

AUTOMATIC CONTROL & DYNAMIC OPTIMIZATION SOCIETY
No. 31/2, 4TH CROSS, 6TH MAIN, MATHIKERE EXTN., BANGALORE – 560054

Minutes of the Seventh Board Meeting of the society held at registered office of the society on 5th day of April, 2013 at 4.00 PM.

Members present: 1) Prof. M. Seetharama. Bhat, President

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2) Prof. M. K. Ghosh Founding member

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3) Dr. S. N. Omkar, Treasurer

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4) Prof. D. Roy Mahapatra, Founding member

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5) Prof. Soumyendu Raha, Founding member

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6) Prof. Salabh Bhatnagar, Founding member

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Prof. M. S. Bhat welcomed the members to the meeting and informed them about the agenda of the meeting. This was followed by extensive discussion. The following decisions were taken in the meeting unanimously.

1. Formal approval of organizing Conference of ACODS 2014 at IIT Kanpur:

There was a request to approve the third International Conference on Advance in Control and Optimization of Dynamical Systems (ACODS-2014) during 13-15 March 2014 at IIT Kanpur. Letters of request is attached with this minute. It got approved unanimously by the executive members of station and also those from out station (by e-mail).

2. Approval to provide a seed money of Rs. 2 lacs for the event:

There was a discussion regarding the approval to provide a seed money of Rs. 2 lacs as an initial contribution for the event ACODS-2014. Based on feedback from executive members from outstation and members present, the board decided unanimously to provide the refundable seed money as per the society policy. ACDOS secretariat will send an approval letter with the finance sharing refundable policy of ACDOS, as approved in Annual General Meeting of 2012, with the following points:

- It will be binding on the local organizing committee of ACODS-2014 to return the seed money to ACDOS, without any deductions or interest. This will not be subjected to any terms and conditions from the conference organizing committee.
- Since there is no local chapter of the society that hosts the event, after all expenses towards organizing the conference as well as refunding the seed money from ACDOS, the balance money, if any, should also be returned to the society in full.
- The refunded money, along with a copy of the audited statement of accounts and a covering letter, should reach ACDOS within two months after the event is over.

After getting formal official acceptance letter from the organizing committee in the conference letter head with signatures of General chair and Finance chair, which accepts the above terms and conditions of ACDOS, it was decided that the seed money can be released.

3. Discussion about Society website:

Discussion is held regarding the society website. Members suggested that to improve the website quality and features so as to make more effective. New features like Website security, effective hosting of website, membership forms etc should be given. Prof. Raha opted to guide the website vendor (Mr. Subhasis) and that he will suggest about the implementations of new features and the security issues. There was a point of discussion to include the electronic signature in the society website. Prof. Raha suggested that the vendor should contact him. ACDOS secretariat to coordinate this activity

4. Date for Annual general meeting:

There was a discussion about the scheduling of next Annual General Meeting (AGM) for year 2013. It was decided that the 2nd half of the month of October will be convenient. For the AGM more fruitful, it was decided that, there should be the seminars or workshops for at least two days along with the AGM. It was brought to the notice of members present that one possible venue is IIT-Madras and Dr. Sk Faruque Ali, an Ex. comm. member of the society has shown interest to host it. It was decided that the ACDOS secretariat will coordinate on this matter in due course. It was also decided that the ACDOS secretariat will coordinate with Prof. Ramakalyan Ayyagari, General Secretary, to prepare the Annual Report of the society well in advance so that it can be circulated in the AGM.

5. Discussion about Seminar and workshop:

During the discussion, chairman said that the financial position needs to be improved. It is felt that the members of the society can offer short term courses/ workshop under the aegis of the society, which will help in augmenting the funds. It is also decided to encourage members to conduct seminars on the theme of society for increasing the visibility of the society. However, society will not be in a position to provide financial assistance to such events.

6. Executive Board meeting – Usages of Skype for outstation person:

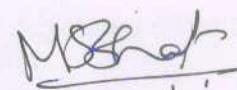
It was decided that executive board meeting or any other important meetings of society can be held, where provision may be made for participation of out station members via video conference / skype media. From next meeting onwards, this option can be explored.

7. Society Logo:

There was a discussion about the society logo, but no conclusion was drawn in the meeting. However, it was decided to explore various options so that it can be put up again in a subsequent meeting.

8. Vote of Thanks

After all deliberations, Prof. M. S. Bhat, Chairman of the Board, proposed a vote of thanks to the members present.



CHAIRMAN