



Minutes of the 36th AGM held at IMEI House On Saturday 28 September 2019

**MINUTES OF THE 36th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)
HELD ON SATURDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT IMEI HOUSE, NERUL, NAVI MUMBAI**

The 36thAGM of IME (I) was held at IMEI House, Nerul on 28 September 2019. A total of 85 members participated.

Attendees:

Sr. No.	Membership No.	Names	Sr. No.	Membership No.	Names
1	F-2375	Chitta Dash	24	F-728	B.S.Mathur
2	M-2014	U.S.Kalghatgi	25	AM-12575	Sandeep Jaswant Singh
3	F-18191	Manteshwar	26	AM-7106	Firoz Cooper
4	F-3282	N.K.Prasad	27	F-5541	Ranjeet Singh
5	M-5434	Bhupesh Tater	28	F-1095	S.Narayan
6	F-3660	Vikram Gokhale	29	M-2354	Amitabh Shukla
7	F-3347	Sanjeev Ogale	30	F-19918	Sanjay Brahmkankar
8	F-0182	Niranjan Bangera	31	F-5743	V.D.Shinde
9	M-014	B.N.Advani	32	F-1158	C.V.Subba Rao
10	M-17332	S.K.Goyal	33	F-0438	S.Kannan
11	F-252	V.Visweswaran	34	F-1903	K.R.Sachar
12	A-4264	S.Alphonso	35	F-194	A.R.Chitnis
13	F-4655	A.Kar	36	F-1573	P.D.Nambiar
14	A-13880	Prasad Rekhi	37	M-4066	Dr.C.Janakiram
15	F-381	R.Ladha	38	M-1402	Raja Hadikyal
16	F-4264	H.Chidamabaram	39	F-3335	Digambar Misra
17	F-333	P.R.Kapoor	40	F-1860	Mohan Singh Pal
18	F-0111	D.P.Madan	41	F-8893	Hare Ram Hare
19	F-1904	L.J.Fernandes	42	F-1559	Melbo Koshy
20	F-3983	D.Mehrotra	43	F-973	Mukul Gupta
21	F-1713	Rajesh P.Doshi	44	F-0060	K.Shankar
22	F-1264	B.K.Saxena	45	F-1001	Kushal Roy
23	F-166	B.B.Badwal	46	F-1332	K.S.Murty
47	F-3158	Atul Kumar	48	M-12122	Rohit Chidambaram
49	M-901	Pankaj M.Joshi	50	M-5712	Tarique Mulla

51	F-2746	Bryan D'sa		52	F-502	Sunil Gupta
53	F-1176	Ravi Kapoor		54	F-3025	A.K.Sahu
55	F-3864	S.D.Gupta		56	F-086	B.B.Kukreja
57	M-12346	Sandeep Bhargava		58	F-3461	V.P.Singh
59	F-5236	Subrat Mukherjee		60	M.12493	Mem Zaidi
61	F-2247	A.K.Gupta		62	A-19644	Sanjiv Tamrakar
63	M-22508	Sandeep Agarwal		64	M-21570	Vijay Kumar
65	F-3716	Bhupendra Singh		66	M-19834	Shailesh Jha
67	F-4792	Rajesh Kasargod		68	M-19279	Sameer Narain
69	F-3847	V.K.Vatsa		70	F-2002	Ranjit Singh
71	18247	NavinKinger		72	F-937	Dipankar
73	F-14547	M.R.Pathan		74	F-3333	S.Sanatani
75	F-2349	Vinod		76	F-3750	Gaurav Agarwal
77	F-9966	Rajeeva Prakash		78	A-18681	Samiullah
79	F-386	S.N.Batra		80	F-1009	K.Chidambaram
81	F-0001	H.K.Taneja		82	F-2209	V.K.Jain
83	F-2097	Y.Nath		84	F-0665	K.K.Nair
85	F-4176	Uday Purohit				

Agenda Item no. 1: Welcome address by the President, IME (I)

The President, Mr. C V Subba Rao, chaired the meeting and welcomed the gathering. Prior to commencing proceedings, the gathering observed a one-minute silence as a mark of respect for those who had passed away during the year including Mr. Surendra Vaidya, an employee at Mumbai Branch.

