



Minutes of the 43rd Annual General Meeting
Held on Saturday, January 23, 2021, online

- 1) **Quorum:** With the required quorum, the AGM was called to order. The final list of attendees who had participated in the online meeting and hence, deemed to have signed the Attendance Register is attached as Annexure 1.
- 2) **Resolution : Minutes of AGM held on June 30, 2019:** Motion was moved for approval of the Minutes of the AGM held on June 30, 2019 :
Proposed by: Mr. Parabrahman
Seconded by: Mr. Uday Shankar
The motion was put to the meeting and was passed unanimously by a show of hands.
- 3) **Resolution: Annual Report of NAB Karnataka for Financial Year 2019 20. :** Motion was moved for consideration and adoption of the Annual Report of NAB Karnataka for the financial year 2019_20
Proposed by: Mr. Srinivasu Chakravarthula
Seconded by: Mr. Akshai Mallapa
The motion was put to the meeting and was passed unanimously by a show of hands.
- 4) **Resolution : Audited Statement of Annual Accounts of NAB Karnataka for Financial Year 2019 20 :** Motion was moved for consideration and adoption of the Audited Statement of Annual Accounts of NAB Karnataka for the Financial Year 2019_20
Proposed by: Mr. Srinivasu Chakravarthula
Seconded by: Mr. Akshai Mallapa
The motion was put to the meeting and was passed unanimously by a show of hands.
- 5) **Resolution: Re-Appointment of Auditor:** Motion was moved for re-appointment of Auditor, AVT & Associates for the financial year 2020-21.
Proposed by: Mr. Vinay Kumar
Seconded by: Dr. Manjunatha Rao
The motion was put to the meeting and was passed unanimously by a show of hands

6) Address by Honorary President :

- a. The Honorary President, Mr. Alok Kshirsagar highlighted that NABK had celebrated the Centenary Year of the Founder, Mrs. Atmaram Rao by expanding the number of beneficiaries addressed by NABK, the number of programs and also the geographical reach of NABK.
- b. He reaffirmed NABK's commitment to the cause of enabling the visually impaired to become economically and socially independent and reconfirmed NABK's commitment to being an ethical organization with transparent accounting and processes.
- c. The President welcomed the new Life Members who had joined NABK during this year.
- d. The President thanked senior members of our staff who have retired after a lifetime of service to NABK.
- e. He also thanked all the other staff members who have contributed to the success of the programs during the year and to have enabled NABK to continue our service to the visually impaired during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- f. He also highlighted the need for all members to focus on generating funds required for expansion of our activities – especially due to the reduction in donations due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

7) Acknowledgement by Vice-President, Mr. Parabrahman :

- a. Mr. Parabrahman acknowledged the extra-ordinary efforts that were made by the staff and trainers to ensure that all our trainees were escorted back to their homes in their villages safely ahead of the COVID lockdown in March
- b. He also acknowledged the efforts made by our staff and trainers in ensuring that the visually impaired beneficiaries were assisted during the lockdown period.

8) Update on Industrial Training Centre for the Blind, Mysore : Dr. Ramesh and Mr.

Jayaprakash updated the members that the operations in Mysore have been effective, including :

- a. Conducting the exams for the graduating batch while taking care to maintain all the safety protocols required during the COVID pandemic
- b. Interviewing and starting training for the new batch of trainees
- c. Renovation of the building, toilet and the compound.
- d. Continuing interactions with donors, sponsors and employers.

9) CBR Program: Dr. Manjunatha Rao and Mr. Anantharaju updated the members on the activities of the CBR program, including :

- a. Recruitment and training of new Taluk Center trainers in a 2 month program conducted in Gundulpet
- b. Expansion of the activities across the Taluks and creating a capacity to address 1000+ visually impaired beneficiaries per year.

10) Digital Literacy Program: Mr. Srinivasu Chakravarthula and Ms. Lakshmi Ravishankar updated the members on the roll-out of our new Call-Center Training program and the outreach to potential employers of these trainees.

