

Minutes of the XIX meeting of the IAGRG General Body

A meeting of the general body of the IAGRG was held at Bhaskara 3, IUCAA at 4:00 p.m. on December 21, 1997. Fifty five members attended the meeting.

1. The President, A.R. Prasanna, welcomed the members and expressed satisfaction that the GR 15 went off well.
2. A report of the activities of the Association for the past two years was presented by the Secretary, Bala Iyer (Copy enclosed).
3. A statement of the financial status of the Association was also presented and accepted. The accounts of the past years have been audited.
4. D.C. Srivastava discussed the plan to revive GURUTVA. The general body recommended that the financial viability be seriously explored. A proposal be made to the DST, based on a prototype issue. An editorial board be set up consisting of the IAGRG Council and Srivastava be the Editor.
5. The President presented the recommendations of the Council to the post of President, Secretary and three Council Members, before the general body. The recommendations were accepted unanimously. The new Council Members are :

J. Krishna Rao (President)
R. Tikekar (Secretary)
N.D. Hari Dass (Member)
Narayan Banerjee (Member)
A. Gopal Rao (Member)

The retiring members are :

A.R. Prasanna
B.R. Iyer
D.C. Srivastava
V.B. Johri
P. Joshi
N.K. Dadhich

Amitabha Mukherjee, Ravi Saraykar and A.R. Prasanna continue as Council members for the next two years term.

6. The General Body passed a resolution to request the UGC to reintroduce in the prescribed syllabi for NET JRF examination in Mathematics and Physics, relevant topics on Relativity, Astrophysics, Astronomy, Cosmology and Riemannian Geometry in Paper II and Paper III, similar to the old syllabi for the examination.

7. In view of the increase in cost of postage and operational expenses, the Council recommended that effective from March 14, 1998, the Life Membership fee be increased to Rs. 500/- (five hundred) for Indians and US \$ 75/- (US dollar seventy five) for foreigners. This recommendation was endorsed.
8. To keep track of the IAGRG funds, the Council recommended that the assets be bifurcated into IAGRG - VREF Account and a regular IAGRG Account. These were endorsed.
9. The President thanked Sanjay Wagh for preparing the directory of the IAGRG members.
10. The President informed the general body of passing away of two of the members, namely : P. Bhaskaran and J.R. Rao. The general body observed a minute's silence in memory of the departed colleagues.

The meeting ended at about 5:00 p.m. after the members thanked the retiring Councilors.

Minutes were prepared by :

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Secretary, IAGRG