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**MINUTES OF THE 24TH GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING (GCM) OF
NAVY FOUNDATION HELD AT KOCHI ON 11 OCT 15**

1. The 24th Governing Council Meeting of the Navy Foundation was held at INS Venduruthy Conference Room, Kochi on 11 Oct 15 under the Chairmanship of Admiral RK Dhowan, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, ADC, Chief of the Naval Staff and President Navy Foundation. The following were present: -

(a) **Invitees**

(i) Vice Admiral Sunil Lanba PVSM, AVSM FOC-in-C (South)

(b) **Members**

(i) Vice Admiral AK Jain, AVSM, VSM Vice President

(i) RAdm Sunil Anand, VSM Secy RGC (West)

(ii) RAdm Pradeep Rana, VSM Secy RGC (East)

(iii) Cmde Ajay Saxena, PDESA, VSM Secretary NF

(iv) Cmde VK Pisharody, NM Secy RGC (South)

(v) Cmde AC Tiwari Legal Member

(vi) Cmde HS Chopra, PDNP (Retd) Treasurer

(c) **Charter Representatives**

(i) RAdm Prem Kumar Nair (Retd) President Kerala Chapter

(ii) Cmde VK Gautam (Retd) President Chandigarh Chapter

(iii) Cmde BR Sen (Retd) President Kolkata Chapter

(iv) Cmde PK Malhotra President Pune Chapter

(d) **In Attendance**

(i)	Capt B Bhattacharya	JDESA (NF)
(ii)	R Adm S R Sampathgopal (Retd)	President Bengaluru Charter

Item I - Opening Address by President Navy Foundation

2. At the outset, the President extended a warm welcome to Presidents of various Chapters present and other Council Members present. He stated that since the last meeting it has been a period of high tempo for the Navy. He highlighted the steps taken to harness the expertise residing with our Ex-Servicemen towards the improvement and welfare of the naval community in particular and the nation at large. He apprised the audience on the salient initiatives taken by the Navy towards utilizing the talent pool of ESM:-

(a) Setting up of a National Portal through Skill Development Ministry to enable uploading of skill sets by ESM in a manner which is comprehended by the corporate world, which will lead to ESM being offered jobs as per their capability and also utilize their skills as trainers and assessors towards skilling of other citizens. This has had a good response from CII and other agencies.

(b) Database on expertise available with veterans has been compiled and made available to Commands so that the Services could be solicited for interaction with serving personnel.

3. He further stated that interaction between Chapters and the Navy needs to be strengthened, to facilitate greater interaction. Following measures have been undertaken:-

(a) A system has been put in place wherein representatives from all Commands would visit various Chapters and interact with members to exchange information pertaining to the activities in the Navy as also address their concerns.

(b) A new vibrant user friendly Navy website has been launched on 01 Oct 15 which will enable dissemination of inputs to ESM and would be kept updated.

4. President stated that very active discussions were on regarding OROP and good headway had been made. He emphasized that the three Service Chiefs are in agreement in arriving at the recommendations for the 7th Pay Commission.

5. President requested Secretary NF to go through the proceedings.

Item II - Old Agenda Point

6. Adoption of Revised MoA of Navy Foundation

(a) Secretary brought out that the revised Memorandum of Association of Navy Foundation was adopted and ratified by the 23rd AGM and GCM respectively on 28 Sep 14. Thereafter to meet the procedural requirement of its ratification by a second special meeting after an interval of at least one month and the MoA adopted by 3/5th of the members present, the AGM at Kota House was held on 05 Jul 15 with the help of NFDC wherein the revised MoA was discussed. Also the meeting notice along with hard copy of revised MoA was forwarded to all Chapters by post. The revised MoA was adopted unanimously by the Special GBM with Cdr Vijay Vadhera (Retd), Secretary Mumbai Charter proposing the motion and Cmde SR Vasan (Retd) Member Chennai Charter seconding it.

(b) Submission of the amended MoA for final approval of the registrar is underway since end Jul 15. However, the process has been delayed due to trifurcation of the existing Society on lines with the municipal corporations. The same is expected to be completed by Dec 15.

(c) **Decision.** The President directed that the point be monitored.

Action: - PDESA

Item III - Confirmation of Minutes of the Meeting of last GCM

7. Cmde PK Malhotra (Retd), President Pune Chapter proposed passing the minutes of 23rd GCM, it was seconded by Cmde BR Sen (Retd), President Kolkata Chapter. Thereafter, Minutes of the 23rd GCM were confirmed by all the attendees.

Item IV - New Agenda Points

8. Air Fare for all Reps Attending GCM /AGM.

(a) **Issue.** One participant from each Chapter was reimbursed II AC to and fro rail fare for attending the GCM/AGM. This was revised during the 23rd NF GCM to reimbursement of air fare for NF Presidents if train journey was more than 12 hours. NF Mumbai Chapter has now requested that in the event, President of a Chapter is unable to attend the GCM/AGM the Secretaries could be permitted to travel by air. Whereas NF Hyderabad Chapter has requested that the Air fare reimbursement be approved for any Rep of a NF Chapter nominated to attend AGM/GCM.

