

Association for Machines and Mechanisms (AMM)

Minutes of General Body Meeting (GBM)

December 9, 2025 (18:00 to 19:00) during iNaCoMM 2025 (Hybrid Mode)

Agenda of the Meeting (distributed to the members on Nov 11, 2025):

1. Welcome remarks by the Chair (President, AMM).
2. Vetting of Minutes of Meeting of the previous GBM held on December 20, 2024 (available as https://ammindia.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/AMM_GBM_20241220_IPRoMM2024_Final.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 Computational Kinematics 2025 (CK2025) by the organizers (IIT Madras).
6. A brief report on the conduct of iNaCoMM2025 by the organizers (IIT Hyderabad).
7. An update on the preparation of IPRoMM2026 by the organizers (Amrita Bengaluru).
8. An update on "AMM Lifetime Achievement Awards".
9. An update on AMM Newsletter.
10. An update on "AMM-ISME-TRS Consortium"
11. Election to the Governing Council (GC): As per Clause 3.2 of AMM Memorandum (https://ammindia.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/AMM_Registration_Documents_Submitted.pdf), the term of Vice-President (VP) is 4 years, extendible to another term of 4 years, if re-elected. The term of the current VP is approaching 4 years. Hence, nomination for the Post of Vice-president is sought. Interested AMM members may send their nominations by email to AMM Secretary by December 02, 2025.
12. Election to the Governing Council (GC): As per Clause? 3.1 of AMM Memorandum (https://ammindia.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/AMM_Registration_Documents_Submitted.pdf), election for two "Members" is planned. Of the six four GC Members (Four Office Bearers and two Members), it is mandatory that at least two are from industrial entities or national laboratories. Interested AMM members may send their nominations by email to AMM Secretary by December 02, 2025.
13. Identifying the host for iNaCoMM2027: Interested AMM members may kindly bid to organize in their institute. *A priori* written approval from the competent authorities in the host institution is necessary. The same may be sent by email to AMM Secretary by December 02, 2025.
14. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

Prof. Subir K. Saha (President, AMM) and Prof. Sandipan Bandyopadhyay (Vice President, AMM) welcomed the in-person 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 CK2025 organized by IIT Madras. More details under item C2 below.
A1	AMM supported iNaCoMM2025 organized by IIT Hyderabad. More details under item C3 below.
A2	AMM paid IFToMM Member Organization (MO) Fee for two years 2024 and 2025 (300 USD each). Once the invoice is received for 2026 and 2027, payment shall be made together. [Action: Treasurer and Secretary]
A3	New Members: 2022: 9, 2023: 25, 2024: 37 2025 (Jan-till date): 33 Till date: 379 (to be consolidated from multiple sources) [Action: Treasurer and Secretary]
A4	AMM-ISME-TRS Consortium: A meeting of key office bearers was held on September 3, 2025. Minutes of the meeting are in Annexure A.

