

# HIMACHAL PRADESH LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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## Minutes of the First Governing Body meeting of the Himachal Pradesh Library Association (HPLA) held at the Jaypee University of Information Technology, Waknaghat on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2020 (Sunday)

The first meeting of the First Governing Body of HPLA held at the Jaypee University of Information Technology, Waknaghat on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2020 (Sunday). The following members were present.

1. Prof. A S Chandel (in the Chair)
2. Shri Prem Chand (President)
3. Ms. Purnima Chauhan
4. Shri SudeshK Sood
5. Shri Sudhir Gupta
6. Shri Dinesh K Sharma
7. Ms. Neelam Thakur
8. Ms. Reeta Bhatia
9. Ms. Anupama
10. Ms. Sonali Malhotra
11. Ms. Meenakshi Gupta
12. Ms. Yadhodha Negi (Jt. Secretary)
13. Shri Shail Din
14. Shri Naresh S Bhandari
15. Shri Lambodara Parabhoi (Executive Member)
16. Shri Vipin K Sharma
17. Dr. Anil K Tomar
18. Ms. Arun Bala (Treasurer)
19. Shri B S Atwal (Executive Member)
20. Shri Ashok Bhatt
21. Shri Abhijeet Tiwari
22. Shri JitendraNamdev
23. Ms. VanshikaGuleria
24. Ms. Deepti
25. Shri Naveen Harnot
26. Shri Ishan Bhardwaj
27. Shri SachinPanwar
28. Shri Arvind Sharma
29. Shri Sudhir Kumar
30. Dr. Suresh Kumar Chauhan (General Secretary)

Shri T R Sharma, Ms. Poonam Sharma, Shri Arun Kumar, Shri Sanjeev Kumar and Ms. Meenu could not attend the meeting due to their other prior commitment

## **PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING:**

The President extended a warm welcome to the members present in the very first meeting of the HPLA. All members present in the meeting introduced themselves. The President informed all the members about the HPLA, its aims and objectives. He further informed the members about HPLA becoming the first library association of the state to get registered under the H.P. Societies Registration Act 2006 (Act No. 25 of 2006) bearing the Registration No. 1366/2019. The President introduced Prof. A.S. Chandel to the members and requested him to Chair the proceedings of the meeting. On approval of the Chairman, the President proceeded with the agenda. The following discussions were held.

### **AGENDA NO. 1**

#### **STATUS OF HPLA MEMBERSHIP**

The President informed that as on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019, HPLA has 45 registered members. He highlighted that, among the total members, 34 registered as Life Members, 10 Ordinary and one Student Member with the Association. All present members agreed to expedite and publicize the membership process among other LIS professionals. It was decided the HPLA shall come up with an introductory brochure that could be circulated by all members, in an individual capacity, among other LIS groups or professionals.

### **AGENDA NO. 2**

#### **MEMBERSHIP FOR OUTSIDE LIBRARY PROFESSIONALS**

Under the Rules and Regulations, Point No. 7, Members, Page No. 1 of Rules and Regulations stated that “Any person or institution or association of Himachal Pradesh of the LIS professionals who are confide resident of Himachal Pradesh but working/worked outside the state, subscribing to aims and objectives of the Association and fulfilling other prescribed eligibility criteria for seeking membership of the Association can become the member of the Association. The Governing Body shall have the power to relax the membership eligibility conditions in exceptional cases.”

The amendment to above clause was proposed in the meeting so that LIS professionals of different parts of the country/abroad, who abide by the objectives, rules and regulations of the Association, can join the Association. Such members shall have the privileges of attending, participating and voting rights in all General Body meetings but they can however not contest the election.

All members unanimously recommended opening the membership for the outside LIS professionals as per the amendment proposed. In order to amend the clause, votes were sought from the members present in the meeting (Amendment 1/2020). The detail of the voting is recorded as annexure A in the file.

In favour of amendment (Yes)	= 26
In against to the amendment (No)	= 00
% of Votes in favour of the amendment	= 100%

The house approved the proposed amendment.

### **AGENDA NO. 3**

#### **DISCUSSION ON INTRODUCTION OF LIS DEPARTMENT IN HIMACHAL PRADESH UNIVERSITY (HPU), SHIMLA**

The President informed the members that HPU authority is interested to open a Library and Information Science department and need a proposal on the syllabus for the department. The Chairman advised the members that written documentation of this positive development may be kept and the President may initiate the talk with HPU authority. He further suggested to keep focus on LIS student employability while designing the syllabus. Prof. A S Chandel offered his services for preparation of model syllabus for proposed item.

## **AGENDA NO. 4**

### **RECOGNITION TO LIS PROFESSIONALS AT PAR WITH TEACHERS**

The agenda was discussed duly and the house approved the constitution of a committee that would compile a detailed document of different norms related to LIS professionals in the State and other Indian states. On the basis of this detailed document, the necessary steps may be taken up by the HPLA. The house approved the nomination of following members in the committee:

- Shri Sudesh Sood, Retd. Librarian, YS Parmar University, Nauni
- Shri Roop Lal Rana, RGM Govt. College Jogindernagar, Mandi
- Shri B S Atwal, Librarian, Govt. College Nagrota Bagwan, Kangra
- Shri Mahesh Sood, Librarian, MSCM Govt College, Thural, Kangra

*The committee will prepare the draft and supporting documents of the issue to take up the matter with the concerned authorities.*

## **AGENDA NO. 5**

### **ANY OTHER ITEM WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR**

#### **5.1 HPLA ELECTION**

The President informed the house that at the time of registration a list of office bearers was given to the Registrar of H.P. Societies Registration office. These office bearers were nominated and approved in a meeting held at the Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018. It was treated as an Ad-hoc Committee with the following office bearers.

