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**MINUTES OF THE FIRST COUNCIL MEETING OF THE INDIAN LIBRARY
ASSOCIATION (ILA) (2016-2019)**

Held on 1stMAY, 2016

The first meeting of the Indian Library Association (ILA) Council (2016-2019) was held on Sunday, the 1st May 2016 at 11.30 A.M. in the seminar hall of the Shri Ram College of Commerce, Delhi. The following members attended the same:

1. Prof. Shabahat Husain (In the Chair)
2. Prof. P. B. Mangla
3. Prof. (Mrs) Ashu Shokeen
4. Dr. Kiran Lata
5. Dr. Mohan Ram Bhau Kherde
6. Dr. Rajesh Kumar Bhardwaj
7. Dr. Raj Kumar Bhakar
8. Dr. Pravin Kumar Choudhary
9. Shri Jagbir Singh Rana
10. Shri Mrinal Kantt Mondal
11. Dr. Chetan Sharma
12. Dr. Opendra Nath Chaubey
13. Dr. D V Singh
14. Dr. Kautilya Shukla
15. Dr. Narender Singh Shokeen
16. Dr. Rishi Kumar Tiwari
17. Shri Awadhesh Kumar Patel
18. Shri Surender Kumar
19. Dr. Dharam Kumar
20. Shri Rajiv Rana
21. Dr. Pardeep Rai (General Secretary)
22. Mrs Rajni Sharma
23. Dr. Vinod Kumar

Shri Parmanand and Dr. Bino Jose intimated their inability to attend the meeting due to unavoidable reasons.

Proceedings

At the very outset, Prof. Shabhat Husain extended a very warm welcome to all the members of the council. He thanked all the former Presidents namely Prof. P.B Mangla, Prof. Kautilya Shukla, Dr. D.V. Singh and Prof. Ashu Shokeen for sparing their valuable time for the meeting. The president appreciated the outgoing ILA team for their commendable work. Prof. P.B Mangla pointed out that this appreciation should be put on record. The president once again expressed his deep sense of gratitude for the contribution made by outgoing team of ILA office bearers. As advised by the honorable member, the same was put on record.

The following business was transacted as per the agenda of the meeting:

Agenda Item No. 1: As per the clause 9 of the constitution of ILA, the Executive Committee was constituted filling up the various vacant positions in the Council as follows:

1. The name of Dr. O.N. Chaubey (IGNSA Library, New Delhi) was proposed for the post of Sr. Vice President by Dr. D.V. Singh and Seconded by Dr. Pravin Kumar. Choudhary
2. Dr. Rishi Kumar. Tiwari's (Librarian, BIMTEC, NOIDA) name was proposed for the post of Secretary by Dr. N. S. Shokeen and seconded by Dr. O.N. Chaubey
3. The name of Dr. N.S. Shokeen for the post of Secretary was proposed by Dr. Pravin Kumar. Choudhary and seconded by Dr. Vinod Kumar. Sharma.
4. For the post of Public Relation Officer, Dr. Dharam Kumar's (Librarian, Aryabhata College, New Delhi) name was proposed by Dr. O.N Chaubey and seconded by Mrs. Rajni Sharma.
5. Dr. Vinod Kumar proposed the name of Mr. K.N. Jha (Lecturer, Meerabai Polytechnic, New Delhi) for the post of Librarian. It was seconded by Dr. Pravin Kumar. Choudhary.
6. Dr. Pravin Kumar. Choudhary's (DLF, Gurgaon) name was proposed for the post of Treasurer by Dr. N. S. Shokeen and seconded by Dr. Dharam Kumar.
7. As proposed by the honorable members, the following three persons were nominated for executive Committee by the council:
 - a. Dr. Chetan Sharma (Asstt. Librarian, GGSIP, Dwarka)
 - b. Mrs. Kiran Lata (Librarian, SKV, NCT Delhi)
 - c. Dr. D.V. Singh (Librarian, University of Delhi)

Thereafter all the vacant positions in the Council were filled up as follows:-

- I. **Council member –Central Zone:** Prof. Naushad Ali P.M, DLIS, A.M.U. was nominated by the council.
- II. **Council member-West Zone:** Dr. Kishore Parikh was nominated by the council.
- III. **Council member-East Zone:** Dr. P. Hansing , DLIS, NEHU was nominated by the council.
- IV. **Council member-Open Constituency:** In the General Election of ILA, Dr. B.R Gadagin was elected for two positions, i.e. as a Council member-South and also as a member from

open constituency. One post in Open Constituency had fallen vacant due to resignation of Dr. B.R Gadagin, against which Dr. Suresh Jange was nominated by the council.

Council members-Institutional: Three posts of Institutional council members were vacant as no nominations were received during the ILA elections. The council nominated only one member as follows:

- Director, Ministry of External Affairs library, Patiala House, Annexe – B , New Delhi-110001

The house authorized the President to appoint two other members after consulting the ILA institutional membership.

