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Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting of ISTD Delhi Chapter Held Virtually on 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

## The following were present:

### Mr. Mukesh Kumar Jain, Chairman, on the Chair

1	Mr. DV Shastry	28	Dr GP Rao
2	Mr. Ajaya Kumar Sahoo	29	Mr. Ashok Chakravarty
3	Mr. Arpit Suri	30	· ·
4	Mr. Shashank Saxena	31	Dr. Sudhir K Jain
5	Mr. Nigamananda Mishra	32	Mr. Promod Sharma
6	Ms. Pritima Kaushal	33	CS Deepak Jain
7	Mr. K Govindarajulu	34	Dr. Uddesh Kohli
8	Dr. Sraban Mukherjee	35	Ms. Sharon Pal Kaur
9	Dr. A S Senthil Vadivel	36	Mr. Yashwant Chauhan
10	Dr. Sunil Abrol	37	Mr. Ashok Ghoshal
11	Mr. Vijay Gupta	38	Mr. Sumit Chaudhuri
12	Dr P Sreenivasan	39	Mr. Sudhir Gupta
13	Dr Asheesh Srivastava	40	Dr Aquil Busrai
14	<u> </u>	41	Ms. Leena Sharma
15		42	Mr. Sameer Chaudhary
16	Ms. Sucharitha Domdala	43	Mr. Saurabh Kalia
17	Mr. P Dwarakanath	44	Dr. RS Dabas
18	Mr. Deepak Behl	45	Ms. Mamta Aggarwal Rajnayak
19	Ms. Charu Malhotra	46	Mr. Brijeshwar Dayal Mathur
20	Ms. Ritika Dixit	47	Dr. SB Mitra
21	Mr. S P Singh	48	Mr. Varaang Ghai
22	Mr. Deepak Bharara	49	Mr. Rajinder Sharma
23	Dr R K Suri	50	J - J I
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25	Ms. Sushma Mathur	52	<u> </u>
26	Mr. YN Kaushal	53	
27	Mr. Narendra Kumar Gupta	54	Ms. Abha Singh

ISTD Delhi Chapter Honorary Secretary Mr Ajaya Kumar Sahoo welcomed all the members and stated that notice of this EGM along with the registration link for attending the EGM was sent on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2021. Accordingly, 95 esteemed members registered for the EGM out of which 54 members are present. The required quorum having been met, the meeting started at 7 PM.

The ISTD Delhi Chapter Vice Chairman Mr DV Shastry said that as per the suggestion of Mr Narendra Kumar Gupta the members may keep 30 seconds of silence in memory of Late Shri Prabhat Varshney. The members kept 30 seconds' silence.

Before the start of the meeting, Hony. Secretary informed the participants that most of suggestions of members have been agreed to as far as conducting the EGM is concerned:

- i) The meeting would be on Zoom mode rather than on webinar mode
- ii) All participants have control over their video and audio and the Chat Box is open



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The Hony. Secretary stated that ISTD being a professional body, and each and every member being professionals in their own right, he expected the meeting to be conducted in a professional manner. He then invited the Chairman to give his initial remarks.

The Chairman Mr Mukesh Kumar Jain welcomed the participants and proceeded to inform them regarding the various activities of the Chapter in 2020-21. He said it's a matter of great pride for all members that ISTD Delhi Chapter was adjudged the Best Chapter of ISTD in Large Chapters category in the recently held AGM of ISTD. He made special mention of Dr GP Rao who helped the Chapter conduct a number of webinars on various important topics during the year. Apart from webinars, the Chapter also started a new Young Leaders series spearheaded by Mr Yashwant Chauhan. The Chapter continued with the popular By-the-Members-For-the-Members Golden Jubilee Lecture Series ably curated by Mrs Pritima Kaushal. The Chapter conducted the National Conclave on online mode attended by 250 participants and generated around Rs 7 Lakhs of surplus. He also informed that financial health of the chapter is good – it has approximately Rs 20 Lakhs in Bank. Since April 2020, the Chapter added 45 new life members. Despite the challenge posed by the pandemic, the Chapter successfully conducted online Contact Classes for the 80<sup>th</sup>, 81<sup>st</sup>, 82<sup>nd</sup> and 83<sup>rd</sup> batches of Dip-TD with student participation from all across the country. The website of ISTD Delhi Chapter was shown to the participants and the members were encouraged to visit the well-designed site. He requested Hony. Secretary to carry on with the Agenda and requested all to co-operate for the smooth conduct of the meeting.

#### ITEM No. 1

### **Appointment of Auditors for FY 2020-21**

The Honorary Secretary requested the Treasurer Mr Arpit Suri to take up the first item on the Agenda, viz. Appointment of Auditors. The Treasurer informed the members that the Managing Committee (MC) of the Chapter received 4 quotations from the following CA firms:

- 1. Rajeev Johri & Co.
- 2. NDRL & Co.
- 3. S.K Shukla & Associates
- 4. Bhavya Bhatia & Associates

He informed the house that in its meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021, the MC decided to put forth the candidature of M/s Bhavya Bhatia and Associates to the members (in the EGM to be convened specially for this purpose) for appointment as Auditors of the Chapter for the FY 2020-21.

