

THE INDIAN OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held at 5.00 PM on 31-12-2020, Thursday at committee Hall of Indian Officers' Association.

The following Members were present.

- 1. Frank Stephen Louis, Vice President-1 & President (i/c)
- 2. R.Murthy, Vice President-2
- 3. R.S.Shrinivasan, Joint Secretary
- 4. V.Nandakumari EC Member
- 5. S.Jagadeesan, EC Member
- 6. P.Baskaran, EC Member
- 7. D.Krishnamurthi, EC Member
- 8. R.Durai, EC Member
- 9. M.Sridhar, EC Member
- 10. P.Harikrishnan, EC Member
- 11. V.Muthaiyan, EC Member

Thiru S.Jagadesan, EC member invited Thiru. Frank Stephen Louis, Vice President-1 & President i/c to occupy the Chair and conduct the proceedings. All members present endorsed it. Subsequently the Executive Committee Meeting was chaired by Thiru. Frank Stephen Louis.

- 1. The Executive Committee recorded the resignation of Justice M.Jeyapaul from the President post with effect from 28-12-2020 and taking over the Charge as President(i/c) by Thiru. Frank Stephen Louis. The Executive committee assured its fullest cooperation to the President(i/c).
- 2. The Executive Committee resolved to confirm the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 29-02-2020 except table Agenda-2 (Resolution No.16) and table agenda-3 (Resolution No.17).
- 3. The Executive Committee resolved to accept the resignation tendered by Thiru. R.Karpoorasundarapandian from the post of General Secretary with effect from 31-12-2020 with the observation that the Executive Committee is totally not agreeable to the views and reasons/opinion expressed therein by him.

- 4. The Executive Committee resolved to accept the resignation tendered by Thiru V.Kandasamy from the position of the co-opted Executive Committee Member & treasurer (i/c) with effect from 31-12-2020, AN.
- 5. The Executive Committee resolved to accept the resignation tendered by Thiru L.J.Singaravelan from the position of Hony.Warden and General manager with effect from 31-12-2020, AN.
- 6. The Executive Committee resolved to place Thiru. R.S. Shrinivasan, Joint Secretary, in Full Additional Charge of the post of General Secretary, IOA with immediate effect and to place Thiru R.Durai, EC member in Full additional Charge of the post of Treasurer, IOA with immediate effect.
- 7. Thiru R.Karpoorasundarapandian, the then General Secretary, has written a letter dated 30-12-2020 addressed to Chennai Collector and another letter dated 31-12-2020, intimating his resignation directly to the tenants of IOA without the approval of Executive Committee. He has wantonly indulged into casting aspersions on a century old organization just to save him from his misdeeds of autocracy. To camouflage his failures as General Secretary of the Association, he has resorted to mudslinging which is totally against the interest of Indian Officers' Association. The said letters contain unwanted allegations against IOA and its functioning which are perse defamatory. This has set a bad precedent. note then It painful to that the General Secretary Thiru R.Karpoorasundarapandian has mentioned in the above said letters that his resignation is due to some illegal activities being carried out by the Indian Officers' Association. Interestingly those activities were executed by him during his tenure as General Secretary. The Executive committee is of the view that this is an illegal and unwanted act damaging the very reputation of IOA. The above said letters have contained false allegations amounting to moral turpitude Thiru R.Karpoorasundarapandian, L.M.No. 2972 inviting actions against under clause 11 of the Bye-Laws of the Indian Officers' Association. The Executive Committee resolved to condemn, the then General Secretary Thiru R.Karpoorasundarapandian, L.M.No.2972 for this kind of anti-Association activities affecting the interest of IOA.
- 8. The Executive Committee resolved to record the following:
 - The proposed amendments to the bye laws were rejected in the AGBM held on 27-12-2020. Prior to AGBM held on 27-12-2020, the Executive Committee has already rejected the proposal to amendments to Bye-Laws by a vote of 11 against 5. Despite EC's rejection, the then President and the then General Secretary included the subject in the agenda of the 113th AGBM and tried to pressurise the members present without giving due respect to the decision arrived at the Executive Committee. Since all members present in the 113th AGBM, have not only objected but also rejected the proposed amendments, the then President and the then General Secretary have left the meeting without assigning any reason. In these circumstances, the then General Secretary, Thiru R.Karpoorasundarapandian has issued a notice (File

No Circulation Note No. 38/2020, dated 29-12-2020) to 11 Executive Committee Members out of 16 EC Members on 29-12-2020 without the approval of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee has taken into account of this notice issued in violation of Clause 11 of the Bye-Laws of IOA. This is another example of his arbitrary, undemocratic and uncivilized activities during his tenure as General Secretary of IOA. In the notice, he termed the democratic method of passing dissent by Executive Committee members as illegal and anti-association activities. The members of the Executive Committee are elected members and the democratic process calls for dissent wherever felt necessary. In sending the above said notice to vast majority EC members, he has conducted himself against the interest of IOA with a vindictive motive. Further the said notice exposed his anti-association activities and his attitude of pushing through matters of IOA without proper discussion and analysis.