Agenda Item No. 2: Constitution of Sectional Committees and appointment of Chairpersons.

The house approved the names of the **Chair-persons** for the following sectional committees of ILA for the term 2016 – 2019.

- **Government department Libraries:** The name of Shri Sanjay Kumarr Bihani was proposed by Dr. O.N. Chaubey and seconded by Dr. Dharam Kumar.
- **Engineering & Technology Libraries:** The name of Dr. Milind Anasane was proposed by Dr. Mohan Kherde and seconded by Dr. Vinod Kumar.
- **Health Science Libraries:** The name of Dr. M. Masoom Raza was proposed by Dr. D.V.
- **University & College Libraries:** The name of Dr. Vinod Kumar. Sharma was proposed by Dr. N.S. Shokeen and seconded by Dr. D.V. Singh . Further, Prof. P.B Mangla proposed the name of Dr. Abhijit Sinha, Librarian, DDU, Delhi for the post of Convener of the committee, which was unanimously agreed upon.

The Council authorized the President to nominate the sectional committees consisting of chairpersons, Conveners, five members in each of the following sections and elsewhere as per the requirements:

- Education in Library & Information Science
- Oriental Libraries
- Public Libraries
- School / Children Libraries:
- Special Libraries:
- Library & Information Technology:
- Agricultural library:

Further, the members expressed the need of an additional committee to look into the pay related issues of the library professionals for the 7th Pay Commission. ILA President was authorized to constitute such an **ad-hoc committee**.

Agenda Item No. 3: Problems of Librarians and Library Profession

3.1 Accreditation of Library Science Courses

The President raised the issue of accreditation of LIS courses being run by various Government and non-government Universities and other institutions of higher learning. He emphasized that due to the large-scale mushrooming of library science courses without following any standards whatsoever with regard to course contents, ratio of theoretical and practical papers as also that of number of students per teacher, availability of sufficient number of library tools and other lab facilities, the prestige of the profession has been waning. He expressed the need for sensitizing the Ministry of Human Resource Development as well as U.G.C. to form a regulatory body, on the pattern of 'American Library Association' that is taking care of Library science courses being run in U.S.A. and Canada since ages; and other Library Associations elsewhere in other developed countries. The house specially Prof. P.B. Mangla, Dr. Kautilaya Shukla, Dr. D.V Singh, Dr. N.S. Shokeen and Dr. Vinod Kumar fully endorsed the views of the President and resolved further to prepare an argumentative document and press the issue at the right forums. Prof. P.B. Mangla suggested constituting a sub-committee for the purpose. To make the matter worth consideration, the house resolved to constitute two committees as follows:

Committee Number 1

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| a) Prof. P.B. Mangla | (Chairman) |
| b) Dr. Rajesh Kumar. Bhardwaj | (member) |
| c) Dr. Pravin Kumar. Choudhary | (member) |

Committee Number 2

(To be constituted by the ILA President under his chairmanship)

It was further decided that the two committees will initially prepare two drafts separately.

The final draft will be based on the two aforesaid drafts.

3.2 Appointments and Promotions of Librarians

The house strongly felt that a large number of positions of Librarians in various academic/research institutions are lying vacant throughout the country. Dr. Raj Kumar. Bhakar from Rajasthan shared his experience of collecting the relevant data from all over the state and ultimately getting 562 posts of Librarians filled up by the continuous perusal of Rajasthan Legislative Assembly. The house discussed the matter and resolved that the six ILA Vice-Presidents in coordination with the Council members of all the six zones may collect the data regarding the vacant posts of Librarians in their respective zones under the chairmanship of Dr. Kherde, who will ultimately be responsible for preparation of a document in consultation with the President for a follow up action.

3.3 Inter-changeable qualifications for appointment as Librarians/Teachers of Library Science

The house was of the opinion that it is the need of the hour and ILA should work for the implementation of inter-changeable qualifications for Librarian and LIS teachers. A committee was,

therefore constituted for the purpose with the following members who will prepare a representation on behalf ILA in consultation with the ILA President for further necessary action:

- a. Dr. Mohan R Kherde (Chairman)
- b. Dr. Abhijit Sinha (member)
- c. Dr. Vinod Kumar (member)
- d. Dr. Raj Kumar. Bhakar (member)

3.4 Establishment of Indian Institute of Library and Information Science as recommended by National Knowledge Commission (NKC)

The President informed the house of the recommendation of 'National Knowledge Commission' for the establishment of an "Institute of Library and Information Science", at par with other subjects. Dr. D.V. Singh informed the house of the efforts taken in the past in this regard that could not be succeeded somehow. After a threadbare discussion, the house resolved that the ILA should take all necessary steps for the establishment of Indian Institute of Library and Information Science. In view of his past experience, Dr. D.V. Singh was assigned the responsibility to look into the issue and take necessary action in consultation with the President of ILA.

