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Minutes of the Meeting

Date of the Meeting: 5th of January, 2020

Venue: MCM-DAV Sector-36, Chandigarh

NWISA Executive Meeting was held on 5th of January, 2020 at MCM-DAV Sector-36 Chandigarh under the chairmanship of President, NWISA and convened by Dr. Bidu Dogra, the EC member and Associate Professor of Sociology from host college. The meeting starts with 2-minute silence on the demise Prof. B.L. Abbi. Following was the agenda of the meeting:

1. Discussion and approval of minutes of previous meeting held on 2nd of June, 2019 at CRRID.
2. Life-time achievement award.
3. Enhancement of honorarium for out-station office bearers and EC members of NWISA from Rs. 1000 to 1500=00 and lodging expenses of office bearers not exceeding to Rs. 1500/- per day.
4. Outstanding expenses of XX NWISA conference held at Panjab University, Chandigarh and payment of invited speakers.
5. Review of work (Action-taken Report) of different committees constituted on 2nd of June, 2019.
6. Collaboration of NWISA in different academic activities and sponsoring of officers mandatory and other EC members as per the suitability of organizing institution.
7. Next conference (XXI NWISA Conference).
8. Any other agenda with the permission of chair.

Welcoming all the officer bearers and EC members, the organizing secretary, Dr. Bindu Dogra, thanks NWISA to choose her college as venue of the meeting. After introducing herself and others she handed over the dice to General Secretary of NWISA. General Secretary welcomed officially all the office bearers as well as EC members and apprise the house that Prof. Pramjit Judge, Ex-President of NWISA and one of founding member of NWISA become President of *India Sociological Society* which is proud moment for us all and honour for the North-west region. Prof. BK Nagla, Ex-President of NWISA conferred with "*Life-time Achievement Award*" by ISS, which is a proud moment for us all and great honour for whole region.

After seeking permission from the chair, meeting starts and all items of agenda taken one-by-one and discussed and resolute as follows:

Item 1: Discussion and approval of minutes of previous meeting held on 2nd of June, 2019 at CRRID, regarding this, the general secretary read the minutes of previous meeting and after a healthy discussion, all the points approved.

Item 2: Life-time achievement award. As it was also discussed in the previous meeting, the convener of the committee constituted for the award of life-time achievement after discussion with the members of the committee, it was proposed to give life-time achievement award for the outstanding contribution of nominated scholar in the north-west region. The scholar should be of 55 or more than 55 years of age and should be proposed by atleast two (02) EC members and will be discussed in the EC meeting in presence of all office bearers. The decision of the President will be final.

On the basis of this criteria, Life-time Achievement Award-2020 will be given to Prof. SL Sharma, Prof. PN Pimpley, Prof. Virender Pal, Prof. BK Nagla, Prof. Ravinder Singh Sindhu and Prof. Satish Sharma.

Along with life-time achievement award, two more awards were proposed by the committee, i.e. Emerging Sociologist Award and Young Sociologist Award. Only age criteria will be different i.e. 40-55 years and 25-40 years respectively for Emerging Sociologist Award and Young Sociologist Award, rest criteria for award will remain the same as it is for life-time achievement award. It was also decided to start “Young Sociologist Award” in the name of first President of NWISA, “*Prof. K. Gopal Iyer Memorial Young Sociologist Award*”. Both awards will be given to two (02) scholars every year in annual conference of NWISA. This item was discussed and approved and passed.

Item 3: Enhancement of honorarium for out-station office bearers and EC members of NWISA from Rs. 1000 to 1500=00 and lodging expenses of office bearers not exceeding to Rs. 1500/- per day, was discussed and approved.

Item 4: Outstanding expenses of XX NWISA conference held at Panjab University, Chandigarh and payment of invited speakers. In this regard, it was discussed that outstanding payment which were supposed to be paid the organizer of XX NWISA Conference, but inspite of many reminders, the payment of two invited speakers were not made. So, it was discussed that since that was NWISA conference, therefore for the sake of dignity of NWISA, it was decided to make payment by NWISA. The treasurer authorizes to collect the outstanding bills and make payment, hence it was resolved with a mark that for future conference of NWISA, it will be intimated organizing institution clearly that any such payment will be made by them only not by NWISA.

Item 5: Review of work (Action-taken Report) of different committees constituted on 2nd of June, 2019. In this regard, the convener of different

committees, discussed their action-taken report so far. The website updation committee has almost completed their work and the convener of the committee requested all EC members to update their profile so that we can update data base of all life members. The research journal committee has presented the progress and stated that they are in final stage and hopefully in the forthcoming conference we will be in position to start “NWISA- Journal of Sociology” with ISSN and UGC-CARE listed first with on-line though they said they are in final stage of printing version as well. Dr. Manoj Kumar volunteer himself for research journal committee and EC approved and included him to take care the concerns related to research journal of NWISA. It was also apprised to all members that as per the decision taken in last meeting on “Celebration of 100 Years of Sociology in India”, NWISA as a collaborative partner of national and international academic events, took part and organize institutional events. Institutions like; Nur Mohammad Smriti Mahavidyalaya Dhuliyon, Murshidabad, West Bengal; Govt. College Beaver Rajasthan and Dronacharya Govt. College Gurugram for international events and Govt. College Chamba, Govt. College Hamirpur, Govt. College Palampur and Govt. College Dhamsi, Shimla for national events with the theme, *Celebration of 100 Years of Sociology in India*. NWISA also collaborate with regional associations like; West Bengal Sociological Association (WBSA), Rajasthan Sociological Association (RSA), Sociological Society, Himachal Pradesh (SSHP) and Social Science and Humanities Association (SSHA), Working Group-05 of International Sociological Association (ISA).

