

## **IAB GBM 2016: Minutes of the Meeting - Dated 14<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2017**

The General Body Meeting was held at Hotel Zwysighof, Wettingen and eighty-five (85) members were present. The proceedings were as follows:

1. The Secretary, Mr. Kunal Dhammi, opened the GBM, presented the agenda of the meeting and asked the President, Mr. Neeraj Sukhija to present his message.

The President thanked all the Members, the EC and the volunteers who helped carry out various activities during the year. A video was shown with some memorable pictures of the events, conducted in 2016, together with the feedbacks by the members and the non-members, who attended the various events in 2016. The video was well received and appreciated by the audience.

The GBM unanimously confirmed that the IAB EC 2016 motto of ***Embrace, Share and Celebrate*** was met.

2. The Secretary presented in brief the various events conducted during the year 2016 and highlighted the successes. Apart from that the details of the new membership, payment status and achievements in the year 2016 were also presented and these were well received by the members. The achievements presented were:

- **IAB togetherness:** 26 - New members joined IAB during this year.
- **Houseful Events:** All Events were subsidized for members to facilitate more participation and fun, so we had a record numbers of participation.
- IAB Card offering discounts from sponsors were distribute at the variety and others events.
- The Website was updated with new improved features including mobile friendliness. Now members can do event registrations through mobile devices, share pictures and do much more with the IAB website.
- **Involvement for all:** The Younger Generation (18 to 25years of age) was engaged and involved at ***Gala- Masala Fondue, Variety Evening- Skit, Cricket League and Rocking DJ.***
- **New Introductions:** New Games, Quiz and Dance competitions were introduced in Variety, Picnic, Gala and Xmas evening to generate more participation. And nearly 60 additional gift vouchers were distributed to members.
- **Maximum pay back approach:** An Additional CHF4500 worth of gift vouchers, Gifts were given back to the members who attended the events.
- Members were given sweets at (Holi and Diwali), and Gold Coins at the Gala .
- CHF700were given back to the members in "Member get Non-Member" for the Gala event.
- The GALA evening was covered by a local newspaper.

3. The Secretary presented the latest status of IAB membership as follows:

Family members	: 122
Single members	: 17
Student members	: 17

26 new members joined the IAB in 2016 and this was a remarkable number as compared to the last 3 years.

The new member list was presented and the new members who were present at the GBM introduced themselves.

4. As agreed in the last year GBM, the present EC had to book venues on behalf of the next EC. Accordingly, the EC2016 has booked the following dates for 2017.

Variety Evening – 6<sup>th</sup> May  
Gala Evening- 21<sup>st</sup> Oct  
Christmas Evening – 25<sup>th</sup> Nov.

Any further discussions or alterations regarding venues should be done together with Mr. Tushar Ghosh.

5. Next, the Treasurer, Mr. Narendra Bansal, presented the accounts for the year 2016. Income and expenses of each event were presented and the forum was opened for questions, but there were no questions asked. The financial report of the IAB 2016 was unanimously approved of by the GBM.

6. Thereafter, Mr. Suresh Sahgal was unanimously appointed as Chairperson for further proceedings of the GBM. He asked the EC 2016 if they would like to continue for the year 2016 The EC 2016 thanked Mr Sahgal for this gesture, however, expressed their inability to continue in 2017. The Chairperson announced the dissolution of the EC2016 and thanked the EC members for the outstanding work done.

**Thereafter the audience gave a standing ovation to the EC 2016 for the brilliant work done in 2016, which was a confirmation of the value the members received from the IAB in 2016.**

Next the Chairperson asked members to present their proposals one by one for discussion. Some of these proposals required a Constitutional amendment. These proposals are summarized below:

7. **First proposal** came from Mr Nisheeth Singh who was not present, (however Mr Neeraj Sukhija presented it on his behalf), Proposal is summarized below:

During one calendar year, the Executive Committee is only entitled, in addition to that year's income, to use a maximum of 20% of the Association's capital at the beginning of the year. Any amount above this requires the sanction of the General Body.

Proposal – Change the maximum Limit from 20% to 10% or CHF 10,000 whichever is lower. This proposal was unanimously accepted in the GBM.

However, It was discussed that since this requires a constitutional change and for this voting of 2/3 of the IAB members is required at the GBM. Since in the present GBM the audience did not comply with the requirements. It was agreed that the above proposal will be enforced / applied by the new EC 2017 and to ratify the constitution. They were advised to call for a special GBM in 2017 where 2/3 of members should be present.