3.5 Strengthening the Public Library Network from National level to Local Level.

The house supported the idea of strengthening Public Libraries from Local Level to National level. Dr. D.V. Singh informed the house that the President of ILA is a member of governing body of RRRLF, which will be a right forum to raise this issue. The house agreed to his proposal.

3.6 Parity of Scale of Pay and retirement age of librarians with teachers

The house was of the opinion that this is a major issue facing the librarians in all universities and colleges in the country. ILA had pressed the case earlier before pay revision committees and UGC from time to time. The Council resolved to constitute the following committee to look into the details of the matter and prepare a representation to the Central/State Governments:

- (i) Dr. D.V Singh (Chairman)
- (ii) Dr. Abhijit Sinha (Member)
- (iii) Dr. Dharam Kumar “
- (iv) Dr. Vinod kumar “

3.7 U.G.C. scheme of minor /major research projects:

In the recent past, a practice was, somehow developed not to consider Librarians for U.G.C. scheme of minor /major research projects. Dr. D.V Singh updated the house that the matter was to be resolved soon at U.G.C. level, but still ILA should write to UGC for the same.

3.8 Introduction of LIS subjects in the curriculum of Under Graduate Courses.

In order to make students good library users, LIS subjects in the curriculum should be introduced at Under Graduate level also, as being done in AMU since 1985. The house was of the opinion that ILA should work for it and prepare a proposal to be submitted to the Central/state governments for their perusal and necessary action.

Agenda Item No. 4 : any other Item with the permission of Chair

i. ILA-Office related issue:

The President raised the issue of present ILA office in Mukherjee Nagar, East Delhi, which of late has become a hub of privately run Coaching centers. Even the office itself is in a very bad shape, no better than a junk yard. He sought the opinion of the members regarding the shifting of the office to some better place. President informed the house that before coming to this meeting, he had an informal talk with Dr. Chaturvedi, Director, BIMTECH, who has very generously offered to provide office space for ILA at BIMTECH campus, NOIDA without any charge. Dr. D.V. Singh updated the house that ILA office cannot be shifted outside Delhi without the permission of General Body. Dr. N.S Shokeen informed the house that ILA is in process of requesting the Lt. Governor of Delhi for land allotment to the Association and the papers are ready for the same. Further update in this regards will be put up before the house in the next meeting. Prof. P.B Mangla suggested that ILA should approach the Government of Delhi with a request for allotment of a piece of land at an appropriate place in Delhi. The Association should approach the Ministry of Culture also with the same request. Dr. D.V.Singh further informed the house that the savings of IFLA Conference lying in the fixed Deposit of Standard Chartered Bank, 10 Sansad Marg , New Delhi on which litigation was going on since 2012 have now been cleared. The House requested Dr. D.V.Singh to undertake all necessary steps, so that the savings may come to the ILA account as early as possible. He was given one month's time to expedite the process. It was also suggested that the funds may later on be used for the construction of New Building of ILA, in case the piece of land is allotted to the Association. By the time, renovation of ILA office should be done for the smooth functioning of the Association.

ii. New Education Policy, 2015:

The President informed the house that the document pertaining to **New Education Policy 2015** being prepared at the behest of **Ministry of Human Resource Development** is reportedly devoid of a section on Libraries. The matter was discussed in detail. Prof. Mangla laid emphasis that ILA should prepare a document for the same. He further informed the house that IASLIC is going to organize a one day seminar on NEP on 9th may at IGNC A Delhi. He proposed that the ILA should tie up with them for preparation of aforesaid document.

iii. ILA-Website:

President sought the permission of the house to develop ILA website as a dynamic, interactive site with the facility of online membership. The house appreciated the proposal and gave a go ahead signal to the President. The financial implications may, however, be discussed in the meeting of Executive committee.

iv. T.A for Council members:

ILA has a provision for making the payment of T.A. to council members only for one meeting during the whole tenure of three years. The president opined that it is difficult for

outstation members to attend the meeting without any T.A. and that they should be paid T.A. at least once a year. The matter was discussed and finally referred to E.C. for consideration.

v. **Libraries in Private Institutions including public schools:**

The plight of the librarians pertaining to their service conditions, working hours and Salary structure in **Private Institutions including public schools** was discussed in detail. The house felt that the matter can be pressed only through the Accrediting Bodies e.g. AICTE, CBSE, etc which recognize the courses run by the private institutions.

The following committee was, therefore, constituted for the preparation of detailed document so that further necessary action may be taken up by ILA:-

- a. Dr. Rishi Kumar Tiwari (Convener)
- b. Dr. Vinod Kumar (member)
- c. Dr. Raj Kumar. Bhakar “
- d. Dr. Rajesh Kumar. Bhardwaj “
- e. Mrs. Rajni Sharma “

The meeting came to an end with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Dr. Pardeep Rai
General Secretary

Prof. Shabahat Husain
President