The President Mr. V Subba Rao then requested the HGS, Mr. Krishna K Nair to start the proceedings.

Agenda Item no. 2: Adoption of the Minutes of 35thAGM held on Saturday, 22 September 2018 at IMEI House, Nerul, Navi Mumbai

The Honorary General Secretary, Mr. Krishna K Nair, informed the gathering that the draft MoM of the 35th AGM were circulated on 03 December 2018 and clarifications/comments sought by 15 December 2018 and the final minutes were circulated on 17 December 2018.

The previously circulated minutes were accepted without any further comments/suggestions

RESOLUTION NO. 36.02.01

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the 35thAnnual general meeting held on Saturday, 22September 2018 and as circulated are hereby verified and approved.

Proposed by Mr. Kushal Roy and Seconded by Mr. Abhijeet Banerjee

Agenda No. 3: Adoption of the Audited accounts for the period 01April 2018 to 31March, 2019

As the 3rd item on the agenda, the audited accounts of IME (I) for the period 01 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 were presented by the HGS and tabled for discussion.

Certain queries, as received from Mr. S M Rai, via email (*reproduced in italics below*), were clarified as under:

1. *Any general body meeting, held once a year, is basically to apprise members about how the institute is being managed, maintained and has been administered during the period under review. Main focus is on the accounts and finances, pending matters and plans for the future. Members gather once a year to discuss, seek or give advice for future growth and development.*

This year a comparative two year summary of the P&L statements (past and FY ended 2018-2019)with a drilldown of Income , Expenditure and Surplus from each revenue sources such as FC, TAR Books, Training, Hostel, Seminars, Exam, was presented, by the HGS, at the AGM

2. *My impression for the last few years has been that not enough time is allotted to deliberate on issues which would have much wider impact on the image and functioning of the institute and more time is devoted to speeches (I would refrain to call them political) and to the presentations of awards number of which is increasing every year including the speeches of the respected, meritorious and distinguished recipients. I strongly feel and suggest a separate function be held to honour the senior awardees who have devoted their lives for the cause and service of the institute and deserves much wider acclaim. Also, presentations be made by some industry luminary instead by the office bearers.*

The presentation of the RL Jain Lifetime Achievement Memorial Awards and acceptance speeches by the recipients were kept down to the barest minimum.

Respectfully, there has been no attempt to dissuade members from expressing their views, and no time frame set for closing the AGM. Presentation by an external guest is well taken and noted, but protocol dictates that such a speech has to be outside the business session of the AGM.

3. *Even at the cost of repetition would advocate that every effort be made to minimise the expenses. Despite assurance given at the last AGM, noticed 3 GC meetings held this time too, one recently at Vizag at hardly any notice. GC meetings are attended by Branch elected members who need to take opinion and views of the branch members. Short notice leaves no room for this. Further we are living in a time of technology and improved communication network where live interaction with the GC is easy. Per report and past records, I reckon every GC meeting cost IMEI nearly 5 Lakhs. This is huge outgo despite handsome gains and inflow from WSF and INMARCO. Shipping is passing through tough times and we must take care of future and rainy days.*

The Vice President, Mr Uday Purohit, informed Mr. Rai and the gathering that in the next term at least one GC Meeting would happen via Skype or similar Video / Audio conference. As a reference, the GC expenses for the term were lower than the last term.

4. *Queries with respect to the nature of some of the expenses as at Schd. Fwere clarified as under*
 - Complimentary gifts
--INR 3, 94,731/- expended on 1000nos. T- shirts and the 'Welcome Kit' provided to Students Members upon enrolment.
 - Gifts and Prizes
--INR 1,56,912/- included Life Time achievement awards / H S Rao Memorial awards and prize money to the Branches as per the ORP for Best technical paper presentation.
 - Legal and Professional fees at HO
-- INR 6,69,787/- included professional fees towards Closure of MMD Trust, Charity

Commissioner's change report cases, Income tax cases ITAT 2009-10 & 2013-14 remanded back to AO.

