
A meeting of the newly elected /co-opted members of the Managing Committee(MC) of the AEPWF was held on 5th December 2024 in Kendriya Vihar, Kharghar at 2.30 PM.

Following members were present during the meeting :

Members

N.C.Gupta

M.Vijayan

T.Premachandran

P.Gururaj

T.V.Sritharan

Co-Opted members

P.S.Pathak

Rajesh Lad

G.S.Sodhi

Ajay Kumar Gupta

Outstation members S/s O.P.Madhvi, Ravi. M and J.Arunan attended the meeting through video-conferencing. S/s Ashok Kumar, Paresh Gupta and R.P.Jaiswal could not attend the meeting.

The summary of the deliberations are listed below.

1. At the outset, Jt. Secretary welcomed all the members and invited them to wholeheartedly participate in all the future activities. A brief overview of the forum inception and various ongoing activities being carried out were also explained for the benefit of new members.
2. The office bearers of the new managing committee was selected by following the due process and their names and position proposed to be held are given below:
 - i) President : Shri Ashok Kumar (proposed by Shri.T.Premachandran & seconded by Shri.O.P.Madhvi)
 - ii) Secretary : Shri P.Gururaj (proposed by Shri.Rajesh Laad & seconded by Shri.N.C.Gupta)
 - iii) Joint Secretary : Shri T.Premachandran (proposed by Shri.P.Gururaj & seconded by Shri.T.V.Sritharan)
 - iv) Treasurer: Shri N.C.Gupta(Proposed by Shri. P.Gururaj & seconded by Shri P.S.Pathak)
 - v) Joint Treasurer: Shri M.Vijayan(proposed by Shri.J.Arunan & seconded by Shri.M.ravi)

3. Forum Recognition

Though many attempts were made in the past, recognition for the Forum from DAE/DOPPW / NPCIL is not yet received. Sri P.S.Pathak mentioned that since we are DAE pensioners , we should first approach DAE for recognition and also NPCIL as future benefits may be vested with them . The managing committee requested S/s P.S.Pathak and G.S.Sodhi to take up this issue vigorously and follow up with the appropriate authority.

4. Handling of Fixed Deposits / Current Account

MC was informed that about Rs 1.5 lakhs is available in our current account and based on our last few years data ,the yearly expenditure is about Rs.40-50 thousand. It was explained to members that the earlier committee was not sure when the requirement of money will come up and hence they adopted FDs on a yearly basis. Members felt that now the situation was clear and we can utilize our liquid assets for fetching more interest.

Hence it is decided to split the FD in to smaller amount of (Rs. 10 and Rs.5 lakhs) as and when the existing FDs get matured. The period of FD also can be longer so that more interest can be obtained. Accordingly, Treasurer will finalize the amount and duration for each FD appropriately and inform the MC.

Sri Pathak suggested to shift our FDs to a good co-operative bank such as Saraswath Bank to avail more interest income. The issue had come up in the earlier AGM also and members were of the opinion that safety of our deposits were more important than the interest earned. Hence it was decided to continue our dealings with SBI only

5. Income tax and exemption

Members were informed that for the last two years, our Forum has successfully obtained refunds and our income tax liability had come down substantially. It was assured that the Jt. Secretary would present detailed data on this issue to the MC during the next meeting. Based on this data the MC can make an appropriate decision regarding the necessity of seeking IT exemption.

6. Arranging Picnic for Members

All members unanimously agreed on the need to organize picnics to nearby locations. Hence MC authorized S/s N.C.Gupta and G.S .Sodhi to identify a suitable venue for the picnic and decide an appropriate date. A few members volunteered to facilitate advance collection of the contribution through their Gpay accounts as this would confirm the number of committed participants . The

team will submit their proposal and the same will be discussed further in the next MC meeting.

7. Follow up on CHSS Issues

A brief discussion on this issue was done and members were told to post their views in MC Whatsapp group. Sri Ajay Kumar Gupta will consolidate them and forward to Sri P.S.Pathak who has agreed to draft an appropriate letter for sending to Medical Division as well as Director, BARC. This draft will be discussed in the next MC meeting

8. Social Service and Charity

As per the Approved Memorandum of AEPWF, doing social service and charity are two of the objectives of the Forum. It was noted that our current efforts are limited to contributions to Tata Cancer Hospital . MC requested Sri N.C.Gupta to identify a reputed NGO for further engagement. Shri Gupta recommended He Vanvasi Kalyan group an organization dedicated to serving tribal communities. Sri Gupta agreed to submit a proposal for providing both monetary as well as physical support to this organization. The same will be reviewed and discussed in the next MC meeting.

9. Pension related Circulars / Orders

Sri Ajay Kumar Gupta agreed to monitor all the pension/pensioners related circulars as well as OMs. He will also regularly monitor the web sites of DOPPW/Medical Division and DAE .

10 . NPCIL Proposed Pension Scheme

Sri Vijayan informed the committee that as per the latest letter from DAE, the scheme proposed by NPCIL is not acceptable to them. NPCIL has been instructed to revise the same. During the last AGM , members emphasized the need for sending a letter to NPCIL ,reiterating our demands , which were submitted to the Board Sub Committee on pension on 30th May 2022. Sri Rajesh Laad was requested to draft a letter and AEPWF would send the same to NPCIL.

All the members felt that we should keep a close watch on the future development so that we could take appropriate and timely action to assert our legitimate claims, particularly if the service rendered to NPCIL is ignored.

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