

Minutes of Meeting of AGM of the SFA-India Held on 06.05.2023

The 4th Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of the SFA was held on 06th May, 2023 at the Conference Hall of the office of the Chairman and Managing Director, MIDHANI. The meeting was conducted in hybrid mode. The following members were present during the 4th AGM.

Executive Committee	Members & Invitees
1. Dr. G. Madhusudhan Reddy, President, SFA	1. Dr. G. Gouda (ONLINE)
2. Dr Chandan Mondal, General Secretary, SFA	2. Dr. S. Chandrasekharan (ONLINE)
3. Dr. S.K. Jha, President-elect, SFA	3. Shri Arvind Kumar (ONLINE)
4. Dr. A. Venugopal Reddy, Past President	4. Dr. S. Athimoolakrishnan (ONLINE)
5. Dr. T. Jayakumar, Past President	5. Dr. S. Satyanarayana
6. Dr. N. Eswara Prasad, Past President	6. Dr. A.V. Seshagiri Rao
7. Shri Biswanath Jana, Honorary Treasurer	7. Dr. Niraj Nayan
8. Dr. Swati Biswas, Jt. Secretary (ONLINE)	8. Shri M.N.V. Viswanath
	9. Dr Jalaj Kumar
	10. Dr. Rajnish Goyal
	11. Shri Y. Balaji
	12. Shri G. Mithun Kumar
	13. Shri Abdul Rasheed Shaik
	14. Shri M.K.P.Mushin
	15. Dr. Saurabh Dixit
	16. Shri P. Vamsi Krishna
	17. Shri M. Venkatesh
	18. Shri A. P. Kishore
	19. Shri Sk. Madar Saheb

Dr. G. Madhusudhan Reddy, President, SFA extended a warm welcome to all the members, past presidents and the invitees to the 4th annual general body meeting (AGM) of the SFA. He thanked all the executive committee members for their cooperation during his tenure as the president of the society. He informed the members that the present meeting was convened for formally electing the new executive committee of the SFA. Before initiating the committee formation, he requested the General Secretary, Dr. Chandan Mondal and Shri Y Balaji (on behalf of Shri B Jana) to appraise the members briefly about the status of the society's various activities and finances/audit, respectively.

Continuing the deliberations, Gen. Secretary, Dr. Mondal briefed the members about the one-day seminar organized by Prof. R.C. Prasad (Mumbai chapter) on 29th April, 2022 on "Digital Direct Manufacturing: Additive manufacturing and welding 4.0". President, Dr. Reddy inaugurated the seminar and delivered the inaugural lecture on the challenges and opportunities in the area of additive manufacturing and welding of pipes and tubes. He further informed the EC members about the initiatives taken towards long term collaborations with ASM (main body as well as India Chapter) regarding membership benefits and joint organizations of seminars/ workshops. A meeting among Prof RC Prasad, Shri Shankar Subbarathinum (representative of ASM India) and general secretary, SFA) was held in Mumbai (Nov., 2022), to explore the possible areas of collaborations. A draft MoU is currently being perused between the ASM and the SFA-India. Dr. Mondal further informed

that the SFA is planning to reschedule the national level seminar of SFA (originally planned in Aug. 2020 by Bangaluru chapter, postponed due to COVID) during 2023. Members present in the AGM formally accepted the report presented by the General Secretary. Following this, Sri. Y. Balaji (on behalf of Hon. Treasurer), SFA made a formal presentation of the accounts of the SFA, and appealed to all the Chapters on the need for their cooperation in submission of individual chapters' annual audited account in a format acceptable to the auditors in time. Dr. T Jayakumar accepted the Audit report of the financial year 2021-22' and seconded by Dr Jalaj Kumar. Hence, the same was considered 'ACCEPTED' by AGM.

Before opening the discussion on the election of new executive committee, president requested Dr Eswara Prasad to moderate the election process. Accordingly, Dr. Eswara Prasad then briefly introduced the proposed members of the new executive committee and all the names of the new executive council members were elected unanimously. The newly elected team for the EC is as follows.

The elected office bearers of the new Executive Committee (EC)

(1) Patrons

Prof. D. Banerjee, IISc, Bengaluru
Dr. S.V. Kamat, Secretary (DD R&D) & Chairman-DRDO,
New Delhi
Prof. B.S. Murthy, Director, IIT-Hyderabad
Dr. A. Venugopal Reddy, Founder President-SFA, Hyderabad

(2) SFA President

Dr. S.K. Jha
C&MD, MIDHANI

(3) Vice Presidents

Dr. Komal Kapoor, Chief Executive, NFC, Hyderabad
Dr. R. Divakar, Director, Metallurgy and Materials Group,
IGCAR, Kalpakkam
Prof. R.C. Prasad, PHCET, Rasayani, Mumbai
Dr. Jaiteerth R. Joshi, Outstanding Scientist, DRDL, Hyderabad
Dr. M. Sujatha, Chief Scientist, NAL, Bengaluru
Shri Biswanath Jana, Technology Director, RCMA (Materials),
Hyderabad