- Industrial Meet – INR 7100/- . Expended on printing of Invitation cards

The Vice President provided a reply to the questions raised by Mr S M Rai with respect to Income Tax Cases and Income Tax Demand/ Liability

A query was raised as to why Continuous Professional Development Fees, as at Schd. G (Revenue / Expenditure from Training Activities) especially from METC, Nerul showed negative net margin

The HGS explained that the GC was fully seized with the matter of the need to improve the financial performance of METC and that this had come up for discussion at the 80th GC Meeting at Kolkata in February 2019. Following the GCM, a committee (consisting of three GC Members and the Director , METC) was constituted to undertake a comprehensive study of the fee being charged, for Preparatory Courses run by the Institute (Fees, which had not been revised for three years despite YOY increases in Faculty & Staff remunerations and increase in operational costs.)

The committee submitted its recommendations and basis implementation of some of these such as reduction in the number of NCV Examination preparatory classes and a revision in certain course fee, have yielded results and the [METC] P&L for the month ended July 2019 and August 2019 have shown a positive net margin (surplus).

As to why this revenue source showed a (net positive surplus) in the preceding year , i.e. Year ended March 2018, with a similar level of income, it was explained, by the HGS, that in the past certain common expenses allocation to the Sub Committees (such as electricity, water, security charges, housekeeping , property taxes) had not happened.

Effective FY 2018 -2019, an apportionment was made of these (common) expenses, as appropriate, to various Sub Committee P&L accounts.

This apportionment of costs (expenses) now reflect the actual net margins and the viability of each of the activities undertaken by the Institute.

It was also explained that the reason why some branches (Head office, Kolkata, Goa and Pune) showed a net negative margin, as at Schedule "H" (Technical Meetings, Seminars et al, was that Technical Meetings and Seminars had no sponsorships and IME (I) ran these Technical Meetings and seminars, without the levy of any charge, for furtherance of the Objects of the IME (I).

5. *Reference to refurbishing of the auditorium and working of the grievance cell am sure Mumbai Branch Chairman and Mumbai GC members have apprised you suitably.---*Covered under Agenda Item # 12
6. *Presence and visibility of IME (I) hard to accept, but admittedly has been on the decline. This needs course correction. AGM may be advised –* Covered under Agenda Item # 12

Accounts were unanimously adopted as presented and the following resolution passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 36.03.01

RESOLVED that the Audited Income and Expenditure Account for the Accounting year ended 31st March 2019 and Balance sheet as on 31st March 2019 with the Auditor's Report is hereby adopted. Proposed by Mr. K Shankar and Seconded by Mr. S M Rai

Agenda Item no. 4: Confirming the appointment of an Auditor at a remuneration of Rs. 60,000/- plus taxes for the financial year 2019-2020

RESOLUTION No 36.04.01:

RESOLVED that Rajendra Trivedi be reappointed as Auditor for the Financial Year 2019-2020 at an Auditor's Fees of Rs. 60000/- plus Taxes.

Proposed by Mr. B S Mathur and Seconded by Mr. A K Gupta

Agenda item no. 5: Presentation of the Governing Council Report for the period from 16 July 2018 to 15 July, 2019:

The Governing Council Report for the period 16 July, 2018 to 15 July 2019 was presented by the Honorary General Secretary. He highlighted the salient points of the activities of the Sub-committees and the various Branches during the previous year.

Agenda item no. 6: Submission of the amendments made to the Operational Rules & Procedures after 35th AGM:

There were no amendments or changes to the ORP since the 35th GCM

Agenda Item no. 7 Declaration of the “H.S. Rao Memorial Award” for the year 2018-2019

On behalf of the President, the Honorary Editor of the MER, Mr. Hrishikesh Narasimhan announced the “H. S. Rao Memorial Award for the year 2018-19”.

The paper adjudged the Best Technical Paper published in the MER(I) during 2018 -2019 was titled “The Working Principle of Hybrid Propulsion using Shaft Generators and Motors”, authored by Mr Amit Gupta, was published in the May 2018 issue of the Marine Engineers Review (India).

Agenda item no. 9: Declaration of the R L Jain Memorial, IME (I) Lifetime Achievement Awards for 2019.

An Award Evaluation Committee consisting of the following members reached a decision in regard to the awardees for the year 2019, from amongst the as received nominations.