Post Meeting:

It was clarified that as per the constitution

“For amendments to the Constitution the approval of 2/3 majority of the members present in the General Body Meeting is necessary”.

As for this proposal voting was already conducted, this proposal is deemed accepted and enforced as bye law to the constitution as done in past GBMs.

Whereas, for other proposals (as per below point nos. 8/9/10)- no voting was conducted.

Hence, these shall be further taken up in the next GBM.

8. **The Second Proposal on Constitution Amendment proposed** by Mr Neeraj Sukhija Couples defined in the Constitution for registration as Members have-to be married. Proposal is to consider and include Partners in the definition of Couples.
9. **The Third Proposal on Constitution Amendment** proposed by Mr Kunal Dhammi: Presently there is no Notice period for members to resign. Proposal was that if a member intends to resign from the IAB he / she should submit their resignation to the committee on or before 31<sup>st</sup> March in the year they intend to resign.

**10. The Fourth Proposal on Constitution Amendment** presented by Ms Ranjana Singh:

As per Constitution members have to pay their membership fee by the end of June.

The proposal was that the membership fee should be paid before registration for the first event or at the end June, whichever is earlier.

**Other Proposals:**

11. The Chairperson then went on to the proposal by Mr Ketan Parikh, which was approved by the majority i.e. not to make names of the IAB members public on the IAB website.

12. The Chairperson then went onto the next proposal by Mr Deep Agarwal. It was approved by 33: 31 Votes. It was decided to invest a maximum CHF10000 in a new sound system for IAB. The sub-committee of Anurag, Rajesh and Sumit were requested to provide their recommendation for the Sound system which will include all options such as buy and /or renting and based on their recommendation the new EC 2017 is empowered to take their decision, however such a decision should be limited to CHF 10,000.

13. The Chairperson then went on to the next proposal by Mr Sanjay Nagpure which was to allow free IAB membership in 2017 to all registered members of 2016 which was unanimously rejected.

14- The Chairperson then went on to the next proposal by Mrs Ranjana Singh: The IAB store to be re-located from Neuenhof to Nussbaumen. It was agreed to leave this proposal to the next EC.

15. The proposal by Mrs Aruna Kapoor about appointing Mr Kunal Dhammi as a webmaster to take care of the IAB website and an anchor between the IAB and the Web developer - was unanimously approved for a period of 3 years.

16. Then chairperson asked Mr Dilip Vimalassery to present the status of the IAB DF. Dilip presented and informed about various fund raising activities held during 2016.

17. Then chairperson asked Mr Anurag Jhalani to present the status and the updates of the IAB Badenfahrt activities. Anurag informed about the committee formed and presented activities decided on.

18. Next, the Chairperson called for the nomination of the next committee for 2017.
- Chairperson proposes Mr. Kunal Dhammi as president of 2017, seconded by Usha and Anita. Mr. Kunal Dhammi thanked chairperson and audience for their trust and support but refused the post as continuous involvement for two years is very demanding.
  - Mr. Aman Sapra was proposed for president, seconded by Anita and Neeraj. He refused the post.
  - Mr. Shailesh Shrisher, Serena Singh, Narendra Bansal, Himanshu Trivedi and Manoj Nambiar were also asked for president post. They all refused the post.
  - Miss Mrigya Agarwal is proposed by Narendra and Ketan. She accepted the post.

Accordingly, following people were elected:

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| i. President:          | Ms. Mrigya Agarwal      |
| ii. Secretary:         | Mr. Himesh Parikh       |
| iii. Treasurer:        | Mr. Vikas Kedia         |
| iv. Committee Members: | Mrs. Deepa Kumaran      |
|                        | Mr. Aranya Bhattacharya |
|                        | Mr. Anjum Asghar        |
|                        | Ms. Chaitra Rao         |

The New EC members introduced themselves and GBM welcomed the new committee.


19. Mr. Narendra Bansal and Mr. Sameer Sood were elected as auditors for EC 2017.

20. Mr. Manoj Masand and Mr. Ketan Parikh were elected as auditors for Badenfahrt 2017.

After thanking the Chairperson invited the GBM to dinner after which the GBM ended.

End of Notes.

Record notes were prepared by Mr. Kunal Dhammi, Secretary EC2016.

 Kunal Dhammi  
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