The General Body (GB) meeting of NAVS (I) was convened on 27.12.2019 (Friday) at 03.30 P.M. in Training Lab. No.2 of INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar (Gujarat) under the Chairmanship of Maj Gen Shri Kant SM, VSM (Retd), President of NAVS(I) but due to lack of quorum, it was adjourned for half an hour as per rules of the academy and resumed again.

Two minutes silence was observed as a tribute to the departed Fellows, who left for heavenly abode in the past one year. In the beginning the President apprised the house about the important issues taken up by the Academy and the progress made so far in this regard. He informed the house that ASRB/ICAR has recognized the Fellowship of NAVS (I) and those individuals holding Fellowship will get 2 marks in selection process. He further apprised the house about the outcome of his meeting with Sh. Atul Chaturvedi, Secretary (AHD), GOI, regarding financial assistance to the Academy. Regarding establishment of Indian Council of Veterinary and Fisheries Research (ICVFR), DO letters have been written by the President to Sh. Narender Modiji, Hon’ble Prime Minister of India, Sh. Jitendra Singh ji, Hon’ble Minister of State in Prime Minister Office and Sh. Giriraj Singh ji, Hon’ble Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying. He also informed the house that overwhelming response for various awards of the Academy was received this year. After the Presidential address the following agenda-items were discussed and decisions were taken as indicated below

1. **Confirmation of the minutes of the last General Body meeting held on 20-12-2018 at 06:30 pm in the Biju Pattnaik Hall of Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubaneswar**: Confirmed.

2. **Treasurer’s Report**: Treasurer Dr. Nem Singh apprised the house about the financial position of the Academy. He informed the house that the Academy has Rs. 86 Lakhs in the form of FDs and Rs. 5,39,000/- in Bank account.

3. **Representation of women in the Governing Council of NAVS (I)**: It was agreed upon that in the GC, out of the 15 seats, two seats will be reserved for women
veterinarians. The GB approved the decision of GC. However, it was unanimously agreed that in the absence of women candidates, these two seats will be filled up by the male candidates.

4. **Change in the nomenclature of the following Awards**: i) Member to be Associate Fellow ii) Associate Member to be Member. The house approved the decision of the Governing Council in this regard.

5. **Approval of calendar of activities of the Academy for the next year**: The calendar was approved with minor modifications. The calendar to be sent to AHC/Secy DAHD.

6. **Organization of NAVS (I) office keeping in view the organizational set up of NAAS and NAMS offices**: As finalized by the Governing Council, the posts mentioned in Annexure-I may be included in the initial stage in the proposed budget to be demanded from the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying for the smooth and efficient running of the office of the Academy.

7. **Post facto approval for the acceptance of recommendations of evaluation committee for the award of Fellowships / Memberships/ Associate Memberships of NAVS (I)**: The decision of the GC for the award of Fellowships / Memberships/ Associate Memberships to the eminent veterinarians was approved post facto by the GB.

8. **Post facto approval for the enhancement of application processing fee and admission fee-cum-life time subscription pertaining to various awards of the Academy**: Decision of the GC in this regard was approved by the house post facto.

9. **Revision and up-dating of Rules and Regulations of NAVS (I)**: Decision of the GC in this regard was approved by the house.

10. **Post facto approval for minor changes in the score card for election of Fellows, Members and Associate members of the Academy**: Decision of the GC in this regard was approved by the house post facto.

11. **Institutional Life Membership of the Academy at concessional fee to NGOs/Charitable Organizations associated with Animal Welfare and not involved in commercial activities**: Decision of the GC in this regard was approved by the house.

12. **Venue for the next Convocation-cum-Scientific Convention**: Decision of the GC to organize the next Convocation-cum-Scientific Convention of the Academy at Jaipur campus of RAJUVAS, was approved by the GB.
13. **Election for the new Governing Council of NAVS (I):** The term of the present GC is upto 21.04.2020. The new GB will take over on 22.04.2020. It was agreed upon to appoint Dr. Suresh Honnappagol, Department of Animal Reproduction, Gynaecology and Obstetrics, Veterinary College, Hebbal, Bengaluru as the Returning Officer to conduct the election of new GC. He has been authorized to appoint the assistant Returning Officers and other staff as per the requirement.

14. **Any other item with the permission of the chair:** It was agreed upon that in future the GB meeting may be held on the first day of the Scientific Convention to facilitate attendance of maximum Fellows.

07.01.2020

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Secretary General, NAVS(I)

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