	<p>During this AMM GBM, Prof. S. K. Saha (President, AMM) welcomed Dr. S. P. Singh (President, ISME), and Mr. Alok Mukherjee (President, TRS) and Prof. Ekta Singla (Secretary, TRS) who joined the GBM through online means. All of them covered the points mentioned in Annexure A.</p> <p>The following points were approved by AMM GBM, which shall be conveyed to ISME and TRS for their internal approval:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Uniform 10% discount for events registration/participation fee by any of the three societies for all members of the consortium. 2. Logos of the consortium societies should be included in each other's events.
A5	AMM has supported 23 rd ISME Conference in Jaipur (ISME: Indian Society of Mechanical Engineers jointly organized by IIT Jodhpur, MNIT Jaipur and LNMIIT Jaipur (at LNMIIT Jaipur). CFP was broadcast to AMM members on March 24, 2025.
A6	AMM has supported AIR 2025 (Advances in Robotics) by IIT Jodhpur and TRS (The Robotics Society) by broadcasting the CFP to AMM members. AMM logo was used by AIR2025 on its banner. AMM flyers were also distributed on Jan 2, 2025.
A7	<p>AMM Lifetime Achievement Award:</p> <p>A committee was formed by President AMM (Prof. S. K. Saha) comprising of himself (representing AMM), Prof. Ashitava Ghosal, Prof. Isaac Kurien and Prof. Pushpraj Pathak, and after due diligence, they have identified Prof. C. Amarnath as the inaugural recipient of the Award. Prof. Amarnath attended iNaCoMM2025 at IIT Hyderabad where he was presented with a Citation and Memento. The organisers of iNaCoMM2025 have graciously sponsored his travel and stay expenses.</p> <p>The frequency of the award was discussed and it was suggested to be given yearly, during iNaCoMM and IPRoMM conferences, i.e., every year. If there are not enough "consensus" candidates at any of these events, it may be skipped.</p>
B	Finance (Update by Treasurer)
B1	<p>SBI Current Account (IISc Bangalore)</p> <p>Balance as on March 31, 2025: Rs. 12,51,965.06 Dec 8, 2025 : Rs. 13,15,435.06</p> <p>Fixed Deposit (Matured and Re-initiated)</p> <p>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)</p>
B2	Transfer of FDs from SBI IITM to SBI IISc will be requested. [Action: Treasurer/Vice-President]
B3	<p>IT Returns of the AMM account for Financial Year 2023-24 and 2025-25 is in process.</p> <p>Major Expense: Certificate Printing, Postage, Honorarium for one student/staff, Website space and domain name renewal, AMM Lifetime Achievement Award (TA/DA) and memento and/or citation.</p> <p>Put it on priority basis.</p> <p>[Action: Treasurer/Secretary]</p>
B4	Transfer of CA (Chartered Accountant) is in process. Upon receipt of quote and procedures, the new services have to be started after a in-principle approval by the Governing Council (GC) [Action: Treasurer/Secretary]
B5	Audited statement of IPRoMM2024 is to be submitted [Action: Treasurer/Secretary]
C	Conferences/Workshops
C1	<p>IPRoMM2024: (3rd International & 15th National Conference on Industrial Problems on Machines and Mechanisms) conference was organized by NIT Jamshedpur during Dec 19-21, 2024. Proceedings are at https://link.springer.com/book/9789819518715</p> <p>Audited statement of IPRoMM2024 is to be submitted.</p>

C2	<p>CK2025: Brief Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Papers Submitted: 33 ii) Papers Accepted: 23 iii) Papers Presented: 23 iv) Chief Guest(s) for Inauguration: Prof. Andres Keskemethy (President, IFToMM) [online], Prof. S. K. Saha (President, AMM), Prof. Volkert van der Wijk (Chair, TC on CK) v) Chief Guest for Vaedictory: Prof. S. K. Saha (President, AMM) vi) Keynote/Invited Speakers: Prof. Manfred Husty Prof. Volkert van der Wijk Prof. Ashitava Ghosal vii) Prof. Rama Krishna K. and Prof. Vimallesh Muralidharan were inducted to TC on CK. <p>AMM places on record its appreciation for the organizing committee at IIT Madras for conducting CK2025 successfully. AMM specially thanks Prof. Sandipan Bandyopadhyay and his team for the same.</p>
C3	<p>iNaCoMM2025: Brief Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Papers Submitted: 86 ii) Papers Accepted: oral presentations 66, and posters 4 iii) Papers Presented: 65 iv) Chief Guest for Inauguration: Prof. S. K. Saha (President, AMM) and Prof. B. S. Murthy (Director, IIT Hyderabad) v) AMM Lifetime Achievement Award given to Prof. C. Amarnath (collected in person) vi) Keynote/Invited Speakers: Prof. Belgaumkar Memorial Lecture: Prof. Prasanna S. Gandhi (IIT Bombay) Prof. K. Lakshminarayana Memorial Lecture: Prof. Dibakar Sen (IISc Bangalore) Prof. Ashok Midha Memorial Lecture: Prof. J. L. (Just) Herder (Delft Univ., The Netherlands) Prof. Sreenath Balakrishnan (IIT Goa) Dr. Umesh Gandhi (Toyota Research Institute North America, USA) Prof. Vineet Vashista (IIT Gandhinagar) Dr. Kiran Akella (R&DE, DRDO Pune) vii) Student Mechanism Design: 38 in stage 1, 16 In stage 2 and finally 5 finalists at IIT Hyderabad viii) Pre-Conference Workshop: MechDev Software: Prof. Mathias Husing (RWTH Aachen, Germany) attended by 45 participants. ix) Prof. Ananthasuresh's help in creating mementos for Lifetime Achievement Award, Memorial Lectures is greatly appreciated and acknowledged. x) Memorial Lectures' slides shall be collected and archived on iNaCoMM2025/AMM website, if permitted by the respective speakers. <p>AMM places on record its appreciation for the organizing committee at IIT Hyderabad for conducting iNaCoMM2025 successfully. AMM specially thanks Prof. Safvan Palathingal, Prof. Prabhat Kumar, and their team for the same.</p>
C4	<p>IPRoMM2026 is planned at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Bengaluru and the following were the updates reported by Prof. Rajeevlochana G. Chittawadigi.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The dates proposed and finalized are December 21 (Mon) and 22 (Tue), 2026. The venue of the conference will be Amrita Bengaluru campus. ii) The main auditorium has seating capacity of 200. In addition, two halls (just above the auditorium) have seating capacity of 100 each. Dining is situated in the same building (Ground or 3rd floor). iii) The organizers have finalized the committee members. Concurrence shall be sought soon. iv) Special sessions in collaboration with various industries shall be attempted from Jan 2026 (2-3 shall be planned) such that problem statements formulated by the industries can be discussed in them and the attendees. The problem statements can then be sent to AMM Members by email so that they can connect with the industries directly. v) Even participation without paper should be promoted, particularly from the industries. Any collaboration can still lead to a publication/participation in next IPRoMM conference(s).