In the circumstances described above, the Executive Committee resolved that the 11 Executive Committee members shall totally ignorethe notice, viz. File No Circulation Note No.38/2020 dated 29-12-2020 issued by the former General Secretary Thiru. R.Karpoorasundarapandian as the notice is against the rights and privileges of elected Executive Committee members. The Executive Committee resolved to record its strong condemnation for the action of the then General Secretary in this regard.

- 9. The Executive committee resolved to treat the notice, viz. File No Circulation Note No.38/2020 dated 29-12-2020 issued to 11 Executive Committee members by the former General Secretary Thiru. R.Karpoorasundarapandian as null and void.
- 10. The Executive Committee took note of the fact that Thiru R.Karpoorasundarapandian in his capacity as then G.S. has arbitrarily called for explanations from Life members 1). Tvl. P.R.Shampath, L.M.No.787, 2). R.Paranjothi, L.M.No. 1539, 3). P.Kadhirvel, L.M.No.310, and 4). G.Ponnambalam, L.M.No 1101. for the purchase of travel kits which were supplied to members as contravention of the provision of Section 25(2) of Tamil Nadu Societies Registrar Act, 1975 and also invoking Clause 11(v) of the Bye-Laws of Indian Officers' Association in this regard. The E.C. has strongly expressed its view against the arbitrary nature of such action of the then General Secretary and the untenable stand taken by the then General Secretary.
- 11. The Executive Committee resolved to record the following Facts:

The Executive Committee views with grave concern the indecorous and undemocratic activities of the then President (Justice Thiru M.Jeyapaul) and then General Secretary (Thiru.R.Karpoorasundarapandian). The then President has abruptly left the meeting, after announcing his resignation as President of IOAwith effect from 28-12-2020 and the General Secretary has followed him taking away the resignation letter of then President and

memorandum signed by over 70 members expressing No Confidence on General Secretary. Inspite of this position and after keeping in dark the proceedings that took place after the sudden voluntary walk out of the above mentioned two, a copy of the Minutes of the 113th AGBM was circulated under the signature of the then President on 29-12-2020(with approval date indicated as 27-12-2020)

The EC would like to place the following facts before the Honourable members.

- i) An untenable attempt has been made to tarnish the image of Frank Stephen Louis, pro term Presidentin the meeting. The contents of his speech extracted therein would reveal the correct position. All arguments contained therein are not only convincing but also cannot be countered. They were presented by him cogently and convincingly in a polite and democratic manner. Thiru Frank Stephen Louis's speech was well received by the General Body with a great applause and most of the Life members overwhelmingly congratulated him for the appreciable stand taken by him. But the intolerance on the part of then President and General Secretary has shown this in a different way. The EC resolved to record its appreciation for Frank Stephen Louis, President (i/c) and condemnation of the way in which his noteworthy speech was presented in the Minutes of the 113th AGBM circulated through WhatsApp by then General Secretary on 27-12-2020.
- ii) The EC also condemns the following unadulterated lies noticed in the above mentioned document:
- (a) Both the then President and the then General Secretary have left the 113th AGB meeting abruptly. It is now said that Thiru Frank Stephen Louis, VP-1 was asked to invite the Joint Secretary to express vote of thanks amidst the commotion that prevailed. This is not the actual fact. Mr.Subbiah was presenting his views in such a manner which was well appreciated by the members in AGBM. Neither the then President (Justice M.Jeyapaul) nor the then General Secretary, (Thiru. R.Karpoorasundarapandian) made any attempt to stop Mr. Subbaiah's presentation. Hence, there was no scope for Mr. Frank Stephen Louis to intervene his presentation in the meeting. In order to find some reasons for their abrupt walk out, they are twisting the facts. The EC condemns this attitude of the then President and then General Secretary.
- (b) When both of them have abruptly walked out, no sane person will accept the statements that the agenda was taken up for consideration and decisions as mentioned in the Minutes of 113th AGBM, by them were taken. This is another unadulterated lie. Actually, the proceedings of the AGBM was continued under the president-ship of Thiru. Frank Stephen Louis and the following unanimous decisions were taken.
- Agenda 1. Already approved in the General Body meeting held on 26-01-2020.
- Agenda 2. Approved including the resolution 7.

