

THE MARINE BIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF INDIA
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MINUTES OF THE 56th ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD ON 1st MAY 2015

The meeting was attended by the following members

1. Dr. A. Gopalakrishnan, President
2. Dr. N. R. Menon, Vice President
3. Dr. N.G. K. Pillai, Vice President
4. Dr. K. S. Mohamed, Secretary
5. Dr. P.U Zacharia , Editor
6. Shri. K. P. Said Koya
7. Dr. C. P. Gopinathan
8. Dr. K. K. C. Nair
9. Dr. R. Jayakumar
10. Dr. I. Rajendran
11. Dr. G. Tamilmani
12. Dr. Anikuttan K. K
13. Dr. Jayasree Loka
14. Dr. D. Linga Prabhu
15. Dr. Loveson Edward L.
16. Dr. Ranjith L.
17. Dr. Raju Saravanan
18. Dr. Purushottama G.B
19. Dr. Ramkumar S.
20. Dr. S. Chandrasekhar
21. Dr. C. Kalidas
22. Dr. Kavitha M.
23. Dr. Sakthivel M.
24. Dr. Najmudeen T. M.
25. Dr. Satianandan T.V.
26. Dr. Boopendranath M. R.
27. Dr. Asokan P. K.
28. Dr. Joshi. K.K
29. Dr. Veerendra Veer Singh
30. Dr. Vijayagopal P.
31. Dr. Madhu K.
32. Dr. Bobby Ignatius
33. Dr. Santhosh B.
34. Dr. Anil M. K.
35. Dr. Joe K. Kizhakudan
36. Dr. Ramachandran C.
37. Dr. Narayanakumar R.
38. Dr. Shubadeep Ghosh
39. Dr. Venaktesan V.
40. Dr. Kaladharan P.
41. Dr. Sivadas M.
42. Dr. Reeta Jayasankar
43. Mr. Rajesh K. M.
44. Dr. Dineshababu A.P.
45. Mr. Sanil N. K.
46. Dr. Vinod K.
47. Dr. Vinay Kumar V.
48. Dr. Gyanaranjan Dash
49. Dr. Johnson B.
50. Dr. Ratheeshkuamr R.
51. Dr. Akhilesh K. V.
52. Dr. K. Mohamed Koya
53. Dr. Rajasekharan Nair J.
54. Dr. Behera P. R.
55. Dr. Sekar Megarajan
56. Dr. Amir Kumar Samal
57. Dr. Grinson George
58. Dr. Vipinkumar V. P
59. Dr. Madan M. S.
60. Dr. Manojkumar P. P.
61. Dr. Jagadis I.
62. Prof. C. K. Radhakrishnan
63. Dr. P. Laxmilatha
64. Smt. Reshma K. J.
65. Dr. Hemasankari. P.
66. Dr. Geetha R.
67. Dr. Indira Divipala
68. Dr. Josileen Jose
69. Dr. Shilta M. T.
70. Dr. Jasmin F.
71. Dr. Aswathy N.
72. Dr. Sandhya Sukumaran
73. Dr. Muktha M.
74. Dr. Vidya R.

75. Dr. Jeena N. S.
76. Dr. Bindu Sulochanan
77. Dr. Prema D.
78. Dr. Kripa V.
79. Dr. Shoji Joseph
80. Dr. Shobhana K. S.
81. Dr. Suja C. P.
82. Dr. Prathibha Rohit
83. Dr. Molly Varghese
84. Dr. Imelda Joseph
85. Dr. Vidya Jayasankar

86. Dr. A. Margaret Muthu Rathinam
87. Dr. Rema Madhu
88. Dr. Ganga U.
89. Dr. Sujitha Thomas
90. Dr. Shobha Joe Kizhakudan
91. Dr. Jasmine S.
92. Mr. Abhilash K. S.
93. Mr. Sajikumar K. K.
94. Dr. Rekha J. Nair
95. Dr. Somy Kuriakose
96. Shri. J. Narayanaswamy

Dr. K. Sunil Mohamed, Secretary welcomed the President, Vice Presidents, Executive Members and all members to the 56th Annual General Body Meeting of the Marine Biological Association of India. Before commencement of the meeting, all members observed two minutes silence in memory of the members who departed last year.

Agenda-2: Secretary's Report

Dr. Mohamed, Secretary presented the report of activities carried out during the previous year. He said that there has been an increase in the membership of MBAI and the number has gone up from 695 in 2013-14 to 714 in 2014-15.

Dr. Mohamed further explained the activities of the MBAI during the year.

