

# Association for Machines and Mechanisms (AMM)

## Minutes of General Body Meeting (GBM)

December 22, 2022 (17:30 to 18:30) during IPRoMM 2022 (Hybrid Mode)

### Agenda of the Meeting (Distributed before the meeting to the members):

1. Welcome remarks by the Chair (President, AMM)
2. Vetting of last Minutes of Meeting of the previous GBM held on December 10, 2021 (available at [https://ammindia.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/AMM\\_GBM\\_Minutes\\_2021.pdf](https://ammindia.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/AMM_GBM_Minutes_2021.pdf))
3. A report by the Secretary on the activities of AMM since the last GBM
4. An update on the financial aspects of AMM, the statement of account, etc., by the Treasurer.
5. A brief report on the conduct of IPRoMM 2022
6. An update on the preparation of iNaCoMM2023 by the organizers (NIT Raipur)
7. Identifying the host for IPRoMM2024: interested AMM members may kindly bid to organize in their institute. A prior approval from the competent authorities in their home institution is desirable.
8. Status report on IFToMM MO membership.
9. Pending items from the previous meeting(s).
10. Discussion on a proposal to increase the amount of Seed fund to AMM sponsored conferences.
11. Discussion on having an alliance of AMM-TRS (The Robotics Society)-ISME (Indian Society of Mechanical Engineers)
12. Election of new office bearer(s) to AMM
13. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

Prof. C. Amarnath (President, AMM, connected through online means) welcomed the offline and online attendees of the GBM. Dr. Sandipan Bandyopadhyay (Vice-President, AMM) welcomed the attendees in person. The GBM was conducted on the sidelines of IPRoMM2022 at IIT-ISM Dhanbad.

### Important points discussed and decisions taken:

A	Society (Update by Secretary)
A1	AMM supported IPRoMM2022 organized by IIT-ISM Dhanbad. More details in C2 below.
A2	AMM supported IMSD-ACMD (Joint International Conference on Multibody System Dynamics and Asian Conference on Multibody Dynamics) organized by IIT Delhi, New Delhi during Oct 16-20, 2022. An amount of Rs. 25,000 was the sponsoring amount to the conference, with an arrangement that after the conference, the IMSD-ACMD conference organizers should pay back the amount.
A3	IFTToMM Member Organization (MO) Subscription Fee for 2022. Pending since there was a confusion on 2021 payment. [Action: Secretary/Treasurer to follow up with IFTToMM EC]
A4	New Members: 2022 (Jan-Dec): 9 Till date: 237? (to be double checked). [Action: Secretary]
A5	Consolidation/Record keeping of earlier members in progress. [Action: Secretary]
B	Finance (Update by Treasurer)
B1	SBI Current Account (IISc Bangalore) Balance as on March 31, 2022: Rs. 11,01,429.94 Dec 22, 2022 : Rs. 10,81,154.94 Fixed Deposit SBI FD: Rs. 3,00,000: Maturity (June 4, 2019) SBI FD: Rs. 25,000: Maturity (July 2, 2021) SBI FD: Rs. 30,000: Maturity (July 2, 2021) SBI FD: Rs. 1,50,000: Maturity (Feb 27, 2022)
B2	Transfer of FDs from SBI IITM to SBI IISc will be requested. [Action: Treasurer/Vice-President]
B3	IT Returns of the AMM account for Financial Year 2021-22 is in process. [Action: Treasurer]
B4	CA shall be submitting the Audited Statements to Registrar of Societies. [Action: Treasurer]

