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Minutes of Executive Meeting

held on 20th of February, 2019 in the Seminar Hall of Department of Sociology,
Panjab University, Chandigarh at 8.15 PM

The Executive meeting on the eve of NWISA conference is a regular and mandatory to discuss issues related to conference and other with the permission of chair. The meeting the held under the chairmanship of President of NWISA, Prof. Bhup Singh Gaur. General Secretary of NWISA, Dr. Mohinder Slariya welcome all office bearers and EC members. Describing the journey of NWISA, he asserted emphatically that NWISA is a professional body of sociologists working in five states of North West region of the country formed in 1996. These states are Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana and UT Chandigarh. The idea of forming this association was developed and discussed in the conference of Indian Sociological Society's held at Barkatullah University, Bhopal in the month of December, 1995. Finally, NWISA was registered *under society's act 1861 with registrar societies, UT Chandigarh* in 1996 and Prof. K. Gopal Iyer has a privilege to be the first president and Prof. Satish Sharma General Secretary and Treasure. All members acknowledged contribution of first president and pay homage to him.

There were two main agenda of the meeting:

1. To approve minutes of the previous meeting
2. Discussion on XX NWISA Conference-2018 and Future Strategies

1. To Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Responding to agenda item no. 1, minutes of last meeting were read, which was the first meeting of NWISA-2018 held on 20th of April, 2018 at ICSSR Guest House, Panjab University Chandigarh under chairman ship of out-going president of NWISA Dr. Khanjan Singh Sagwan and special guest Prof. BK Nagla and Prof. Satish Sharma. Following points were discussed:

1. Newly elected executive of NWISA-2018, took oath and oath was given by President, General Secretary and Treasurer and other executive members. Dr. Bhup Singh Gaur took oath as President, Dr. Mohinder Slariya as General Secretary, Dr. Manoj Kumar took oath again as treasurer.
2. Three members; Dr. Deepak, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Punjabi University, Patiala, Sh. Amarjeet Lal, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, NSCBM Govt. College Hamirpur, HP and Dr. Hema Gandotra, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Jammu University, Jammu have been nominated for NWISA-

2018 by the president and second by secretary and approved by all members.

3. Dr. Jagdish Mehta, EC member suggested to prepare policy to organise annual conference at regional, state, college or university level and criteria should be fixed.
4. Themes to undertake research in whole north-west region should be discussed and agreed upon and it was also decided to send a request letter to department of sociology in universities, colleges or research institutions and for annual or mid-term conferences should be based on those themes and those agreed topics should be converted into research themes for conference as well as for research.
5. Proposal for organising annual conference received from the head of department of sociology, Panjab University, Chandigarh has been accepted out the proposal received from two universities i.e. Patiala University and Panjab University.
6. NWISA will be given 20 percent out of registration fee received for annual conference and 10 percent from Mid-term conferences.
7. It was unanimously decided to celebrate “100 Years of Sociology Conference” in 2019 (1919-2019) and will be organised at Govt. College Chamba. Preparation should start atleast one year after the XX annual conference is over at Chandigarh.
8. Sociology should be included as career at every level so it was decided to send a request letter to all govt. at all level in all states of north-west region. Seminar/activity should be organised to make sociology most saleable subject in the emerging market.
9. Prof. BK Nagla raise the issue of challenges of specialization and courseware should be prepared by a team of experts out the teachers teaching sociology in north-west region for whole region so that uniformity can be established in whole region. Therefore, it is desired that in next meeting a committee will be constituted which check the possibility of preparing courseware for all levels of study i.e. graduation, post-graduation and research level and NWISA should take responsibility to publish and distribute among all students of north-west region.
10. It was also decided that letter should be sent to all concerned department for special leave to attend NWISA meeting anywhere in the country. To execute this, it was decided to prepare data base of teachers teaching sociology in north-west region so that letter should send to concerned vice chancellors, secretary higher education and head of institutions.

All mentioned points discussed along with action taken so far. It was requested to executive members to be active and work for better sociology and it would be difficult to move with everyone’s cooperation and very difficult to bring desired change and all members assured that all will work collectively for the common cause that is development of sociology in the region and finally decisions taken in previous meeting from Sr. No. 1 to 10 approved.

2. Discussion on XX NWISA Conference-2018 and Future Strategies

Before discussion on this point of agenda of the meeting, it was stated by general secretary that started with Dr. Dipankar Gupta as the first member of NWISA and at present we are more than 425, for which we are thankful to all predecessors for their tremendous efforts for making NWISA lively and working. Since it's inception in 1996 and successfully NWISA has completed 22 years. Now the responsibility is on our shoulders to take this association forward in *New India* and we all have to plan for atleast next 20 years for *better sociology* under the banner of NWISA. Following points were discussed:

