hall of the Institute

PRESENT

1. **Shri T.N. Chaturvedi** - **Chairman**
2. Dr. K. Malaisamy
3. Dr. S. Subramanian
4. Prof. N.P. Singh
5. Shri B.V. Krishna Kumar
6. Dr. B.P. Mathur
7. Prof. (Mrs.) Noorjahan Bava
8. Dr. R.R. Dhanapall
9. Dr. S.L. Goel
10. Shri M.C. Gupta
11. Dr. Yogendra Narain
12. Shri B.C. Mathur
13. Shri Suryya Ray
14. Shri S. Ramanathan
15. Dr. N. Sethuraman
16. Dr. K.N. Srivastava
17. Dr. V.V. Rama Subba Rao
19. Dr. R. Balasubramanian
20 Dr. Har Swarup
21. Prof. (Mrs.) S. Saroja
22. Dr. V. Shanmugasundaram
23. Shri Satyanand Mishra, Secretary, Personnel
24. Shri S.C. Misra
25. Shri N.K. Das (In lieu of Chairman, IIPA Assam Regional Branch)
26. Dr. Navnit Sinha (In lieu of Chairman, IIPA Bihar Regional Branch)
27. Dr. S.S. Bloeria
28. Prof. S.S. Singh } Faculty Representatives
29. Prof. Anil C. Ittyerah }
30. Dr. V.N. Alok }
31. Prof. S.P. Verma - Director & Member-Secretary

Dr. Naresh Kumar, Registrar, Dr. B.D. Singh, Dy. Registrar (AS) and Shri Suresh Chandra, Dy. Registrar (F&A) were also present.

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At the very outset the Chairman welcomed the members and also particularly those who attended the meeting first time, namely - Shri Satyanand Mishra, Secretary, Personnel, Shri S.C. Misra, Chairman, Orissa Regional Branch, Shri S.S. Bloeria, Chairman, J & K Regional Branch.

Director in his opening remarks mentioned about the celebration of Golden Jubilee Year by Karnataka Regional Branch on 2nd June 2007 at Bangalore which was attended by galaxy of dignitaries and which was presided over by H.E. Governor of Karnataka and Chairman, IIPA Shri T.N. Chaturvedi and the Key note address was delivered by Hon'ble Lokayukata Justice Shri N.Santosh Hegde. The Director further mentioned that he also attended the above function which was organized in a grand way. For which the Chairman and all members of the Executive Council congratulated Shri S. Ramanathan, Chairman, Karnataka Regional Branch.

The Chairman also mentioned about the celebration of "IIPA Day" by the Pudducherry Local Branch on 15th June, 2007 attended by him as Chief Guest. While congratulating Dr. R.R. Dhanapall, for organizing the event decently he hoped that this local branch will continue to be a vibrant branch.

The Director thanked the Chairman for his encouragement for organizing the programme to-day in the auditorium and sparing his valuable time to be the Chief Guest and for honouring the distinguished members for rendering outstanding services to IIPA and for the cause of Public Administration.

Item No. 264.1 Grant of leave of absence to Members.

The following members who could not attend the meeting were granted leave of absence:

1. Prof. B.J. Deb
2. Dr. Sanjiv Misra
3. Shri R.R. Shah
4. Prof. R.C. Sobti
14. Prof. R.V. Dhanapalan
15. Shri E. Dasaradhan
16. Dr. Agarala Easwara Reddi

Item No.264.2 (a) Confirmation of the Minutes of 263rd meeting of the Executive Council held on 26th March, 2007.

The minutes, as circulated were confirmed with the following observations:-

In the 4th line of the 2nd para the words "silver jubilee" may be replaced by the words "golden jubilee".

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(b) Action taken on the minutes referred to above.

While confirming the action taken report, following observations were made:

1. Item No. 263.9(II) Misconduct of Chairman of West Bengal Regional Branch

The Executive Council took note of the letter dated June 13, 2007 from Shri P. Bhattacharya, additional Chief Secretary(Govt. of WB) and Hony. Secretary West Bengal Branch on the subject requesting to review the E.C. decision for annulling the election of the branch. Dr. K.N. Srivastva also explained the position. The Chairman mentioned that there is no question of withdrawal of E.C. decision and our letter written to him and further process may be initiated.

