

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and Executive Board Meeting of the Indian National Committee of the International Council of Museums for the year 2010, held at the Conference Room of Rarh Sanskriti Sangrahalaya, Bidisha, Narayangarh, (near Kharagpur), District: West Medinipur, West Bengal, at 2.30 p.m. on 24th July 2010.

Dr. Arun Kumar Chatterjee, being the Chairman, elected for the second term for the period 2010-2012, took his chair on the dais and requested Mr. B.V. Kharbade to read out the results of the election of INC-ICOM for the current period 2010 – 2012, as declared and circulated by the Election Commissioner Dr. S. S. Biswas (a copy of which is enclosed). Dr. A. K. Chatterjee invited Dr. C.B. Patel, the outgoing Secretary and Mr. Partha S. Mukherjee – an Executive Member, to the dais as well. The following points were discussed and resolved.

1. The Chairman Dr. A. K. Chatterjee called for the election of the Secretary of INC-ICOM Dr. Achal Pandiya proposed the name of Dr. M.V. Nair as the Secretary, which was seconded by Mr. R. P. Savita. As no other name was proposed Dr. M.V. Nair was unanimously elected as the Secretary for the 2010 – 2012 period.
2. As Dr. A.B. Mitra – the treasurer for the period 2007-2009, could not make himself available at the AGM, he had handed over the Statement of Accounts for the year ended on 31st December 2009 to Dr. A. K. Chatterjee – the Chairman, who asked Mr. Partha S. Mukherjee to readout the statement and the status as on 31st December 2009.
3. Next, Dr. A. K. Chatterjee – the Chairman placed a letter by Dr. A.B. Mitra, who had expressed his willingness to continue as the Treasurer if the house so desires. Dr. A. K. Chatterjee – the Chairman, asked for the explanation of the rule and opinion of Dr. Saroj Ghose, whether any one can be elected or re-elected in absentia. About which Dr. Ghose sited the rule that – “the Secretary and the Treasurer cannot be elected in absentia. Moreover Treasurer should be some one, who lives either close to the Chairman or in the same city, since the Treasurer has to physically sign the cheques with the Chairman, which Dr. Mitra cannot do, as he is residing in Rajasthan and shall not be available for the coming one or two years. So Dr. Mitra cannot continue as the Treasurer” and so Dr. Ghose asked the house to elect a new Treasurer.
4. Mr. R.P. Savita proposed the name of Mr. Partha S.Mukherjee as the Treasurer as he fulfils all the criteria, which was seconded by Mr. B.V. Kharbade. As no other name was proposed Mr. Partha S. Mukherjee was unanimously elected as the Treasurer for the 2010 – 2012 period.
5. It was resolved in this AGM2010 & Executive Board Meeting that the Banks with which INC-ICOM is holding its Bank Accounts be intimated regarding the authorised signatories – as Dr. A.K.Chatterjee is the re-elected Chairman; Dr. M.V. Nair is the newly elected Secretary in place of Dr. C.B. Patel and Mr. Partha S. Mukherjee is the newly elected Treasurer in place of Dr. A.B. Mitra and that any two together, among the three, shall be eligible for any kind of Bank operation hence forth.

6. Next Zonal Secretaries were elected. In this regard Dr. Saroj Ghose brought to the notice of the house that Zonal Secretaries can be co-opted members outside the regular sixteen executive members and can be elected in absentia. So the following Zonal Secretaries were elected:
 - a) North Zone: Dr. A.K. Chatterjee proposed the name of Dr. B. Venugopal as the North Zone Secretary and produced a consent letter (e-mail) from Dr. B. Venugopal, which he had obtained earlier. Mr. Partha S Mukherjee seconded and the House unanimously accepted the proposal.
 - b) South Zone: Dr. B.V. Kharbade became the South Zone Secretary as proposed by Mr. R. P. Savita and seconded by Dr. M.V. Nair and unanimously accepted by the house.
 - c) East & North East Zone: Dr. C.B. Patel became the East & North East Zonal Secretary as proposed by Dr. A.K. Chatterjee and seconded by Dr. Achal Pandya.
 - d) West Zone Secretary election was kept on hold and is to be decided later in the next Executive Meeting.
7. Next, Dr. A. K. Chatterjee – the Chairman declared the Grant, provided by ICOM headquarters to a young ICOM member, to attend the ICOM Triennial Conference 2010, to be held in November 2010 in Shanghai, China. This time ICOM selected Dr. Achal Pandya as the young recipient from India as one of the four applicants recommended by the Chairman. The others recommended members were Dr. Nilanjan Khatua, Dr. Bassie Cecil and Dr. Rajib Nath.
8. On request of Dr. A. K. Chatterjee – the Chairman of INC-COM, Dr. Saroj Ghose – Chairman ‘ICOM India Trust’, informed the results of the Grace Morley Fellowships for 2010 awarded by ICOM India Trust to attend the ICOM Triennial Conference 2010, to be held in November 2010 in Shanghai, China.

