

Minutes of the General Board Meeting of the Society for Vector Ecology (SOVE) Indian Region

The General Board Meeting of the SOVE Indian Region was held at Hotel Fidalgo, Panaji, Goa, India on 15th February, 2019. The meeting was scheduled for 6.00 pm, but due to poor quorum the meeting was held at 6.30 pm

The meeting was attended by the following Board members:

1. Dr. Ashwani Kumar, Director,
2. Dr. Ajeet Kumar Mohanty, Secretary,
3. Dr. Sandeep Garg, Treasurer,
4. Dr. Deeparani Prabhu, Executive Member
5. Dr. Nandini Korgaokar, Executive Member
6. Dr. P. K. Sumodan, Advisor
7. Ms. Minisha Pereira, Member,
8. Ms. Joleen Almeida, Member,
9. Mr. T.A. Arvind, Member
10. Dr. Aneesh E. M, Member
11. Dr. E. Pushpalatha, Member
12. Dr. Major S. Dhillon, Patron
13. Mr. William Van Dyke, Asst. Executive Director, SOVE USA
14. Dr. Anju Viswan K., Member
15. Dr. Hemanth Kumar, Executive Member
16. Dr. R. S. Sharma, Advisor
17. Dr. Kalpana Baruah, Member
18. Dr. Sajal Bhattacharya, Advisor
19. Dr. Rakhi Dhawan, Executive Member
20. Mr. Ram J. Kutar, Member
21. Dr. P. K. Srivastava, Advisor
22. Dr. R. K. Das Gupta, Executive Member
23. Dr. Jagbir Singh, Advisor

Points :

1. Warm Welcome by Director, SOVE Indian Region:

The Director, Dr. Ashwani Kumar extended a warm welcome to the Patron, Advisors, Executive Members of SOVE Indian Region and Executive Members of SOVE USA to the first General Board meeting of SOVE Indian Region. He informed those present that SOVE Indian Region was formed and registered under Societies Act 1860 on 27th July, 2017 was given Registration No. 250/Goa/2017. Also giving a brief history of (Parent) SOVE USA with headquarters at California and has presence all over USA. SOVE also has branches worldwide namely Asian SOVE, Euro SOVE and now SOVE Indian Region. The Director further informed that SOVE Indian Region has membership strength of 56: 44 Regular Members, 5 Student Members, 6 Retired Members and 1 Sustaining Membership. The members present were also informed that the Executive Board had met on 14th February, 2019 and the decisions taken will be put for voting and ratification by the GBM.

2. Remarks by:

- a) Dr. Dhillon, Patron

The Patron, Dr. Dhillon welcomed the SOVE Indian Region Members to the SOVE family and said that he very much looks forward to working with the SOVE Indian Region and promised to bring a bigger contingency of Scientists for the next conference in India.

b) Mr. William Van Dyke

Mr. Van Dyke said that he had great pleasure to be here and had the opportunity capture the momentum. He also was happy to see India and meet the brilliant Indian Scientists, Research Scholars etc and was able to see & discuss vectors & vector ecology

3. Resolution by AGM:

- i) Confirmation of the Board for 5 years prospectively- The Director informed the members that the Executive Board during its meeting had added two new members i.e. Dr. R. K. Das Gupta and Dr. Rakhi Dhawan. And as per the decision of the Executive Board Members to increase the members to an odd number Dr. Kalpana Baruah was inducted to make up the strength of 9.

Vote for confirmation of the Executive Board Members for 5 years

Proposed by: Dr. Sajal Bhattacharya.

Seconded by: Dr. E. Pushpalatha.

All present agreed unanimously to the Vote of confirmation.

Executive Board confirmed and ratified.

- ii) Activities of SOVE Indian Region 2019-20

To have meeting/Conference on every alternate year i.e. in 2021, 2023 & 2025 will be international Conference.

- iii) Raising of Membership – Dr. A. Kumar informed all members that membership forms are in every kit and urged those present to set a target of 100 members. All Present agreed to take upon them to make more members.

