

Minutes of the 1st Executive Council Meeting of ISEG 2018-19
IIT, Delhi
17 February 2018

The 1st meeting of the Executive council 2018-19 of the Indian Society of Engineering Geology (ISEG) was held on February 17, 2018 at 10.30 hrs. at IIT Delhi under the chairmanship of Prof. K.S. Rao, President-ISEG. Apart from Executive Council Members, distinguished senior ISEG members - Dr. Gopal Dhawan, Dr. V.M. Sharma, Mr. Yogendra Deva, Dr. Y. P. Sharda and Dr. Rajbal Singh also graced the occasion as special invitees. The complete list of participants is presented as Annexure-I. The meeting started with the welcome note by Dr. Saibal Ghosh, Secretary, ISEG, and self-introduction by all the new council members.

Welcome address by the President, ISEG: The President-ISEG and the Chairman of the meeting welcomed all the dignitaries present in the meeting and congratulated office bearers of new ISEG Executive Council (EC) for the term 2018-19. He praised the previous committee, legacy of ISEG and thanked all the members for the trust and responsibility bestowed upon the new council. He inspired all the council members to take ISEG to further heights under his leadership. He requested for support and co-operation from senior colleagues to achieve the desired goal of the ISEG in the current term (2018-19).

01.01: Confirmation of the Minutes of the Executive Council Meeting held on 20.01.2018

The minutes of meeting of the last executive council meeting (ECM) held on 20th January 2018 was circulated through e-mail on 3rd February to all the council members. The same was put for discussion and the minutes was accepted and confirmed by all the members present in the meeting. The same is also uploaded in ISEG website for wider circulation to all members.

01.02: Nominations to fill vacant positions of EC

01.02.01. There is no vacant position is in the Main ISEG EC. However, there are some vacancies in ISEG-Delhi NCR chapter council membership, which Delhi-NCR chapter convenor, Dr. Ranjit Rath was requested to nominate separately for smooth function of ISEG Delhi-NCR Chapter.

(Action: Convener, ISEG Delhi-NCR Chapter)

01.02.02. The automatic inclusion of Indian IAEG office bearers in the ISEG executive council was discussed and it was accepted in principle by the council. As there was no provision in the existing ISEG constitution in this regard, it was agreed to make suitable constitutional amendment to implement above provision.

(Action: ISEG Secretariat)

01.02.03. Shri Rahul Khanna, ISEG Editor expressed the need for nomination of Delhi-based Joint Editor from the existing executive council members, for better co-ordination of publication related work in Delhi as both the elected Editor and Joint Editor are not based in Delhi currently. The editor proposed Sh. Gopi Kannan, council member for additional responsibility as Jt. Editor for the same during the current term. The EC has unanimously accepted the editor's proposal for inclusion of Shri Gopi Kannan in the Editorial team.

(Action: ISEG Secretariat/ Editor)

01.03: Finalizing event calendar of ISEG for 2018-2019

01.03.01. It is decided by the EC to have at least one Executive council meeting (ECM) in every quarter for smooth functioning of the council.

(Action: ISEG Secretariat)

01..03.02. Currently one training programme namely Geotechnical Orientation Programme (GOP) is being organised by ISEG through ISEG-Delhi NCR chapter every year and one national/international conference is being organised by ISEG in two years. It was proposed to increase the frequency of programmes by making the conference an annual event and GOP a quarterly or semi-annual event, especially to upgrade the education of engineering geology faculty in India. Dr. Gopal Dhawan, Ex-President, ISEG suggested conducting GOP quarterly in various places of India. The president opined that vice-presidents of ISEG could help in this direction as each of the three vice-presidents could co-ordinate these activities in different zones of our country. Also, in due course of time, the Society would move to create different local chapters from each zone of the country and future ISEG conferences in different Indian cities. The exact modalities, place and date of annual conferences shall be framed by President and Secretary and the proposal of the same will be placed in the next council meeting for discussion. The Delhi-NCR chapter convenor, Dr. Ranjit Rath, will finalise the event calendar of ISEG Delhi Chapter in consultation with the Secretariat and will intimate the same. Regarding dates of any other events, the same will be finalised by the ISEG Secretariat before the 2nd ECM.

