

Proceedings of the General Body meeting held on 7th March 2017 at 7.30 p.m. during the 19th Annual Conference of the Society of Statistics, Computer and Applications at Department of Statistics, SKUAST-J, Jammu, during 6 – 8 March 2017

The nineteenth general body meeting of the Society of Statistics, Computer and Applications was held at the Department of Statistics, SKUAST-J, Jammu on 7th March 2017 at 7.30 PM under the chairmanship of President Dr. V.K. Gupta.

The following members attended the meeting:

1. V.K. Gupta, In Chair
2. Alope Dey
3. A.K. Nigam
4. A.C. Kulshreshtha
5. Rajender Parsad
6. Ashish Das
7. D. Roy Choudhury
8. Alope Lahiri
9. Hukum Chandra
10. Manish Kumar Sharma
11. S.E.H. Rizvi
12. M. Iqbal Jeelani
13. Shibani Roy Choudhury
14. Somen Pal
15. Sukanta Dash
16. Jitendra Kumar
17. Bushra Husain
18. Ravindra Srivastava
19. S.B. Lal

At the outset, the President of the Society, Dr. V.K. Gupta, welcomed all the members present in the meeting. He made an appeal to the members of the Society to strengthen the society by running a membership drive to create more life members of the Society. He also highlighted the importance of student's participation in the conferences.

The agenda items were then taken up and after deliberations, the following decisions were taken:

1. Confirmation of Proceedings of the GB held during the 18th Conference at University of Jammu, Jammu on 19 February 2016

Dr. D. Roy Choudhury, Secretary of the Society, informed the house that the proceedings of the 18th General Body meeting of the Society held at University of Jammu, Jammu on 19th February, 2016 were circulated earlier to the members. No comments were received from the members. The members were requested to make any comments, which they would like to make, even during the meeting. Since no comments were received, the proceedings were confirmed by the General Body.

2. Conferring Dr. M.N. Das Memorial Young Scientist Award-2017

It was informed that a total of 6 papers were received which were sent to 6 reviewers from India and Abroad. Based on the average score of the reviewers, three papers were selected for presentation. A separate bench of judges evaluated the presentations. Based on the scores of the reviewers and judges the result was finalized. The President announced the result.

Dr. Sukanta Dash, Scientist, ICAR-IASRI, New Delhi was declared as the Winner of the Dr. M.N. Das Memorial Young Scientist Award-2017. The winner would be presented with a cheque of Rs. 20000.00 and a certificate. Dr. Samarendra Das, Scientist, ICAR-IASRI, New Delhi and Dr. Prabina Kumar Meher, Scientist, ICAR-IASRI, New Delhi, the other two presenters would receive the appreciation certificates along with memento. The award and the mementos would be distributed during the valedictory function.

It was also decided that from next year onwards, in place of Appreciation Certificates, Certificate of Merit would be given.

3. Presentation of report of the activities and accounts of the society

The reports of the activities and accounts of the society were presented by Dr. Dipak Roy Choudhury, Secretary and Dr. Ashish Das, treasurer of the society, respectively.

4. Appointment of auditor for 2017-18

M/S Panjrat Kapoor and Company, Chartered Accountants, B-165, Chittaranjan Park, New Delhi, has been appointed as the Auditor of the Society. The CA has audited and prepared accounts of the society for 2015-16 and would also prepare the income tax returns for financial year 2016-17 (Assessment year 2017-18).

5. Discussion on strengthening and enhancing visibility of Statistics and Applications; Journal of Society of Statistics, Computers and Applications

It was informed that Volume 14 Issues 1 & 2 (New Series) has been hosted at the Society Website and can be seen at <http://ssca.org.in/journalvolumes/1/>. A special issue on Randomized Response Techniques and Applications is being brought out. It may be available on website by May 2017. Another special issue to felicitate Professor JNK Rao on his 80th Birthday is being planned. It was also informed that the Statistics and Applications, has received a Score of 4.57 in the ratings provided by National Academy of Agricultural Sciences.

The efforts made by the Chair Editor, the Executive Editor, the Managing Editor, the entire Editorial Board and the reviewers in bringing out the Journal were highly appreciated. An appeal was made to all the members to submit their research for publication in this Journal. The President also appealed to the members to request other colleagues and friends, particularly students, to submit their research for publication in the Journal.

5. Review of Membership Fees

Dr. Sudhir Gupta, Foreign Secretary, in a communication had expressed his concerns that the foreign life membership fee of \$350 was on the higher side. After long deliberations, it was decided that foreign life membership may be kept as US \$ 150 or equivalent. Life membership for professionals within India may be kept as such at Rs. 3,000.00.