Item 6: Collaboration of NWISA in different academic activities and sponsoring of officers mandatory and other EC members as per the suitability of organizing institution. Regarding this agenda item, it was decided to write to collaborative institution at the time of approval of any collaborative event that it is mandatory to provide lodging and local hospitality to all office bearers as well as EC members. For other life member’s participation in the respective conference, registration fee will be relaxed upto 50 percent on the production of proof that they are the member of NWISA.

Item 7: Next conference (XXI NWISA Conference). In this regard, two proposals from JLN Govt. College, Manali at Haripur, District Kullu, Himachal Pradesh and Department of Sociology, Punjabi University, Patiala have been received. It was discussed and decided to give XXI NWISA conference to JLN Govt. College, Manali, Himachal Pradesh and the conference will be held from 27-28 March, 2020. It was also decided to approve the second proposal of organizing the NWISA conference and the second proposer i.e. Department of Sociology, Punjabi University Patiala.

Item 8: Any other agenda with the permission of chair. Under this agenda item, EC members proposed to form Research committees for vital out-reach of NWISA. These RCs are aims to conduct Sociological research in North West region at all levels. All institutions of higher studies will be requested

to plan and initiate research at all level focusing on research committees and involve in all academic ventures including; seminars, conferences, symposiums, culture exchanges, summer schools etc. Research committees are further attempts to document status and issues related to the mentioned topic (s) in the region so that in coming time we can *prepare a catalogue* for further researchers/researches.

Following committees have been formed:

Research Committee No.	Name of Research Committee	Convener	Co-convener
RC-1	Gender Studies	Dr. Bindu Dogra	
RC-2	Sociology of Marginalized Communities	Dr. Bhup Singh Gaur	Dr. Amarjit Lal
RC-3	Environment and Society	Dr. Mohinder Slariya	Dr. Hema Gandotra
RC-4	Media, Technology and Society	Dr. Deepak Kumar	
RC-5	Urban Sociology	Dr. Manoj Kumar Teotia	
RC-6	Migration and Diaspora	Dr. Manoj Kumar	Dr. Amandeep Singh
RC-7	Sociology: Theory, Concept & Methodology	Dr. Jagdish Mehta	
RC-8	Law, Crime and Deviance	Dr. Anupam Bahari	
RC-9	Religion, Science and Society	Dr. Jagsir Barar	
RC-10	Sociology of Health and Sports	Dr. Bali Bahadur	

All conveners/co-conveners of RCs will prepare a short write-up maximum 100 words highlighting the importance of respective RC and same will submit to General Secretary for updation on website of NWISA and invite the members to join. All conveners are also requested to add co-convener to their RC. The write is requested to submit on official mail ID of the NWISA i.e. ecnwisa@gmail.com with cc to mohinderslariya@gmail.com latest by 31st of January, 2020.

It was also decided to prepare “*Over-all Coordinating Committee*” to guide conveners/co-conveners and members of RCs and all respected members of this committee are requested to guide us all. The members of this committee are as follows:

Sr. No.	Name of Member	Affiliation
1.	Prof. Vishav Raksha	Department of Sociology, University of Jammu
2.	Prof. OP Monga (Rtd.)	Department of Sociology, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla
3.	Dr. BP Badola (Rtd.)	Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh

4.	Prof. Desh Raj	Department of Sociology, MD University, Rohtak, Haryana
5.	Prof. Prem Kumar	Department of Sociology, Kurukshetra University
6.	Prof. Sukh Dev Singh	Department of Sociology, Punjab Agriculture University

Another item was also discussed under this head, Dr. Manoj Kumar proposed to add post of Vice-president and Joint Secretary in existing Executive. The matter was discussed at a length and it was decided to take this to general body meeting and will be presented and discussed there.

The meeting was attended by following EC members:

Sr. No.	Name of EC Member
1.	Dr. Amarjit Lal
2.	Dr. Manoj Kumar
3.	Dr. Manoj Kumar Teotia
4.	Dr. Anupam Bahari
5.	Dr. Deepak Kumar
6.	Dr. Amandeep Singh
7.	Dr. Bindu Dogra
8.	Dr. Bhup Singh Gaur
9.	Dr. Mohinder Slariya

All agenda items approved and published with the permission of the President.

Dr. Mohinder Slariya

General Secretary

NWISA

Place: Chamba

Dated: 16th of January, 2020