

Automatic Control and Dynamic Optimization Society (ACDOS)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, 2019

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Automatic Control and Dynamic Optimization Society (ACDOS) for the year 2018-2019 has been conducted on **27 September 2019** at 2:00 pm, at *Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore*. The following members have attended the meeting.

Executive Board Members:

- **Prof. Ravindra D. Gudi**, President
- **Prof. Jayesh Barve**, Vice-President
- **Prof. Arun Tangirala**, Vice-president
- **Dr. Shaikh Faruque Ali**, General Secretary
- **Dr. Arnab Maity**, Joint Secretary
- **Dr. S. N. Omkar**, Treasurer
- **Prof. Radhakant Padhi**, Executive Committee Member

List of other members present in the AGM:

- **Dr. P. K. Menon**, Honorary Member
- **Prof. M. S. Bhat**, Honorary Member

The key agenda for the meeting were the following:

1. Introduction about ACDOS.
2. Presentation of Annual Report 2018-19.
3. Presentation of Accounts and approval of annual budget for the year 2018-19.
4. Projections for the next financial year 2019-2020.
5. Membership Status and New enrolment statistics.
6. Decision on making the membership free.
7. Invitation of new honorary members.
8. Update on ACODS 2020.

1. Introduction about ACDOS

The General Secretary, Dr. Shaikh Faruque Ali, welcomed all the members and observers to the meeting, and introduced the society to all the non-members who were invited by the Society President as observers. He explained the benefits of ACDOS membership to non-members.

2. Presentation of Annual Report 2018-19:

The general secretary, Dr. Ali, formally presented the annual report, including the annual budget. All members of the society present at the meeting approved the annual report and the annual budget at 2:40pm.

3. Projections for the next financial year 2019-2020.

A detail discussion was held for the expected expenditure for the upcoming financial year. Dr. Ali gave the following projection of expected expenditure:

- IFAC Annual Fees: 1.35 (Lakh INR)
- Salary of Secretarial Staff: 1.44 (Lakh INR)

- Website Development and Maintenance: 0.50 (Lakh INR)
- Workshop and AGM expenditure: 0.90 (Lakh INR)
- Miscellaneous expenditure: 0.30 (Lakh INR)

Total: 4.49 (Lakh INR)

This projected budget was approved unanimously.

Moreover, the following decisions were also taken:

- The society office rent to be raised from 2,500/- to 3,000/- from 01 Jan 2020.
- Secretarial staff salary to be increased from 8,000/- to 10,000/- from 01 Jan 2020.

4. Membership Status:

There was a discussion on the membership status. The following statistics are presented in the meeting

- Professional members: 21 members
- Honorary members: 10 members
- Students: 17 members.

Subsequently, the following concerns were raised:

- Very low number of members.
- Declining number of memberships by the year.
- Lack of awareness of the existence of the society.

Prof. Arun Tangirala, a vice-president, suggested that the society should advertise the benefits of being an ACDOS member. He suggested that the benefits should be listed in the society website and made widespread visibility. After due deliberations, it was agreed to implement his suggestions and enhance the membership drive in all possible manner.

5. Proposal to invite new honorary members:

Names of the following eminent scientist/ researcher/faculty were proposed, and unanimously approved, to be invited as the honorary members of ACDOS for five years.

- Dr. K. Sivan, Chairman, ISRO
- Dr. B. N. Suresh, Chancellor, IIST
- Dr. P. Kunhikrishnan, Director, URSC/ISRO
- Mr. S. Somanath, Director, VSSC
- Prof. Anurag Kumar, Director, IISc
- Prof. Y. Narahari, Chairman, Division of Electrical Sciences, IISc
- Prof. Rudra Pratap, Deputy Director, IISc
- Prof. Jayant Modak, Deputy Director, IISc
- Prof. Ashok Joshi, IIT Bombay
- Prof. K. Sudhakar (Retd.), AE Dept, IIT Bombay, Mumbai
- Prof. Maruthi Ram Akella, University of Texas at Austin, USA
- Prof. Rajesh Rajamani, University of Minnesota, USA
- Prof. Shankar Narasimhan, IIT Madras, Chennai
- Prof. Sirish Shah, University of Alberta & University of Toronto, Canada

6. Update on hosting of ACODS 2020:

A brief information about upcoming society conference ACODS 2020 was given by Prof. Arun Tangirala. All members present in the AGM appreciated the effort being put for a successful conference.

7. Vote of Thanks and Closure of AGM

Finally, a vote of thanks was offered by Prof. Radhakant Padhi. The Annual General Body meeting was announced to be closed by Prof. Ravindra D. Gudi, President, ACDOS at 4.00 pm.