(4) General Secretary

Dr. Niraj Nayan, SOFG (VSSC), Resident MIDHANI,
Hyderabad

(5) Joint Secretaries

Dr. Swati Biswas, Scientist, GTRE, Bengaluru
Dr. Prem Kumar Manda, Scientist, DMRL

(6) Hon. Treasurer

Shri Y. Balaji, Technical Officer, RCMA (Mat), Hyderabad

(7) Members

Prof. V. S. Raja, IIT-Bombay, Mumbai
Prof. Raghu V Prakash, IIT-Madras, Chennai
Dr. S. Kale, CEMILAC, Bengaluru

Dr. Chandan Mondal, DMRL, Hyderabad
Dr. Rajesh Korla, MSME, IIT-Hyderabad
Dr. Mainak Ghosh, NML-Jamshedpur
Prof Krishnanu Biswas, IIT-Kanpur
Dr. V Karthik,, IGCAR, Kalpakkam

(8) Publication Head

Dr. P Parameswaran, Retd SO-H, IGCAR, Kalpakkam

(9) Permanent Invitees

Past Presidents
Present Chapter Chairmen

It was also pointed out that the executive committee of the Hyderabad-chapter of the SFA has not been renewed for quite some time and it was difficult to operate the bank account of the chapter due to inaccessibility of the two signatories. Hence, the new office bearers of the SFA-Hyderabad chapter were also proposed and all the proposed names were elected unopposed. The reconstituted executive members of the SFA-Hyderabad chapter are as follows.

The elected office bearers of the new Executive Committee (EC) of the Hyderabad Chapter of the SFA.

(1) Chapter Chairman

Dr. S. Satyanaranyana
Former Director, CITD

(2) Vice Chairmen

Dr. A.V. Seshagiri Rao, Chief Metallurgist, Azad Forgings
Shri M.N.V. Viswanath, NFC (Rtd.)

(3) Secretary

Dr. Chandan Mondal, DMRL

(5) Hon. Treasurer

Dr. Prem Kumar Manda, DMRL

(6) EC Members

Shri Sankar Sivarathri, DGM, DMV Agency
Shri Sk. Madar Saheb,

On getting elected to the Presidentship, Dr. S.K. Jha spoke on the assignments ahead to sustain the SFA with all the regular activities with special emphasis to network all involved in the metallurgical engineering industries. He emphasized on the active participation of all the chapters with respect to regular organization of offline/online seminars/workshops. He promised to resume the SFA awards. Dr. Jha further stressed the need for documentation and database creation for manufacturing and production of advanced engineering materials. Dr. Niraj Nayan, the incumbent general secretary, vowed to continue the proposed activities of the society.

President then invited the members present in the AGM for their comments and discussion. The following points were discussed in the AGM and agreed upon.

1. It is imperative that all the local chapters complete the financial audit by June 15th, 2023, and submit their reports to the headquarter
2. The possibility of new fixed deposits (FDs) will be discussed in light of the increased interest rates. Shri Balaji and Shri Jana will explore whether the new interest rates are profitable enough to compensate for breaking the old FD and whether it's feasible to invest in new fixed deposits.
3. Email to all the local chapters, with the consent of the President, SFA, regarding the return of any money exceeding the amount allowed by the by-laws.
4. One national level seminar/workshop should be held by the Bangalore/Hyderabad chapter every two years.
5. It is imperative that all the chapters elect the new executive committee as per the by-laws and promptly send the list of the new EC to the headquarters
6. The local chapters should actively encourage individuals associated with their members to become life members, thereby increasing the membership base of the organization.
7. It is recommended that the President of the SFA should form a national committee for failure analysis, comprising of experts from various institutions/industries.
8. Each vice-president, in collaboration with a joint-secretary, must take up at least one activity to contribute to the betterment of the SFA.
9. An additional representative from TATA Steel/ NFC/ MIDHANI/ Bharat Forge/ Aluminum industry (Jindal) may be added to the existing list of the Executive Council members of the SFA.
10. The President of the SFA should establish an advisory board to provide guidance and support for the organization's activities and growth.
11. Signing of an MoU between the ASM and the SFA for collaboration and partnership is of utmost importance and must be prioritized.
12. It is necessary to update the SFA website and gather data of all the Life Members to enhance the organization's online presence and improve communication with members
13. The Hyderabad Chapter should invite local members of the national committee to attend all the local chapter meetings as permanent invitees to facilitate collaborative efforts and strengthen the relationship between the two entities.
14. Hyderabad Local chapter newly elected council members list to be updated and sent to Head quarter for records.

The AGM ended with a proposal of vote of thanks and a promise to kick start all activities after taking stock of the status.

The Minutes of Meeting (MoM) is issued with the approval of the president of the SFA.



Dr Chandan Mondal
General Secretary
SFA-India