Association for Machines and Mechanisms (AMM)

Minutes of General Body Meeting (GBM)
December 8, 2023 (18:00 to 19:00) during iNaCoMM 2023 (Hybrid Mode)

Agenda of the Meeting (distributed before the meeting to the members):

- 1. Welcome remarks by the Chair (President, AMM).
- 2. Vetting of Minutes of Meeting of the previous GBM held on December 22, 2022 (available as https://ammindia.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/AMM_GBM_20221222_IPRoMM22.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 iNaCoMM 2023 by the organizers (NIT Raipur).
- 6. An update on the preparation of IPRoMM2024 by the organizers (NIT Jamshedpur).
- 7. Approval to pay IFToMM MO membership for multiple (2 to 3) years in advance.
- 8. Discussion on "AMM Lifetime Achievement Awards".
- 9. Discussion on "New membership policy to include student membership and student chapter".
- $10.\ Discussion\ on\ "AMM\ Workshops/Conferences\ can\ be\ held/organized\ by\ only\ Life\ Members\ of\ AMM.$

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- 11. Discussion on "Recommendation for Young Delegate Program (YDP) can only be given to Members of AMM".
- 12. Discussion on having an alliance of AMM-TRS (The Robotics Society)-ISME (Indian Society of Mechanical Engineers).
- 13. Discussion on "Travel grant to any AMM member (to attend domestic or international event) is not to be given, unless applicable to Students/YDP Grant Awardees as per the norms prevailing from time to time".
- 14. Identifying the host for iNaCoMM2025: Interested AMM members may kindly bid to organize in their institute. A prior approval from the competent authorities in their home institution is desirable.
- 15. Discussion on "Prior approval of the draft rules (covering the themes, announcements, etc) are to be sought by organizing/host institutes before announcing such events, and Submission of monthly reports covering the conduct of the event and financial aspects to the executive committee".
- 16. Prof. C. Amarnath (President, AMM) has expressed his desire to make way for a new President. AMM takes this opportunity to thank him for guiding/leading us for decades. Elections/Nominations to the President's post shall be convened during the GBM.
- 17. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

Prof. C. Amarnath (President, AMM) welcomed the offline and online attendees of the GBM. The minutes of the meeting follow.