(Action: ISEG Secretariat & Convener, Delhi-NCR Chapter)

01.04: Revamping of ISEG Website

01.04.01. Presently, there are two websites running for the society, one for ISEG and the other for the Journal JoEG. It was suggested to integrate them together to have a single website in future. Facilities such as Payment Gateway for membership payment and online provision for submission of articles for the journal and reviewing system are to be incorporated in the website. The proposals and quotations have been asked from the maintenance agencies of both the websites. The Editor expressed the need of ISSN number and journal URL linked to website for online version of journal. Shri M. Raju, Vice President suggested that ISEG main website is a new (3-4 years' old), so revamping proposal must look into the updation and changes that are actually needed or felt essential. The president proposed a committee, who shall look into the details of the proposals for revamping of the ISEG website and come out with the final proposal in the next EC meeting. The ISEG Website Revamping committee (**Sub-Committee: Website**) shall constitute of the following members.

1. Dr. Saibal Ghosh, Secretary, ISEG
2. Sh. Arindom Chakraborty, Jt. Secretary, ISEG
3. Sh. Akhouri Bishwapriya, Jt. Secretary, ISEG
4. Sh. Rahul Khanna, Editor, ISEG
5. Sh. Tarun Singh, IIT Delhi, ISEG

(Action: Sub-Committee: Website)

01.05: Formation of Editorial Board for Journal and Newsletter and other issues related to legacy and publication

01.05.01. The EC decided to continue the existing practice of releasing ISEG Newsletter half-yearly with the support of Secretary and Editor and his team. Preparations for next issue of

newsletter must be started at the earliest. The editor updated the activities of issues of ISEG newsletter and the journal volumes. Next issue of Newsletter is due in April 2018. The Secretary shall co-ordinate with editor on this publication. Editor informed that January (42nd) issue of journal volume, now pending, also is to be issued very soon. Already 16 peer reviewed papers are available from EGCON. It was decided to go ahead for the publishing of the same with those articles.

01.05.01. The editor further informed that Indian Citation Index (ICI) has agreed to index the ISEG journal for free from 2004 onwards. However, the journal has to be converted in to XML files of the ICI format. Society has to source and hire an agency who can convert pdf to XML files in the ICI format. Editor opined JoEG journal is also not listed in UGC list and suggested to achieve this after indexing in ICI. The council agreed and the quotations have to be collected from the agencies for generating xml files for the journal issues from 2004 by the editorial team. The President opined that regarding indexing proposal of ICI, the matter will be discussed by him separately with the Secretary and Editor, before execution of the proposed task.

(Action: The ISEG Secretary/ Editor)

01.05.02. However, for the Journal of Engineering Geology (JoEG), need of an Editorial board was expressed in line with the practice of International journals by the President-ISEG. The editorial board consisting of technical experts from Industry and Academics, including some international experts, who will review the articles and ensure the quality of the articles published in the journal along with selection of best papers. An advisory board consisting of ISEG veteran members shall advise the editorial board accordingly. The Editor and Jt. Editors shall be part of the editorial board. As opined by Dr. K. S. Rao, President-ISEG, JoEG should also aspire and work in that line to get national/ international recognition. The president suggested the following committee **(Sub-Committee: Legacy & Publication)** who shall come out with detailed modalities and the implications of this proposal including finalising list of experts for Editorial Board and other issues such as indexing of journals etc.

1. Prof. K. S. Rao, President, ISEG
2. Shri M. Raju, Vice President
3. Dr. Gopal Dhawan, Ex-President, ISEG
4. Shri Y. Deva, Vice-President, Asia, IAEG
5. Shri Imran Sayeed, Ex-Secretary, ISEG
6. Dr. Saibal Ghosh, Secretary, ISEG
7. Shri Rahul Khanna, Editor, ISEG
8. Shri N. K. Sarkar, Joint Editor, ISEG

(Action: Sub-Committee: Legacy & Publication)

01.06: Student Membership

01.06.01. As emphasized by the President-ISEG during last meeting to extend the membership to students and research scholars to increase the active membership base, the council proposed to include a special student category at discounted fee (INR 2000/- for student membership and INR 1000/- as entry fee in the ISEG membership. The student membership shall be valid till he/ she enters into a permanent employment. The student membership category includes students at PG and Ph.D. levels only. Similarly, provision shall be kept for them to attend ISEG conferences at concessional registration charges. After formal employment, they can take up life membership of ISEG after paying the prevalent fees with adjustment of INR 3000/- paid by them earlier. This will definitely enable increase of membership base of ISEG to a substantial numbers and also get more papers for its journals

from active researchers. However, as it is a matter related to amendment of ISEG Articles of Association, the same shall be taken up soon.

