



**MINUTES OF THE
GENERAL BODY MEETING OF THE HOME SCIENCE ASSOCIATION OF INDIA**

At the 34th BIENNIAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF HSAI from 15th-17th December 2022

VENUE: Auditorium, St. Teresa's College, Ernakulam, Kochi, Kerala.

DATE: 17th December 2022 TIME: 11.45 A.M.

Prof. Vasugi Raaja greeted everyone in the auditorium and expressed her happiness to see the enthusiastic participation at the 34th Biennial Conference. She welcomed the members to express their views and concerns. Dr. Suman Mundkur, Hon. General Secretary welcomed all the members on the dais and off the dais to the 34th General Body Meeting of Home Science Association of India. The Agenda of the GBM was displayed.

Agenda 1. To confirm the minutes of the last 33rd AGM held on 24th January 2020 at the Auditorium, Avinashilingam Institute of Home Science and Higher Education for Women, Coimbatore. The Minutes were passed by Dr. Sunanda Chande and seconded by Dr. Maneesha Shukul.

Agenda 2. Address by the Hon. President.

Prof. Vasugi Raaja thanked all the members for actively participating in the Biennial Conference. She complimented the organizers of Kerala Chapter in the successful conduct of the Conference.

She stressed the need to increase memberships and gave an open invitation for formation of Chapters of HSAI by having a group of 30 Life members from the same region or State.

Agenda 3. Presentation of Audited Financial Accounts by Hon. Treasurer.

Dr. Komal Chauhan presented the financial status of HSAI audited accounts from financial years 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. The Accounts were passed after being proposed by Dr. Lakshmi Prabha and seconded by Dr. Maneesha Shukul.

Dr. Chauhan updated all on the membership details during the three years, standing at 3613 as on March 2022. She urged to spread the word that the members need to update their profiles on the HSAI website.

She gave a comprehensive presentation on how the new HSAI website looks, its features, and its working. She also mentioned that the present features will now allow uploading of College Reports, Work of Life members for knowledge dissemination. Uploading of the eNewsletter will also be an added feature.

Agenda 4. Report on the Activities of HSAI by the Hon. General Secretary.

Dr. Suman Mundkur presented the activities conducted in the field of Home Science in the four different regions during 2020 Feb - 2022 Dec. Further, she requested all to share report of the activities related to Home Science with the Vice-Presidents of the region. The Newsletter of HSAI could serve as a medium to report, share and engage the members and share information on forthcoming activities.

She shared with the members the idea proposed by Dr. Neelam Garewal of instituting Fellowship of the Home Science Association of India. Fellowship can benefit those Home Scientists in their career progression. The guidelines for the Fellowship have yet to be fine-tuned and approved by the Executive Council. In principle the idea was passed at this AGM, proposed by Dr. Sunanda Chande and seconded by Dr. Lakshmi Prabha.

Agenda 5. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

Members had several suggestions.

Dr. Lakshmi Prabha suggested that Chapter-wise or Region-wise Conference s be held on a more frequent basis apart from the Biennial Conference.

Dr. Suman Singh expressed concern over the reducing numbers in Home Science admissions and gave suggestions for popularizing the discipline.

Dr. Sunanda Chande suggested having a Hackathon with a vision and mission on a particular topic. As an example, to observe the Year of Millets, Students can share recipes on millets, information on nutritional value of millets and other information. This she said will help in strengthening the Association.

Ms. Fazila, a young Entrepreneur from Kerala spoke on the limitations faced by Home Science students in seeking Government employment opportunities. Due to the lack of the subject Home Science that is not offered in competitive examinations as in NET/JRF. Home Science Association as an Organization could project the subject in a manner which shows to the Government the contribution through Home Science.

Dr. Komal Chauhan shared about her experiences at MSU that Incubation Centers is only for hand-holding young entrepreneurs, the start-up and its sustained progress must be in collaboration with the Industry/Institutes.

Dr. Savita Shete brought forth a member of suggestions that the Association can do to strengthen itself. She stressed on having better communication with members. She suggested proactive in the use of technology to expand the reach and connect with Life members,

Prof. Dr. Uma Joshi shared her experiences of making efforts in increasing the visibility. In this regard, she appreciated the work of the Executive Committee members in spite of their professional commitments as Professors, in getting visibility in the State, District, University, Colleges, including calling Government Administrations for visibility. She encouraged the

present generation of Home Scientists to come forward and take the baton of activities forward in strengthen the Association. The members constitute the Association.

Dr. Vasugi Raaja, accepted the proposal and announced that the next Biennial Conference will be at Meghalaya. Dr. Anupama Mishra, Vice-President East invited all at Meghalaya, Shillong for the 35th Biennial with support of Dharwad Chapter.

The meeting ended with felicitation of the organizing Team members and vote of thanks to the Chair.



Dr. Suman Mundkur
Hon. General Secretary