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Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting of ISTD Delhi Chapter held on 05-11-2023

07-11-2023

Members Present:

35 members were present. Copy of the Attendance Sheets of members present is at Annexure.

At the outset, at the appointed time, at 3.30 PM, 28 members were present.

In terms of Rule 9(1)(ii) of the Rules & Regulations of ISTD, the quorum for the Annual or the Extra-ordinary General Meeting of the General Body of the Chapter or the Society shall be 35 members or 25% of the total number of members on the Membership Register, whichever is less. In the event of the quorum not being there the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day, one hour hence at the same place, and the members present at such adjourned meeting, whatever their number, shall constitute the quorum.

As such, the meeting was adjourned for one hour and resumed at 4.30 PM.

The Hon Secretary welcomed the members to the EOGM and read out the house rules for smooth conduct of the meeting. He invited the Chairperson to chair the meeting. The Chairperson thanked the members for having taken time off from their family time on a weekend to be present at the meeting. Then discussion on the agenda points started.

1. Agenda Item # 1 : Appointment of the Auditors for the ensuing year and fixation of the Remuneration.

Hon Secretary gave a background of this agenda point. Ordinarily, Auditors are appointed in the AGM. However, in the AGM held on 25th June 2023, this agenda point could not be concluded, and the members mandated the Managing Committee to identify alternative auditors and place its recommendations to the members in an EOGM to be called for the same. The previous practice has been to give the existing Auditors the first right of refusal in the second year of tenure of an elected MC. The Auditors of the Chapter for FY 2022-23 M/s Sanjeev Chopra were asked by MC if they'd want to continue, and they consented. Accordingly, the MC recommended M/s Sanjeev Chopra to be appointed Auditors for FY 2023-24. The following Resolution was passed:

RESOLUTION

Appointment of Mr Sanjeev Chopra, FCA, as the Auditors of ISTD Delhi Chapter for the FY 2023-24 at the same Auditor fee (Rs 10,000) of previous FY is hereby approved.

The Resolution was proposed by Mr Deepak Bharara and seconded by Mr N K Gupta. It was passed unanimously.

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2. *Agenda Item # 2 : Situation arising out of en masse resignation of 5 MC members/Office Bearers of Delhi Chapter*

Hon Secretary informed the House that 2 Office Bearers (the Vice Chairman and Treasurer) and 3 Managing Committee members have tendered their resignation. He also made the members aware of the Society Rules position in the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of any Office Bearer or member of the Managing Committee. (As per MOA and Rules & Regulations of the Society this vacancy will be filled by nomination by the remaining members of the Managing Committee.) Dr GP Rao wanted to know the circumstances surrounding the resignation of the OB and MC members. Mr Sumit Chaudhuri was curious to know the change of circumstances in just 20 days which persuaded these very OB/MC members to take back their resignations. Dr Uddesh Kohli and Dr Aquil Busrai expressed their anguish at the state of affairs in the Chapter and exhorted the members not to forget the professional purpose of the Society. Dr Sheetal Singh, MC member, said the resigned OB & MC members have attended almost all the MC meetings till date and have been consenting to all the decisions taken therein and also stated that it was totally incomprehensible as to how they have resigned *en masse*. In their resignation (running into pages) they have sought to dissociate themselves from the MC and have questioned the working thereof. On the other hand, they have sent in one-liner requests for withdrawing their resignations, without giving any reason for the same. The Chairperson replied to the questions raised by the members, and she expressed her anguish about the tone, tenor & the language used in the resignation. She also expressed concern at the said resignations having been widely circulated. She explained the timelines of resignations soon after MC meeting was called. In view of the resignations EOGM was called. The majority of the members present in the EOGM opined that *en masse* resignations and *en masse* withdrawal smack of groupism. The motion to accept the resignations was passed by majority voice vote by show of hands. Mr. Deepak Jain suggested appointing Hon Treasurer for functioning of the Chapter and rest MC members can be appointed by existing MC. Hon Secretary also opined that it is important to fill the position of Hon Treasurer by nomination forthwith. He exhorted the members present (other members as well) to make their interest in the position known to the Chairperson/Hon Secy, who, in turn, will place these names before the remaining members of MC for final selection by nomination.

RESOLUTION

The proposal to accept the resignations of five OB/MC members was proposed by Mr N K Gupta and seconded by Ms Shivani Garg Sabharwal. It was passed unanimously.

3. *Agenda Item # 3 : Appointment of a Committee of senior members to look into objections of a few members to certain expenditures in FY 2022-23*

In the AGM held on 25th June 2023 a few members had alleged irregular expenditure in FY 2022-23 by the previous Managing Committee and suggested that the same be put forth before the NHQ. It was informed to the House, that the Hon Secretary wrote to the National President to take up the matter at the national level. However, the National Office wrote back that the Chapter should resolve the issue at the Chapter level itself.

