

THE INDIAN OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

CHENNAI - 14.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD ON 30-11-2003.

The Annual General Body Meeting of the Indian Officers' Association was held on 30-11-2003 at 10.30 a.m. (Saturday) at K.J.B.M. Hall, Hotel Palmgrove, No.13, (Old No.5), Kodambakkam High Road, Chennai - 34.

154 Members of the Indian Officers' Association attended the meeting. Thiru V. Kandasamy, Jt. Secretary, I.O.A., welcomed the gathering. Thiru K. Allaudin, I.A.S., V.P., I.O.A., and Thiru A.S. Muthusamy, V.P., I.O.A., addressed the members.

Thiru A.S. Muthusamy (Rtd. Judge), Vice-President gave a brief account of the suit filed by five members of I.O.A. and expressed the view that this suit is totally unwarranted as the affairs of the Association are conducted properly. He also hoped that the Association would steer clear of the case and march towards greater achievements.

Thiru Allaudin, I.A.S., Vice-President, in his address, emphasized that the Association is known for its glorious tradition and it should continue to be exemplary in serving the members and in adhering to its values and principles. He appealed to the members to extend their full cooperation and to suggest new avenues of service activities leaving aside any differences of opinion. The interests of the Association may be kept above individual interests and work for the ideals for which I.O.A. was formed.

In his address, Thiru R. Sellamuthu, I.A.S., President explained briefly the achievements of the Association in the matter of its income and services to the



members, He commended and underscored that the Association should serve the public also in as much as it has become a charitable organisation as result of the assiduous efforts. The Association has got exemption from the payment of income tax, which is indeed a substantial benefit to boost the service profile of the Association.

The president declared "The General Body is the supreme authority to decide all matters; Any attempt to dilute its powers should be dealt with properly to safeguard the interest, power and supremacy of the General Body".

He also outlined the future plans of the Association for setting up a "Medical consultation centre" and for utilising the computer lab as a study centre for certain courses.

G.S's Report :- Dr. Pon. Lakshmanan, the General Secretary, has presented the Annual Report and highlighted the activities of the I.O.A.

He referred to the selfless acts of the members and the office bearers from the inception, which has resulted in valuable property for I.O.A. in the form of land, building and other assets. We have borrowed Rs.2 crores from Indian Bank and we have repaid Rs.4.37 crores towards Principal and Interest. We had repaid loan of 1 crore to Government of Tamilnadu. We have requested the Government to waive the interest. We had furnished the information regarding our premises to Chennai Corporation in fulfillment of our statutory obligation. The Corporation of Chennai had sent proposal for the Property Tax to the tune of Rs.2,93, 755 per 6 months and they had sent the confirmation of the Property Tax at Rs.5,87, 510 per 6 months. Both the proposal letter and the confirmation letter were received from them on the same day. We had appealed to the Government to give exemption to I.O.A. property from Property Tax under Sec.



101 C of the Madras Municipal Corporation Act 1919. Pending disposal of our request for exemption, we requested the Commissioner of the Chennai Corporation to reduce the rate of Property Tax to Rs.2,93,755 per 6 months. The Chennai Corporation claimed arrears of the Property Tax to the tune of Rs.58,75,100/- we had paid Rs.20 lakhs towards arrears.

But the Corporation was pressurising us to pay the arrears in full. They had issued notice to all the tenants in our complex to pay the rent to the Chennai Corporation directly. They pressured the tenants, to comply with their order. Fortunately, we persuaded the tenants to pay the rent to us. Preferring an appeal to the Appellate Tribunal requires depositing the amount claimed. Further we were also advised that going on appeal is not desirable. Hence we had filed a W.P. and got stay order against the Corporations order.

We have made improvement in the Guest room. Now all the 10 Guest rooms are self contained (bath attached) we have provided mirrors, and Nylon net to prevent mosquito.

In the previous G.B. meeting members mooted the subject of having a Pensioners Home. The E.C. appointed a Sub-Committee to study about the pensioners Home. Under the Chairmanship of Thiru Allaudeen, I.A.S., Vice President, I.O.A., the Committee visited many Pensioners Homes in the city and submitted its report.

The E.C. had deliberations on the desirability of having a free Health Clinic; as such the activities of the Association, will be in line with the objectives of our Association, and would manifest that we deserve the exemption given by the I.T. Dept.

