## Minutes of the General Body meeting held on 06.12.2022.

The General Body (GB) meeting of the Ramanujan Mathematical Society (RMS) was held on December 06, 2022 at 5:20 pm during the 37th Annual Conference RMS at SSN College of Engineering, Chennai. The President of RMS, Prof. S. Ponnusamy, welcomed the members present in the GB meeting and expressed his satisfaction about the continuous progress of RMS as evident from the present annual meet of RMS in which more than 300 delegates from different parts of the country participated with 250 speakers including Plenary speakers, Symposia speakers and contributory talks. After his general remarks, he requested the Secretary Prof. K. S. Charak to conduct the deliberations on agenda items.

- 1. The Secretary after welcoming the members present in the GB meeting expressed his satisfaction over the smooth and progressive functioning of RMS and presented his report.
- 2. The Secretary placed before the house the minutes of the GB meeting held on August 06, 2021 for approval of GB. Prof. Pratulananda Das proposed the approval and Dr. Allu Vasudev seconded him and the minutes of previous GB meeting were passed by the preset GB in one voice.
- 3. The Secretary presented before the GB the list of 125 life members of RMS who got registered after the last GB meeting (06.12. 2021), for admission to RMS. Prof. Swadesh Kumar Sahoo proposed the admission of these new members to RMS and Dr. Tarakanta Nayak seconded him. The GB approved the admission. With this admission, the total number of life members of RMS is now 1807.
- 4. The minutes of EC of RMS held on 05.12.2022 were presented before the GB by the Secretary, Prof. K. S. Charak. All resolutions adopted by the EC were discussed in the GB in detail:
  - (i) The Academic Secretary, Prof. Jaydeb Sarkar presented the Academic Secretary's Report before the EC: He reported that the preparation for the 37th annual conference of the RMS was not smooth. At first, we had it scheduled for the summer at the Central University of Punjab. The entire preparation process took place during the pandemic, so perhaps some crucial logistics weren't covered during the discussion. We selected IIT Indore as

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the location after it became clear that the Central University of Punjab lacked the required logistics. Meanwhile, the EC of RMS decided to broaden the scope of the conference. As a result, RMS built a much larger platform for the conference this time. The concept was simple: selective plenary talks, and more symposia with more symposia speakers. A schedule was chalked out: 4 plenary speakers, 1 public lecture, and 9 symposia with 16 speakers per symposium. Plenty of space for contributory talks was created. See the attached skeleton of the schedule. Accordingly, a conference website was put up at IIT Indore with a complete list of plenary speakers, symposia organizers, and symposia speakers. However, the EC decided to change the venue due to financial constraints that were identified at a later stage of the discussion. The EC then selected the SSN college of engineering in Chennai as the venue of the conference. The date of the conference remained the same: December 6 - 8, 2022. It was observed with a happy note that even after the change of venue, there was essentially no drop off of participants and speakers for the annual conference.

- (ii) While presenting the Reports of Editors of the Journal of Ramanujan Mathematical Society (JRMS), Lecture Notes Series (LNS) and Mathematics News Letter (MNL), the members expressed their satisfaction on these reports. About the sale of back volumes of LNS, Prof. K. Srinivas suggested that RMS may approach NBHM besides going to Amazon, Flipkart etc. as decided by the EC. His suggestions were endorsed by the EC and assured the house to take all possible steps in this direction and Editor-in-Chief of LNS shall be requested to come out with new volumes in this series.
- (iii) The EC resolved to continue with two separate accounts of RMS (currently one at Mysore and the other at Chennai) as laid down in the Bye-Laws of the society and directs both the offices to ensure strict following of the Bye-Laws of the society in carrying out any kind of financial transactions with Banks, after obtaining written permission from the Secretary and Tresurer. Further, EC resolved that the honorarium of Mr. T. Padmanabhan, a secretarial Assistant for Chennai office of RMS be fixed as Rs. 2500/- per month w.e.f. January 2022, and the arrears on account

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- of the enhancement of the honorarium be released to him accordingly. Also, the EC decided to review the services, duties and honorariums of the secretarial staff of RMS at both of its offices at Chennai and Mysore.
- (iv) To keep all the EC members informed about the progress of JRMS, EC resolved that a soft copy of JRMS be provided to them, for personal use, as soon as an issue is published.
- For venue of the 38th Annual Conference of RMS, there are three (v) proposals received by the Secretary: IIT Guwahati, Kalasalingam Academy of Research and Education (TN), and NIT Arunachal Pradesh. The EC after a thorough scrutiny accepted IIT Guwahati as the Venue of the 38th Annual Conference of RMS with exact dates to be decided after discussions with the local convener by the Academic Secretary, Prof. Jaydeb Sarkar. Further, the other regional considered for proposals may be two conferences/workshops.
- (vi) Institution of six best Ph.D. thesis awards has been proposed by Professor Ravi Kulkarni. He has also proposed that these awards may be known as RMS-TMC Best Thesis awards. TMC will send Rs 30,000 per year for these six awards for 10 years. The EC unanimously accepted the proposal of Prof. Ravi Kulkarni and the modus operandi for the execution of the awards is being worked out by the EC. The commencement of these awards will take place at next annual conference of RMS.
- (vii) To ensure the continuous growth of RMS, the EC approved the following:
  - A discount of 10% and 20% in the membership fee will be provided if the number of persons applying at the same time from a particular institution/university is more than 10 but less than 20, and at least 20, respectively.
  - To create a mechanism to involve all Mathematical Societies across the country to organize joint conferences with RMS.
  - To carry out outreach programs of social relevance, throughout the country such as educational programmes for school and college students and teachers.

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 To raise the corporate funds, proposals to be submitted to the corporate sector for funding RMS activities at different levels in colleges and schools.

The GB appreciated the way forward of EC and endorsed the EC minutes.

(viii) The Treasurer of RMS, Prof. Rajeswari Seshadari, presented the Audited Statements of Accounts of RMS for the financial year 2021-2022. Prof. K. Srinivas proposed the acceptance of the accounts presented and Prof. Youvaraj seconded him, and the GB passed the audited statements of accounts.

The GB meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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