Minutes of the AMM General Body Meeting (GBM) held on December 18, 2013

The AMM General Body Meeting (GBM) for the year 2013 was conducted on December 18, 2013, at IIT Roorkee, on the sidelines of the conference iNaCoMM 2013. A total of thirty-two members attended the meeting. The summary of the discussions are documented below as per the original agenda items.

1. Election of the next group of office bearers (i.e., President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer):

The nominations received for the posts were:

President: Prof. C. Amarnath, (Retd. Prof.), Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, IIT Bombay. Vice-President: Prof. Ashitava Ghosal, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, IISc Bangalore.

Secretary: Prof. G. Saravana Kumar, Dept. of Engineering Design, IIT Madras. Treasurer: Prof. Palaniappan Ramu, Dept. of Engineering Design, IIT Madras.

The candidates were elected unanimously by the attendees.

2. Identification of the hosts for iNaCoMM 2015, IPRoMM 2016:

For iNaCoMM 2015, letters of interest were received from the Department of Mechanical Engineering, IIT Kanpur, and Jaipur Engineering College, Jaipur. In the meeting, representative of IIT Kanpur (Prof. Anupam Saxena) presented the case on behalf of IIT Kanpur, and subsequently, it was decided to allow IIT Kanpur to host iNaCoMM 2015. The allocation of IPRoMM 2016 is still open. Interested institutes can write to the Secretary AMM at the earliest.

3. Policy regarding providing discounts on registration fees of AMM conferences to non-AMM IFToMM members.

This issue was discussed in detail. AMM members are paid members and thus registration fee discount is applicable to them and needs to be provided by iNaCoMM / IPRoMM organizers. It was brought to notice that other IFToMM sponsored conferences do not have any special discount for conference attendees based on IFToMM membership of the attendee's nation. In view of this it was decided that it is prerogative of the conference organizer to provide discount for non-AMM IFToMM members.

4. Making iNaCoMM an annual event from the year 2016/2017.

This item was debated upon in detail, and finally it was decided to continue with the present biennial structure till iNaCoMM 2015. The matter may be taken up again at that point, if necessary.

5. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

Based on Prof. Pathak's mention:

If a student studying in India/abroad comes to any AMM event, the student should pay the fee as per the nationality of his/her institute of registration, and not by the nationality of the student. This was agreed to.

No other issue was raised in the GBM. The Secretary thanked the members for attending the meeting.