In the previous G.B. Meeting the members expressed the view that the I.O.A. should publish a news bulletin. The E.C. appointed a sub-committee, and the sub-



committee came out with the proposal for publishing a Quarterly journal entitled "I.O.A. News". The members are aware that the bulletin is published regularly, keeping the members informed of the activities of I.O.A.

The Nylon Chair Knitting Centre for blind boys, is continued to be run. The stipend to the trainees were enhanced to Rs.15/- per day per head from Rs.5/- per day. The I.O.A. I.T. Academy of our Association offers various training programmes at the lowest possible rates to all. The members and their wards or their relatives may avail themselves of the facilities, We had conducted Health Camps as usual, under the steward ship of Dr. V.S. Natarajan. The other activities may be seen in the annual report which is in your hands, the General Secretary added.

Honouring the Senior members present and who are above 70 years of age.

The Association honoured 41 members who were above 70 years of age and were present, by presenting "Ponnadais".

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the General Body meeting held on 2-10-2002

The minutes of the G.B. Meeting held on 2-10-2002 which were incorporated in the annual report was presented to the members and the same was confirmed by the members.

2. Approval of Annual Report together with the audit report and the statements of accounts for the year 2002-2003.

The annual report together with the audit report and the statements of accounts for the year 2002-2003, which



was incorporated in the annual report was approved by the members unanimously.

3. Confirmation of the Resolution of the Executive Committee meeting held on 1-10-2003 authorising the continuance of the Executive Committee till election of new office bearers.

The annual G.B. Meeting scheduled to be held on 2.10.2003 could not be held, Thiru S. Muthukrishnan, Dr. Kannappan, Thiru Pandian, Thiru Sathyamoorthy and Thiru Krishnan had got a stay order against the holding of the annual G.B. Meeting and the election to be held on 2.10.2003. That stay order was received only on 1.10.2003 at 4.30 p.m. Hence the E.C. meeting was conducted immediately after the annual day celebration and passed the unanimous resolution for the continuance of the E.C. till election of new office bearers and of members of E.C.

The G.B. unanimously resolved to confirm the resolution of the E.C. meeting held on 1.10.2003, authorising the continuance of the E.C. till election of new office bearers and E.C. members.

4. Proposed amendment of Bye law 15(i) so as to provide for the tenure of members of the EC and of the office bearers to be 2 years and consequently to amend Bye-law 16(iv) so as to provide that the total tenure of an incumbent of an EC Member and of the office bearer to be 3 consecutive terms or 6 consecutive years in each post.

The G.B. discussed the above subject elaborately. As there were some dissenting voices, the matter was left for voting by raising the hands. 106 members voted in favour of the proposed amendment and 16 members were not in favour of the amendment. Thus the proposed amendment was passed.



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5. Nomination of Auditor for the year 2003-2004.

It was resolved to appoint M/s. Raja Associates, T.Nagar, Chennai - 17, as auditors for auditing of accounts for the year 2003-2004 (1.4.2003 to 31.3.2004) at an annual remuneration of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only).

6. Resolution :

1. Dr. Subramanian proposed the following resolution

There is a list of Private Hospitals - Nursing Home + Institution which by a G.O. is recognised for management / treatment / surgery / irradiation etc. for the purpose of reimbursement of expenses incurred by officers in service.

The maximum limit prescribed for health requirement is Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakhs only) for Govt. Servants in service, where as it is only Rs.50,000/- for reimbursement for Govt. Pensioners. Since pensioners are in failing helath, it should be meted out on equal status. Hence the pensioners should also be paid Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakhs only) instead of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand only) as now existing.

Suggestions :

1. Thiru Tamil Selvan suggested that I.O.A. should encourage games and sports for the development of youth.

2. Thiru T.S. Pandian suggested that I.O.A. should embark on educational activities. It can have a coaching centre for candidate coming for civil services like I.A.S., I.P.S., etc. The Association can also start educational institutes like institute of management, M.C.A. etc. For developing such institutions, land can be acquired outside the city.

3. Thiru Akbar suggested that I.O.A. may have an in built mechanism to sort out problems.



4. Selvi Sankari, suggested that the Guest rooms could be open to women also.

Election of members of the Executive Committee and of the office bearers.

The G.B. unanimously nominated Thiru Akbar and Thiru Krishnan as the Election Officers.