- iv) Confirmation of Registration fee \$70 for ten years-

Dr. A. Kumar informed that SOVE USA charges a registration fee of \$70 per year but since SOVE Indian Region comprises of developing countries, the Parent SOVE has allowed a discounted fee of \$70 for ten years. Dr. Kumar thanked the parent SOVE for being considerate to SOVE Indian Region.

Vote for confirmation of the Registration Fee \$70 for ten years:

Proposed by: Dr. R. K. Das Gupta.

Seconded by: Mr. Ram J. Kutar.

All present agreed to the Vote of confirmation.

Registration Fee \$70 for ten years agreed and confirmed.

- v) Appointment of Chartered Accountant Mr. Akhil Pai and Auditor Mr. Nandan Sirsat

Dr. A. Kumar informed that the Executive board had accepted Chartered Accountant Mr. Akhil Pai and Auditor Mr. Nandan Sirsat for the Society and asked the vote of confirmation.

Vote for confirmation of the Chartered Accountant and Auditor:

Proposed by: Dr. P.K.Sumodan.

Seconded by: Dr. E. Pushpalatha.

All present agreed to the Vote of confirmation for Chartered Accountant and Auditor.

Unanimously accepted

Motion is passed.

vi) Website Maintenance for 10 years w.e.f 56000+GST

Proposed by: Dr. Jagbir Singh

Seconded by: Dr. R.K.Das Gupta

All present unanimously accepted decision

Motion is carried

vii) Suggestion by General Body Members:

a) Dr. R. K. Das Gupta suggested to make SOVE Indian Region as South East Asian SOVE to cover a wider landscape of Asian SOVE by including India and surrounding countries.

Dr. A. Kumar informed that there was already an Asian SOVE and the clash between the two SOVE branches in countries around China will have to be avoided. Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Myanmar and Bangladesh can be included in SOVE Indian Region. Also registering the Society again would be tedious. Hence it was decided that SOVE Indian Region should first expand and then if majority wants can make changes in the future.

b) Mr. T. A. Arvind suggested having a journal of the Society to which it was informed that parent SOVE had a Journal and any SOVE Member could publish on the same by requesting rate concession.

c) Life Members –Dr. R.K. Das Gupta suggested that each member should make at least 5 new members. Thereafter Dr. R. S. Sharma and Dr. Kalpana Baruah each proposed to make 10 new members respectively, Dr. P. K. Sumodan and Dr. E. Pushpalatha each proposed to make 5 new members, Mr. Ram Kutar proposed to make 10 new members from the Industry

d) Training/Workshop programmes can be organized which will be helpful and of service to the nation. Industry has proposed help for training and workshops. Since Self Govt. organizations can send staff for training by granting TA and Society can offer boarding & lodging. Dr. Baruah suggested that industry can

only be partners but training should be imparted by entomologist and scientist. Dr. Spiros suggested that use Industry but train people working in programmes and public sector.

- e) SOVE Members name and email Ids can be uploaded on the website to allow interaction between members. Dr. Kumar informed that the decision will be taken during the next board meeting regarding the issue.
- f) Six monthly newsletter /Quarterly newsletter may be put on the website of SOVE Indian Region.
- g) Dr. Dhillon suggested that parent SOVE will sponsor students attending SOVE Indian Region Conference / meeting.

The Director Dr. A. Kumar thanked the founding members for reposing their trust in the SOVE Indian Region and joining the Society. He also informed that attendees are impressed by the conference and lots of good comments were being received. Dr. Kumar thanked parent SOVE for their unstinted support to organise the conference.

The General Board meeting ended with a vote of thanks proposed by the Secretary, Dr. Ajeet Kumar Mohanty. Dr. Mohanty thanked all present for an engaging and impressive Inaugural International conference with the active participation of each one of the members and the parent SOVE in particular for all the support and help rendered during the organization of the conference.