- Agenda 3. Not approved
- Agenda 4. Will be taken up for consideration after clarifications sought are furnished
- Agenda 5. The EC will deliberate on this and will be placed before General Body.
- Agenda 6. Dropped in toto.

Agenda 7.EC will take a call on the memorandum presented.

- (c) In the above circumstances, the Executive Committee is of view that there is no justification and it is unethical on their part to record and circulate the so called Minutes which contains incorrect and fabricated facts about the AGBM held on 27-12-2020. The Minutes of 113th AGBM circulated by then General Secretary is full of lies to suit the ill motives of then General Secretary. This is evident from the fact that the reasons stated in the minutes for the resignation of then President is quite contrary to the reasons specified in his resignation letter. Hence, the Executive Committee resolved to cancel the Minutes of the then President in toto and to circulate an another version of the proceedings reflecting true position.
- 12. The Executive Committee resolved to condemn the arbitrary order, viz. File No. 1275/IOA/2020, dt. 29-12-2020, of then General Secretary regarding the closure of Clinic, supply of medicines and departmental Library/Reading Room without authorization of the Executive Committee.
- 13. The Executive Committee resolved to treat the order, viz. File No. 1275/IOA/2020, dt. 29-12-2020, issued by the then General Secretary regarding the closure of Clinic, supply of medicines and Library as null and void since the said order was issued without the approval of Executive Committee.
- 14. The Executive Committee resolved to ensure the full pledged function of the Clinic and the Departmental Library/Reading Room as in the past. Further, it is resolved that the ceiling of Rs.500/- ordered orally by the then General Secretary without the approval of EC, for supply of medicines to each member and to her/his spouse be removed immediately.
- 15. The Executive Committee resolved to constitute a two member enquiry committee consisting of Thiru S.Jagadeesan, Executive Committee Member, L.M.No1382 and Thiru A.Subbiah, L.M.No. 2427 to conduct a detailed inquiry about the following subjects/activities of Thiru. R.Karpoorasundarapandian, L.M. No. 2972, the then General Secretary of IOA related to Indian Officers'

Association during his tenure as the General Secretary of Indian Officers' Association.

- (i) The notice, viz. File No Circulation Note No. 38/2020, dated 29-12-2020, has been issued by the then General Secretary without the approval of Executive Committee to 11 EC members seeking explanations for not approving the proposed Amendments to bye-laws.
- (ii) The General Secretary has left the AGBM held on 27-12-2020 in the middle of the proceedings abruptly without assigning any reason and without informing General Body members present. He took away the resignation letter submitted by then President and other memorandum submitted by more than 70 Life members of IOA while he walked out abruptly in midway of the proceedings of AGBM and never returned to the AGBM. (The entire proceedings of AGBM on 27-12-2020 were video graphed). Whether his conduct during the AGBM on 27-12-2020 invite action against him under clause 11 of Bye-laws of Indian Officers' Association?
- (iii) The General Secretary has paid fees to Thiru. Rajnish Pathiyil and to Tmt. Pushya Sitaraman for consultation in respect of proposed Amendments to Bye-Laws which were placed in 113th AGBM without the approval of the Executive Committee. Whether this consultation and subsequent payment for consultation is according to provisions enshrined in the Bye-Laws, Acts/Rules?
- (iv) The arbitrary order issued by then General Secretary, viz. File No. 1275/IOA/2020, dt.29-12-2020, regarding the closure of Clinic, supply of medicines and departmental Library/Reading Room without authorization of the Executive Committee.
- (v) The then General Secretary has intimated about his resignation with malicious facts and ulterior motive to all the tenants of IOA, in his letter, viz. File No.1275/IOA/2020, dt. 29-12-2020, without authorization of the Executive Committee.
- (vi) The then General Secretary has intimated about his resignation with untruthful, malicious facts and ulterior motive to the District Registrar (Central), Chennai-14 in his letter dt.31-12-2020, without authorization of the Executive Committee.
- (vii) The then General Secretary has written an official letter, viz. IOA File No. 1277/2020 dt.30-12-2020 without authorization of the Executive Committee to Tmt.R.Seethalakshmi, District Collector, Chennai with untruthful, malicious facts and ulterior motive affecting the overall interest of IOA.

(viii) Any other subject concerning activities of Thiru R.Karpoorasundara pandian, L.M.No 2972 related to Indian Officers' Association as General Secretary of IOA .

The Committee is requested to submit a detailed report on the above mentioned subjects as early as possible to the President (i/c) for further course of action in the Executive Committee Meeting.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks.

Sd/- 31-Dec-2020 R.S. Shrinivasan General Secretary (i/c) Sd/-31-Dec-2020 Frank Stephen Louis President (i/c)