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<b>C</b>	<b>Conferences/Workshops</b>
C1	iNaCoMM2021 (5 <sup>th</sup> International and 20 <sup>th</sup> National Conference on Machines and Mechanisms) was organized by IITDM Jabalpur during Dec 9-11, 2021. The proceedings have appeared in Springer online as <a href="#">“Recent Advances in Machines and Mechanisms”, part of Lecture Notes in Mechanical Engineering (LNME)</a>
C2	<p>IPRoMM 2022: (2<sup>nd</sup> International &amp; 14<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Industrial Problems on Machines and Mechanisms) conference was organized by IIT-ISM Dhanbad during Dec 22-23, 2022. Prof. S. K. Ghoshal from IIT-ISM Dhanbad were present in the GBM and presented a brief report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) No. of Abstracts Received: 168</li> <li>ii) No. of Full Paper Submitted: 118</li> <li>iii) No. of Papers Accepted (Oral Presentation): 77</li> <li>iv) No. of Papers Accepted (Poster Presentation): 12</li> <li>v) Inaugural Session Chief Guest was Dr. Srinivasa Murthy (DRDL, Hyderabad)</li> <li>vi) Plenary Session Speakers were: Prof. G. K. Ananthasuresh (IISc Bangalore), Prof. Raman Singh (Monash Univ., Australia), Prof. Pankaj Wahi (IIT Kanpur), Prof. Subir K. Saha (IIT Delhi: Online mode) and Dr. M. V. Reddy (Nouveau Monde Graphite, Canada: Online mode)</li> </ul> <p>AMM places on record the recognition rendered by the organizing committee at IIT-ISM Dhanbad for conducting IPRoMM 2022 successfully. AMM specially thanks Prof. A. R. Dixit (Chairman) Prof. S. K. Ghoshal (Convenor), Prof. Arun Dayal Udai (Co-convenor), Prof. Sarthak S. Singh (Co-convenor)</p>
C3	<p>iNaCoMM2023 will be held at NIT Raipur. Prof. S. Sanyal and Prof. Rajan attended the meeting online and briefed the proceedings. The dates proposed and finalized are December 7 (Thu) to 9 (Sat), 2023. The venue of the conference shall be the auditorium(s), seminar rooms in NIT Raipur campus.</p> <p>Proceedings are being planned in Springer, and organizers are approaching SAGE publications to include a few selected extended papers in Adv. In Mech. Engg.</p> <p>The organizers were suggested to identify the keynote speakers, potential sponsors, etc. The brochure/flyer for the conference has to be prepared and publicity should start.</p> <p>The AMM office bearers shall set up a basic website on ammindia.org and hand over the charge to the conference organizers.</p> <p>[Action: Vice-president on follow up of conference related updates] [Action: Secretary on website creation]</p>
C4	<p>IPRoMM 2024: Call for Letter of Intent was floated to the AMM members.</p> <p>NIT Jamshedpur (NITJsr) team had conveyed their interest in the form of bidding for the same. Dr. Vineet Sahoo (+2 members) made a short presentation on the proposal. Date in Dec 2024 to be worked out. Industry problems to be explored. Panel discussions/workshop with industry-academia.</p> <p>Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham (Bengaluru campus) also had conveyed their interest to host IPRoMM2023. Mr. Rajeevlochana G. Chittawadigi formally withdrew the request.</p> <p>The GBM unanimously accepted the request of NITJsr to be the host of IPRoMM 2024. Its team (represented by Dr. Vineet Sahoo) was suggested to get in touch with IPRoMM 2022 organizers and start planning. The dates were suggested to be in Dec 2024. Prof. B. V. A. Rao voiced his concerns about IPRoMM becoming another conference on mechanisms and suggested to include sessions/presentations from industry persons where they posed their problems and the attendees from academia can team up to find suitable solutions. The NITJsr team was asked to explore such approach to make IPRoMM more industry related.</p> <p>[Action: Vice-president/Secretary to issue a letter from AMM regarding the acceptance]</p>
C5	Discussion on a proposal to increase the amount of Seed fund to AMM sponsored conferences. The attendees agreed to retain the amount of Rs. 25,000 (existing amount).
<b>D</b>	<b>Office Bearers Election</b>
D1	Dr. G. R. Jayanth (Secretary) has expressed his desire to step down from the post.
D2	Mr. Rajeevlochana G. Chittawadigi was nominated as Secretary by Dr. Jayanth, seconded by Dr. Sandipan Bandyopadhyay, and further supported by Prof. S. K. Saha

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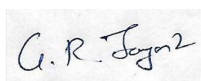
D3	Dr. Safvan Palathingal was nominated as Treasurer by Dr. Sandipan Bandyopadhyay, and seconded by Dr. Ashwin K. P.
<b>E</b>	<b>Miscellaneous Discussion</b>
E1	Discussion on having an alliance of AMM-TRS (The Robotics Society)-ISME (Indian Society of Mechanical Engineers, registered from IIT Delhi). Prof. Saha proposed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Share database in conference announcement</li> <li>2. Discount on conference registration fee across the societies</li> </ol> The attendees of the meeting agreed in principle. [ <b>Action: Prof. S. K. Saha</b> to prepare with modalities and share the draft of the MoU].
E2	Clubbing with Journals for more contributions to conferences was suggested by Prof. S. K. Ghoshal. Dr. Sandipan Bandyopadhyay explained that the journals have stopped having special editions from last few years.
E3	IFTToMM 2023 in Tokyo. All attendees were requested to participate in it and bring up the number of delegates from India.

The general body thanked Dr. G. R. Jayanth for rendering his service as the Secretary from Oct 2020 to Dec 2022.

Prof. C. Amarnath (President) and Dr. Sandipan Bandyopadhyay (Vice-President) thanked all the members for attending the GBM in person at IIT-ISM Dhanbad and also through the online means. They also thanked Prof. S. K. Ghoshal (IIT-ISM Dhanbad) and his team for helping with the logistics of conducting the online meeting.

The minutes of the meeting were noted down and drafted by Mr. Rajeevlochana G. Chittawadigi.

Date: Dec 22, 2022.



**Enclosures:**

Annexure I: List of AMM members and others who attended the GBM on Dec 22, 2022.

Sl. No.	Name
1	Prof. C. Amarnath (Online): President, AMM
2	Dr. Sandipan Bandyopadhyay: Vice-president, AMM
3.	Prof. G. R. Jayanth (Online): Secretary, AMM
4	Mr. Rajeevlochana G. Chittawadigi: Treasurer, AMM
5.	Prof. Ananthasuresh G. K.
6.	Prof. C. S. Kumar
7.	Dr. Ashwin K. P.
8.	Dr. Surendra Kumar Saini
9.	Dr. Arun Dayal Udai
10,	Prof. B. V. A. Rao (Online)
11.	Prof. S. K. Saha (Online)
12.	Prof. S. Sanyal (Online)
13.	Prof. V. K. Gupta (Online)
14.	Dr. Vineet Sahoo (Online)
15.	Dr. Safvan Palathingal (Online)
16.	Dr. Hitesh Patel (Online)
17.	Mr. Shanmuga Sundaram (Online)
18.	Dr. Sarthak S. Singh (non-member)
19.	Dr. Devashish Nandu (non-member)
20.	Dr. Jayant Prakash Varun (non-member)