



INDIAN SOCIETY OF ENGINEERING GEOLOGY

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Council 2016 - 17

IIT Delhi, New Delhi-110 016

At 11.00 hrs. on 20th Jan, 2018

The Meeting of the Executive Council 2016-17 was held at 11.00 hrs. on January 20, 2018 at IIT, Delhi under the chairmanship of Shri R. N. Mishra, President-ISEG. The list of council members participated in the meeting is presented as Annexure-I. The meeting started with the welcome note by Secretary, ISEG and further continued as per agenda points elaborated below.

Welcome address by the Secretary, ISEG, 2016-17: With the permission of chair, Shri Imran Sayeed, Secretary, ISEG welcomed all the members present in the meeting and expressed his sincere gratitude to all the office bearers of the ISEG Council for extending relevant support, cooperation and sincere involvement in the last two years in ISEG's activities. With this initial remark, he presented a brief report of all the ISEG activities that were successfully undertaken during the tenure of the Executive Council 2016-17, which includes:

1. One day workshop on "Climate changes in the Indian Sub-Continent with Special Reference to Himalayas" on 2nd April 2016.
2. Two days Geotechnical Orientation Program (GOP_2017) on 15-16th June-2017.
3. Two days International Conference EGCON-2017 on "Engineering Geological Solutions for Sustainable Development" on 7th & 8th October 2017 at Eros Hotel, New Delhi. He also discussed about the awards program held during EGCON.
4. Inclusion of 35 new ISEG Members and more than 100 Members (Without & With Bulletin) in IAEG through membership drive.
5. Timely publishing of Biannual Journal of Engineering Geology & Newsletters.
6. Sponsoring a candidate in YEG-2017 event organized by IAEG in Kathmandu.
7. Efforts for getting a Permanent office space of ISEG in Delhi NCR
8. Online Voting for ISEG Election for the post of Vice President.

All the members present in the meeting expressed their happiness and also thanked the ISEG Council 2016-17 for conducting for the first-time, the online voting in ISEG Council. While discussing this, members also expressed concern on the lack of approachability and outreach to all the members and unanimously suggested a renewed action plan for the incoming Council to reach out to all ISEG members and also to take special initiatives in expanding the membership base, including similar professionals, academia and students. In this regard different ideas were discussed viz. using the current social media platforms such as WhatsApp,

Facebook Groups etc. for outreach by disseminating matters/ issues related to ISEG's activities only with a rider in avoiding dissemination of unnecessary messages and pleasantries. After submission of ISEG's report of 2016 and 2017, Secretary requested President ISEG to share his views and experiences with the members present in the meeting.

Address by President ISEG 2016-17: Addressing all the dignitaries including the past President, Dr. Gopal Dhawan & President-designate, Prof. K.S Rao, Shri R N Misra expressed his feelings of being honoured to be the President of ISEG and thanked all the members for the love, affection and regards bestowed on him. Talking about the successful conduction of the EGCON-2017, he expressed his indebtedness towards the active members behind the success of EGCON, who voluntarily supported and executed the event. He expressed his best wishes for an eventful and prosperous journey by the upcoming council in taking the Society to new heights. He also assured his own availability and services to contribute for the growth and development of ISEG in all the possible ways.

The Secretary ISEG also presented a brief report of the Conference "EGCON-2017" and gave details of expenditure and earnings for EGCON 2017. He apprised that some of the sponsorship money is yet to be received after which finally the society would earn a surplus of approximately Ra 5.00 lakhs. He also proposed that accounts for the conference be continued till 31st March 2018 so that all dues are realised. He elaborated the decision taken in last GBM during EGCON-2017 regarding commemoration of 50 years of Journal of Engineering Geology publication and discontinuation of printing of hard copies thereafter. A detailed discussion took place regarding acceptability of the online journal, but finally it was opined that the society needs to upgrade itself as per the current technological trends and promote its members through different mediums to adopt accordingly. The Secretary also emphasised towards the efforts made by Shri R N Misra in getting the sponsorship for EGCON. Meanwhile the issue of pending payments from different sponsoring organisations of EGCON 2017 were discussed and Shri R N Misra, President-ISEG assured to communicate with these organizations to get the due sponsorship released to ISEG soon.

Handing over charges of ISEG Council to the new ISEG Council for the year 2018 and 2019

Shri R. N. Mishra, President-ISEG formally invited the President-Designate, Prof. K. S. Rao, Dr. Saibal Ghosh, Secretary-Designate and their team of new Council members to take charge of ISEG Council from them for the year 2018 and 2019. The formal handing over ceremony was marked with the handing over the ISEG shield/ memorabilia by Shri R. N. Mishra to Prof. K. S. Rao and the moment was captured with a group photograph comprising of members of both the old and new councils of ISEG.

Nomination for the Vacant Posts of ISEG Executive Council Members and ISEG Delhi-NCR Chapter for 2018-19

Shri Imran Sayeed, Past Secretary, ISEG proposed that Shri Ranjit Rath of EIL be nominated as Convener of ISEG Delhi-NCR Chapter for 2018-19, which was unanimously accepted. Dr.