	<p>vi) Agencies such as CII can also be approached. Conclave on Industry-Academia Partnership (recently in Delhi) may be explored to populate a database on problems faced by industries.</p> <p>vii) The brochure/flyer for the conference is being worked out.</p> <p>viii) The organizers were asked to identify the keynote speakers, potential sponsors, etc.</p> <p>ix) Check-lists and templates created by iNaCoMM2025 to be followed.</p> <p>x) Basic website on ammindia.org shall be https://ipromm2026.ammindia.org by Jan. 10, 2026.</p> <p>[Action: Vice-president on follow up of conference related updates] [Action: Secretary on website matters]</p>
C5	<p>AMM is a Technical Sponsor for Asian Conference on Multibody Dynamics (ACMD2026) at Okinawa, Japan. Conference shall be held on Oct 25-28, 2026. AMM members are encouraged to submit papers to it and participate in the same. [Website: https://www.jsme.or.jp/conference/acmd2026/, Full paper deadline is Aug. 31, 2026]</p>
C6	<p>iNaCoMM2027: Call for Letter of Intent was floated to the AMM members.</p> <p>Bidder 1: IIT Delhi by Prof. Rama Krishna K. and Prof. Sudipto Mukherjee</p> <p>Prof. Rama Krishna presented his pitch to the audience.</p> <p>AMM awarded iNaCoMM2027 to IIT Delhi unopposed.</p> <p>[Action: Vice-president/Secretary to issue a letter from AMM regarding the acceptance]</p>
C7	<p>AMM Workshop Proposal at NITK Surathkal, in collaboration with Nawe Robotics, just before or just after IPRoMM2026. This was proposed by Prof. Mervin Joe Thomas.</p> <p>The dates proposed are December 19 (Sat) and 20 (Sun), or December 23 (Wed) and 24 (Thu), 2026. The venue of the conference shall be NITK Surathkal.</p> <p>AGREED</p>
D	Nominations / Elections
D1	<p>Election to the Governing Council (GC): As per Clause 3.2 of AMM Memorandum (https://ammindia.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/AMM_Registration_Documents_Submitted.pdf), the term of Vice-President is reaching 4 years. Nomination for the Post of Vice-president is sought.</p> <p>Prof. Sandipan Bandyopadhyay, the current VP, was the only nominee and his nomination was seconded by Prof. Vimallesh Muralidharan.</p> <p>He was elected unopposed for next 4 years term (2026-29)</p>
D2	<p>Election to the Governing Council (GC): As per 3.1 of AMM Memorandum (https://ammindia.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/AMM_Registration_Documents_Submitted.pdf), election for two “Members” is planned. Of the six four GC Members (Four Office Bearers and two Members), it is mandatory that at least two are from industrial entities or national laboratories.</p> <p>Dr. Kiran Akella (R&DE, DRDO Pune) was nominated by Prof. Vineet Vashista and was seconded by Prof. Ananthasuresh G. K.</p> <p>Mr. Manoj Reddy (U. R. Rao Center, ISRO Bengaluru) was nominated by Prof. Santhakumar Mohan and was seconded by Prof. Mervin and Prof. Vimallesh.</p> <p>They were elected unopposed for next 4 years term (2026-29)</p>
E	Approvals/Miscellaneous Discussion
E1	<p>AMM Newsletter Volume 15 (July 2025) has been uploaded on AMM Website in the first week of Sept. 2025.</p> <p>AMM Newsletter frequency as yearly, just after IPRoMM/iNaCoMM. The minutes of the GBM can be included in it.</p> <p>AGREED</p>
E2	<p>AMM Workshop: Proposal to host a AMM conference/workshop at an institute would be given preference during the bids to host iNaCoMM or IPRoMM conferences. Bidder should mandatorily be an AMM member.</p> <p>AGREED.</p>