1. Mr. R Ashok,
2. Mr. R K Mohanty
3. Dr. K ASimon,
4. Mr. Govinder Kapoor
5. The President
6. The Honorary General Secretary

The three recipients of the R L Jain Memorial Lifetime Achievement Awards 2019 were:

- Mr.P C Jain (awarded posthumously)
- Mr. K Chidambaram
- Mr A R Chitnis

Agenda Item No 9: Announcement of the result of elections to the Governing Council for the term 2019-2021:

Prior announcing the result, the President conveyed his appreciation to Dr. B K Saxena and his team for completing the task of the conduct of the election in a very commendable and efficient way as the “Election/ Scrutinizing Officer “

Thereafter announced the election results for the term 2019-2021 and read out the names of the new office Bearers as follows:

- 1) Mr. Uday Purohit - President
- 2) Mr. Kushal Roy - Vice President
- 3) Mr. Tarun Kumar – Honorary General Secretary

Chennai Branch:

Chairman

Anil Kumar P.K - F 3985

Vice Chairman

B. Jayakumar - F 2377

Hon. Secretary

Sanjeev S. Vakil - F 3907

Hon. Treasurer

Suresh Appula Shenoi - F 5450

G C Member

K. Shankar - F 60

Executive Committee Member

Ramasamy Muthusamy - F 3989

Executive Committee Member

Ramesh Subramanian - F 4498

Delhi Branch:

Chairman

Sanjay Sadhu- F 18379

Vice Chairman

Ravi Sachdeva- F 839

Hon. Secretary

A.K. Mukherjee - M 2429

Hon. Treasurer

Kapil Dev Ahuja - F 1427

G C Members

S.P. Arora - F 1318

Raghavan Ramanujam - F 2803

Executive Committee Members

Govinder Kapoor - F 511

Sudhir Punhani - M 27363

Chandigarh Chapter:

Chairman

Iqbal Singh - F 3866

Hon. Secretary

Sanjeet Singh - F 1440

Hon. Treasurer

Ajay Gautam - M 24131

Executive Committee Member

Arun Kumar Agarwal - M 1416

Goa Branch:

Chairman

B.S. Mathur - F 628

Vice Chairman

A. A. Tambwekar - F 4009

Hon. Secretary

Surendra Naik - M 9967

Hon. Treasurer

M. Mehdiratta - M 4750

Executive Committee Member

Hrushikesh Sahu - F 4213

Kochi Branch:

Chairman

Thomas Kurian - F 2233

Vice Chairman

V.J. Jose - F 3508

Hon. Secretary

SonneyKocheril Joseph - M 7927

Hon. Treasurer

Dipak Mohan - F 4658

G C Member

Mathew Koshy - F 1954

Executive Committee Members

Sivaram Narayana Swamy - F 4285

R. Venugopal - F 4201

Kolkata Branch:

Chairman

Amit Bhatnagar - F 5874

Vice Chairman

Abhijit Banerjee - F 5748

Hon. Secretary

Gautam Sen - F 533

Hon. Treasurer

Ranendra Kumar Das - F 8566

G C Member

Pradip Kumar Biswas - F 6182

Executive Committee Member

S.K. Saha - F 886

A.K. Sarkar - F 4532

Karnataka Chapter:

Chairman

PavithranAlokkan - F 16691

Hon. Secretary

Keshava Rao - M 17244

Hon. Treasurer

Amitabh Bhargava - F 1268

Executive Committee Member

Kasaragod Pillath Prakash - M 19888

Mumbai Branch:

Chairman

Vijendra Kumar Jain - F 2209

Vice Chairman

Upendra Kumar- F 7915

Hon. Secretary

Bhupesh Tater - M 5434

Hon. Treasurer

B.D.B. D'sa - F 2674

G C Members

Y. Nath - F 2195

Girish Sreeraman Thiruchirapalli - M 24216

Chitta Ranjan Dash - F 2375

Executive Committee Members

Davidhai Daniel Birwadkar - M 10957

Sanjeev Vidyaparkash Mehra - F 4562

Vikram Dingley - M 8523

Navi Mumbai Chapter:

