

**MINUTES OF THE 46TH ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING
OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE CARE OF THE BLIND
HELD ON 18TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

46th Annual General Body Meeting of the Society was held on 18th September 2023 at 11:00 AM in the Committee Room, Secretariat Chandigarh. The meeting was presided over by Shri Dharam Pal, IAS, Adviser to Administrator UT Chandigarh who is also the Ex-Officio President of the Society. The meeting was attended by the following members:

1.	Sh. Dharam Pal, IAS	Advisor to the administrator U.T. Chandigarh	Ex-Officio President
2.	Mrs. PurvaGarg, IAS	Education Secretary, Chandigarh	Ex-Officio Sr. Vice- President
3.	Miss Hargunjit Kaur , IAS	Special Secretary, U. T. Chandigarh	Ex-Officio Treasurer
4.	Sh. Rupesh Kumar, IAS	ADC, Chandigarh Administration	Director
5.	Sh. Naveen , SDM(S)	Social Welfare, Chandigarh	Ex-Officio Member
6.	Sh. Harsuhinder Pal Singh Brar, PCS	Director, Education Chandigarh	Ex-Officio Member
7.	Sh. Surinder Kumar	Member Secretary, SLSA, U.T. Chandigarh	Ex-Officio Member
8.	Mrs. Dr. Suman	DHS, U.T. Chandigarh	Ex-Officio Member
9.	Brig. K. I. Kumar (Retd.)		Sr.Vice President
10.	Lt. Col. J. S. Bedi		Vice President
11.	Sh. Dinesh Kapila		Vice President
12.	Sh. B. D. Sharma		Secretary
13.	Mrs. Prem Girdhar		Joint secretary
14.	Sh. J. S. Jayara		Member, Principal Institute for the Blind
15.	Sh. Rahul Mahajan		Member
16.	Mrs. Saroj Mehta		Member
17.	Smt. Rewa Gandhi		Member
18.	Smt. Indra Chhibber		Member
19.	Dr. Rajinder Kalra		Member
20.	Smt. Anita Jayara		Member
21.	Sh. Gaganinder Chattly		Member
22.	Lt. Col. Naveen Masih		Member
23.	Sh. Jeewan Rai Chodha		Member
24.	Mrs. Kanwaljit Kaur		Member
25.	Mrs. Satinder Dhawan		Member
26.	Ms. Suparna Sachdev		Member
27.	Dr. Iqbal Singh		Member

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28.	Sh. Ram Kumar		Member
29.	Prof. K. N. Pathak		Member
30.	Sh. Varun Ruhella	RCS, U.T. Chandigarh	Member
31.	Sh. Krishan Kumar	RCS, U.T. Chandigarh	Member
32.	Sh. Pradeep Kumar	RCS, U.T. Chandigarh	Member
33.	Sh. Sham Lal Rawat	Office of SWD	Member
34.	Sh. Babbar Sher Singh		Member
35.	Sh. Jagat Singh		Member
36.	Sh. Satkartar Singh		Member
37.	Sh. Dushyant Anand	DOIT, Chandigarh	Member
38.	Sh. Sukhveer Singh		Member
39.	Sh. Umesh Kumar		Member
40.	Sh. Ram Niwas		Member
41.	Sh. Harish Panday		Member
42.	Sh. Pardum Verma		Member
43.	Mr. Bal Krishan	Representative of CA	
44.	Mr. Chander Mohan	Accountant	

The Sr. Vice-President of the Society welcomed all the members present in the meeting and thanked them for sparing their valuable time to attend the meeting. Then the Vice-President asked the Secretary to take up the agenda points for consideration of the General House:

The Secretary welcomed the President and also other dignitaries of the Chandigarh Administration. Then he took the agenda points with the permission of the Chair as follows:

AGENDA ITEM NO: 1:

The proceedings of the 45th Annual General Meeting was circulated, no comments have been received. Minutes stands confirmed.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 2:

Action Taken Report of the 45th Annual General Meeting was submitted to the General Body.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 3:

The Secretary has briefed about the achievements and activities of the society as well as institute in the year 2021-22 and 2022-23 in term of academic sports and other cultural activities.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 4:

It has been observed that financial reports/statements submitted are not in prescribed format, so it was directed to put up the complete record in prescribed format during next AGM.

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AGENDA ITEM NO: 5:

It has been directed to submit a proposal regarding registration of members in various categories duly recommended by the standing committee before putting up to AGM for its consideration.

Further, agenda Items approved for the criteria of election:

- The house has proposed that elections should be held every two years to provide stability in the Society's leadership. The elections will be executed under the Society's Act 1860 and applicable entrant rules and regulations.
- All the candidates are limited to serving two terms in office bearer positions. It is also applicable on present office bearers.
- Candidates for Office Bearer positions must be graduates and possess a minimum of 10 years of experience in social service. This requirement aims to ensure that Office Bearers have a certain level of education and relevant experience.
- There is no minimum age limit for candidates applying for Office Bearer nominations. However, the maximum age limit is 75 years.
- Family representation: To promote diversity and prevent concentration of power within a single family or household, only one member from the family would be eligible for becoming office bearer of any management committee.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 6:

It has been decided that the elections for the Office Bearers have to be conducted under the guidance of Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Chandigarh in accordance with the MOA, byelaws and other entrant rules applicable.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 7:

It was directed to prepare a comprehensive plan, as the plan submitted as the agenda is not comprehensive.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 8:

It was informed that few private colleges are providing free education and hostel facilities to the students of institute in UG and PG courses, so it was requested that the Director Higher Education may be asked to examine if Government colleges can also waive off the fee to the students of this institute. The Secretary Education informed that there are various central Government Schemes wherein students can avail various scholarships benefits, so awareness sessions can be conducted to make students aware of such schemes.

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AGENDA ITEM NO: 9:

It has been informed M/s A.K. Sood & Association are preparing balance sheet of the society as well as performing the internal audit of the society. It is suggested that society should engage separate firms for these two different tasks, as per rules.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 10:

One of the life member stated that the emoluments paid to the Society's regular employees are very less. He requested that they should be paid at least D.C. rates.

The chair directed that the matter may be decided at the level of the Director of the Institute and Society.



(Director)
Society for the Care of Blind


(Secretary)

Society for the Care of Blind



Dharam Patil, IAS
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