1. **Updation of Website of NWISA:** New website will be prepared and committee comprises of Dr. Mohinder Slariya, Dr. Deepak, Dr. Manoj Teotia and Dr. Manoj Kumar
2. **Enhancement of Life membership fee:** The existing life membership fee will increase from 1000 for students and 2000 for the teachers teaching sociology. Student after coming in job has to re-enrolled and student membership will remain valid maximum for seven years from the date of registration.
3. **Organising of NWISA Conference:** At the time of submitting proposal for holding NWISA conference, a letter duly approved by VC in case of university and principal in case of college must be enclosed. The proposal will only be considered if the proposal is coming with these documents. Organising secretary has to manage all required funds and there will be no financial liability for holding conference on NWISA.
4. **Introduction of Life Time Achievement Award and Young Sociologist Award:** Life member of NWISA will be consider for *Life-time Achievement Award* as well as young sociologist award. For life time achievement award minimum age should be 60 years and for *Young Sociologist Award* minimum age should be minimum 35 years.
 - a. *Committee for fixing criteria:* Prof. Satish Sharma (convenor), Prof. Khazan Singh, Dr. Deepak Kumar, Dr. Bhup Singh, Dr. Mohinder Slariya and Dr. Manoj Kumar.
5. **NWISA Research Journal:** Introduction of Research Journal of NWISA was discussed and it was decided that NWISA will publish it's journal soon. For the publication of research journal committee under convenorship of Dr. Deepak Kumar, and Dr. Manoj Teotia, Dr. Amandeep Singh, Dr. Anupam Bahari will be the member. The committee will suggest within three months it's report regarding viability of publishing the journal.
6. **Expansion of NWISA Executive:** It was discussed in the EC meeting that executive of NWISA will be expanded and additional posts of vice-president and joint-secretary may be created and it will be discussed in GBM.
7. **NWISA as Knowledge Partner:** Involvement of NWISA in national and international events as knowledge partner without any financial liability on the part of NWISA will be explored and it will be discussed

in GBM. Any proposal received will be discussed and approved finally by the executive of NWISA.

8. **Revival of Patronship:** For wide outreach of sociology, it was decided in the meeting that patronship will be revived. The patron membership fee will be 10,000=00, which will be paid once.
9. **Exploration of CSR Funding:** It was decided that CSR funding from big corporate houses will be explored under convenorship of Dr. Manoj Teotia.
10. **Introduction of Lecture Series:** Lecture series should be started in different region and EC members will explore funding at their own. It was decided that one presentation will be made and circulated among all EC members and they will present the same in their respective region under the banner of NIWSA at senior secondary school, college, institution and university level. They will also motivate students to opt sociology by narrating their importance in this competitive world. Finally report of the activity will submit to general secretary for record and upload on website.

All points from Sr. No. 1 to 10 were discussed at length and decided to take all decisions of EC to GBM (General Body Meeting) and put before life members of the association for discussion and approval.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks.

Following members were present in the meeting:

1. Prof. Bhup Singh Gaur
2. Dr. Mohinder Slariya
3. Dr. Manoj Kumar
4. Dr. Deepak Kumar
5. Dr. Jagdish Mehta
6. Dr. Anupam Bahri
7. Dr. Amandeep Singh
8. Sh. Manoj Kumar Teotia

Place: Seminar Hall, Department of Sociology, Panjab University, Chandigarh

Dated: 20.2.2019

Minutes of General Body Meeting (GBM)-2018

General Body meeting is annual meeting of all life members of NWISA which usually held on first evening of NWISA conference on the venue of conference. GBM-2018 was held on 21st of February, 2019 at Golden Gublee Hall, Panjab University, Chandigarh. The meeting was chaired by the president of NWISA, Prof. Bhup Singh Gaur in presence of senior professors of sociology, Prof. BK Nagla and Prof. Khazan Singh. Starting the meeting, general secretary of NWISA welcomed all office bearers and members of NWISA and tabled the agenda of the meeting. As it was unanimously decided to take all points of EC to GBM, so General Secretary read all decisions taken

in EC and after a long and constructive discussion, following decisions were taken:

Decision taken in EC held on 20.2.2019 at 8.30 PM

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- 11. Cultural and Academic Exchange Programmes:** NWISA will undertake cultural and academic exchange programm within northwest region. All educational institutions fall within the boundary of NWISA will facilitate each other at institutional as well as at individual level. It is expected to increase better understanding among teachers and students in the whole region and will be helpful for the future of NWISA. Prof. Vishav Raksha (Jammu and Kashmir), Dr. Jagdish Mehta (Chandigarh), Dr. Amarjit Attri (Himachal Pradesh), Dr. Jagsir (Punjab), Dr. Deepak Kumar (Patiala region), Dr. Bhup Singh (Haryana) will take care of and make use of all EC members as well as other life members of NWISA.
- 12. Publication of Papers:** It was also decided to jointly publish papers received for XX NWISA Conference-2018 in form of edited volume of books by organising institution of the conference i.e. Department of Sociology Panjab University Chandigarh and NWISA.
- 13.** It was also discussed and decided to celebrate *“Silver Jublee of NWISA”* on the completion of 25 years of it's existence.
- 14.** All EC members and office bearers of NWISA will be entitled for free participation in NWISA conference. All outstation members and office bearers will be provided boarding and lodging during the conference by the organising institution.

It was decided to intimate all concerned about the different committee constituted and request them to start working so that we can complete assignment within time. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to all life members.



Place: Panjab University, Chandigarh

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General Secretary

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