

Minutes of the 113th Annual General Body Meeting held at 10.30 A.M on Sunday, the 27th December, 2020 at the ThiruvalluvarArangam, IV-Floor, Centenary Building, IOA Complex.

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The meeting was attended by 201 Life Members (as per Attendance Register). The proceedings of the meeting commenced with “ Tamil Thai Vazhthu ” .

Thiru.Frank Stphen Louis,V.P.-1 welcomed the members present.

Following the Obituary references made byThiru.L.J.Singaravelan, nominated member of Executive Committee, members present observed silence for two minutes to pay respect to 18 members who passed away during 2020.

President Justice M.Jeyapaul, in his presidential address, thanked the gathering for having come in such alarge number, inspite of the pandemic situation. He explained thedevelopments in the case of M/s Swaruba Engineering Company and informed the meeting, that the company has not chosen to refer the issue to a fresh Arbitration Tribunal and that it can be construed thereupon that the case has reached finality. He then dealt with in detail the position of law, amendments carried out in 2016, surrender of exemption under Sec 12AA of IT Act, impact of the newly introduced provisions of Sections 115 TD to 115 TF in IT Act to a charitable society. He also referred to the opinion obtained from some experts and expressed the view that the provisions of Section 25 of Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act are mandatory and calls for amendments for conversion as a Charitable institutions proposed under Agenda Item(6). The President went on appreciating Thiru. RajnishPathiyil, who was entrusted the job of redrafting the Bye-Laws, continuously for about five minutes. He Justified his attempt of converting Indian officers’ Association into a Charitable Society. His speech was vociferouslyinterrupted by agitated members including Thiru.P.R.Shampath, IAS(R),(L.M.No.787) former

President of IOA and Thiru.R.Paranjothi, (L.M.No.1539) former General secretary of IOA. They raised objections to the justification put forth for amendments even before the particular Agenda items was taken up for consideration. In the situation that prevailed President was left with no option except to cut short his speech and return to his seat.

Seeing the mood of the members and realising the need for throwing light on the subject, Thiru. Frank Stephen Louis, Vice President intervened and presented a statement as below:

“ Respected Life members. I bring to your kind notice the following facts for your kind attention and I request you to give your valuable opinion.

- Section IV of Clause 17 of Bye-Laws of Indian Officers’ Association says the Executive Committee is responsible for compliance of TN Societies registration Act.**
- Clause 15 of Bye-Laws of Indian Officers’ Association says the management of IOA is vested with the Executive Committee.**
- Agenda Items relating to Amendments to Bye-Laws should be discussed first in the EC Meeting and then in the General Body.**
- The present/existing Bye-Laws are sufficient to continue the existing programmes.**
- The Accounts Statements submitted during earlier periods were accepted by District Registrar of Societies.**
- There is a remote possibility to get tax exemption for IOA income. The matter is subjudice.**
- We are not for spending 100% of IOA funds for charities.**
- We are opposing the move that we should get permission from IT department for amending Bye-laws, buying or selling IOA properties.**
- We should take these decisions on the basis of General Body decisions and not by the IT Department.**
- We should not be at the mercy of IT Department . The proposed amendments to Bye-laws take away the power of General Body and**

hand over to IT Department. Therefore , we oppose the proposed amendments to Bye-Laws.

- We pay Tax and do the service to members with the balance amount.
- We are opposing the agenda items 2,3 and 6 in toto. ”

Members present received his speech with great applause . Some of them surged forward to congratulate him for his bold presentation of the true picture.

Then ThiruR.Karpoorasundarapandian, G.S. started addressing the meeting. There was a heckling and stern voices of disapproval which compelled him to withdraw to his seat.

Subsequently, Thiru.V.Kandasamy, Treasurer (i/c) addressed the gathering and sought approval for Audited Accounts already circulated.