2. Item No. 263.9 (III) Visit to China by IIPA's delegation

Director informed the Executive Council about the 9 members delegation visit to China and presentation made by Prof. P.K. Chaubey after the return of the delegation. Prof. N.P. Singh, Coordinator of the delegation also apprised the members about their interaction with various authorities and their experiences. Some members mentioned that although we have entered with an MoU with CPS China however, we should also keep in mind that their system of governance is quite different from ours. As such it is for consideration how far it is relevant for us. Chairman mentioned probably we may learn something about technology of implementation and workethics.

Item No.264.3 Setting up of the Centre for Consumer Studies.

The Director informed the Executive Council about signing of an agreement for 5 years with a financial support of 850.77 lakh with the Department of Consumer Affairs, Government of India for **Setting up of the Centre for Consumer Studies at IIPA on 29th June, 2007.** Which has been signed by him and Shri Sanjay Singh, Joint Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs.

Prof. S.S. Singh also apprised the Executive Council about the brief features of the Agreement including monitoring committee. It was also informed that the consultancy project being undertaken for the last two years with an approximate budget of Rs. 2 crore per annum on completion of 3rd year will be merged with the activities of the above centre. As a result of which the allocation of the Centre will be enhanced accordingly.

The Executive Council while approving the setting up of the new Centre for Consumer Studies congratulated Prof. S.S. Singh and placed on record its appreciation for his efforts and for work done in the past in this area. And also approved the proposal for initiating the process for recruitment of faculty/ staff for the centre presently for the duration of the agreement.

Item No.264.4 Recommendations made by the Committee for appointment of Consultants on remuneration of over Rs.15,000/- p.m.

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While approving the recommendations of the Committee, it was mentioned that before recommending appointment of any consultant his consent should be obtained in advance. As in one of the recommendations by the Committee one consultant namely – Prof. A.K. Sharma has conveyed his inability to take up the assignment. Prof. S.L. Goel, Chairman of the Committee, Dr. Yogendra Narain and Director (Members of the Committee) explained the position to the Council. Director also informed that subsequently one retired Joint Secretary has been appointed for the purpose.

Item No.264.5 **Requirement and recruitment of Faculty.**

The Director informed that the Committee had its two meetings including one with the faculty. And that the Committee has also obtained information from the faculty regarding their core areas, areas of expertise and areas for future development. The Committee is also trying to find out core areas for faculty recruitment keeping in view financial constraints also. The Committee is also concerned with the depleting strength of the faculty which is just 22 against the sanctioned strength of 60.

The Chairman requested the Committee to submit its recommendations at the earliest preferably within two months. to enable us to initiate action to have suitable faculty which has diminished considerably

Item No.264.6 **Facility to use the Library of IIPA free of charges to the members of IIPA Alumni Association.**

The Executive Council approved the proposal for extending the facilities to use the Library of IIPA free of charges to the members of IIPA Alumni Association.

Item No.264.7 **Request of Shri B.T. Singh, Advocate, IIPA to increase existing retainership fee i.e. Rs.7500/- per annum.**

The Council was of the view that Shri B.T. Singh has been appointed Legal Counsel recently as such his request may be deferred. for the present.

Item No.264.8 **A brief report on the important activities of the Institute during April, 2007 to June, 2007 relating to:**

(a) Training Programmes,
(b) Status of Research & Consultancy Projects,
(c) Conferences/Seminars,
(d) Visitors to the Institute.

Noted.

A member enquired about delay in completion of a research project. It was clarified by the Project Director (Prof. Anil C. Ittyerah) the delay was due to late issue of financial section by the sponsoring organization. It was advised that in the proforma one more column indicating the date of financial sanction may also be incorporated.

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It was also advised that while submitting the brief report in the next meeting a comparative statement may also be submitted indicating number of training programmes conducted during the current and previous year.

Secretary, Personnel was also requested to consider for assigning consultancies and training programmes on RTI to IIPA in which it has developed expertise.