Saibal Ghosh, Secretary, ISEG 2018-19 also proposed the name of Shri Arindom Chakraborty, NHPC Ltd. for the post of Joint Secretary ISEG, and Shri Pradeep Singh, GSI as Co-convenor, Delhi NCR Chapter and the same was also accepted unanimously. It was also accepted that Shri Pranoy Vikram Singh, Treasurer, ISEG Delhi-NCR Chapter 2016-17 to continue as Treasurer of Delhi-NCR Chapter for the next term of 2018-19.



Regarding financial matter, after due discussion, it was also decided that the Shri Alok Shukla, Treasurer, ISEG 2016-17 and Shri Pranoy Vikram Singh, Treasurer, Delhi-NCR Chapter 2016-17 will continue to work together with Dr. Mridul Srivastava, Treasurer, ISEG 2018-19 till March 31, 2018 for closure and auditing of accounts 2016-17 of ISEG and ISEG Delhi-NCR Chapter 2016-17 and smooth transition to the coming financial year.

Address by Prof. K S Rao, President ISEG for 2018-2019: Prof. K. S. Rao expressed that he has been personally overwhelmed by the affection and regards rendered to him even after his short association with ISEG in last 3-4 years. He thanked Shri R N Mishra, Dr. Gopal Dhawan and all other senior and active members of ISEG for proposing his name as President ISEG. Remembering the founder members of ISEG Shri K L Rao, who also happened to be the 3rd president of Indian Geotechnical Society (IGS), where he has also served as Secretary and President in the past. Prof. K. S. Rao informed about his attachment with IGS and the milestone that society achieved in his tenure of presidency. He assured to put the same zeal in taking ISEG to next level of excellence by emulating the best practices followed there.

Prof. K. S. Rao, President, ISEG emphasised on following issues and aspirations to take ISEG to a newer height.

1. To increase the active membership base so that different activities can be taken-up from different fronts simultaneously.
2. Extending the membership criteria, i.e. giving opportunity of becoming the member to the professionals who are directly or indirectly associated with the Engineering Geology and Rock Mechanics/Geotechnical Engineering fields, including researchers and students. He also focused on promoting only the life membership onwards.
3. Improving Connectivity between the members through e-portals and other social networking media.
4. Increasing visibility of the Society through Conferences, Seminars, Workshops and ameliorating the quality of ISEG journal and publications. He also emphasised on peer reviewing and initiating an attempt for indexing the Journal of Engineering Geology (JoEG). He also suggested maintaining of an editorial board involving a panel of reviewers for JoEG for reviewing its manuscripts to ensure its scientific content and quality.
5. Creating the facility of Payment Gateway at ISEG Website for smoother transactions including giving it proper facelift of the existing ISEG website.
6. Building the Corpus Fund of ISEG for use in acquiring a permanent office space and address for ISEG at Delhi-NCR.
7. He also stressed for the need to have applicable Income Tax Exemption so as to enable to collect generous donations from Institutions/individuals for creating a corpus building fund for ISEG.
8. Any professional Society like ISEG also needs to increase its visibility in the form of closeness with different Government bodies like NDMA and other organisations, sister associations like IGS, ISRMTT etc. so that the professional talents available in ISEG can further be nurtured and utilised for the Nation in disseminating education, training and knowledge in the field of Engineering Geology.
9. ISEG being the Indian chapter of the international body-IAEG, needs also to increase membership base for IAEG too so that the country as a whole is better represented in the international forum.
10. Initiating a fellowship scheme/ programme to honour dedicated senior ISEG members.
11. Regular auditing and systematic flashing of all society related matters in ISEG website.

With the above words, Prof. K. S. Rao, President ISEG 2018-19 concluded his address and once again assured to put his best efforts in the growth of this society. Prof. K. S. Rao specially thanked once again Dr. Gopal Dhawan, Shri R N Mishra, Shri Imran Sayeed and Yogendra Deva for their support for the growth and development of the Society. He also proposed to convene a meeting of the New council on 17.02.2018 at Committee Room, Department of Civil Engineering, IIT Delhi to finalize the targets/deliverables of the new council and to allot responsibilities to all the council members. He requested all the council members to attend the meeting so as to make the meeting more vibrant and fruitful.

Dr. Gopal Dhawan, past President thanked Prof. Rao for giving new directions for ISEG and believes that under his able leaderships, ISEG will grow further. He also stressed the issue of more close interaction and participation of ISEG members to IAEG as pointed by Prof. Rao.

At the last Dr. Saibal Ghosh, Secretary ISEG 2018-19 also thanked all seniors and the esteemed ISEG members for nominating him as Secretary, ISEG for next two years. He urged for support and cooperation from all members for the days to come to facilitate in bringing the Society to a greater height by fulfilling its aspirations. He also thanked Prof. K. S. Rao for facilitating arrangement in organising the meeting of ISEG at IIT campus.

Dated February 3, 2018
New Delhi



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