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Minutes of the Annual general body meeting

Date: Saturday, February 28th, 2021
Time: 3.45 – 6.00 pm
Venue: ZOOM Virtual meeting

Meeting Attendees:

1. Sivaraman Babu
2. Leela Sharma
3. Viral Hirpara
4. Nimit
5. Arun Baby
6. Preeti Pereira
7. Bala
8. Kiran Sharma
9. Shreoshri Bhattacharjee
10. Laxmi Patel
11. Sangita Sharma
12. Mahesh
13. Jane Francis Antony Raj
14. Biswa Patra
15. Alivia Mukherjee
16. Mayur
17. Jayaram Varada
18. Shree Kulkarni
19. Neksha Devaki
20. Sunil Khandade
21. Barada Mohanty
22. Harshal Patel
23. Subash Biswal
24. Harsh
25. Priya Sharma
26. Shreoshri Bhattacharjee
27. Vairamoni Sundaribai Minimol
28. Biswajit Saha
29. Ramji Khandelwal
30. Gautam Sharma
31. Akshaya
32. Vijay Gaja
33. Sanjeev Saini
34. Sulekha
35. Safal Suryavanshi
36. Arpana
37. Rajesh Nair
38. Arnav

39. Sam Sambasivam
40. Jasmine
41. Atul
42. Ravi
43. Anchal Bangar
44. Anu Kashyap
45. Bhaskar Pandit
46. Ramesh Ramanujam
47. Sumeetha Joel
48. Paul Jacob
49. Tulika Sen
50. Megha
51. Kishan Lal
52. Preya
53. Abhineet
54. S Dandapani
55. Binal Patel
56. Jayasree Babu
57. Viswanathan Nair
58. Vimal Patel
59. Kamini
60. Akshara Dash
61. Prakash Sulakhe
62. Harry Jassal
63. Vimla Khandelwal
65. Yogendra Khedikar
66. Vishwas
67. Aravind Ravichandran
68. Jay Kalra
69. Tejashree
70. Riddhi
71. Niteesh
72. Rohin Reddy
73. Angrej
74. Kishore Gali
75. Banamali Panigrahi
76. Aster
77. Parthvi
78. Raj Dhir
79. Dharmitha
80. Karthik Babu Menon
81. Arpinder Sidhu
82. Falguni
83. Rohin Reddy
84. Raam Charan Sirigiri
85. Noor Jahan
86. Venkat
87. Sukanya Pati
88. Sujatha
89. Ravindra Reddy
90. Sandip
91. Shoieb
92. Ajay M
93. Saurav Rout
94. Sunil
95. Vishwaa

Meeting Agenda:
1) Call to order
2) Approval of agenda
3) Approval of minutes of the last general body meeting
4) Business arising from the minutes
5) Executive committee's report
6) Financial statement for the year 2020
7) Election of Executive committee for 2021-22
8) Other business
9) Meeting adjournment

1. ICCA president Mr. Sivaraman Babu called the meeting to order at 3.45 pm.
2. Few members sought an explanation for a change in the board president and eligibility of Babu to chair the meeting. Board members explained the background that the previous president Mrs. Deepi Batra was absent from the activities of ICCA including board meetings for an extended period and Sivaraman Babu was appointed by the board as president in accordance with sections 6.6 and 6.8 of ICCA by-laws. It was agreed to proceed with the circulated agenda and discuss this issue at a later part of the meeting.
3. Motion to approve the agenda: Moved by Subash Biswal, seconded by Anu Kashyap, and approved by all. Motion was carried forward.
4. Minutes of 2020 AGM were presented. The minutes were approved with a change to add Masood's name as a mover of the motion on operational guidelines /by-law review committee. Motion to approve 2020 minutes moved by Rajesh Nair, seconded by Sunil Khandade and approved by all.
5. Business arising from last minutes. Subhash Biswal pointed out the huge deficit on 2019 financials. Kishore Gali answered that 2019 deficit was not from the events as detailed in the statement of operations. Most part of the deficit is from a) Payment of 2018 Folkfest venue rental in the first week of January and this was not accounted as amount payable in 2018 statement, b) rescheduling the badminton season to match with the financial year, thus badminton fee from Sep-Dec 2019 only was part of the statement; c) Similar rescheduling of insurance policy; d) Increased auditor costs for 2018 and 2019 to the extent of $4000 for both years combined. He also mentioned the background that for few years before 2015 ICCA consistently reported significant deficit of over $5000 per year on an average. Since 2015, the scenario was reversed to either revenue neutral or surplus revenue until 2018.
6. President Sivaraman Babu discussed the executive report. Some of the activities during the period was shared by board members. The motion to move executive report was proposed by Rajesh Nair and seconded by Mayur Patel. Anu Kashyap objected to the report. Everyone else approved the motion. Subash Biswal suggested a motion that the board should apologize Mrs. Deepi Batra. Board members explained again the decision was based on sections 6.6 and 6.8 of by law and the rationale behind the decision. After much discussion on the subject, majority board members reiterated the process was based on by law of ICCA and hence refusal of apology.
7. Treasurer Mr. Rajesh Nair put the audited 2019 bank statement as agreed in the 2019 AGM. 2020 statement of operations was also presented to the general body. Motion to approve 2019 financial statement and 2020 statement of operations put forward by Rajesh and seconded by Kishore Gali and approved by all. Due to less transactions during a pandemic year, Rajesh suggested waiving the requirement of review audit of 2020 financials as required by the by-laws, and to proceed with a notice to reader from the auditor to save on the auditor fees of ~$1600. Subash Biswal moved the motion to opt for notice to reader for 2020 financial statement, seconded by Kishore Gali and approved by all.

8. Kishan Lal as the chair of the nomination committee briefed on the nominations received by the committee. He informed that for 2 positions there were more than 1 nominations received, and in the interest of ICCA and to avoid election, he recommended one nominee each for these positions as well. He mentioned that the recommendation is based on ICCA's mandate, ethnic diversity of the nominees and other criterion, and presented the following nominees for individual board positions:

Laxmi Patel	President
Gautam Sharma	Vice-President
Kiran Sharma	General Secretary
Biswa Patra	Treasurer
Barada Mohanty	Social Secretary
Safal Suryavanshi	Member at large
Sunil Khandade	Member at large
Jane Francis	Member at large
Shivraman Babu	Past President

   Subash further appealed the membership to accept the proposed list for this year because of a) difficulty to conduct secret voting as required by the by-laws, and b) the COVID related scenario and restrictions.
   There were few questions on the criteria used for selection of candidates.
   Subash moved the motion to approve the new executive committee for 2021-22, seconded by Kishore Gali and supported by all.

9. Meeting was adjourned with the approval of attendees by chair Sivaraman Babu at 6pm.