- » The International Symposium MECOS2 conducted by Marine Biological Association of India
- » Dr. S. Jones Memorial Prize which was awarded to Dr. Bright Singh
- » IIOE- International Indian Ocean Expedition 50th Anniversary celebrations
- » Dr. Raghuprasad Memorial Award for the Best poster
- » Dr. M. Devaraj Memorial Award for the Best Paper
- » Young Marine Biologist Award
- » Explain the revival of MBAI registration.

Dr. Mohamed explained the Small Grant Programme which is being launched as per the decisions taken in the last GB. The grant is awarded by Marine Biological Association of India to encourage and reward brilliant young graduate students to pursue small and significant research activity, related to marine ecosystem/fisheries.

After the presentation Dr. Mohamed requested Treasurer, Dr. Somy Kuriakose to present the accounts.

Agenda-3: Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Dr. Somy Kuriakose, presented the Audited report for the period 2013-2014. The audited accounts were passed unanimously by the house. The accounts for the year 2014-2015 are pending with the Auditors.

Agenda-4: Editor's Report

Dr. Zacharia, Editor presented the Editor's report. In the report he stated that in 2014 **Volume 56 Issue (1&2) has been published**

Volume 56 Issue 1 is special publication on the proceedings of Asia Regional Symposium on Ecosystem Approaches to the Management and Conservation of Fisheries and Marine Biodiversity in the Asia Region IUCN-Mangrove for the future. This volume contains 17 papers and Volume 56 Issue 2, contains 15 papers. Volume 57 (1) for the period January-June 2015 is likely to be released in the coming June 2015. Now, 7 pre-press articles are ready for this issue, 4 revised papers are in editorial committee for editing.

From January 2014 to 31st March 2015 we have received total 51 papers in JMBAI. 10 papers were rejected and there are 41 manuscripts in various stages of processing.

Editor, thanked the President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, all Executive Members and the Editorial Committee, for all support during his term.

Agenda 5. Election of new office bearers for the period 2015-16 to 2017-18

As the term of the present Executive Council ended in 2014-2015, election of new office bearers for the three years (2015-16 to 2017-18) was held during the AGM.

The present Executive Council Members, Vice presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Associate secretary were unanimously re-elected for another term upto March, 2018.

Instead of Shri. J. Narayana Swamy, who was Associate Treasurer, Dr. Mini. K. G. was elected as the new Associate Treasurer. Instead of Dr. Joshi K. K. Associate Editor, Dr. Rema Madhu was elected new Associate Editor and a third Associate Editor was also elected (Dr. Vidya R). The Executive Council Member elected are Dr. K. K. K. C. Nair, Dr. C. P. Gopinathan, Dr. Boopendranath P. R., Shri. J. Narayanaswamy, Dr. K. V. Jayachandran and Dr. Kripa.

The following are the new Executive Council Members for the period 2015-16 to 2017-18:-

Sl. No.	Position	Elected/ Nominated Member
1	President	Dr. A. Gopalakrishnan
2	Vice President 1	Dr. N. R. Menon
3	Vice President 2	Dr. N.G.K. Pillai
4	Secretary	Dr. K. Sunilkumar Mohamed
5	Treasurer	Dr. Somy Kuriakose
6	Editor	Dr. P. U. Zacharia
7	Executive Council Member 1	Dr. K.K.C. Nair
8	Executive Council Member 2	Dr. M. R. Boopendranath
9	Executive Council Member 3	Dr. C. P. Gopinathan
10	Executive Council Member 4	Shri. J. Narayanaswamy
11	Executive Council Member 5	Dr. K. V. Jayachandran
12	Executive Council Member 6	Dr. V. Kripa
13	Associate Secretary	Dr. Rekha. J. Nair
14	Associate Treasurer	Dr. Mini. K. G.
15	Associate Editor 1	Dr. Molly Varghese
16	Associate Editor 2	Dr. Rema Madhu
17	Associate Editor 3	Dr. Vidhya R.

Agenda 6. Any other matter

After discussion, it was decided that Chennai chapter can chart out activities. Dr. Joe Kizhakudan promised to begin by activating Kids Corner.

(Action: Dr. Joe. K. Kizhakudan, Chennai)

Dr. Ghosh promised to arrange some fishery related talks/ lectures at Visakhapatnam Chapter.

(Action: Dr. S. Ghosh, Visakhapatnam)

Dr. Kripa said that the apart from Journal, can we have a marine life photo contest every year.

(Action: Dr. N. K. Sanil, Kochi)

Dr. N. G. K. Pillai opined that since more youngsters are there, more activities can be taken up this year, such as :

A) Enroll people from other Institution also **(Action: Secretary/Associate Secretary)**

B) Conducts quiz competitions. **(Action: Dr. V. Kripa, Kochi)**

The Vote of Thanks was proposed by Dr. Rekha Nair, Associate Secretary. The meeting came to an end by 6.45 pm.

