

Automatic Control and Dynamic Optimization Society (ACDOS)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
held at

Aerospace Engineering Department, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Automatic Control and Dynamic Optimization Society (ACDOS) was conducted on 05th January 2019 at 2:00 pm. The following members were attended in the meeting.

Executive Board Members:

- **Prof. Ramakalyan Ayyagari**, President of the society
- **Prof. Ravindra D. Gudi**, Vice-President and President -Elect
- **Prof. Sukumar Mishra**, Vice-president (and president elect)
- **Prof. Abraham Mathew**, Vice-President
- **Dr. Jayesh Bharve**, Secretary
- **Prof. Shaikh Faruque Ali**, Joint Secretary of the society
- **Dr. S. N. Omkar**, Treasurer of the society
- **Prof. Radhakant Padhi**, Immediate Past President of the society

Apart from the above, there were three more non-members attended the meeting as observers upon the invitation of the president (the list of names with their signature is attached separately).

The key agenda for the meeting were the following:

1. Presentation of Annual Report 2017-18.
2. Presentation of Accounts and approval annual budget.
3. Election of new office bearers and executive council for 2018-2019.
4. Membership Status and New enrolment statistics.
5. Approval of new honorary members.
6. Update on hosting of ACODS 2020.
7. Any other agenda item.

The current society president Prof. Ayyagari welcomed all the members and observers to the meeting, and introduced the society to all the non-members. He explained the benefits of ACDOS membership to non-members. The president also explained in detail about the unavoidable reasons, due to which the AGM for the year 2017-18 was deferred to the January 2019. The president called for a consensus and asked if there were any objection. Unanimously the issue was passed by all the members. The president also announced the launch of new ACDOS website.

1. Presentation of Annual Report 2017-18:

The president Prof. Ayyagari formally presented the annual report (a copy attached) and appraised the members about the important events that took place in the last year (2017-2018).

- Prof. Tangirala pointed towards the number of events that the society is hosting and suggested that there could be more number of events. Prof. Tangirala also suggested that an event calendar of the Society events and activities could be started.
- Prof. Bhat pointed focus towards financial assistance (seed money) that could be issued to organize ACDOS workshop or event.
- There was a suggestion from Prof. Mishra that we can get good speakers who are visiting different Institutions to take up a lecture for ACDOS. He also pointed that a large number of distinguished lectures will add more events in ACDOS calendar.

All Members of the society present at the meeting approved the annual report at 2:40pm.

2. Presentation of Accounts and approval annual budget:

Prof. Ayyagari then presented the annual budget (a copy attached) to all the members.

- Prof. Bhat mentioned about the seed money that was given to DRDO. Prof. Ayyagari clarified that the given money was not recovered yet and hence it was mentioned as receivables.

- Prof. Bhat also pointed that for getting sponsorship, PAN number is required. In response, Prof. Padhi explained the issue giving a PAN number for Sponsorship. Prof. Padhi suggested that the society could operate a sub account for ACDOS hereafter.
- Prof. Mishra expressed his point that GST number of Society has to be submitted in order to collect the 18% GST from the registration fees. In this regard, the comment of CA Mrs. Hiranmayi was requested.
- Prof. Padhi suggested that members should attend IFAC TC meetings and IFAC event should be taken up along with ACDOS.

The budget was approved at 3.15 pm by all the society members.

3. Any other agenda item.

Prof. Padhi proposed that the treasurer's position should be retained for more than two years and the societies Memorandum of Association should be amended accordingly. This decision was taken for operational convenience. All members have agreed without objection.

Existing Law for the office bearers in the Memorandum of Association is as follows:

13. Office Bearers

13.1. The following shall be the Office Bearers of the Society for a **two-year term** after each election:

- President
- Vice-President
- General Secretary
- Joint Secretary
- Treasurer

Under normal circumstances, no one will hold the same position more than two terms (either consecutive or otherwise) in a span of 10 years. In case of extra-ordinary situations, it can only be done after appropriate through debate, justification and approval in an AGM, which needs to be officially recorded.

The Vice-President will also serve as the "President Elect", who will automatically become the President for the next term. Hence, at the end of each two-year tenure, elections will be held for all other posts other than the President. In case the current president is elected to continue for a consecutive term, the same vice-president will also continue in the current capacity for the same period.

The amendment to the Memorandum of Association (13. Office Bearers) is as follows:

"The Treasurer's position will not be subject to the clause (13.1 para 1 and 2), for better continuity of financial policies and for operational convenience".

The members unanimously approved the above.

4. Membership Status and New enrolment statistics:

The following statistics are presented in the meeting

- Professional members: 24 members
- Honorary Members: 43 members
- Students: 29 members

Prof. Tangirala, suggested that the society should issue a membership card to all the ACDOS members. This would bring a sense of belongingness among the members towards the society.

5. Update on hosting of ACODS 2020:

A brief information about upcoming society conference ACODS 2020 is given by Prof. Tangirala. He briefed to the society members about the location, arrangements and possible dated of the conference.

6. Election of new office bearers and executive council for 2018-2019

Next agenda item was the election of new office bearers. The following slate were presented by Dr. Jayesh Barve in front of the members. Prof. Bhat was invited to scrutinize the election. The following members were unanimously elected by the members.

President	<i>Prof. Ravindra D. Gudi, IIT-Bombay</i>
Vice-President & President elect	<i>Prof. Sukumar Mishra, IIT-Delhi</i>
Vice-President	<i>Dr. Jayesh Barve, GE GRC, Bangalore</i>
Vice-President	<i>Prof. Arun Tangirala, IIT-Madras, Chennai</i>
Secretary	<i>Prof. S. Faruque Ali, IIT-Madras, Chennai</i>
Joint Secretary	<i>Prof. Arnab Maity, IIT-Bombay, Mumbai</i>
Treasurer*	<i>Dr. S. N. Omkar, IISc-Bangalore</i>
Immediate Past President**	<i>Prof. Ramakalyan Ayyagari, NIT-Trichy</i>

* Subjected to amendment in MOA

**No Election

In addition to the above, the following were proposed to serve as the Executive Council Members:

- Prof. Radhakant Padhi, IISc-Bangalore
- Prof. Mukhopadhyay, IIT-Kharagpur
- Prof. Rajeeb Dey, NIT-Silchar
- Prof. Soumyendu Raha, IISc-Bangalore
- Prof. PSV Natraaj, IIT-Bombay
- Prof. N. Sivakumaran, NIT-Trichy
- Prof. Abraham Mathews, NIT-Calicut
- Dr. Seshagiri Rao Ambati, NIT-Warangal
- MS Kishan Singh Chowhan, ADA-Bangalore

It was further decided that the ACDOS secretariat and Bank account continue to operate from Bangalore. The new officer bearers shall take over the responsibility starting from **06 Jan 2019** and shall continue their offices for the next two years. The members unanimously approved the above.

7. Approval of new honorary members:

Two members, Prof.M.S.Bhat, formerly with IISc Bangalore, and Prof.B.N.Dutta, from Northern Illinois University, were proposed for honorary membership. The board members approved the decision.

Finally, Prof. Bhat along with the society members and observers thanked and congratulated new board team. The Annual General Body meeting was announced to be closed by Prof. Gudi, newly elected president, at 3.30 pm on 05 January 2019.