President	Shri Prem Chand, Librarian, Indian Institute of Advance Studies, Shimla
Vice President	Shri T R Sharma, Librarian, Directorate of Higher Education Himachal Pradesh
General Secretary	Dr. Suresh Kumar Chauhan, Deputy Librarian, JUIT, Wagnghat, Solan
Joint Secretary I	Mrs. Poonam Sharma, Librarian, RKMV, Shimla
Joint Secretary II	Mrs. Yashodha Negi, Asstt. Librarian, YSUHF, Nauni, Solan
Treasurer	Mrs. Arun Bala, Librarian, Govt. College Arki, Solan
Executive	Shri B S Atwal, Govt. College Nagrota Bagwan, Kangra
Executive	Shri Sanjeev Kumar, Asstt Librarian, Central State Library, Solan
Executive	Shri Arun Kumar, Asstt. Librarian, HP National Law University, Shimla
Executive	Mrs. Meenu, Asstt Librarian, Govt Degree College Kandaghat, Solan
Executive	Shri Lambodara Parabhoi, Professional Asstt, IIAS, Shimla

Shri Prem Chand offered the position of President to Prof. A S Chandel by virtue of senior-most LIS professional of the state. He stated that Prof. Chandel would lead HPLA to a greater height with his seer knowledge and experience in the profession. However, Prof. Chandel refused to take up any position and ensured all members that he shall continue to extend his guidance, vision and support to the HPLA.

The house unanimously recommended the continuation of all office bearers of the 'Ad-hoc Committee' as main Office Bearers of HPLA for the term of three years. It will be treated as the 1<sup>st</sup> Governing Body of the Association.

The following names for filling up four vacant Executive Members positions were sought and approved by the house.

- **Executive Member:** Shri Sudhir Gupta, Retd. Asstt Librarian, YSUHF, Nauni
- **Executive Member:** Shri Vipin Sharma, Asstt Librarian, JUIT, Wagnghat
- **Executive Member:** Mrs. Sonali Malhotra, Library professional, IIT, Mandi
- **Executive Member:** Shri Shail Din, System Analyst, NIIT University, Neemrana, Rajasthan

## 5.2 PUBLIC RELATION OFFICER (PRO)

A proper consideration was given to nominate the Public Relation Officer (PRO) of the HPLA. On suggestions of the members, the following members were nominated in the PRO office.

- **Public Relation Officer:** Shri Sudesh Sood, Retd. Librarian, YSPHF, Nauni
- **PRO Office Coordinator:** Dr. Anil Kumar Tomar, Sr. Library Prof., JUIT, Wagnaghat

## 5.3 FOCUS GROUP (FG)

The President informed the house about the inclusion of 'Focus Group', as specialised sub-divisions to ensure representation from all types of libraries. The President invited the names of Focus Groups' Presidents' to activate these sub-divisions of HPLA in the very first meeting. The following Focus Groups were activated. The other positions of the Focus Group will be filled in due course of time.

- **Focus Group President – College Libraries:** Shri Mahesh Sood, MSCM Govt College, Kangra
- **Focus Group President – University Libraries:** Shri Dinesh Sharma, Dy Librarian, HPU, Shimla
- **Focus Group President – Special Libraries:** Shri Naresh S Bhandari, Dy Librarian, IIT, Mandi

## 5.4 COMMUNITY SUPPORT INITIATIVES

Prof. A S Chandel advised the house to plan some constructive projects that will be helpful for the State. He urged the HPLA members to come up with some proposals, specifying anything good for the Himachal Pradesh. According to him, to start with, the HPLA members can think of compiling Union Catalogue, Repository of Important reports and statistics, Open Access Resource, Facts about Himachal Pradesh, Directory of Libraries and Librarians of the State, etc. Proposals from interested individual professionals or teams of professionals were asked on a voluntary basis.

## 5.5 HIMACHAL PRADESH LIBRARY LEGISLATION

A brief discussion on the status of public libraries of Himachal Pradesh was also held but in the absence of members representing public libraries, it could not move ahead. However, all members agreed to have library legislation for the State. A committee of following members has been formed to initiate the process of compiling draft.

- Prof. A S Chandel
- Shri T R Sharma, Librarian, Directorate of Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh
- Dr. Suresh K Chauhan, Dy Librarian, JUIT, Wagnaghat

## 5.6 NEXT MEETING OF HPLA

The house decided the day, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2020, Sunday for the next meeting. The venue of the meeting will be shared by the General Secretary with all members once finalized.

The meeting ended at 3.50PM with thanks to the Chair.

(Dr. Suresh K Chauhan)  
General Secretary

(Shri Prem Chand)  
President