(Action: ISEG Secretariat)

01.07: Financial Strengths and Bank Accounts

01.07.01. Dr. Saibal Ghosh, Secretary, ISEG briefed the details of financial positions in the savings account of the society. Following accounts of ISEG are available. It was briefed that ISEG has two savings account at Lucknow – UCO Bank and State Bank of India. In both the accounts about 15 lakhs is there in savings account and ISEG also has a few fixed deposit certificates. Every year, ISEG Income and Expenditure accounts are duly audited by Chartered Accountant and the same is communicated to all members through website as well as publishing the same in our Newsletter. ISEG opened an account at Delhi during EGNM at IOB. In that also a balance of 2 lakhs is lying. This bank account at Delhi is being utilised for the recent EGCON 2017 event. Till date some sponsorship amount of EGCON 2017 (about 8 lakhs) is yet to be received by ISEG from some sponsors. That is why maintaining IOB account at New Delhi for some more time is needed to receive all those expected sponsorship amount. After due discussion, the EC decides that this account at New Delhi may be continued till 31st March 2018 and thereafter the same may be closed down.

01.07.02. The President-ISEG opined that it is always better to have a single bank account for ISEG and it is always advisable to transfer the bank account ultimately to Delhi because ISEG will soon start working for a permanent address at Delhi-NCR. The matter was discussed at length and it was opined that slowly the fund of UCO bank to be transferred to SBI, Lucknow account and UCO Bank, Lucknow account may be closed after settling all pending issues with UCO Bank Lucknow Branch such as issues of realisation of some additional payment amount to IAEG in 2017 back to ISEG account. Thereafter, all balance money at UCO bank can be transferred to SBI, Lucknow account, and the same can be transferred later to Delhi after establishing the permanent address of ISEG at Delhi-NCR. An operational mechanism will be proposed after consultation with the Treasurer in the next EC meeting.

01.07.03. The President also suggested that signatories of ISEG bank account like any other society should be any two amongst President, Secretary and Treasurer. Accordingly, the same may be implemented from FY 2018-19 onwards after suitable constitutional amendments.

(Action: ISEG Secretariat & the Treasurer)

01.08: Auditing of ISEG Accounts for 2016-17

01.08.01. The Secretary ISEG informed the council that the auditing of ISEG accounts is a regular affair and the accounts for 2016-17 has already been completed and was released in the April 2017 newsletter. Similarly, 2017-18 account shall be audited after 31st March 2018 and the same will be attempted to be released in the forthcoming April 2018 newsletter.

(Action: ISEG Secretariat & the Treasurer)

01.09: Creation of Building Funds

01.09.01. The president stressed upon the long demanding issue of purchasing a studio type apartment for ISEG in Delhi-NCR area in order to have a permanent address for ISEG. All EC meetings and other day-to-day affairs of ISEG can be held at that address in future. Accordingly, a corpus for building fund of about 25-35 lakhs is needed to purchase such a studio apartment or 2 BHK flat of 600-800 sq. ft. in Delhi-NCR area. The president opined that the building corpus

fund could be raised by corporate donations, individual donations, etc. and this fund shall be collected and maintained separately under the head of "ISEG Building fund". It was suggested by the President to form an Advisory cum Implementation Committee (**Sub-Committee: ISEG Building**) comprising the following members for establishing ISEG's Permanent Address at Delhi-NCR as per the above plan. The following Committee will frame a road map to achieve this goal in next two years.

1. Prof. K. S. Rao, President, ISEG
2. Dr. Gopal Dhawan, Ex-President, ISEG
3. Shri R. N. Misra, Ex-President, ISEG
4. Shri Y. Deva, Vice President, IAEG & Ex-Secretary, ISEG
5. Shri M. Raju, Vice-President, ISEG
6. Shri N. K. Mathur, Vice-President, ISEG
7. Shri S. L. Kapil, Vice-President, ISEG
8. Shri Imran Sayeed, Ex-Secretary, ISEG
9. Dr. Saibal Ghosh, Secretary, ISEG
10. Dr. Ranjit Rath, Convener, Delhi-NCR Chapter

01.09.02. The President himself generously committed a sum of INR 25000/ towards "ISEG Building Fund". There was an overwhelming response from all the EC members present in the meeting also to give individual donation to this effect. It was also suggested by Shri Y. Deva that from ISEG's savings account, INR 5 Lakh can be taken as seed money to build/ start the "ISEG Building Fund". The EC members who are willing to contribute generously for this "ISEG Building Fund" can initiate the same by transferring the same to ISEG's SBI Bank account at Lucknow **only after April 01, 2018**. The issue of Income tax rebate in this matter will take some time and will be explored soon. While transferring the donation amount to ISEG's SBI account, Lucknow, the agreed EC members are requested to mention their "Full Name", "LM Number" and "ISEG building fund" at the Remarks positively to enable us to track the payment. The SBI Account, Lucknow details of ISEG is given below:

Name of Account: - Indian Society of Engineering Geology
Account No.: - 10863771115
Bank Name and Address: - SBI, Hazratganj, Lucknow
IFSC Code: - SBIN0000125

01.09.03. Dr. V. M. Sharma, Ex-President, ISEG opined that ISEG can publish some engineering geology manuals and also some important publications and can collate fund by pricing and selling those publications. Apart from individual contributions, which has already been consented generously by all EC members present in the meeting, ISEG must approach PSUs/ Industries etc.