11) Update by Honorary Treasurer:

- a. The Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Vinay Kumar reconfirmed NABK's commitment to transparency and adherence to the highest standards of governance and accounting.
- b. Col. Raju, Mr. Srinivasu Chakravarthula and other members commented that, as NABK has been and continues to be committed to ethical operations and transparency, it is neither necessary nor appropriate for members to circulate any issues publicly.
- c. Mr.Parabrahman, Vice-President, Mr. Vinay Kumar, Treasurer and Mr. Uday Shankar, Governing Council Member reiterated that they would be happy to meet / interact with any Member who needs any clarification.
- d. The Treasurer also updated the members that the NABK Employees PF Trust is being closed as planned and the transition to EPFO will be initiated at the appropriate time.
- e. He highlighted that we have had to depend on our reserves due to the drop in donations during the COVID pandemic and hence, the need for members to contribute towards ramping up funds generation.
- f. Specifically, we need to focus on generating approx. Rs. 30-35 lakhs before March 31, 2021 and approx. Rs. 2 Crores in the next fiscal year (excluding the Grant-in-Aid funding from the Government of Karnataka which is being paid directly by the GoK to the bank accounts of some of our senior training staff to cover their salaries)

12) Update on Lease Renewal for BDA Civic Amenity Site in Jeevanbimanagar :

Mr. Udayshankar, GC Member, appraised the members on the status of the Lease Renewal for the BDA Civic Amenity Site in Jeevanbimanagar. He indicated that:

- a. The site is legally owned by BDA and has been leased to NABK in order to provide services to the visually impaired.
- b. Mr. Uday Shankar reiterated that NABK members and office bearers do not have any legal right to sell the property to anybody else or utilize the property for any purpose other than providing services to the visually impaired. This point was reiterated by Mr. Venugopal, GC Member too.
- c. In response to BDA's demand that NABK pays approx. Rs.2 Crores towards renewal of the lease for the next 30 years, NABK has submitted a representation to BDA requesting them to waive this amount as NABK does not generate any revenue by charging our beneficiaries for the service being rendered to the visually impaired in partnership with the Government of Karnataka. We await BDA's response.
- d. In the meantime, based on our petition, the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (in his capacity as a quasi-judicial authority) has passed an Order on BDA and the Urban Development Department (UDD) of Government of Karnataka indicating that organisations like NABK (who are providing services free-of-charge to persons with disabilities) need to be treated as a separate category by BDA and UDD and not charged lease renewal fees linked to market rates. The Order indicates that the Lease for NABK may be renewed at a nominal Annual Rent of approx. Rs.7500/-, with a 10% escalation towards inflation every 10 years.
- e. We are working with the BDA and the UDD on the next steps.

The President requested Members once again to indicate programs where they would like to actively participate and also highlighted the need to ramp up the fund-raising efforts.

The AGM concluded thereafter with a vote of thanks to the Chair

Sl. No.	Members participated in NABK AGM on Saturday, January 23, 2021
1	Mr. Gopal Padmanabhan
2	M. Ravishankar
3	Mr. Alok Kshirsagar
4	Mrs. Latha C. Rao
5	Mrs. Lakshmi Ravishankar
6	Mr. Ramakrishna H.
7	Mrs. Meenakshi R.
8	Col. V. Raju (Retd)
9	Nagaraj K
10	Dr. N. Ramesh
11	M/s Vidya Vikas Education Trust
12	Mr. K R Anantha Raju
13	Akshai Mallappa
14	B. Sudhakar
15	Mrs Nagarathna Vishwanath
16	Mr Suresh S. Nayak
17	Mr N. A. Seshadri
18	Mr. Srinivasu Chakravarthula
19	Mr Narasimha Rao Koka
20	Ms. Kaumudi Joshi
21	Mr. Vinay Kumar
22	Mr. Srikant Rao
23	Mr Uday Shankar R. M.
24	Mr Parabrahman T
25	Dr. Manjunath S. Rao
26	Mr A.N.Venugopal
27	Mr R. Muniraju
28	Mr S.N.Prasad
29	Mr. B.S.C. Rao
30	Mr.Ramachandra
31	Mr.Jitendra Ranganathan
32	Mr.Sampath Shrinivasan
33	Dr. Jyothsna Singh R L
34	Mr. Mukunda Nagappa
35	Mr. Jayaprakash
36	Mr. Ravishankar