



Minutes of the Annual General Body meeting of the Society for Polymer Science, India (SPSI) held on January 23, 2015 (5 PM), at the Raman Hall, Indian Association of Cultivation of Science (IACS), Kolkata.

1. Dr. S. Sivaram, President of the Society for Polymer Science, India, called the meeting to order at 1730 hrs.
2. The Chapters represented in the meeting, were, Bangalore, Delhi, Kolkata, Kharagpur, Trivandrum and Pune.
3. Dr. Sivaram welcomed the members. He thanked the members of the Kolkata and Kharagpur Chapter as well as the local organizing committee for the excellent arrangements made for the conduct of Macro 2015 between January 23 and 26, 2015. He observed that the participation in the seminar has been overwhelming. This is evidenced by the size of the book of abstracts consisting of over 700 pages.
4. On behalf of the Society he expressed deep appreciation to the organizing committee as well as all the volunteers for an excellent job.
5. Dr. Sivaram mentioned that the Society was celebrating its 25th year of the inception. It is, therefore, only befitting that the silver jubilee celebration was being held at IACS, Kolkata, which is India's oldest and most respected research institution. The Kolkata Chapter has created a Logo for the Silver Jubilee of the Society. He urged everyone to adopt this logo and use it widely during the year 2015-2016.
6. IACS also happens to be the institution where Professor Shanti Ranjan Palit established the first polymer science research group in India in 1950. Under his erudite leadership IACS produced a large number of students who later went on to occupy high positions in, both, academia and industry. It is, therefore, very

fitting that the Macro 2015, commemorating the Silver Jubilee of the Society, is being hosted by IACS.

7. The General Body approved the minutes of the General Body meeting held on May 16, 2013 at the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.
8. The Treasurer of the Society presented the audited annual account of the Society for the year ending March 31, 2014. The presentation has been uploaded at the SPSI web site (www.spsi.co.in).
9. Dr. Sivaram mentioned that the Society bestowed the Prof. M. Santappa award on Prof. Nikhil K. Singha. The Award consist of a citation and cash prize of Rs. 50,000/-
10. The organizers of the 12th Macro Conference generously endowed a sum of Rs. 8 lakhs for instituting a new prize in memory of Prof. K. Kishore. The Society bestowed two Prof. Kishore prizes, namely, on Prof. Jayakannan, IISER, Pune and Prof. Satish Patil, IISc, Bangalore. This Award consists of a citation and prize money of Rs one lakh, shared between the two awardees.
11. Dr. Sivaram placed on record, the gratitude of the Society to the members of the distinguished jury, both, within India and abroad for helping the Society in making the selection of awardees.
12. The Society accepted the offer of the Thiruvananthapuram Chapter to host the next meeting of the Society at Thiruvananthapuram in January 2017. The exact dates of the meeting will be announced by the members of the organizing committee.
13. The following office bearers were elected for the period 2015-2017.

PRESIDENT	:	Dr. S. Ramakrishnan, Bangalore
PAST PRESIDENT	:	Dr. S. Sivaram, Pune
VICE PRESIDENT	:	Dr. A. Ajayaghosh, Thiruvananthapuram Dr. Tarun K. Mandal, Kolkata
HONORARY SECRETARY	:	Dr. Anil Kumar, Mumbai
TREASURER	:	Dr. C.V. Avadhani, Pune
EXECUTIVE MEMBERS	:	
BANGALORE	:	Dr. Satish A. Patil
CALICUT	:	Dr. G. Unnikrishnan
CHENNAI	:	Dr. P. Kannan
KOLKATA	:	Dr. D. Chattopadhyay

KHARAGPUR	:	Dr. Dibakar Dhara
NEW DELHI	:	Dr. Anup Ghosh
PUNE	:	Dr. M.V. Badiger
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	:	Dr. E. Bhoje Gowd

14. The proposer and seconder for each of the elected office bearers are indicated below:

Office	Proposed by	Seconded by
President	Dr. S. Sivaram	Prof. Ashok Misra
Vice Presidents	Prof. Ashok Misra	Prof. S. Ramakrishnan
	Prof. Ashok Misra	Prof. S. Ramakrishnan
Honorary Secretary	Prof. T.K. Mandal	Prof. D. Chattopadhyay
Treasurer	Dr. B.B. Idage	Prof. T.K. Mandal

15. The Executive Members were nominated by the General Body based on the recommendations received from each of the Chapters in response to a request made by the President of SPSI to the Presidents of the Chapters.

16. The following points raised by the members were discussed.

- a) It was recommended that the Past President should be a permanent member of the Council of SPSI.
- b) The cash prize by the Prof. M. Santappa Award should also be increased to Rupees one lakh.
- c) It was suggested that a suitable award or recognition may be instituted by the Society in memory of Prof. S.K. Palit.
- d) Many members from the Mumbai region desired to commence a Chapter in Mumbai. The Society endorses the initiative and hope that Mumbai will have a very vibrant Chapter involving both academia and industry.

The meeting concluded with the President expressing his thanks to all the office bearers of Society who rendered service to the Society during his tenure as President of the Society. He also welcomed all the new office bearers and hoped that under their able leadership the Society will achieve even greater heights of excellence.

The following people were present for attending the Annual General Body Meeting at the Raman Hall, IACS, Kolkata on January 23, 2015 at 5 PM.

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Venue: Raman Hall, IACS, Time 17.00 P.M.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Signature</u>
1. R. P. SINGH	RPS
2. Ashok Misra	— Ashok
3. S. SIVARAM	S. Sivay
4. Bhaskar Idage	B. Idage
5. Sandip Ghosh	S. Ghosh
6. Dipankar Chatterjee	D. Chatterjee
7. Mukut Chakraborty	Mukut Chakraborty
8. TARUN K. MANDAL	T. Mandal
9. C. N. Murthy	C. Murthy
10. Samir H. Chikka	Samir H. Chikka
11. M. Jayabalan	M. Jayabalan
12. K. C. Gupta	K. C. Gupta
13. Susanta Banerjee	Susanta Banerjee
14. T. Mukundan	T. Mukundan
15. C. Gouri	C. Gouri
16. T. D. Sudhe, CSIR-NIIST, Trivandrum	T. D. Sudhe

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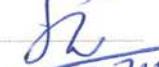
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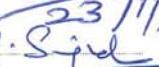
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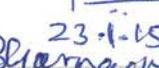
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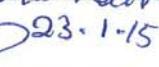
21 Dipan Kastagi 

22 Dipan K. Selma, DMSRDE, Kanpur 

23 Golok B Nanda, RTC IIT Kharagpur 

24 M. SAROJA DEVI, Anna Univ., Chennai 

25 Baijayantimala Garnaik NCL, Pune 

26 Vaishali Shinde, VGP, Pune 

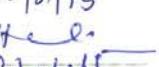
27 Manohar Badiger, NCL, Pune 

28 Bharr Alanda IIT Delhi 

29 Roasad V.S. NIIST, Tum 

30 Teesha Jana Uni V of Hyderabad 

31 M. Habibur Rahman (cal-17) 

Universities of Rajshahi, Bangladesh 

32 A. K. Nandi, IACS, Kolkata 

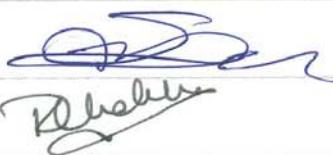
33 S. Ravindran 

34. A. Ajayaghosh 

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35. Ajit Sajwan



36. Devang Khakhar