Important points discussed and decisions taken

A	Society (Update by Secretary)			
A1	AMM supported iNaCoMM2023 organized by NIT Raipur. More details in C2 below.			
A2	AMM paid IFToMM Member Organization (MO) Fee for two years 2022 and 2023 (300 USD each)			
A3	New Members:			
	2022 (JanDec.): 9			
	2023 (JanDec.): 14			
	Till date: ~300 (to be consolidated from multiple sources). [Action: Secretary]			
A4	IFToMM World Congress 2023: India had a good delegation of 17+ attendees (19+ registrations)			
В	Finance (Update by Treasurer)			
B1	SBI Current Account (IISc Bangalore)			
	Balance as on March 31, 2023: Rs. 11,19,467.94			
	Dec 7, 2023 : Rs. 11,06,557.06			
	Fixed Deposit (Matured and Re-initiated)			
	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]					
В3	IT Returns of the AMM account for Financial Year 2022-23 is in process. [Action: Treasurer/Secretary]					
B4	CA shall be submitting the Audited Statements to the Registrar of Societies. [Action: Treasurer/Secretary]					
C	Conferences/Workshops					
C1	IPRoMM 2022: (2 nd International & 14 th National Conference on Industrial Problems on Machines and Mechanisms) conference was organized by IIT-ISM Dhanbad during Dec 22-23, 2022. Proceedings are at https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-981-99-4270-1					
C2	iNaCoMM2023: Brief Report					
	i) No. of Abstracts Received: 223					
	ii) No. of Full Paper Submitted: 120					
	iii) No. of Papers Accepted (Oral Presentation): 81					
	iv) No. of Papers Registered/Presented (Oral Presentation): 70					
	v) Chief Guest for Inauguration: Dr. Shailendra V Gade, Director General (Armament and Combat Engineering Systems), DRDO, Pune					
	vi) Chief Guest for Valedictory: Shri. Shantanu Roy, Chief Managing Director, BEML					
	vii) Memorial Lecture Speakers:					
	Prof. B. M. Belgaumkar Memorial Lecture: Prof. Pushpraj M. Pathak (IIT Roorkee)					
	Prof. Lakshminarayana Memorial Lecture: Prof. Sunil K. Agarwal (Columbia Univ., USA)					
	viii)Plenary Session Speakers:					
	Prof. Q. Li (Queen's University, Kingston, Canada)					
	Prof. Ashitava Ghosal (IISc Bengaluru)					
	Prof. Sujatha Srinivasan (IIT Madras)					
	Prof. C. S. Kumar (IIT Kharagpur)					
	Dr. Priti Yadav (VAIVA, GmbH, Germany)					
	ix) Industry Talk:					
	Bhilai Steel Plant					
	BEML					
	AMM places on record the recognition rendered by the organizing committee at NIT Raipur for conducting					
	iNaCoMM2023 successfully. AMM specially thanks Prof. S. Sanyal and his team for the same.					
C3	IPRoMM2024 is planned at NIT Jamshedpur and the following were the updates reported by Dr. Ashok Kumar					
	Mandal.					
	The dates proposed and finalized are December 19 to 21, 2024. The venue of the conference shall be the auditorium(s), seminar rooms within the campus.					
	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.					
	The AMM office bearers shall set up a basic website on ammindia.org and hand over the charge to the conference					
	organizers.					
	[Action: Vice-president on follow up of conference related updates]					
	[Action: Secretary on website creation]					
C4	iNaCoMM2025: Call for Letter of Intent was floated to the AMM members.					
	Bidder 1: Dr. Rajeevlochana G. Chittawadigi, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham Bengaluru					
	Bidder 2: Dr. Safvan Palathingal, IIT Hyderabad					
	Both presented their bids to the audience and an election was conducted. Majority were in favor of IIT Hyderabad					
	and it was awarded to host iNaCoMM 2025.					

05	[Action: Vice-president/Secretary to issue a letter from AMM regarding the acceptance]				
C5	Discussion on "AMM Workshops/Conferences can be held/organized by only Life Members of AMM. Accordingly, the partial funding/grant to conduct the event is also applicable to only Life Members". Agreed				
C6	Discussion on "Prior approval of the draft rules (covering the themes, announcements, etc) are to be sought by organizing/host institutes before announcing such events, and Submission of quarterly reports covering the conduct of the event and financial aspects to the executive committee". Agreed				
D	Office Bearers Election				
D1	Prof. C. Amarnath (President, AMM) has expressed his desire to make way for a new President. AMM takes this opportunity to thank him for guiding/leading the organisation for decades.				
D2	Prof. S. K. Saha was nominated by Prof. Ashitava Ghosal and the move was seconded by Prof. P. M. Pathak. There were no other nominations, hence Prof. Saha was elected unopposed. Prof. Saha shall take over the Presidency once these minutes are finalised and accepted.				
E	Approvals/Miscellaneous Discussion				
E1	Approval to pay IFToMM MO membership for multiple (3) years in advance. To be reviewed after 2 years (during iNaCoMM2025)				
	Agreed				
E2	Discussion on "AMM Achievement Awards". Agreed in principle. Modalities to be sorted out by the Executive Committee.				
ЕЗ	Discussion on "New membership policy to include student membership and student chapter". Not Agreed				
E4	Discussion on "Recommendation for Young Delegate Program (YDP) can only be given to Members of AMM".				
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E5	Agreed Discussion on having an alliance of AMM-TRS (The Robotics Society)-ISME (Indian Society of Mechanical Engineers, registered from IIT Delhi). To be revisited				

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

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

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