

Minutes of the AMM General Body Meeting (GBM) held on December 13, 2017

The AMM General Body Meeting (GBM) for the year 2017 was conducted on December 13, 2017, at HBNIT, BARC, on the sidelines of the conference iNaCoMM 2017. A total of twenty one members attended the meeting. The summary of the discussions are documented below as per the original agenda items.

- 1. Presentation of report of activities by the Secretary.**
- 2. Presentation of statement of accounts by the Secretary on behalf of Treasurer.**
- 3. 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, (Prof. Emeritus), IIT Bombay.

Vice-President: Prof. G K Ananthasuresh, IISc Bangalore

Secretary: Prof. Pushparaj Mani Pathak, IIT Roorkee

Treasurer: Prof. Sourav Rakshit, IIT Madras

The candidates were elected unanimously by the attendees.

- 4. Discussions / declarations on the next venue for iNaCoMM (Dec 2019) and IPRoMM (Dec 2018).**

Expression of interest were invited from interested institutions to host the above events. Since Asian MMS shall be held in Bangalore by IISc Bangalore during December 2018, it was decided to hold IPRoMM 2018 as a pre / post conference event of Asian MMS by an institute in Bangalore. Dr. Rajeevlochana G Chittawadigi from Amrita School of Engineering, Bangalore agreed to discuss this with Asian MMS committee and hold the event.

Since the number of expression for interest to hold iNaCoMM 2019 was not sufficient, it was decided to wait till March 2018. In the meantime, AMM Secretary shall call for expression of interest from the members.

- 5. PAN card for AMM.**

AMM is attempting to gather all documents for applying for same with help of a CA.

- 6. Holding a mechanism design contest similar to SMDC as part of IPRoMM.**

It was suggested that the competition could be a Hackathon based on problem statements coming from industry. It was also suggested that this event could be part of preparation / national selection for IFToMM's Students International Olympiad on Mechanism and Machine Science (SIOMMS). Henceforth, the IPRoMM organizer's shall have this as a regular event. Depending on the schedule of SIOMMS, the organizers can conduct the mechanism design contest as a Hackathon or selection event in line with SIOMMS.

- 7. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.**

- Based on discussion, it was felt to have a publication partner for AMM so that iNaCoMM proceedings can be brought out without any conflict of interest, like ability to post the proceedings online in AMM website and possibility of publishing some best papers in MMT journal. It was also suggested to check with IFToMM, if such a publishing partnership can

be there for all IFToMM member organization events. It was also felt that a clear document detailing review process, publication and copyright for iNaCoMM proceedings and award policy be created to serve as agreement between AMM and event organizer.

- It was suggested to take up activities (atleast 2 events per year) to promote the field of machines and mechanisms in educational institutions. Training programs for teachers and forum to discuss curriculum were suggested. The members suggested that AMM help in finding the resource person's to conduct these events and ensure their availability.
- It was suggested that there be more coordination with Robotic society, since, the domain have overlap and events and activities can be better planned and executed.

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