Prof. Subir K. Saha (President) thanked all the members for attending the GBM in person (37) at IIT Hyderabad and also through the online means (10+). He also thanked Prof. Safvan Palathingal, Prof. Prabhat Kumar, and their team at IIT Hyderabad 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 (Dec. 9, 2025)

Minutes of the Online Informal Meeting of AMM-ISME-TRS (AIT) Collaboration held on 1st September 2025

Sept. 3, 2025

Members Present:

- (a) Mr. Alok Mukherjee, President, TRS
- (b) Prof. Ekta Singla, Secretary, TRS
- (c) Prof. S.P. Singh, President, ISME
- (d) Prof. S.K. Saha, President, AMM
- (e) Mr. Harsh Sharma, Project Staff at IIT Delhi

Prof. S.K. Saha has welcomed all and mentioned that a mutual agreement between the three societies which was reached about 1.5 years ago. The same was recorded in the GBM minutes of AMM dated Dec. 20, 2024 available at the following link:

https://ammindia.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/AMM_GBM_20241220_IPRoMM2024_Final.pdf

Other two societies have similar kept the same in their websites as well.

Other Points Discussed:

1. Prof. S.P. Singh emphasized the importance of collaboration among the three societies. He suggested that local committees should offer a discount (e.g., 10%), with a possible contribution of Rs. 20,000–30,000.
2. He further suggested allocating a short time slot (2–3 minutes, subject to availability) during conference inaugurations to highlight the visibility of these societies.
3. Prof. Alok Mukherjee proposed involving industries in the conferences associated with these societies. He also recommended organizing joint events under AMM–ISME-TRS (AIT) collaboration.
4. It was discussed that AIT members should be informed about discounts offered by the sister societies in their respective conferences or events.
5. Prof. Ekta Singla suggested that local organizing committee of, say, Advances in Robotics (AIR) conference, should include members from sister societies. She also recommended the discount policy in the MoU, which would help in building stronger connections with industries. It was proposed that sister societies receive a 10% discount.
6. Prof. S.K. Saha noted that the upcoming AMM conference should display the ISME and TRS logos on its website. He suggested providing slots during the inaugural/conference sessions for collaborating societies. The discount for members of TRS and ISME could be 10% or half of what is offered to its own society's members. He emphasized that three elements are important without any financial liability:
 - (a) Logo display
 - (b) Time slot allocation
 - (c) Publish information of other societies in the newsletters of AMM and TRS, whereas ISME can do the same in their online journals as they do not have any newsletter.

However, the discount aspect should be discussed in the upcoming GBM/EC meeting of the individual societies.

7. Prof. S.P. Singh mentioned that ISME sponsors events in three categories:
 - (a) ISME Sponsored conference (Rs. 30,000–40,000)
 - (b) ISME supported conference (with small fund)
 - (c) ISME supported with logo only
8. Prof. Saha proposed that each society may take up in the appropriate bodies to decide (a) Sponsorship amounts to sister societies
 - (b) Discount amounts to sister societies

Conclusion:

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair. The date of the next meeting will be notified soon.

SK Saha (With the help from Harsh Sharma)

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