



Minutes of the SIS EC

01.A meeting of the SIS EC was held on 18 February 2024 at 3 PM in Press Club, New Delhi. Following attended:

Offline

1. Dr. Manoj K. Patairiya
2. Dr. G. Mahesh
3. Mr. N.K. Wadhava
4. Dr. R.K. Verma

Online

5. Dr. Naresh Kumar
6. Dr. Raj Hirwani
7. Mr. N.V. Sathyanarayana
8. Dr. N.C. Ghosh

Other members could not attend due to their prior commitments.

02. Dr Patairiya welcomed all esteemed members present and informed them about the proposed convention and seminar this year besides the AGM and the election of EC. He invited members to share their thoughts.

03. Dr Naresh Kumar appreciated the idea of a convention and seminar with AGM and election. He also suggested the theme could be related to AI. He expressed concern over the election proceedings of the last AGM and desired the same be withdrawn; time elapsed since then be treated as dies-non. He suggested that the EC before the last election may continue till a fresh EC is in place in the next AGM.

04. Dr. Hirwani and Mr. Sathyanarayana supported the idea. Mr. Sathyanarayana also suggested that the AGM and election may precede the convention and seminar.

05. Dr G. Mahesh conveyed that the Returning Officer stands firm with the election proceedings and that cannot be withdrawn.

06. Dr. Naresh Kumar, because of the conflicting situation, desired Dr. Patairiya to intervene.

07. Dr Patairiya opined that he has to be impartial and should not incline towards a particular direction, and in the larger interest of society, moving forward could be the best way in the present circumstances of a standstill for over a year or so. However, he said, we'll go with the majority opinion.

08. Dr. Ghosh said that the proposed convention and seminar and election of fresh EC would be better. However, he said that withdrawal of the last proceedings and conduct of the AGM and election prior to the convention and seminar would cause delay and, hence, may not be feasible.

09. Mr. NK Wadhava said that we must honour the duly conducted election process and withdrawal of election proceedings, though unwarranted, would set a wrong example.

He said that we must go ahead as the old and new ECs, by and large, have the same members and office bearers with minimal change. He also desired that SIS be led by CSIR personnel, **working or retired**.

10. Dr G Mahesh and Dr R K Verma supported the views expressed by Dr Ghosh and Mr N K Wadhwa.

11. Therefore, as per the majority opinion amongst those present, the idea of withdrawing the last election proceedings for three(3) against four(4) could not be sustained. The majority opinion to move forward with the proposed convention and seminar this year, besides the AGM and election of fresh EC, prevailed. The President did not require to support either way.

12. The meeting ended with thanks to all present.