Chairman

Chitta Ranjan Dash - F 2375

Hon. Secretary

Mohan Singh Pal - F 1860

Hon. Treasurer

M. Tariquem Qasim Mulla - M 5712

Executive Committee Members

Uma Shankar Singh - AM 24059

Vinod Kumar Dhankher - F 4231

Gujarat Chapter:

Chairman

R.P. Doshi - F 1713

Hon. Secretary

Prakash Gajendra Desai - M 14593

Hon. Treasurer

Kirit N. Dholakia - F 746

Executive Committee Member

Manohar Wasudeorao Kuhikar - F 3139

Pune Branch:

Chairman:

Bhalchandra Balwant Chandakkar- F 13644

Vice Chairman

Anil Bhat - M 1934

Hon. Secretary

Mohan Joshi - M 4775

Hon. Treasurer

Dilip Gangadhar Phadke - M 2758

Executive Committee Member

A.G. Sahasrabudhe - F 3073

Visakhapatnam Branch:

Chairman

V. Lakshmipati Rao - F 2963

Vice Chairman

Vijayananda Kumar Amara - F 1283

Hon. Secretary

Dr. Varaha Siva Prasad - F 24940

Hon. Treasurer

Syama Sunder Venkata S. Karpurapu - M 8857

G C Member

Dilshah Singh Anand - F 3679

Executive Committee Member

Gopalarao Venkata Poodipeddi - F 13983

K. Bimdhru Mohan - F 1397

Agenda Item # 10. Address by the President

Address by the President, C V Subba Rao

Quote

Immediate Past President, Shri Dilip Mehrotra, Honorable recipients of the R L Jain memorial lifetime achievement award, Shri A R Chitnis, Shri. K Chidambaram, members of the family of Late Shri P C Jain, Honorable recipient of H S Rao Memorial award, Shri Amit Gupta, my fellow office bearers, Vice President Shri Uday Purohit, Hon General Secretary Shri K K Nair, Immediate Past Vice President Shri Vijendra Jain, Honorary Editor MER, Shri Hrishikesh Narasimhan, Members of the Governing Council, Chairmen, office bearers & staff of this Institute's Branches and Chapters, Honorable Past Presidents, Past Vice Presidents, Past Hon General Secretaries and Distinguished Members of this august body:

Someone said. "You can buy a person's time and work, but you cannot buy their enthusiasm, effort, and passion. Those are earned, and as such, given freely". This is what symbolizes all those who work in an honorary capacity. I have a host of people and an equally long list of their activities to applaud in this term; but my magnificent 7 are:

1. Shri V Lakshmi pathy Rao for putting his heart and soul into Glomars 2019.
2. Shri S M Rai for his extraordinary work during INMARCO 2018.
3. Shri Rajeev Nayyar for being his usual versatile self and playing multiple roles in INMARCO 2018, the newly installed Engine Simulator and the STCW work in IMO.
4. Shri K Shankar for his untiring efforts during World Shipping Forum 2017, his work on the Membership & Admissions Sub Committee and the Cochin building.
5. Shri Hrishikesh Narasimhan, the Hon Editor whose efforts are there for all to see.
6. Shri Uday Purohit for his stately presence on various occasions, not the least of all his strategic discussions with the D L Shah Trust in getting the simulator in place.
7. Finally, the topper- who put in an average of 24 hours every week, and whose accomplishments need a power point presentation, the HGS, Shri K K Nair.

I proposed "TARGET 2020", built around the three pillars, when I took over two years ago:

1. Learning
2. Technology
3. Disruption

Learning

Much before the Common Era, Alexander the Great said, "I am indebted to my father for living, but to my teacher for living well". In each of us there is a teacher, one who is a mix of a child, an adult and a parent. If we could sift the various ego states as required, we will have done the society proud.

As a nation and as institutions we are making an extraordinary effort in bringing India's education up to the mark. Whether it is gaining traction remains a matter for debate. During the term I have been in touch with the offices of the DG Shipping on the issues of pre-sea (undergraduate) courses and the upgraded education (essentially Certificates of Competency). This was much on the lines I expressed during the AGM in September 2017. One of the key recommendations I made in April 2019 was to have the Orals examination as an exercise of friendship between the examiner and the candidate. Instead of asking direct questions, the candidate may be asked to relate his story of 12 to 18 months on board, wherefore the examiner can then softly probe and link it to the function.

