Minutes of the Governing Body Meeting of INC-IAH (2024-26)

A joint meeting of the newly elected Governing Body (GB) (2024-26) and outgoing GB (2021-23) was held on March 23, 2024 at 8.00 pm in the virtual mode under the Chairmanship of newly elected President Prof. A. K. Sinha. Prof. Bhagwan Singh Chaudhary, Secretary of the newly elected GB, INC IAH coordinated the discussion. The following were present:

Members from the Present GB (2024-26)

Prof. A.K. Sinha : President
Dr. Anadi Gayen : Vice-President
Prof. Bhagwan Singh Chaudhary : Secretary
Dr. Ashok Kumar : Treasurer
Mrs. Chirashree Mohanty : Executive Member
Sh. Sujit Sinha : Executive Member
Prof. Bhavana Umrikar : Executive Member
Dr. Ashwani Kumar Tiwari : Executive Member
Dr. R.P Singh Kushwah : Executive Member

Members from the former GB (2021-23)

Prof. A. K. Sinha : President
Dr. Ashok Kumar : Treasurer
Prof. Bhagwan Singh Chaudhary : Executive Member
Sh. Sujit Sinha : Executive Member
Dr. Ajay Kumar Kadam : Executive Member

Five out of nine members from the outgoing GB were present in the meeting. These were Prof A. K. Sinha President, Dr. Ashok Kumar, Treasurer and Prof BS Chaudhary, Sh. Sujit Sinha and Dr Ajay Kumar Kadam Executive Members. It is customary and in goodwill to invite outgoing (Past) GB members in the first meeting of newly formed GB. Present GB members have appreciated their presence.

Prof. A. K. Sinha, President, INC IAH welcomed the members of the newly elected GB and thanked each and every one present for their participation in the recently concluded elections. The new GB thanked the outgoing GB members for their efforts in carrying out various activities of INC IAH during last two years diligently.

Detailed deliberations were carried out amongst all the members present during the meeting and it was unanimously resolved that:

1. A letter of appreciation be sent to Sri Y.B. Kaushik (Former Regional Director, CGWB, Ministry of Water Resources, GoI), Election Officer for conducting the recent election of INC – IAH in a very smooth and transparent manner.
2. After announcement of results, newly constituted Governing Body (GB) of INC IAH has taken over the charge in the presence of past members of GB and now it is fully functional. The Secretary and Treasurer will complete the necessary formalities for the smooth functioning of INC IAH.

3. It was decided to form an advisory committee of very senior members from INC IAH for providing deeper insights and direction to the INC IAH.

4. GB may devise a policy to honour Senior Members of INC IAH who have achieved various accolades in professional and academic life in hydrogeology.

5. It was also resolved to launch a membership enrolment drive for IAH across India.

6. Dr Ashwani Kumar Tiwari, Member GB was entrusted the responsibility for enhancing the visibility of INC of IAH by creating various social media platforms for INC IAH such as Facebook page, LinkedIn profile etc. He will explore the possibility of organizing short term summer/ winter training program for students, researchers and early career scientists, professionals and practitioners at INC IAH platform.

7. It was decided to focus future panel discussions on groundwater issues related to various regions of India so as to have concrete recommendations to be shared with GoI and respective state governments.

8. The GB may co-opt some members so as to have Pan India presence including the persons from North-East, South and West Indian states.

9. A meeting may be called soon to have in depth deliberations regarding manifesto and various activities to be carried out focusing on six monthly vision and perspective planning.

10. Notification of awards needs to be done at an earliest so as to give applicants sufficient time for applying.

11. It was resolved to enhance the visibility of INC IAH as a policy interventionist at the International and National level including central and state governments.

12. It was decided to continue with the on-going activities of INC IAH like publishing of e-newsletter, e-Journal of Geohydrology, lecture series and Mentor-mentee program.

GB appreciated the efforts of INC IAH for organizing various events by INC IAH office bearers and members as celebration of world water week 2024 which is a unique feature from Indian Chapter and was highly appreciated by IAH during previous year.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

(Prof. A.K. Sinha) (Prof. BS Chaudhary)
President Secretary