7. To discuss initiate an award for recognition for life time achievements

The proposal of Dr. A.C. Kulshreshtha for instituting a life achievement Award was discussed at length and after long deliberations, the following sub-committee was constituted to deliberate upon whether such an Award should be instituted. In case the committee proposes to constitute this award, then the committee may also suggest in what form the award should be given. The committee should also prepare the rules and regulations for deciding on such Award. The following sub-committee was constituted:

Sub-committee

1. Dr. A.C. Kulshreshtha
2. Dr. A.K.Srivastava
3. Dr. Alope Dey
4. Dr. Rajender Parsad.

The sub-committee may be requested to submit its report by June 2017. The report of the sub-committee would then be discussed in the Local office Bearers and Executive Council meetings and the improved draft may be placed before placing it before General Body.

8. Election of Executive council members and office bearers for the year 2017-18

The proposal of the Executive Council was placed before the General Body. The proposal was approved by the General Body and the approved New Executive Council 2017-18, effective from April 01, 2017 is given in Annexure-I.

9. A vote of thanks to the organizers of the conference

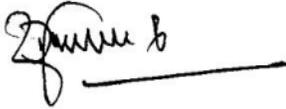
The President thanked the organizers of the present 19th conference for their all-round performance in conducting a smooth and fruitful conference. The arrangements made by a very dedicated team of Dr. S.E.H. Rizvi, Dr. Manish Kumar Sharma, Dr. M. Iqbal Jeelani Bhat, Dr. Anil Bhat and their colleagues / Staff / Students were praise worthy. The academic content of the conference was of a very high standard. The hospitality extended by the organizers and the boarding and lodging arrangements was excellent. The President also expressed his pleasure over the student volunteers who shouldered the responsibility to look after the delegates, right from their pick up, their accommodation, their food arrangements and their transport and we are enthralled to say that the students did this job with high enthusiasm, sense of responsibility and precision. They always responded with a big smile on their faces. A resolution would be presented in the valedictory function tomorrow.

10. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

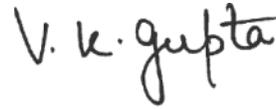
- **Website of the Society:** The General Body was informed that the website of the SSCA, developed earlier is up-to-date, and is available at <http://www.scca.org.in>. The Journal of the SSCA called ‘Statistics and Applications’ is available online and full length papers published in the journal can be viewed and downloaded free of cost. The Journal has got the ISSN Number as ISSN 2454-7395 (online).
- **Financial status of the society:** The President stressed the need for raising the funds for the Society. After some discussions, various members agreed to make voluntary donations to the society, so as to help society build up a corpus. Till now we have received donations of Rs. 10000/- each from five members of the Society. With increase in funds, the Society would be able to expand its activities and magnify its visibility.
- **Organization of the 20th conference of the Society:** Suggestions were invited from the members present for deciding the venue for organizing the 20th Conference of the SSCA sometime during February 2018. The House authorized the President and the Secretary to explore possibilities and decide with the consent of EC of the Society the venue for organizing the next conference.

- It was informed that in order to sort out immediate matters, a group of Local Office Bearers (LOB) was constituted last year which would meet once in every two months. In this regard already 3 meetings have been held.
- The President once again requested the members to update the Society about any of their professional achievements and recognitions like promotions, new assignments, awards, honour.etc. so that the same can be duly appreciated and recorded.

The meeting then ended with a vote of thanks to the chair with a promise to meet again during the next meeting of the General Body of the SSCA.



Dipak Roy Choudhury
Secretary
Society of Statistics,
Computer and Applications



V.K. Gupta
President,
Society of Statistics,
Computer and Applications

ANNEXURE I

Executive Council for 2017-18

Founder President: Late Prof. M.N. Das

President	V.K. Gupta
Executive President	Rajender Parsad
Patrons	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. R.B. Barman2. Rajpal Singh3. Alope Dey4. R.C. Agrawal5. A.C. Kulshreshtha6. Pankaj Mittal7. A.K. Nigam8. Prithvi Yadav
Vice-Presidents	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. S.D. Sharma2. D.K. Ghosh3. V.K. Bhatia4. Bikas K. Sinha5. A. Dhandapani
Secretary	D. Roy Choudhury
Foreign Secretary	Sudhir Gupta
Treasurer	Ashish Das
Joint Secretaries	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Alope Lahiri2. L.M. Bhar3. Hukum Chandra
Members	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. B.N. Mandal2. P. Rath, Delhi3. S.A. Mir4. Girish Jha5. P.C. Gupta6. Anshu Bhardwaj7. Amrendra K. Jha8. Shibani Roy Choudhury9. Rahul Gupta10. Alka Arora11. K.V. Palanichamy

12. Manisha Pal
13. Praggya Das
14. Piyush Kant Rai
15. Manish Kumar Sharma

Ex-officio Members

1. Chair Editor, S and A
2. Executive Editor, S and A
3. Director, IASRI
4. DG, CSO