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Minutes of the General Body meeting held on 02.08.2019

1. The General Body (GB) meeting of the Ramanujan Mathematical Society (RMS) was held on 2nd August, 2019 at 6.30 PM in the Seminal Hall at the Guest House building of University of Pondicherry.
2. The Secretary of RMS extended a hearty welcome to the members present at the meeting.
3. The President of RMS, Professor S. Ponnusamy, welcomed the members present at meeting, and made general remarks on the need to make RMS function in a more efficient and professional manner and contribute to the mathematical community at large. He then proposed that everyone present shall stand up and observe two minute silence as a mark of respect to the departed souls who served the mathematical community with dignity and purpose. After this, he called upon the Secretary to take the GB through the agenda.
4. The EC thanked the members present for accepting the invitation to attend the meeting, and expressed its gratitude to the outgoing EC members. The EC also thanked Professor J.K. Verma of IIT Bombay for his kind help in acting as the Returning Officer for the elections to the RMS EC held during March 2019.
5. The minutes of the last GB meeting held on 2nd June 2018 at the Department of Mathematics, University of Delhi, Delhi was tabled for confirmation by the Secretary. After satisfactory clarification of the members' queries, Professor Tamilselvam proposed acceptance and Professor S. Jayaram seconded the previous GB meeting minutes, which was then passed by the present GB.
6. Professor J.K. Verma suggested that the member address database be updated from time to time to take into account possible changes.
7. The Secretary reported that until the conduct of the EC meeting on 31st July 2019, 77 new members had joined since last year, taking the total number of life members to 1487. By the time of the present GB meeting, the total number of new members swelled to 99, taking the number of life members to 1509. Professor S Jayaram proposed that admitting the new members to RMS be accepted, and Professor J.K. Verma seconded it. And the GB approved.

8. Following essential minutes approved at the EC meeting was presented by the Secretary, and was discussed by the GB:
 - (a) A sketch for the office building of RMS in Trichy was proposed by Professor R. Balakrishnan. The committee consisting of Professors Balakrishnan, Pon-nusamy and Durairajan will submit a detailed plan and budget. GB suggested that alternative proposals could also submitted to the EC.
 - (b) Proposal to organise Compact Courses sponsored by Professor Phoolan Prasad, who has offered Rs.1.5 lakhs every year, was approved. Thanking Professor Phoolan Prasad for the kind gesture, the following venues were suggested by the EC for the year 2019-20: Bharathidasan University, Trichy; Devi Ahilya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Indore; and Government Engineering College, Bikaner.
 - (c) It was decided to resume the workshops for school teachers jointly organised by RMS and Azim Premji University at various places across the country. The erstwhile committee in charge of this programme consisting of Professors Ambat Vijayakumar, B. Sury and Phoolan Prasad will take this up for further action.
 - (d) Steps will be taken to realise the publication of the Hindi and Telugu translations of 'The Man Who Knew Infinity' by Robert Kanigel.
 - (e) Guidelines document for the format of annual conferences of RMS prepared by Professors J.K. Verma, Ruchi Das and Rajshree Dhar was submitted to the outgoing EC. Present EC decided to consider the proposal for further discussion.
9. The audited statement was presented by the Treasurer. Professor J.K. Verma proposed acceptance, Professor S.K. Sahoo seconded, and the GB approved.
10. The Secretary read the reports by the chief editors of the RMS publications:

Journal of Ramanujan Mathematical Society (JRMS): The Chief Editor Professor R. Munshi reported that the JRMS continues to publish high level papers in Mathematics. A new webpage endorsed by the chief editor will soon be in place. To further handling of the editorial process efficiently, the chief editor proposed a new format and a reconstitution of the editorial board: **Chief Editor** – Professor R. Munshi; **Editors** – Professors B.V. Rajarama Bhat, Sudhir Ghorpade, Mahan Mj, K. Sandeep, R. Sujatha and Kaushal Verma; **Associate Editors** – Professors U.K. Anandavardhanan, Siva Athreya, V. Balaji, Prakash Belkale, Kingshook Biswas, Vyjayanthi Chari, Indira Chatterji, Atul Dixit, Sanoli Gun, Florian Herzig, Chandrasekhar Khare, Amalendu Krishna, Manjunath Krishnapur, Shrawan Kumar, D.S. Nagaraj, Mythily Ramaswamy, Anupam Saikia, Parameswaran Sankaran, Nimish Shah and S. Thangavelu.

Lecture Notes Series (LNS): The Chief Editor Professor V. Kumar Murty has constituted an editorial board consisting of Professors M.S. Narasimhan, S. Kesavan, J.K. Verma, Pramathanath Sastry and R. Parimala.

At this point, the GB passed a resolution to congratulate Professor V. Kumar Murty on his nomination as the Director of Fields Institute for Research in Mathematical Sciences, Toronto, Canada.

Mathematics Newsletter (MNL): The Chief Editor Professor S. Ponnusamy has effected some changes in the editorial board, and the present team consists of Professors B.V. Rajarama Bhat, Gautam Bharali, K. Gongopadhyay, Sanoli Gun, S.A. Katre, S. Kesavan, Sanjeev Singh, B. Sury and G.P. Youvaraj.

Professors C. Adiga and K.R. Vasuki will be **Managing editors** for all publications of RMS.

A proposal to start a new journal called the Bulletin of RMS was made, and further discussion will be taken up in due course by Professors Ponnusamy and Ambat Vijayakumar.

11. Two proposals were received for the venue for the 35th annual conference of RMS. One from Rajagiri School of Engineering and Technology (RSET), Cochin and another from Central University of Rajasthan, Kishangarh.

GB approved that the Central University of Rajasthan's mathematics department will host the 35th annual meeting during 6-8 August, 2020.

Considering that the year 2020 will be 100 years since the passing away of Srinivasa Ramanujan, it was decided by the GB that an International Conference be held during 11-14 December, 2020 at the RSET, Cochin. Professors Ambat Vijayakumar and K.S. Charak will be in charge of coordinating this conference.

12. With effect from 35th annual conference of RMS, the papers submitted for presentation will be screened by the committee consisting of the Vice President (Chair), Academic Secretary and local convener.
13. The GB thanked the organisers and various funding agencies for the efficient organisation and smooth conduct of the 34th annual conference of the RMS at the University of Pondicherry.
14. The GB meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.


Secretary
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