On another note, I have been working with University of Mumbai on the issue of engineering degree equivalence, since 2015, which would give recognition to many in the fraternity. I have made my last and final submission to Mumbai University on September 25th. The file now rests with the office of the Vice Chancellor, Mumbai University.

Technology

I have often spoken of Technology, which as we know is evolving by the day. A young engineer would grow to be a lot more competent if a greater proportion of his learning constitutes a paradigm shift in

the learning processes, with two thirds of his time on board modern day ships. In here, we have now installed a modern full mission engine simulator, with a generous contribution of One crore from the D L Shah Trust. It is now used for training sea going engineers, and I have in my letter of April 2019 asked DG Shipping to consider 20% credit to the engineering examination for simulator driven exercises.

As you all know, I had taken the opportunity to write to the Honorable Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, after his election, and offered free counsel. I sought his intervention on reforming the education system, the employment process and infrastructure development. I see that technology is the way forward, and the succeeding set of office bearers, led by the President-elect are already gearing up for such a revolution.

Disruption

“It is no use going back to yesterday because I was a different person then”, goes the saying in Alice in Wonderland.

I am currently reading a bit of history, “Glimpses of World History” by Jawaharlal Nehru and the other, “Second Hand Time” by a Russian Nobel laureate, Svetlana Alexievich, simultaneously. While Nehru writes on the way the world evolved, Alexievich writes on the stories of people who lived through a time of political upheaval – the fall of the Soviet Union and the two decades that followed it.

I expressed my definition of disruption in September 2017, essentially as a process which initially looks innocuous but gains traction against contemporary logic and eventually leaves obsolescence in its wake. In both the above books I find visible traits of how society faced disruptive processes that dramatically altered life for the people. We have to expect disruption in our lives all the time and stay alert. We are all subject to shelf lives, time catches up. I mean, if we wish to speak to the future, we have to reinvent ourselves.

You may recall my speech of September 2017 the changes that could impact us, such as the phase out of the facilitation centers (and loss of revenues), the long pending case of the Cochin building, which lies in a dilapidated condition, but yet incurring expenses, with no revenue. We are left with an asset in a difficult economy.

Keeping such a logic in mind, we have taken a few key decisions during the term (a key component here is that people chosen for specific tasks are by name and not by position, thus ensuring that they remain on these committees until the project is completed)

Cochin building is all set to be sold, the paperwork falling in place. A team of people, comprising Shri K A Varghese, Shri Mathew Koshy and joined lately Shri K Shankar, Shri K Krishnan and Shri Uday Purohit are working on it as a separate assignment to complete the process. This will infuse some liquidity into our fold.

We started on a concerted effort to engage with the Corporates. As part of our effort, we have recognized promoters who have contributed time, people and money into our Forums.

We are currently in discussion with the celebrated Dr. Ravi Mehrotra CBE, Executive Chairman of The Foresight Group for support on the refurbishment of the Auditorium. A committee comprising Shri Uday Purohit, Shri Rajeev Nayyar, Shri Kushal Roy and Shri K Shankar have prepared a proposal which has been submitted to the office of Dr. Mehrotra. I have roped in Shri V K Singh as the envoy for the project as he has a close rapport with Dr. Mehrotra. In my most recent conversation, Dr. Mehrotra has once again confirmed his commitment to the project. We have since obtained a few quotations for the refurbishment work.

You may have noticed that we have put in a lot of effort in sprucing up this building and its amenities, i.e. the third floor, the rest rooms, the façade and the driveway.

We have been very alert to the changes that were required to be instituted in our Training Centre. We have a new Director, Shri Rajesh Malhotra who has taken charge in June 2019, following a structured interview and recruitment process.

You may be pleased to note that the Institute has won the rights to host the World Maritime Technology Conference (WMTC) in 2024. The WMTC Steering Committee seeks our support to being a part of Working Groups (WG) and Special Interest Groups (SIG) on modern technology issues such as underwater noise, Arctic shipping etc. Our association with IWCEM (International Workshops, Conferences and Expo for Military and Marine Applications) would serve us well in the WMTC Forums.

