

THE MARINE BIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF INDIA
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MINUTES OF THE 53rd ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD ON
29th JUNE, 2012

The meeting was attended by the following members

1. Dr. G. Syda Rao, President
2. Dr. N.G. K. Pillai, Vice President
3. Dr. K. S. Mohamed, Secretary
4. Dr. P.U Zacharia , Editor
5. Dr. Terrance Rebello
6. Dr. C. Ravichandran
7. Dr. Rekha J Nair
8. Dr. N V Madhu
9. Dr. T. Balachandran
10. Dr. Rani Mary George
11. Dr. S Jasmine
12. Dr. Rema Madhu
13. Dr. Molly Varghese
14. Dr. Aswathy N.
15. Dr. Biji Xavier
16. Dr. Imelda Joseph
17. Dr. Shoji Joseph
18. Dr. Suja C P
19. Miss. Anulekshmi Chellappan
20. Dr. Jayasree Loka
21. Dr. Sujitha Thomas
22. Dr. Prathibha Rohit
23. Dr. Dinesh Babu A P
24. Dr. Vidya Jayasankar
25. Dr. A Margret Muthu Rathinam
26. Dr. D Prema
27. Dr. Bindu Sulochanan
28. Dr. P Hemasankari
29. Miss Indira Divipala
30. Dr. C Ramachandran
31. Dr. K. P Said Koya
32. Dr. G B Purushotama
33. Mr. Rajesh K.M
34. Dr. K Dinesh
35. Dr. Gulshad Mohamed
36. Dr. Madhu V R
37. Dr. C Kalidas
38. Mr. Ritesh Ranjan
39. Dr. S Ghosh
40. Mr. Rajool Shanis
41. Mr. Akhilesh K. V
42. Mr. P Satheeshkumar
43. Dr. M S Madan
44. Dr. Veerendra Veer Singh
45. Dr. C. P Gopinathan
46. Dr. K V Girijavallabhan
47. Dr. K V Somasekharan Nair
48. Dr. P. K Asokan
49. Dr. N Ramachandran
50. Dr. K K Joshi
51. Dr. K. K Vijayan
52. Shri N. K Sanil
53. Dr. P Vijayagopal
54. Dr. E M Abdusamad
55. Dr. V. Venkatesan
56. Dr. Vipinkumar V. P
57. Dr. R Narayana Kumar
58. Dr. K Madhu
59. Dr. R Sathiadas
60. Dr. Shyam S Salim
61. Dr. G Maheswarudu
62. Dr. G. Gopakumar
63. Dr. V D Deshmukh
64. Dr. K K Philipose
65. Dr. P P Manojkumar
66. Dr. R Jeyabaskaran
67. Dr. I Rajendran
68. Dr. N Rajendra Naik
69. Mr. Ranjith L
70. Dr. Pralaya Ranjan Behra
71. Dr. Ravikumar S
72. Dr. Johnson B
73. Dr. Vinod K
74. Dr. R Jayakumar

75. Dr. Srinivasa Raghavan
76. Dr. G Tamil Mani
77. Dr. M Saktivel
78. Dr. A K Abdul Nazar

79. Dr. A Nandakumar
80. Dr. M Sivadas
81. Dr. Satyanarayana Sethi

Dr. K. Sunil Mohamed, Secretary welcomed all members to the 53rd Annual General Body Meeting of the Marine Biological Association of India.

All members observed one minute silence in memory of members who passed away during the past year (Dr. P.R.S Thampi, Dr. R. Sarvesan and Dr. M. D. K. Kuthalingam). The President Dr. G Syda Rao, in his opening remarks stated that apart from Visakhapatnam, Mumbai and Chennai chapters can also be formed; and this can give more visibility to the Marine Biological Association of India. He requested all members to become more active in the programmes of the Marine Biological Association of India.

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 635 in 2011 to 688 in 2012. Dr. Mohamed further explained the activities of the MBAI during the last year.

- » MBAI Logo refurbished: The changes made in the MBAI Logo were shown.
- » Committee constituted to make Changes in the Constitution as it was outdated.
- » Changes in Journal Layout and cover – Dr. Mohamed explained the changes which have been brought out in the Journal Layout.
- » DOI (Digital Object Identifier) introduced for all JMBAI articles and MBAI has become a member of CROSSREF.
- » 'Online first' introduced for all papers- Dr. Mohamed explained how manuscripts are being uploaded on the website as and when they are being accepted for publication after refereeing.
- » MBAI participated in the World Environment Day celebration -2012 (WED, 2012) in cooperation with CMFRI, WWF India and LNG Petronet on June 05, 2012.