(b) **Deliberations.**

(i) Secretary NF, stated that the GCM and AGM are apex level meetings of the Navy Foundation that is chaired by the Chief of Naval Staff and attended by Flag Officers and Senior Officers. Moreover, dates of AGM & GCM are promulgated well in advance to facilitate Presidents of NF Chapters to make it

convenient to attend. Hence, to uphold the sanctity of the event, Presidents of NF Chapters are requested to represent their respective Chapters. According approval of air fare for any rep of the Chapter is likely to dilute the representation in the GCM and AGM. In the event of any President of a NF Chapter not being able to attend for reasons beyond his control then the President may nominate the Vice President / Secretary, to attend on his behalf. Air fare for Vice President / Secretary so nominated, could be considered on case to case basis.

(ii) President stated that the point being made is valid. He also brought out that presently the GCM quorum has more representation of uniformed personnel whereas NF Chapters were represented by only four reps and proposed that all Presidents of NF Chapter attending AGM could be invited as “special attendees” to also participate in the Governing Council Meeting. This will not only be an added incentive for Presidents to represent their Chapters in the GCM but will result in wider consultation by the Council. This was unanimously accepted by all members present.

(c) **Decision.**

- (i) Status quo be maintained and air fare for Vice Presidents and Secretaries to be approved on case to case basis.
- (ii) Quorum of GCM be amended to include all Presidents attending AGM.

Action - DESA

9. **Audit by External Agency (Mumbai Chapter).**

(a) **Issue.** The point proposed that clause regarding audit of funds held with NF Chapter by an outside agency being revised be reviewed.

(b) **Deliberations.**

(i) Secretary stated that the MoA was amended to meet the requirement of the “Registrar of Societies”. Even though the fund accounts held by various chapters is small the necessity of audit by an external agency is a mandatory procedure to meet the laid down requirements of the Registrar of Societies’. He further stated that the financial outgo to seek assistance of outside agency (Chartered Accountant) for a fund like those held by NF Chapters is estimated to be in the range of Rs 4,000/= to Rs. 5,000/= which could be offset from the grant provided from INAF once in every CNS’s tenure.

(ii) The President stated that since it is mandated that the accounts be audited by an external agency, however small the account may be,

it needs to be followed to avoid problems in future even at the cost of excess financial outgo.

(iii) President Bengaluru Chapter proposed if the date of submission of audited balance sheet to the Governing Council be deferred to 31 May. This was acceded to and the President highlighted the necessity to intimate all changes in the MoA to the Registrar of Societies.

(c) **Decision.**

(i) The clause of audit by external agency (as in the revised MoA) be retained.

(ii) *The amended clause to read “ accounts of each chapter shall be audited once a year by an outside agency and a copy of the Statement of Accounts shall be forwarded to the Governing Council by 31 May of each year”.*

Action - DESA

Item V - Venue for Next GCM/AGM.

10. **Issue.** As per existing norms, the Council was to confirm the venue for the next GCM/AGM.

(a) **Deliberations.** The Secretary stated that the AGM/GCM are held at Naval Stations in rotation which have a NF Charter and for administrative convenience location with Naval infrastructure are proposed. Thereafter he presented the details regarding venues of earlier GCMs/ AGMs since 2008 and proposed that the 25th AGM/GCM of 2015 be held under the aegis of RGC (West) at Mumbai or Goa. Secy, RGC (West) concurred with the proposal.

(b) **Decision.** President approved Mumbai / Goa as the venue for the 25th GCM/AGM in 2016 in Sep / Oct 16 as per the convenience of RGC (West).

Action: PDESA/RGC (West)

Info: All Charters

Item VI Presentation of Accounts

11. The Honorary Treasurer (PDNP) presented the Navy Foundation accounts for financial year 2014-15.

(a) Corpus of Navy Foundation Fund has increased by Rs. 2.89 Lakh.

	<u>(Amount in Lakhs)</u>		
	<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Corpus	25.03	27.92	2.89

(b) **Budget Estimates (BE) for 2015-16** . The Budget Estimates (BE) for the year 2015-16 were proposed as under: -

<u>SI No</u>	<u>Heads</u>	<u>Amount (In Lakhs)</u>
Income		
(a)	Advertisement for QD - 2016	6.02
(b)	Interest Income	2.63
Total		8.65
Expenditure		
(a)	Printing of QD-2016	6.42
Total		6.42

12. The President approved the budget estimates for 2015-16 and the same was unanimously passed by the Council.

Item VII Closing Remarks by President Navy Foundation

13. The President asked all present if there were any other points. There being no further points Chairman thanked all the members for providing valuable inputs and reiterated that a uniform serviceman of today is as ESM of tomorrow and the two should work in synergy and under the same umbrella. Navy was looking forward to support the participation of NF Chapters towards its growth. He also stated that, he would welcome suggestions and feedbacks from the Chapters pertaining to activities being undertaken to project Navy's image and outreach either directly to him or through DESA.

14. The minutes are being issued with the approval of the President.



(Ajay Saxena)
Commodore
Secretary NF

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