As I prepare to lay down office, I thank you all (and the Administration led by Shri D Shetkar), for the opportunity given to me to serve the Institute once again. I shall be failing in my duty if I do not particularly thank the spouses, including my wife Uma, who willingly have given permission to the members for spending their free time working for IMEI.

My advice to the President elect and his team would be to echo what George H W Bush offered his successor, Bill Clinton in January 1993, "There will be very tough times, made even more difficult by criticism you may not think is fair. I'm not a very good one to give advice; but just don't let the critics discourage you or push you off course."

I wish you all and your families a very happy festive season ahead. God speed, Good luck.

Thank you, Jai Hind

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Agenda item no 11. Address by the President Elect (Mr. Uday Purohit)

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Dear Mr President, Past Presidents, Our distinguished Lifetime achievement award winners, my colleagues in the Governing Council, Ladies and Gentlemen, Namaskar!

I am privileged and excited to be elected President of this Institute. I am grateful to each one of you.

I am aware that I will step into the large shoes of men who have lead this Institute with distinction, men of great vision and extraordinary commitment. I can assure you that you will not find me wanting in effort.

I am also aware that we live in a new world order. Technology is coming at us in tidal waves, pushing us out of our comfort zones and disrupting our lives. As it did on a rainy July day, when the DG's office sent a circular that all Facilitation centers will be closed wef 15th August this year because they were going digital, in one stroke the IME(I) lost its biggest customer and the largest source of revenue and profits. Welcome to the VUCA world, one which is Volatile, Uncertain, Complex and Ambiguous!

Ray Kurzweil, Director of Engineering at Google explains it well when he said "We are entering the age of accelerations. The models underlying society at every level which are largely based on a linear model of change are going to have to be redefined. Because of the explosive power of exponential growth, the twenty first century will be equivalent to 20,000 years of progress at today's rate of progress; organisations have to be able to redefine themselves at a faster and faster pace".

How do we at the Institute prepare ourselves? Allow me to share my thoughts on three major fronts: The overall governance, Training and Connectivity.

Let me start with way we govern this Institute. Examine the election manifestos of three candidates who stood for the President's post this year. Examine the manifesto of all the candidates who stood for this post over the last 5 elections. There is no convergence of thoughts. In other words we leave it to the wisdom of the elected candidate to steer the Institute for the two year term. I am introducing the concept of having an Advisory Board consisting of domain experts who understand technology,

training, e-learning, marketing and fund raising. This Advisory Board can then set a broad dynamic vision for the Institute which will be for how we operate. This will ensure continuity and sustained progress. I will discuss this at the GC level before coming back to you for your approval.

The days of Honorary members governing the Institute are long gone. I know no other Institute of our size which runs with part timers. We have tried twice in the past to appoint a full time COO. We failed twice, not because the idea was flawed, or the persons appointed were incompetent. We failed because we were not ready. In my mind the role of the HGS is outdated. Let us take a leaf out of the IMarEST book. They have the equivalent of a Governing Council, a President and a professional team handling the day to day affairs

Resolutions tabled at the AGM, need to be offered for vote to the larger body of members and not restricted to those who attend this event in person. During this term, I intend to introduce for your approval, e-Voting to be made mandatory for all resolutions that the office bearers place for approval. This will naturally force better governance.

Training and Learning and promoting the spread of Marine Engineering is our Primary Objective. With the closure of our FC centers, this will be our revenue stream for the future. Our training curriculum is largely based on preparing young marine engineers to clear their CoCs. Our focus needs to shift to what the Industry needs and developing courses to make our engineers job ready. We took the first step towards addressing this Industry need by installing a state of art Full Mission Engine room Simulator this year. It is only the first step. I seek help on how we could expand this and also move towards online courses which will widen our audience base. We will also start work on creating a digital library for our members.

Connectivity is a key issue. As a first step we need to connect all our Branches and the HO over Video conferencing. This will enable us to stream live our technical seminars across branches to all our members, conduct GC meetings more frequently over video conferencing. I would like more members to participate in our AGM from the comforts of their home.

