Minutes of the 8th General Body Meeting held at the H.B.T.I. Auditorium on the 30th Nov 2014

The 8th meeting of GENERAL BODY of Alumni Association, H.B.T.I., Kanpur was held on the 30th Nov 2014 at the Auditorium, H.B.T.I., Kanpur at 10.00 A.M.. The meeting was having good attendance. [The List is enclosed at Annexure (I)]. The meeting was chaired by Shri Munish Jain, President, Alumni Association- H.B.T.I. , Kanpur- 208 002 and he welcomed the members present.

Description of the minutes of the meeting are as follows :-

Item No. 1 – Confirmation of the minutes of the 7th Annual General Body Meeting held on the 24th November, 2013 at H.B.T.I., Kanpur.

The minutes of the 7th Annual General Body Meeting held on the 24th Nov 2013 at 10.00 A.M. at the H.B.T.I. Auditorium were read. Prof. R.P. Singh proposed confirmation of the minutes and the proposal was seconded by Prof S.K. Awasthi. The minutes were unanimously confirmed by the General Body.

Item No. 2 - Action taken on the decisions taken in the 7th Annual General Body Meeting.

The committee expressed satisfaction over the actions on the 7th Annual General Body Meeting held on the 24th Nov 2013 at H.B.T.I., Kanpur. During discussions it was pointed out that the Chapter wise data base of Alumni members is not available therefore it was unanimously accepted that a comprehensive list of all eligible members be compiled.

It was also resolved that the Alumni Fees which is being collected along with Regular Fee at the time of admission of students be increased to Rs 1500.00 (Rs One Thousand and Five Hundred only) from the present Fees of Rs 1000.00 (Rs One Thousand only) per annum, for which the Institute Authorities may be requested. which is transferred to the Alumni A/C. It was further resolved that that Alumni Fee collected shall be preserved as a term deposit & not to be kept in current A/C and renewed on each term of expiry. Resolution to be sent to BOG for approval of above so that it is applicable wef next session in July 2015.

The General Body expressed satisfaction over the preparations of the Centenary Celebrations in the year 2021. It was however felt that the process should gather momentum and detailed strategies need to be worked out for a grand centenary year. Since the celebrations would span a full year, a calendar of activities is required. Department wise details to be chalked out and adopted, core group to be formed for furthering of this activity. Chapter wise responsibility was assigned as per the following details :

- New Delhi Chapter: Mr K.M. Agarwal and Mr S.P. Dehar
- Ghaziabad Chapter: Mr P.K. Singh Rajput
- Faridabad Chapter: Mr Sanjay Garg
- Meerut Chapter: Mr Rakesh Kumar Agarwal
- Gurgaon Chapter: Prof. R.P. Singh & Mr Dwijendra Mathur
- Mumbai Chapter: Prof. R.P. Singh & Mr Subhash Srivastava
- Chennai Chapter: Mr S.P. Dehar
- Bengaluru Chapter: Mr Manoj Kr. Gupta, Member Faridabad Chapter
- Dehradun Chapter: Mr R.V.S. Chauhan
- Hyderabad Chapter: Mr P.K.S. Rajput
- Varanasi Chapter: Mr Balram Kumar Upadhyay
- Lucknow Chapter: Mr Ajay Kumar Tripathi & Mr Rajata Mehra
- UAE Chapter: Mr Balram Kumar Upadhyay
- Kanpur Chapter: Mr Arvind Garg, Mr J.S. Saluja and Mr Ashish Bhatta
For collection of data from the Alumni present in H.B.T.I., the Director, H.B.T.I. and Ex-Officio Patron Alumni Association, Prof. A.K. Nagpal was requested for which he happily consented. Although it has already been discussed on a number of occasions, the GENERAL BODY felt that it is essential to re-iterate that collection of data related to each and every member of the H.B.T.I. fraternity is most important. The basic purpose of forming the Alumni Association-H.B.T.I. Kanpur with H.Q. at HBTI Kanpur is to strengthen the Alma Mater and the ties among the member’s. Therefore the General Body of the association appeals to all active members to collect maximum data ASAP and send the same to the Secretariat, Room No. 1-161, H.B.T.I., Kanpur-208 002. The responsibility of compilation of Data and it’s presentation in useful form/ hosting on the web site was assigned to the Secretariat, Alumni Association, H.B.T.I., Kanpur.

**Item No. 3 - Ratification of the Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting(s) held between the 7th Annual General Body Meeting and the 8th Annual General Body Meeting & actions taken during this period.**

The Minutes of 16th meeting of the Executive Committee, held at the NSC, New Delhi on 13th Jul 2014, 17th meeting of the Executive Committee, held at the Rajiv Aga Memorial Conference Hall, Room No. 1-161, H.B.T.I., Kanpur on 23rd Aug 2014 and a meeting of the Core group, 10th International Alumni Meet of Harcourtians, 2014 held at the Conference Room H.B.T.I., Kanpur on the 15th Nov 2014 as also the Audited Statements of Income and Expenditure with all Annexure of Accounts (As per statutory requirement) were presented in the General Body meeting by Treasurer, Sh. Vivek Mishra.

