

Minutes of the 97th SSV EC Meeting held at NPL on Feb 21, 2019

The following EC members attended the meeting:

1. Prof. K. L. Chopra
2. Dr. Indra Mani
3. Prof B D Malhotra
4. Dr.Hari Kishan
5. Dr.J.C.Sharma
6. Dr Ved Varun
7. Dr V P S Awana
8. Dr. Jyoti Shah
9. Dr. R. K. Kotnala

The President welcomed the members and introduced two special invitees - Dr V P S Awana and Dr.Ved Varun to the EC members.

The following activities of SSV were discussed and decisions were taken :

1. Minutes of the 96th EC meeting were approved.
2. The President informed the members that, during the last 6 months, he has addressed the students and faculty of the following institutions on Ethical Issues ; IIT Kanpur, Roorkee, Gauhati; Amity University;North Cap University, Gurgaon, Delhi Technical University.
Several new cases of plagiarism and misconduct from various institutions have been brought to the attention of the President who has visited some of these institutions to investigate serious cases of scientific misconduct
3. SSV treasurer ,Dr Hari Kishan reported on the updating of the SSV financial records . His notable efforts in this direction were appreciated by the members.
4. The case of Prof Satish Ogale, whose election as a Fellow of the Indian National Science Academy(INSA) was withdrawn by the Academy after the President ,SSV wrote to the President, INSA objecting to his case of election on account of his involvement in a case of moral turpitude , was discussed in detail. On the request of Prof Ogale, the EC members decided that the content of the letter written by the SSV President to the

President , INSA as posted on the SSV website, be confined to state moral turpitude as the reason for the withdrawal of his INSA Fellowship.

5. The President expressed his serious concern over SSV members' lukewarm participation towards direct support and working for SSV activities . He requested for more effective role of each EC member.He requested Dr.J C Sharma & Dr V P S Awana to write some articles for SSV News & Views related to the issues of plagiarism.They agreed to do so.

6. The status of updating SSV website & social website like FaceBook for SSV was discussed in detail. It was decided that Dr V P S Awana, Ms. Shubhrima Ghosh , Dr S K Shrivastava will take up the responsibilities.Further, Dr. J.C. Sharma agreed to develop coordination link for SSV with What Apps/ Telegram.

7. Dr.Ved Varun showed members a questionnaire that he has prepared on ethical practices to be pursued by academic institutions. He will soon circulate the draft on "ethical practices" for suggestions from the EC members.

8. Prof Chopra mentioned that he has forwarded copies of the Ethics Document prepared by the two Indian Academies of Science to the EC members for comments. It was decided that the two Vice Presidents of SSV be requested to prepare our own document on the subject for sending it to INSA.

9. It was noted that the recent UGC notification on plagiarism is too myopic and is not acceptable to SSV. Dr.Ved Varun is urged to compile soon a document on ethical practices which could be used by academic institutions for nurturing ethical values.

10. Dr.V P S Awana has been requested to take charge as Editor for News & Views on SSV website. Dr S K Shrivastava has agreed to support Dr Awana as an Associate Editor

11. One PC, one Laptop & one Printer for SSV for day to day activities need to be purchased as earlier PC & Laptop with SSV are now obsolete . The purchase of above items was approved

12. Election for SSV Executive Council are due . Dr T K Mandal, Sr Principal Scientist from NPL has been nominated as the Election Officer to conduct elections as soon as possible.

13. The nomination of the following academicians by the President of SSV were considered and approved for membership of SSV:

i) Dr Gurudutt Sahani drguruduttsahani@rediffmail.com ii) .Dr V P S Awana awana@nplindia.org

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

R.K.Kotnala
(Secretary,SSV)

Prof. K. L. Chopra
(President, SSV)