Three (3) applicants have been awarded from India and one more may be awarded from the wait-listed candidates, depending on the Auditors Report on the fund status, to be available very soon.

Three (3) applicants have been awarded from out side India – from the Asia-Pacific Region.

9. Dr. A. K. Chatterjee – the Chairman of INC-ICOM placed before the house the new membership application for approval. The approved applicants are 1) Mr. Anil Dwivedi of IGNCA, New Delhi; 2) Mr. Monoj Kumar Sharma of RMNH, Bhopal; 3) Ms. Charu Bablani of IGNCA, New Delhi; 4) Mr. Abdur Rasheed, of IGNCA, New Delhi; 5) Mohd. Nooruddin IGNCA, New Delhi; 6) Zahid Ali Ansari, MANU University, Hyderabad; 7) Prof. Kamal K. Mishra, IGMRS, Bhopal; 8) Gangadharan Jayprakash, IGMRS, Bhopal; 9) Ms. Satya Ramamurthy of IGNCA, New Delhi; 10) Anil Verma of IGNCA, New Delhi; 11) Badal Modal, IM, Kolkata; 12) Gholam Nabi of Victoria Memorial Hall, Kolkata 13) Dr. A.K. Das (Retired) Lal Bahadur Shastri Memorial, New Delhi – all these being accepted as Individual Members and ‘Indian Institute for Peace, Department & Environmental Protection’ (IIPDEP) as Institutional

10. Dr. Saroj Ghose also emphasised the need to enhance the image of INC-ICOM both nationally and internationally, especially among the SAARC countries by organising workshops and special trainings. In this regard Mr. G. S. Rautella expressed his willingness to provide complete support from his organisation – the National Council of Science Museums, in any form possible. Dr. M.V. Nair, Dr. Kharbade and Mr. R.P. Savita together suggested organising a workshop on Preventive Conservation for museum professionals from museums of the SAARC countries. The proposal was accepted by the house and the Chair and the venue to be decided later. Dr. A.K. Chatterjee proposed it to be organised some time in February 2011, as it will take time to organise international event. It was decided that the Chairman and Mr. Ratella would take special initiative with Govt. of India in this regard.
11. Mr. Partha S Mukherjee proposed such workshops on preventive conservation for small museums professionals of India holding them in each of the four zones. In this regard Ms. Rongsenla Marsosang suggested holding one such in a museum of Dimapur, Nagaland for the Museums of North East India. The house and the Chair accepted the proposal.
12. Next Mr. Partha S Mukherjee proposed to the house that it should be made compulsory for all the members to have an e-mail address and that e-mail should be the communicating medium unless something is needed to be sent physically to/from any member, as this would expedite communication to/from the members. In this regard Dr. Saroj Ghose expressed his opinion in the positive and also proposed to upload a directory of all the members of INC-COM on the INC-ICOM website with address, phone, e-mail Ids at the earliest. The house agreed with both the proposals of Mr. Mukherjee and Dr. Ghose. The Chair accepted it.
13. In continuation to the above discussion Mr. Partha S Mukherjee informed the house that he has created a group called ‘ICOM INDIA’ in the “Facebook.com” website to put-up news and museum related short write-ups and it already has over thirty members in the first one month and is especially becoming popular with the young museologists and conservators. Link has been provided from the INC-ICOM.org home page.
14. Chairman, Dr. A.K. Chatterjee said due to unavoidable circumstances and due to shortage of time the proposed new half yearly INC-ICOM Bulletin could not be published and released in this AGM 2010 and informed the house that it shall be done by December 2010. In this regard it was proposed by Dr. Saroj Ghose and seconded Dr. Achal Pandya and many others to have e-news bulletin published on the website of INC-ICOM every quarter in downloadable form and have only one issue of Annual Bulletin in print form per year. But Mr. B.V. Kharbade sited practical problems and suggested to the house that the e-newsletter be six monthly and not quarterly, which the house accepted unanimously. So as per the suggestion of the house the proposal was accepted by the Chair to publish one annual INC-ICOM bulletin every

December/January and the e-newsletter be published six monthly. It was also accepted that all members shall strive to procure advertisement/sponsorship to meet up the expenses for the publication of the annual bulletin and that the Chairman shall remain as the Editor. It was also decided to put up notice on the website to request all museum professional and other related technical people to send in articles for INC-ICOM bulletin.

Having no other items left for discussion - the AGM 2010 and the Executive Board meeting was declared to have ended by the Chairman.



(Dr. M.V. Nair)
Secretary, INC-ICOM



(Dr. Arun Kumar Chatterjee)
Chairman, INC-ICOM

Dated 24th July 2010