Dr. M.V.MuthuveeraGanapathy(L.M. No. 2171) and

Thiru.K.P.R.Paneerselvam(L.M.No. 2093) raised certain points to which the Statutory Auditor gave a reply. Not satisfied with that, they continuously pressed their points. Thiru.D.Krishnamurthy (L.M.No.2003) also joined them. ThiruK.P.R.Panneerselvam strongly objected for mentioning as “ freemeals to members ” instead of “ lunch provided to members ” in their proceedings report. In particular Dr.M.V.MuthuveeraGanapathy objected the statements of accounts in which the tax paid amount Rs.70 Lakhs to the Income Tax department was also shown as asset in the Auditor’s Report. He also pointed out that the tax paid was due to income derived out of the business of IOA, that is due to the rental income of IOA. He stressed the fact that Indian officers’ Association is not a Charitable Society and hence there is no scope of getting 70 Lakhs as refund from the Income tax Department. In this way Dr.M.V.MuthuveeraGanapathy argued that the tax paid amount of Rs 70 Lakhs should not be reported as Asset. Then Dr.S.V.Rajalinga Rajah(L.M.No. 1840) also dealt with a point in respect of accounting statements of Canteen. Though Thiru.G.Shankar, Statutory Auditor again

explained the position, the reaction of members present revealed that they are not convinced.

At this stage Thiru.S.Subbiah(L.M.No. 2427) submitted a petition (signed by Thiru.P.R.Shampath,IAS(R) and 65 other members) to the President with a remark to include it as an item under Agenda (7). This related to taking action against the General Secretary. Thiru.S.Subbiah(L.M.No. 2427) gave a powerful speech effectively countering the arguments advanced under the guise and garb of Section 25 of Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act. He unequivocally opposed the proposal mooted for converting IOA into a Charitable Society. His speech was received with thunderous applause.

At this juncture Justice M.Jeyapaul rose from his seat and announced that he is not willing to continue as President and hence tendering his resignation from 28.12.2020. So saying, he handed over the resignation letter which was already in his possession, to Thiru. R.Karpoorasundarapandian , the General Secretary and left the meeting abruptly.While walking out , the President unilaterally declared that the memorandum submitted by about 65 members requesting the president to consider under Agenda Item(7) were rejected and that all agenda items from 2 to 7 were deferred without taking up the Agenda Items as per the programme schedule of the Annual General Body Meeting. He was followed by General Secretary. While staging walk out abruptly, Thiru.R.Karpoorasundarapandian, the General Secretary took away with him the resignation letter presented by the President and the memorandum signed by over 65 members to take action against him. Both the President and General Secretary did not turn up to the General Body Meeting. By conducting themselves in the above said manner, the President and the General Secretary were miserably failed in their responsibilities/duties and acted wantonly against the interest of Indian Officers' Association.

After the abrupt departure of President and General Secretary, the members present requested Vice President-1 to take the Chair and

continue conducting of further proceedings. As President(i/c), Vice-President-1 conducted the further proceedings and took up the Agenda Items for consideration. The following resolutions were passed unanimously.

Agenda-1: Resolved that no action is called for on this item as the Saidsubject was confirmed in the General Body meeting held on 26-01-2020.

Agenda-2: Resolved to approve and confirm in toto, including Resolution No.7 also.

Agenda-3: Resolved to dropaction in this matter .

Agenda-4: Resolved to place the matter before the next General Body Meeting after obtaining the clarifications on all points raised by the members.

Agenda-5:Resolved to request the Executive Committee to deliberate Andcome with a suitable proposal for approval in the next General BodyMeeting.

Agenda-6:Resolved to drop action as no action in this regard is called for.

Agenda-7: No action as no discussion took place.

Then Tmt.V.Nandakumari, Executive Committee Member Expressed her satisfaction about the unanimous approval of resolutions passed in the Annual General Body Meeting.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks by Thiru.R.S.Shrinivasan, the Joint Secretary. It was followed by singing of National Anthem. Then the Vice-President Thiru. Frank Stephen Louis invited members for Lunch.

**Sd/-
R.S. Shrinivasan
General Secretary (i/c)**

**Sd/-
Frank Stephen Louis
President (i/c)**