Dr Sraban Mukherjee wanted to know at what fees M/s Bhavya Bhatia and Associates are proposed to be appointed and who were the auditors last year and at what fees. The Treasurer informed the participants that Rajiv Johri & Co. were the auditors last year at a fee of Rs 12500 plus GST. M/s Rajiv Johri & Co. have quoted the same fees this year as well while M/s Bhavya Bhatia and Associates have quoted Rs 11000 plus GST.

Mr SP Singh raised two queries – (1) Auditors are supposed to be appointed in the AGM. Why was this not done in the AGM held on 30<sup>th</sup> Sep 2020? (2) Whether Delhi Chapter has



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made financial rules / bye laws regarding management and audit of funds as per Rule 10(5) of the Rule & Regulations of ISTD.

The treasurer said at the time of the AGM on 30<sup>th</sup> Sep 2020, there was no other quotation than that of M/s Rajeev Johri & Co. Hence appointment of Auditors was deferred. As regards separate finance rules for ISTD Delhi Chapter, we have not framed any and we follow the Rules and Regulations of ISTD and the accounting principles followed by NHQ as well as other Chapters under ISTD. Mr Dwarakanath told the house that he was there in the last AGM and clearly remembers that the members present resolved that Appointment of Auditors will be taken up in an EGM to be called subsequently.

Dr Aquil Busrai proposed that M/s Bhavya Bhatia & Associates be and hereby appointed as the Auditors of ISTD Delhi Chapter for the FY 2020-21 at a remuneration of Rs 11000 plus GST. This was seconded by Mr Vijay Gupta, Dr P Sreenivasan and Mr Yashwant Chauhan. The motion was passed.

#### ITEM No. 2

### Any Other Item(s) with the permission of the Chair

The Vice Chairman laid down the procedure for raising an issue by either typing out in the Chat Box or raising hand which will be considered in sequence.

Mr SP Singh raised two issues:

- 1) He said as per Rule 13.1 of the Rules & Regulations of ISTD, the Chapter shall keep members informed of the activities and financials of the Chapter. If that be the case, why this is not being done on a regular basis?
- 2) In the MC Meeting of Delhi Chapter dated 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 it was decided that another AGM will be held shortly. So, why the same is not being held?

Dr Aquil Busrai, while agreeing to Mr Singh's suggestion that MC should share the activities of the Chapter with the members on a regular basis was, however, of the view that ISTD Constitution does not mention the frequency of sharing of financials on annual, biennial or any other periodicity. He said, "I, for one, would not like to get a report every month or every quarter". AGM is the only body before which accounts of the Chapter need to be presented, once a year.

Mr P. Dwarkanath said go as per the Rules.

Dr RK Suri said, as per the rules of any Society (ISTD is a society) under the Registration of Societies Act, financials are to be shared only annually, in the AGM. This was agreed to by Mr Singh.

However, everybody was unanimous in their opinion that the activities of the Chapter need to be shared with the members more frequently. The Chairman, while agreeing to the suggestion of esteemed members, suggested that the members visit the website of ISTD Delhi Chapter which is a storehouse of activities of the Chapter, both gone by as well as upcoming. He



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invited suggestions from the members as to how we can make the website richer and more user friendly.

As regards Mr Singh's second point, Mr P. Dwarkanath opined that AGM can happen only once a year, as the very name "Annual" General Meeting suggests. There can not be two or more Annual General Meeting in a year. Any other meeting of the general body of the Chapter can not go by the nomenclature of AGM. It can only be called an EGM or Special GBM or any other name. In any case, EGM, as proposed, is happening today. Shri SP Singh agreed to this.

The floor was now open for issues to be raised by other members.

Mr P. Dwarkanath said, once the pandemic is over, we can put a feedback mechanism in place and act on such feedbacks received.

Mr Govindarajulu opined that activities planned for the upcoming month should go on the website and also informed to the members through social media.

Mr YN Kaushal recalled that the Chapter used to have a newsletter a few years back. He said it may be a good idea to revive our monthly or quarterly newsletter.

Dr Aquil Busrai suggested that ISTD being a professional body, 10-15 minutes in every such meeting be set aside for hearing from the members the new L&D techniques in the world of learning and also what new things can be undertaken by the Chapter.

Mr Deepak Bharara suggested that every new member may be give a letter of welcome wherein the activities of the Chapter as well as the roles and responsibilities of members may be mentioned.

Mr Varang Ghai, Mr Ajay Kumar Shukla and Ms Leena Sharma raised the issue of lack of information on role and responsibilities of the new members. Like, if the new members want to contribute to the professional body how do they go about it? The Hony. Secretary suggested to the student and new members to let him or other officials know in which areas they'd like to contribute so that they can be involved suitably in the activities of their choice.

Dr Aquil Busrai, who is part of the Diploma Board, offered his good offices to resolve any issues that the Dip-TD students may be facing.

The meeting ended with Vote of Thanks by the Vice Chairman to the esteemed members and to the Chair.



Hony. Secretary