During discussions, Dr Aquil Busrai said that the participants in the EOGM cannot reopen a matter (passing of the Audited Accounts of the Chapter for 2022-23) already approved by the Annual General Body of the Chapter in its meeting held on 25th June 2023. More so, as the Chapter audited accounts (Balance Sheet *et al*) have been subsumed in the Balance Sheet of the National Body and subsequently passed in the AGM of NHQ held on 29 Oct 2023. This was objected to by Ms Leena S. Zaveri & Mr Sumit Chaudhuri; it was stated that the legal expenses remain objected to and, as such, was kept as an agenda point.

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As regards the authority to appoint a lawyer, the Hon Secretary shared with the House minutes of the meeting of the emergency meeting of the Managing Committee of the Chapter held on 27-06-2022 where the MC resolved to engage a lawyer by the Chapter to defend the Chapter in the suit and also challenge the arbitrary directive/decision of the NP.

Ms Leena pointed out that resolution no 3 which was passed to defend the Chapter in the case of Ms. Leena S Zaveri limited the lawyer fee to Rs. one lakh. She said that in the suit filed by her, the lawyer engaged by the Chapter had appeared only once and she withdrew the suit. The same lawyer also appeared in the case filed by Mr.Y N Kaushal & Mr Mukesh Jain against Mr Natraj Ray & others (suit no 457 of 22).

After detailed deliberation in the EOGM, it transpired that the elected body (MC) had every right to engage a lawyer. However, the members decided to appoint a committee of members headed by Mr GS Bawa to enquire into whether the amount meant for the lawyer has actually been spent for the stated purpose. The scope of the committee is fact finding. Other members of the committee shall be Mr Linsu Koshy, Mr Ashish Sarangi and Mr NK Gupta. The committee shall give its report in two months' time.

4. Agenda Item # 4 : Allegation of a lady member against a former Chairperson

The members present in the EOGM were apprised of an emailed complaint of alleged misbehaviour by a former Chairperson towards a lady member of the Chapter. The latter had made the complaint in her email dated 12th December 2022 to, among others, the newly elected National President and the immediate past president. The Chairperson informed the house that since the Delhi Chapter (nor any other Chapter, for that matter) does not have either an Ethics Committee or a Disciplinary Committee, the EC/DC at the national level was approached to take up the complaint. However, the latter advised resolving the matter at the Chapter level itself. Mr Ajoy Shah suggested that although as per the Rules and Regulations of the Society none of the Chapters have been mandated to have a disciplinary or ethics committee, it may be appropriate for the Chapter to have one. The members agreed that Delhi Chapter should have an Ethics/Disciplinary/POSH Committee and matters/complaints such as this should be referred to such committee for investigation and recommendation. It was resolved to constitute a committee in this regard.

All the specific agenda points having been deliberated upon, the Chairperson declared the EOGM closed thanking all the members for being present.

Hon. Secretary
ISTD Delhi Chapter



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ANNEXURE



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EOGM (05-11-2023) ATTENDANCE SHEET

SL.NO.	NAME	MEM. NO.	SIGNATURE
1	AJAYA KUMAR SAHOO	S-3509/2010	
2	Ashish Sarangi	S-5043/2020	
3	DEVENDER CHAKRAN	C827/2019	
4	AJOY SINGH	S4690/18	
5	SUDHIR GUPTA	G-1146/2019	
6	ANUBHA WALIA	W-62/20	
7	NARENDRA K GUPTA	G-128/80	
8	Dr sheetal singh	@S-4200/2016	
9	Leena Sharma Zaveri		
10	Alka Agarwal		
11	GS. BAWA	B494-952	
12	Anind Chandhary	C-85/2019	
13	Dr. G. P. Rao	C-257/2019	
14	Rishabh Mehta	M-1766/2019	
15	Yogesh Chander	LT.	
16	HARADHAN BISWAS	LM-135	
17	Dilipkumar Bhavara	981048409	
18	R K SULLI	981031540	

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SL.NO.	NAME	MEM. NO.	SIGNATURE
19	Manpreet	U-119/2023	[Signature]
20	SUYIT CHAUDHARY	C-288/94/KM/2017	[Signature]
21	Deepak Jain	J-807/2019	[Signature]
22	Nandee Kaur	K-2251/2023	[Signature]
23	Nandee Kaur	S-3098/2006	[Signature]
24	MANOHAR GARGAPATI		[Signature]
25	Shivani Garg		[Signature]
26	ANIL GAUR	G-1217/2020	[Signature]
27	Subhash Chandra Chatterjee	C/90/80	[Signature]
28	LINSU KOSHY	K-1831	[Signature]
29	VIVEK PRADHAN	mmmm	[Signature]
30	ARJUN BANSRAI		[Signature]
31	DHEERAJ JAIN		[Signature]
32	U.K.Kohli	K-2/70	[Signature]
33	Achilleesh kumar		[Signature]
34	Inderpreet Kaur		[Signature]
35	Anand Dwivedi		[Signature]
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