(Action: Sub-Committee: ISEG Building, ISEG Secretariat)

01.10: Engineering Geology E-learning resources

01.10.01. The president suggested some course materials could be uploaded in ISEG website in the lines of IAEG. The Editor also suggested ISEG special publications can be made and uploaded in the website.

01.10.02. Dr. Gopal Dhawan, Ex-President, ISEG expressed that ISEG should also work as a certification body in the lines of Institution of Engineers and Chartered Accountant body. The certification is essential for the professionals working on behalf of private consultants in the field of Engineering Geology. This is in the interest of the profession and for the Nation in order

to have quality man power and expertise involved in various critical projects of the country. He also suggested that the society could have an expert committee and make a short presentation to Secretary, Power and Secretary, Water Resources and Secretary, Road Transport Ministries regarding this. He also informed that ISEG can also collaborate with some university and issue a certification for Engineering Geology after a proper course. He expressed he could discuss further about this with Lucknow university, if the council agrees. The council accepts this proposal and requested Dr. Dhawan to provide more information on this.

01.10.03. All the above issues as suggested may be included in the Terms of Reference of the **Sub-Committee: Legacy & Publication** for further details.

(Action: Sub-Committee: Legacy & Publication)

01.11: IAEG Membership issues

01.11.01. IAEG membership drive for the year 2018 was discussed. The Secretary informed that so far, about 40 members have confirmed their consent for IAEG membership with or without bulletin and very soon invoice will be sent to each confirmed member. It was felt by the council to achieve a target of more than 100 IAEG members this time, individual letters/ e-mails are to be sent and if required Secretary, ISEG has to make personal request calls too. The Secretary, ISEG confirmed that those steps will soon be taken up by ISEG Secretariat for more outreach to the potential ISEG members for confirming their IAEG memberships. It was also decided to follow up the matter of pending payments for IAEG membership-2017 from some of the members for which, he also solicited help from Sh. Y. Deva, Vice President, IAEG, Asia. Sh. Y. deva also requested Secretary and Treasurer, ISEG to pursue the matter of unrealized payment of IAEG 2017 made through UCO bank, Lucknow which is still pending and has not yet been credited back to the account. The matter is being continuously pursued by the Treasurer at Lucknow and it was informed by UCO Bank they have not received back the money yet from the concerned foreign-link bank and UCO bank has recently sent another reminder.

(Action: Sh. Y Deva, ISEG Secretariat and Treasurer, ISEG)

01.11.02. The term of Sh. Y. Deva, Vice-President, Asia of IAEG is going to end in 2018. The National Group Japan has expressed their interest in Vice-Presidency, IAEG for the next term and has asked for the support of ISEG council. Dr. Gopal Dhawan proposed that Shri Yogendra Deva, ISEG must contest elections in the international council for the Secretary General IAEG post in the next term too. The council expressed their support for his candidature. Dr. Gopal Dhawan expressed that ISEG will support Japan for their VP candidature and in turn will request their support for our Secretary General candidature. ISEG will extend their reach to the Nepal council for their support. The president opined outright support for Sh. Y. Deva as it will be pride for the society to represent the international body at that level, which has been accepted by all. The Executive Council also discussed and decided that the India NG would nominate Dr Gopal Dhawan for the Marcel Arnould Medal given for outstanding services to the IAEG.

(Action: EC, ISEG)

01.12: ISEG Fellowship and any matters related to Constitutional Amendment

01.12.01. It was agreed to have one or two ISEG fellowship per year in recognition of senior ISEG members for their contribution in this profession every year. The following committee **(Sub-Committee: Constitutional Amendment)** will work to finalise the criteria and proposal for the same in the next meeting along with any other related matters which requires amendment of the existing constitution of ISEG.

1. Prof. K. S. Rao, President, ISEG
2. Dr. Gopal Dhawan, Ex-President, ISEG
3. Shri Y. Deva, Vice President, IAEG & Ex-Secretary, ISEG
4. Shri R. N. Mishra, Ex-President, ISEG
5. Shri M. Raju, Vice-President, ISEG
6. Shri Imran Sayeed, Ex-Secretary, ISEG
7. Dr. Saibal Ghosh, Secretary, ISEG

Sh. Y. deva proposed that the committee should start working on the issues requiring constitutional amendments and submit recommendations by April, 2018 so that the same can be discussed and finalized in the next council meeting.