They independently conducted the election.

1. They called for nomination for each post and where ever, more than one candidate was in the fray for a post election by secret ballot was conducted. The votes were counted and the results announced by the Election officers.

Patron :

His Excellency the Governor of T.N. Thiru P.S. Ramamohan Rao will continue to be the Patron of the Association for the year 2003-2005.

President :

Justice Thiru A.K. Rajan and Thiru R. Sellamuthu, I.A.S., were proposed and seconded for the post of President. Thiru R. Sellamuthu, I.A.S., withdrew from the contest in favour of Justice Thiru A.K. Rajan.

Justice Thiru A.K. Rajan was declared to have been elected as the President of I.O.A.

Vice President - 2 Posts.

Thiru K. Alludeen, I.A.S., Justice, Singaravelu, Thiru R. Sellamuthu, I.A.S. and Thiru A.S. Muthusamy were proposed and seconded. Justice Thiru Singaravelu and Thiru A.S. Muthusamy withdrew from the contest.

Thiru R. Sellamuthu, I.A.S. and Thiru K. Aladeen, I.A.S. were declared elected as Vice-Presidents of I.O.A.



General Secretary :

Dr. Pon. Lakshmanan's name was proposed and seconded and he was declared elected unanimously. The General Body authorised Dr. Pon. Lakshmanan, General Secretary to act on behalf of the I.O.A., Chennai - 14 in all legal and quasi legal proceedings and to operate savings, current, fixed deposits accounts etc., and withdrawal of amount from the S.B. A/c No.4777, 6077, 513 in TNSC Bank Ltd., Royapettah Branch, Chennai - 14, the S.B. A/c No.30001, 30138, 30214, in the Indian Overseas Bank, Dr.Radhakrishnan Road, Mylapore, Chennai - 4, S.B. A/c No.01100050472 in SBI, Royapettah and do all such acts as necessary for furtherance of the objects of the Association.

Joint Secretary :

The names of Thiru L. Boopalan and Thiru V. Kandasamy were proposed and seconded. Thiru V. Kandasamy withdrew in support of Thiru L. Boopalan.

Thiru L. Boopalan was declared elected unanimously.

Treasurer :

The name of Thiru K. Govindan was proposed and seconded and he was declared elected unanimously. The General Body authorised Thiru K. Govindan, Treasurer to operate the S.B. A/c No.4777 and 513 in the TNSC Bank Ltd., Royapettah Branch, Chennai - 14 the S.B. A/c No.30001, 30138, in the I.O.B., Dr. Radhakrishnan Road, Chennai - 14, and the Current A/c No.33061, in Indian Bank, Mylapore, Chennai - 4 on behalf of the Indian Officers' Association, Royapettah, Chennai - 14.

Committee Members : Nine

The names of the following members were proposed and seconded.



1. Thiru G.K. Akbar Ali
2. Thiru G.S. Pandian
3. Thiru M. Ponniraivan
4. Thiru V. Ramanathan
5. Thiru V.S. Venugopalan
6. Thiru V.S. Kandasamy
7. Thiru Ragavendra Rao
8. Thiru Jai Singh
9. Thiru Dr. T. Chandra Segaran
10. Thiru Immanuvel Thangaraj
11. Thiru A. Muthu Krishnan
12. Thiru P. Balasubramanian
13. Thiru Dr. Thirunavukarasu
14. Thiru P.K. Jeya Kumar
15. Thiru S. Chokkalingam
16. Thiru V. Kandasamy
17. Thiru P. Kadirvelu
18. Thiru P. Gopal
19. Thiru A.S. Muthusamy

Secret ballot was conducted and the following (in the order of No. of votes polled) were declared elected.

1. Thiru P. Jeya Singam
2. Thiru V. Kandasamy



3. Thiru Dr. T. Chandra Segaran
4. Thiru A.S. Muthusamy
5. Thiru P. Kadhivelu
6. Thiru A. Muthukrishnan
7. Thiru G.M. Akbar Ali
8. Thiru M. Ponniraivan
9. Thiru V.S. Kandasamy

Votes of Thanks :

Justice Thiru A.K. Rajan thanked the members. Dr. Pon. Lakshmanan, G.S., proposed a vote of thanks.

National Anthem

The General Body Meeting concluded with the National Anthem.