Since I was appointed Editor of the MER in 2013, I have pursued the agenda of the MER going fully digital. Despite several deliberations at the GC over the last several years, we are still printing close to 3500 copies per month! What a waste of natural resources. This term we will seek your approval to go entirely digital.

As we transform to a predominantly digital entity, we will have to make appropriate amendments to our Articles. They have stood us in good stead for close to 40 years. It is time to tweak them for this digital era. Permit me therefore, if necessary, to call a SGM sometime in April this year to place before you these changes.

Do I have the domain expertise to lead these changes? I don't. And, therefore, ladies and gentlemen I will reach out to you seeking your expertise and help. There is a huge wealth of talent, knowledge and expertise within our membership. If we don't employ it today, when will we?

Thank you for patiently listening to me. I will conclude with apologies to Robert Frost:

The Woods are lovely dark and deep,
But WE have promises to keep,
And miles to go before WE sleep
And miles to go before WE sleep.

Unquote

Agenda item no. 12: Other matter(s) with the prior permission of the Chair:

- Mr. S M Rai –

1. *Lack of presence and visibility of The Institute of Marine Engineers (India) amongst in the Industry.*

– President clarified and informed that currently IME (I) representative was on the Panel on IMO/STCW/ MEPC Committee along with the Add. Secretary of the Ministry and the office of DG. IMEI is also well represented at IWCEM and other industry related Forums.

2. *Lack of participation, by IME (I) in Technical Meetings Seminars& Conferences organized by the DGS.*

- Mr. H K Taneja, former IME (I) President, former Honorary Editor, MER and a winner of the RL Jain Lifetime Memorial Award, said he was very happy to see how the MER had evolved over time and that he was very impressed with the quality and content of the current MER.
- A Member suggested that the term of GC and Office Bearers ought to be 3 years instead of 2 years
- Dr Janki Raman suggested that we ought to consider starting training related to ship repair.
- The President spoke of conducting an Internal Audit focused system processes (such as purchasing, bills processing) and explore the same to GC and come back to AGM
- The matter relating to Mr Kar's actions, while he was Director of IME (I) METC, was raised by one of the esteemed members, Mr Doshi, and discussed at the AGM. The President clarified that the issue was related to Employer - Employee, hence a decision was taken at the Office Bearers level. This was informed to the Governing Council earlier on that day. As it was not a membership grievance issue, just so, neither the Articles nor the ORP provide for any employee related grievances to be resolved at the AGM.

Hence the President stated that the matter rests, which was duly endorsed by two of the GC members present (Mr K Shankar and Mr Kushal Roy).

The Vice President, Mr Uday Purohit, offered to Mr Doshi that he was willing to share the details of the matter, after the meeting and clarify any doubts thereof.

Hence, while Mr Purohit's offer to share the details with Mr Doshi, or for that matter with any other esteemed member, is a matter of natural courtesy extended by the Chair, and must not be seen as the issue remaining open. The meeting was closed with a vote of thanks to the chair, and members dispersing for a fellowship and a dinner, which by protocol and procedure means that the AGM stands concluded for the year.

Mr K Shankar, GC Member, also explained to the body that the grievance of a member was that of an employee and not that of a Member and therefore had to be treated differently as per the rules of the Institute.

- Mr. A Kar, former Director, METC at IME (I) also sought the date of commencement of the refurbishment of GF Washrooms at IMEI House and the cost incurred. Details, he was assured, would be provided.

He had also asked for details and a drill down of all income and expenditure for the FY 2018-2019 and the preceding year. He was provided the comparative data prior to the AGM.

His query with regard to a negative net margin of the Continuous Professional Development activity(Training) P&L for the FY 2018 -2019 was addressed and is covered under Agenda # 3 of this MoM

- Mr. VK Jain informed the gathering that his family would wish to donate, in memory of his late father Mr. PC Jain, a sum of INR 5 Lakhs to IME(I) towards the constitution of an annual award (including an cash prize) to the best Technical Paper authored by a student. This award would be along the lines of the HS Rao Memorial Award. The President and Vice President gratefully acknowledged the gesture

Agenda item No 13. Vote of thanks

The AGM concluded with vote of thanks to the Chair by Mr. Uday Purohit, Vice President.

-----End of the MoM -----