

**Minutes of the Annual General Body Meeting of
the Society for Polymer Science, India, held on May 16, 2013, in
Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore**

1. Dr. S. Sivaram, President, the Society for Polymer Science, India, called the meeting to order at 1800 hours.
2. There were 58 members in attendance. Two Foreign Delegates, Viz., Prof. JM. Guenet, CNRS, France and Prof. Atsushi Suzuki, Yokohama University, Japan also attended the meeting as invitees
3. The following Chapters were represented: Bangalore, Delhi, Kolkata, Kharagpur, Thiruvananthapuram, Calicut, Chennai and Pune.
4. Dr. Sivaram briefed the members about the various activities of SPSI and emphasized that the Society could be a vibrant body only through the activities of the Chapters. He encouraged the Chapters to undertake activities in the interest of members. He also requested younger and active polymer scientists to take greater interest in the activities of the Society so that the baton of leadership can be passed on to a new generation. He also thanked Professor Ramakrishnan and his band of volunteers for shouldering the task of organizing Macro 2013 along with 3rd Congress of FAPS. He announced that the next meeting of FAPS will be held in Malaysia from September 7-10, 2015. He requested SPS members to participate in the Conference in Malaysia in large numbers.
5. The Chapters were requested to submit / upload the yearly account statement. It would suffice for the Chapters to submit unaudited statement of accounts. The various account statements would be then consolidated by the Head Quarters and an Audited Accounts Statement will be prepared.
6. Dr. Sivaram mentioned that under no circumstance should the Chapters use the Life Membership subscription for running the activities of the Chapters. The Life Membership subscription should be held as a corpus and be kept in a fixed deposit (or equivalent) and the interest alone may be used for running the various activities of the Chapters. He also observed that some chapters have

credited their Life Membership fees to Headquarters where it is held as a Corpus in a separate account.

7. There was a discussion on the Dharwad Chapter. As there was no response to the various mails written by the President to the Office Bearers from time to time, it was felt that the Chapter was not active and, hence, may be delisted. Similarly, the Kanpur Chapter has also not responded to the request for full information of membership, amount held in the Chapter account etc. Therefore, it was decided to delist the Kanpur Chapter also.
8. Members of the Hyderabad Region felt very strongly for the creation of the SPSI-Hyderabad Chapter covering the Central University, IICT, Osmania University and other institutions in the vicinity. The Chair suggested that interested members from IICT may formally write to President SPS(I) seeking permission to open a Chapter at Hyderabad. The necessary requirements of opening a Chapter is available on the SPS(I) web site.
9. In 2015-16, SPSI would be completing 25 years of its inception. It was decided that the symposium in the Macro Series to commemorate this occasion would be held in Kolkata to be jointly organized by IIT-Kgp, Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science, and IISER, Kolkata. A suitable name (Silver Jubilee, etc.) would be coined later. Macro 2015 will be held in early January 2015.
10. The Chair sought permission of the members to allow the present Office Bearers of various Chapters and the Head Quarters to continue the various activities till Macro 2015, when New Office Bearers could be elected. This suggestion was accepted.
11. A fresh drive to induct new members should be undertaken. Once the final list of members of the various Chapters is finalized and uploaded, a new set of Membership Cards/Certificates will be prepared by the Head Quarters and sent to the respective Chapter Secretaries for distribution to the members.
12. Dr. Sivaram thanked the members for taking the time off to attend the AGM. He also spoke eloquently of the foreign delegates, viz., Prof. J.M. Guenet, CNRS, France and Prof. Atsushi Suzuki, Yokohama University, Japan who have been

frequent participants in the Society's activities. He thanked them for their support.

13. The meeting concluded with thanks to the Chair.