(Action: Sub-Committee: Constitutional Amendment)

01.13: Synergy with IGS, ISRMTT, ISET

01.13.01. It was decided to have synergy with other societies such as Indian Geotechnical Society (IGS), Indian Society of Rock Mechanics and Tunnelling Technology (ISRMTT) and Indian Society of Earthquake Technology (ISET) which are bodies of related professionals. Joint meetings and interactions could be arranged with them time to time, which are all based in Delhi. ISEG Secretariat and Delhi-NCR Chapter can spearhead this issue further and bring proposals/ issues for discussion if any in the 2nd EC meeting

(Action: ISEG Secretariat & Delhi-NCR Chapter)

01.14: Date and Venue of 2nd Meeting

01.14.01. It was decided to have the 2nd EC meeting of ISEG 2018-19 at 3 pm on **5th May, Saturday at IIT Delhi.**

(Action: ISEG Secretariat)

01.15. Other matters

01.15.01. The secretary mentioned that currently active life members of ISEG in the list are 965. Out of which, e-mails ids of only 323 life members are available with ISEG. For about 260 members, no contact addresses/e-mail ids or contact numbers are available. It was suggested to update the list by exclusion of the names of respected deceased members. However, a master list will have names of all the members shall be maintained.

The president suggested having a printed directory having

1. List of ISEG members
2. List of IAEG members for the current term
3. List of Past Presidents/ Secretaries
4. Archives of Photographs from the past to the present

The soft copy of the same shall be uploaded in ISEG website. Further, in the website, following shall be uploaded

1. Updated Constitution of the Society
2. Soft copies/scanned copies of old JoEG Journal volumes
3. Soft copies/scanned copies of old ISEG News letters

Council members will collect old journal volumes from Shri Yogendra Deva for the scanning purpose. The president also suggested putting the highlights of EC meeting in the ISEG website for the information to all ISEG members.

(Action: ISEG Secretariat)

The meeting was ended with the closing remark by the President who thanked all the members for their active participation in the meeting.

Annexure I			
ATTENDENCE IN 1st ISEG COUNCIL MEETING AT IIT DELHI HELD ON 17.02.2018			
Sl. No.	Name	Designation/Organization/Location	Position in ISEG Council
ISEG Executive Council 2018-19			
1	Prof. K S Rao	Civil Engineering Deptt., IIT Delhi, New Delhi	President
2	Sh. M. Raju	Ex. Director General, GSI	Vice President
3	Sh. S.L.Kapil	General Manager, NHPC, Faridabad	Vice President
4	Dr. Saibal Ghosh	Director, GSI, New Delhi	Secretary
5	Sh. Arindom Chakraborty	Manager (Geology), NHPC, Faridabad	Joint Secretary
6	Sh. Akhouri Bishwapriya	Director, GSI, Patna	Joint Secretary
7	Sh. Rahul Khanna	Manager (Geology), NHPC, Parbati-II, H.P.	Editor
8	Sh. Niroj Kumar Sarkar	Director, GSI, Kolkata	Joint Editor
9	Sh. Saikat Pal	Sr. Manager (Geology), EIL, New Delhi	Council Member
10	Sh. Gopi Kannan L.	Sr. Manager (Geology), EIL, New Delhi	Council Member
11	Sh. Vivek Sharma	Dy. Manager (Geology), NHPC, Faridabad	Council Member
12	Sh. Mainak Ghosh Roy	Dy. Manager (Geology), NHPC, Faridabad	Council Member
13	Dr. K. Lakshmanan	Sr. Geologist, GSI, Chandigarh	Council Member
14	Sh. A.P. Singh	Director, Explore Engg. Consul. Pvt. Ltd.	Council Member
ISEG Delhi NCR Chapter Executive Council 2018-19			
15	Sh. Ranjit Rath	General Manager, EIL, New Delhi	Convener
Special Invitees			
16	Dr. V.M. Sharma	Director, ATES, AIMIL, New Delhi	Past President, ISEG
17	Dr. Gopal Dhawan	EX CMD, MECL	Past President, ISEG
18	Sh. Yogendra Deva	Ex. Director, GSI	Vice President, IAEG, Asia
19	Dr. Y.P.Sharda	Ex. Director, GSI	Life Member, ISEG
20	Dr. Rajbal Singh	Ex. Joint Director, CSMRS, New Delhi	Life Member, ISEG
21	Sh. Tarun Singh	Research Scholar, IIT Delhi, New Delhi	Life Member, ISEG