Prof. R.P. Singh proposed confirmation of Minutes of each of the three meetings held on 13th Jul 2014, 23rd Aug, 2014 and the 15th Nov 2014, respectively; as also the Statements of Account (Financials) which was seconded by Sh. S.P. Dehar. The Resolutions of the Executive and Financial Statements were unanimously accepted. The General Body confirmed uploading of Financials on the official website for the convenience of all members of the Association.

**Item No. 4 – Presentation of Secretary’s Report by the Secretary.**

The Secretary and Jt. Secretary were not present being engrossed in important work assigned to them by the U.P. State Govt. and the Central Government, respectively; hence the Secretary’s report was presented by the Treasurer, Mr Vivek Mishra. The General Body expressed satisfaction over the activities of the association over the past one year.

**Item No. 5 - Discussions on the Centenary Celebrations of H.B.T.I., Kanpur.**

The General Body discussed in detail the modalities for organizing the Centenary celebrations in the year 2021 when H.B.T.I. would turn Hundred. Several ideas were discussed and the consensus opinion evolved round the following points:

- To establish a gateway account in a Nationalized/ Private Bank to facilitate easy collection from all parts of the world. The Account shall be named “Alumni Contribution Fund”. This A/c shall continue to exist after the Centenary celebrations. The executive was also requested to apply for Registration under appropriate section of the Income Tax Act for Tax exemptions on donations received for the Association.
- To have a distinct proposal for creating an Infrastructural Asset for the Institute.
- To divide the programs being organized in the centenary year as small celebrations to be phased out over the entire year.
- To prepare a Calendar for centenary celebrations and we must obtain proposals from each Department to chalk out their individual strategy to make the event a grand success. The Faculty members, Alumni, Students and Staff at the Department to work as a motivated team of individuals working for predetermined objectives. Showcasing the achievements of each of the Departments, Road shows, seminars, conferences, journals, publications etc.

**Item No. 6 - Discussion for strengthening the Alumni Association, H.B.T.I., Kanpur.**

The issue of resurrection/ revamping of various chapters was taken up in details. Chapters which had been very active in the past but the activity has ceased during the recent past shall be revamped. Plan was chalked out and
responsibilities assigned which has already been elaborated at Item No. 2 “Action taken on the decisions taken in the 7th Annual General Body Meeting”.

It is evident that strength of any network depends on the number of active/enthusiastic participants. It is therefore most relevant that number of members be increased and database be professionalized. To strengthen the data base of our Alumni/Alumnus, it was decided that the placement cell, H.B.T.I. Kanpur and the Alumni Association, H.B.T.I., Kanpur may co-ordinate with various public sector undertakings for collection of data pertaining to our members working with them. This shall also go a long way in widening the scope of our association with them.

Few active members of the association opined that in order to strengthen the Alumni Association it is most important that activities of the association be carried out on a continuous basis. Several area’s of co-operation have been identified which are being discussed in the following paragraphs. It is however evident that the said issues shall be taken up sequentially may be only one or two at a time since implementation is very important. The members opined that efforts of the Association shall be kept proportionate to it’s financial and manpower strength.

(1) Assistance in placement. It is evident that the Alumni Association- HBTI Kanpur can be immensely helpful in placement of H.B.T.I. Students in various organizations.
(2) Helping in facilitation of books available with Alumni Members.
(3) Launch of Quarterly Newsletter by the Alumni Association covering the Alumni supported activity in the Institute and its publication on the Web Portal.
(4) Helping the Institution in supporting facelift of H.B.T.I., Kanpur.

The General Body felt that while contribution from the Alumni/Alumna is one source of funds for the Alumni Association- H.B.T.I. Kanpur, it has been observed that even donations are, generally, not recd. without some issues of mutual benefit. Therefore the above points can be taken up as be a source of some tangible earning for the association and strengthening/improvement in the infrastructure at the Institute.

Item No. 7 – Any other matter with the permission of Chair- Several issues were discussed at length during deliberations in the Annual General Body meeting. Details are as follows :-

(i) The Formation of Technical University : The General Body, unanimously adopted a resolution that Memorandum be presented to the U.P. Government for up gradation of our Alma Mater as a Technical University with all its Merits. It had been resolved in the previous general body meetings and is being reiterated that the Executive Committee would dwell on the contents and finalize the draft. If required, recommendations may be collected from Political Leaders, Professionals, Industrialists and Educational Institutions. President, Alumni Association, H.B.T.I., Kanpur was authorized to finalize the Memorandum and present it appropriately. The president was also authorized to co-ordinate the efforts and also ensure speedy and eventful follow up action.

(ii) The Appointment of Dean (Alumni Affairs) : This issue was discussed at length in the General Body. It is understood that the appointment of a Dean (Alumni Affairs) has already been approved by the Board of Governors, HBTI Kanpur and requisite Budgets have been sanctioned. The Director, H.B.T.I., Kanpur was requested that the process be completed expeditiously. It was also resolved that a formal request may be handed over to the Director, H.B.T.I., Kanpur as per the resolution of the General Body.

Meeting ended with thanks to the chair.