Agenda-3: Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Dr. Somy Kuriakose, Treasurer, Dr. Rekha Nair, Associate Secretary presented the Audited report for the period January 2011- March 2011. The audited accounts were passed unanimously by the house. The accounts for the year 2011-2012 are pending with the Auditors.

Agenda-4: Editor's Report

The Editor Dr. P U Zacharia, requested the oldest member in the AGM, Dr. Girijavallabhan to release the first issue of the Journal of Marine Biological Association of India in new format. Dr. Girijavallabhan and another older member Dr. Balachandran, jointly released the latest issue of JMBAI Volume 54 (1), 2012 with the new layout and

cover. Dr. Zacharia, Editor then presented the Editor's report. In the report he stated that during the last year, 2 issues containing 39 papers were published. Currently, there are 33 manuscripts in various stages of processing. He thanked the President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, all Executive Members and the Editorial Committee, for all support. He also thanked Ms. Melna for excellent secretarial assistance.

Agenda-5- Amendments to the Constitution of MBAI

Dr. N.G.K. Pillai, Vice President and Chairman of the Committee on Constitution Amendment, presented the amendments made in the constitution. Following are some of the changes approved by the General Body.

Article 4 (b) Benefactors: A Benefactor shall be a person/institution subscribing a sum of Rupees Ten thousand or more

Article 4 (c): Donors : A Donor shall be a person/ institution subscribing a sum of rupees Five thousand or more

Item e: Corresponding members: Corresponding Members shall be eminent scientists residing outside India who are likely to promote the aims and objectives of the Association. There shall not be at any time more than 20 Corresponding Members.

Life Membership: It was decided to raise the Life membership subscription amount to Rs. 5000. Installment payment facility will be given, however installments are to be completed within a year.

Foreign Membership: US\$ equivalent of the same amount (Rs. 5000/-) would be charged for foreign members.

Student Membership: A new category introduced will be Student Membership at half the full membership cost (Rs. 2500/- payable in installments within one year). This should however be converted to Life Membership within five years by paying the remaining Rs. 2500/-

Article. 9 : The financial year of the Association shall be April-March of every year. A Member whose subscription is in arrears shall be excluded from the privileges of the Association until the arrears are paid. If the arrears are paid within two years after the membership has ceased, no entrance fee shall be charged but when the arrears are paid after a period of two years, but not later than five years, one half of the entrance fee shall be collected. Full entrance fee shall be charged for the renewal of the membership after a lapse of five years.

Article 18 : 'Resident Editors' at Cochin' – since the printing is being done at Kochi itself, the term has been removed.

Article 19: Term 'Local branches' are changed to 'local chapters'.

Financial powers: Secretary's financial power has been raised from Rs 500 to Rs. 1,00,000/- each time and cash with Treasurer from Rs. 2500 to Rs. 10,000/-

The new constitution will be finalized in the next Executive Council and put in the website.

Agenda 6. Election of new office bearers for the period 2012-13 to 2014-15

As the term of the present Executive Council ended in 2012, election of new office bearers was held during the AGM. The present Executive Council Members were unanimously re-elected for another term upto March, 2015, except for Dr. A. Gandhi, from Kakinada. Instead of Dr. A. Gandhi, Dr. Maheswarudu, Secretary, Visakhapatnam Chapter of MBAI was proposed as the new Executive Council Member by Dr. G. Gopakumar and seconded by Dr. N G K Pillai. The house unanimously elected Dr. G. Maheswarudu as Executive Council Member.

Agenda 7. Any other matter

Dr. Girijavallabhan proposed holding of an International Seminar on Corals by the Marine Biological Association of India in the light of the fact that the first International Coral Reef Symposium was held by the Marine Biological Association of India in 1960. Dr. Rani mentioned that Symposium on Corals is coming up in July 2012 in Australia and we can try for the next International symposium by collaborating with the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI). Dr. Mohamed suggested that Dr. Rani Mary George take the lead with the help of Dr. Jeyabaskaran.

(Action: Dr. Rani May George & Dr. R. Jeyabaskaran)

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

