

NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM

Minutes of the Ninth Meeting of the Management Committee of the NPL Former Scientists Forum, held on Friday, January 9, 2003 at 10.00 A.M. in the TEC Conference Room of the National Physical Laboratory.

Attendance: The following Members of the Management Committee attended the meeting:

1. Dr. V N Bindal	...	...	...	...	President
2. Dr. O P Bahl	...	...	...	...	Vice-President
3. Dr. V S Panwar	...	...	...	...	Joint secretary
4. Shri V P Wasan	...	...	...	...	Treasurer
5. Dr. P C Jain	...	...	...	...	Member
6. Shri G K Arora	...	...	...	...	Secretary

In addition, Shri K N Bhatnagar who had been earlier deputizing for Dr. P C Jain, during his sojourn abroad, also attended the meeting.

As had been indicated in the notice for the meeting (dated 30. 12. 2003), posted on 31. 12. 2003, the members of the three Area Committees had also been invited to attend the meeting, so that decisions on various issues relating to them could also be taken. In addition to the Members of the Management Committee serving on these Committees also, this included Shri B S Gaira, Member of the Medical Facilities to Pensioners Committee who did not attend the meeting. Shri S Parthasarathy – who is another Member of the Medical Facilities to Pensioners Committee was learnt to be out of station, and had not been sent the notice for the meeting.

The other Members of the Management Committee who were not present at the meeting were Mrs. Santosh Aggarwal, Shri R C Dhawan, Dr. A P Jain, Dr. (Mrs.) Namita Kundu, Dr. K C Nagpal (Charman, Newsletter Committee), Dr. J K N Sharma (Chairman, Programme Committee), Shri Shiv Nath, Dr. B N Srivastava, and Dr. J C Trehan. Of these, Dr. Trehan had regretted his inability to attend the meeting on account of his ill health.

AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Welcome & Introductory Remarks by the President:** Dr. Bindal welcomed the Members to the meeting. He said that there were a number of very important issues before the Committee, but the attendance being very thin, whether it was desirable to take them up at this meeting. As per the Rules and Regulations of the Forum, “*there shall be at least one meeting of the M.C. per quarter on a 3-day notice, and the quorum shall be 50%*”. While sufficient advance notice had been given for the meeting, the quorum was not complete.

The Members were of the opinion, that since all the elected Office Bearers were present, and the issues relating particularly to the items relating to the Newsletter and the First Foundation day Celebrations could not be deferred, strict adherence to the specific rule relating to the quorum for the meeting of the M.C. may not be adhered to. Since for the meeting of the Governing Body of the Rules and Regulations have a provision of holding the meeting when the quorum is not complete, we may go by the spirit behind the rule relating to the quorum for the M.C. Accordingly, it was decided not to postpone the meeting.

Dr. Bindal mentioned about the efforts that had been put in by Dr. B N Srivastava, and Dr. V V Shah to identify some of the medical issues that the Medical Facilities to Pensioners Committee may address itself to. Dr. Srivastava had also drawn up a draft also of a letter for seeking the help of Dr. Verma, in approaching Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi. This had been passed on to Dr. O P Bahl, for suitable action.

Dr. Bahl, informed that he had drafted out a letter in the light of the deliberations already made by the Committee chaired by him, keeping also the suggestions made by Dr. Srivastava. He read out the draft letter that he had prepared. While, the committee was in full agreement with the issues brought out in the letter, it was felt that there was room for improvement in it. It was decided that the views of Dr. Verma may be obtained in this regard, so that an appropriate letter could be sent by the Forum to Dr. Joshi.

Before moving over to the other items on the Agenda, Dr. Bindal mentioned about the election of the New Office Bearers of the Forum by the Management Committee for the two-year term 2004 – 2006, at the General Body Meeting held on November 25, 2003. As per the Rules and Regulations of the Forum “*all the records, documents, accounts and assets shall be handed over to the New Elected Management Committee within a period of 15 days from the date of declaration of the results of the Election, by the Returning Officer*”. In the

present case, all the Elected Office Bearers of the Forum had been unanimously elected, and there was no need of taking any action as prescribed under this specific rule.

It was felt that as a general practice, the take over of the functions of the Forum, by the new Management Committee should be at the commencement of the New Financial Year.

2, Status Report by the Secretary:

- 1. Approval to the Induction of New Members and According the Members who had attained the age of 75 years as on January 1, 2004, the Status of Senior Members**
- 2. Appointment of Auditor from out of the Members of the Forum**
- 3. NPL Former Scientists Forum Newsletter – Approval of Draft and Collection/Compilation of information in regard to the following in particular:**
 - a. Message from the President**
 - b. Messages from the Patrons**
 - c. Secretary's Report**
 - d. Advertisements**
- 4. Date, Time, Venue and Programme for the First Foundation Day Celebration Meeting of the Forum**
- 5. Date and Venue for a Picnic**
- 6. Consideration of the Suggestion made by Prof. Gopal regarding enrollment of Technician/Supporting Staff also as Members of the Forum**
- 7. Any other Item with the Permission of the Chair.**