It was also advised that faculty members may be asked to make presentations after completion of their research/consultancy projects.

Item No. 264.9 Items to Report:

(i) Satisfactory completion of probation period of Faculty Members/Sr. Administrative Staff.

Noted.

The Chairman advised that some brief detail (in 2/3 lines) in respect of new faculty may also be indicated in future.

(ii) Extension of Dr. Girish Kumar, Sr. Fellow.

Noted.

(iii) Extension of Prof. Sushma Yadav (Professor Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Chair).

Noted.

(iv) Interim appointment of Shri Rakesh Gupta to HUDCO Chair.

Noted.

(v) Reliving of Dr. Seema Joshi, Associate Professor.

Noted.

(vi) Retirement of Administrative Staff.

Noted.

(vii) Promotion of Administrative Staff.

Noted.

(viii) Downgrading of two posts of Assistant Registrars to the level of Superintendents.

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Noted.

(ix) Grant of Dearness Allowance installment to IIPA employees.

Noted.

(x) Foreign visits of faculty members.

Noted.

Shri Suryya Ray who was member of the delegation which visited China recently mentioned that in the presentation made by Prof. P.K. Chaubey his name was not mentioned along with other delegation members. Director mentioned that it might have happened inadvertently and Prof. Chaubey will be informed about it.

Item No.264.10 Any other business with permission of the Chairman.

Item No.264.10 (i) Proposal for formation of IIPA Haryana Regional Branch in Gurgaon (Haryana)

A member mentioned that conventionally the branch Headquarters is set up at the State Capital only whereas in the present case Gurgaon is not the Capital of Haryana. Moreover out of 150 members only 11 had attended the meeting which proposed setting up of the Regional Branch at Gurgaon. Another member read out the rule position which does not stipulate any condition for setting up of the regional branch at the State Capital. Shri M.C. Gupta also informed that Governor of Haryana has already consented to be the Patron of the proposed Branch.

After detailed discussion the Chairman mentioned that while the proposal is acceptable in principle, but before a decision is taken the proposal is to be examined on file and we may also have to seek concurrence of the Punjab/Haryana/Chandigarh Regional Branch as well as to seek in writing consent of the members residing in the State of Haryana.

(ii) Appointment of New Director

The Chairman informed the Executive Council that he had received the recommendations of the Search Committee comprising :-

1. Justice (Retd.) Shri J.S. Verma – Chairman
2. Dr. K. Malaisamy, Chairman, Standing Committee
3. Dr. S.L. Goel, Member, Executive Council
4. Dr. Pritam Singh, Former Director MDI
5. Prof. T.N. Kapoor, Former Vice-Chancellor, Punjab University

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The Committee had recommended the following three names for the above position:-

1. Dr. Dilip Kumar Bandopadhyay
2. Shri B.S. Baswan
3. Shri P.M.A. Hakim

As per authorization of the Executive Council, careful consideration and consultation with members of the Search Committee etc., Shri B.S. Baswan is selected for appointment to the post of Director, IIPA. The new incumbent will hold the office of the post of Director only up to attaining the age of 65 years as per earlier E.C. decision. He further mentioned that he may be joining by the 2nd week of July, 2007 and will have to stay in the Campus.

All the members unanimously welcomed the decision and also placed on record its appreciation for the excellent work done by the Search Committee.

(III) **Constitution of various Committees**

The Chairman as per authorization made by the Executive Council, read out the composition of various committees constituted by him for the term ending till the 2nd Annual General Meeting of General Body in 2008 (except in the case of Chairman, Standing Committee whose election is due in 2007) as per list enclosed which was also circulated to the members. The Council approved the same.

The Chairman also nominated Dr. Yogendra Narain and in his absence Shri M.C. Gupta for signing of the cheques in the absence of Hony. Treasurer.

The meeting ended with a warm vote of thanks to the Chair.

T. N. Chaturvedi

(T.N. CHATURVEDI)
CHAIRMAN

S.P. Verma

(S.P. VERMA)
DIRECTOR &
MEMBER-SECRETARY

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