



National Association for the Blind

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND KARNATAKA BR.

(Regd. Under The Karnataka Societies Registration Act 1960-S No. 379/78-79)



Minutes of the 46th Annual General Meeting,
Held on Sunday, Sep 24, 2023, in Bangalore

- 1) **Quorum:** With a record attendance (the required quorum of 15 more than met), the AGM was called to order. The final list of attendees who have signed the Attendance Register is attached as Annexure 1.

- 2) **Resolution : Minutes of AGM held on Sep 24, 2022:** Motion was moved for approval of the Minutes of the AGM held on Sep 24, 2022 :
Proposed by: Mr. P Chetan
Seconded by: Mr. Somashekhar
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 2022 23. :** Motion was moved for consideration and adoption of the Annual Report of NAB Karnataka for the financial year 2022_23
Proposed by: Dr. Manjunath Rao
Seconded by: Mr. Nataraj G K
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 2022-23 :** Motion was moved for consideration and adoption of the Audited Statement of Annual Accounts of NAB Karnataka for the Financial Year 2022- 23
Proposed by: Dr. Manjunatha Rao
Seconded by: Mr. Nataraj G K
The motion was put to the meeting and was passed unanimously by a show of hands.

- 5) **Ratification of the Governing Council Decisions about Changes in the Memorandum of Association (MoA):** The proposed changes to the MoA were discussed by the members and was unanimously approved by show of hands. A suggestion was made that Video Conference facilities should be limited to attending the Annual General Meetings only; any vote casted on the resolutions passed at the Annual General Meeting or Triennial Elections should be strictly by way of physical presence only. It was also suggested that the members participate actively by enrolling themselves in the various committees and sub committees of the Governing Council. The note on changes is attached herewith.

6) Resolution: Re-Appointment of Auditor: Motion was moved for re-appointment of Auditor, AVT & Associates for the financial year 2023-24.

Proposed by: Mr. Parabrahman

Seconded by: Mr. Srikant Rao

The motion was put to the meeting and was passed unanimously by a show of hands.

7) Update by Honorary President :

- a. The Honorary President, Mr. Alok Kshirsagar thanked the members, the staff and donors/ sponsors for their continued commitment to 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. He specifically reiterated the need to work in partnership with other organizations and collaborate with government to reach out to all the Visually Impaired beneficiaries in the state of Karnataka.
- c. The President stressed upon the need to start exploring multiple new models of fund raising including creating voluntary organisations of supporters of NABK who could run many value added services for the corporates and industry and channel the profits from such activities to NABK, thereby creating a sustainable, social enterprise model.

8) Update by Honorary Vice President:

- a. The Honorary Vice President, Mr. Srikant Rao, indicated that there are many new partnerships with the government and non-government organizations that are underway/ in discussions which could propel the organization to create higher impact by way of becoming an enabling organization in addition to implementing the current programs. He mentioned that NABK should be looking to extending the geographic reach by partnering with / training/ mentoring individuals / NGOs in other locations and shared the example of how this was implemented recently at the Kinder Trust in Coonoor in collaboration with NABK.
- b. He highlighted that while the older staff members have been retiring of late, the organization has managed to create a smooth transition to the younger staff members who have joined the organization recently, thereby ensuring continued services to the visually impaired students.
- c. He indicated that the Train-the-Trainer program has enabled NABK to re-build NABK's capacity by training both Mobility Instructors and Field Workers. He informed that NABK is at the threshold of a large opportunity to evolve into a Centre of Expertise focusing on Training the Trainer program - partnering with SCPwD, RCI, NAB State Units, Panchayat Raj Dept and such other like-minded institutions.
- d. He appealed to all the members to actively spread the word about the good work

of the organization and introduce potential donors and supporters in their respective networks to the outreach team of the organization. He also mentioned that the website of the organization has been revamped and donations can now be accepted online and via UPI. He mentioned that we should explore fund raising through models including Multiyear Programs with Charitable Foundations, Charity Mutual Funds, Social Enterprise Organization, listing on Social Enterprise Stock Exchange, etc

9) Update by Honorary Vice President:

- a. The Honorary Vice President, Mr. Parabrahman mentioned that NABK should focus on creating operations facilities in the industrial areas where the work could be outsourced to NABK trained beneficiaries for various jobs. This model will ensure the safety of the visually impaired beneficiaries is comprehensively addressed, while ensuring economic and social empowerment for them. The industries would be welcoming of such an initiative and would encourage NABK to scale up the model.

10) Update by Honorary Secretary :

- a. The Honorary Secretary, Mr. Vinay Kumar reconfirmed NABK's commitment to transparency and adherence to the highest standards of governance and accounting.
- b. He highlighted that the current statutory auditors have been the auditors for last 4 years and ideally the organization should be rotating the statutory auditors as a matter of good governance and suggested that the Governing Council discusses this matter and formulates a way to do the same in future.
- c. He thanked the services rendered by the legal counsel's M/s Uday Shankar & Associates on legal matters connected to the organization.
- d. He thanked the services of the long serving staff members Mr. Narasimharaju & Mr. Mohan Naik who retired in the financial year 2022-23.
- e. He informed the members that one of the staff members, Mr. Puttaraju in Mysore has undergone some serious medical procedures and is need of financial assistance currently. He appealed that the members come forward and help Puttaraju.
- f. He thanked Mr. A N Venugopal for his leadership in sprucing up the facilities at the campus of NABK over the last year and also thanked the financial contributions of Ms. Hema Hattangady towards the same.
- g. He thanked the Government of Karnataka, RCI, NSDC-SCPwD and other organisations that have been cooperating and collaborating with NABK in the past year.
- h. He thanked the efforts of all the staff in organizing the necessary facilities for conducting this Annual General Meeting in a smooth manner.

11) Thanking Staff Members

- a. The AGM thanked the staff members for their dedicated service in ensuring that NABK's activities are delivered effectively.

The meeting concluded thereafter with a vote of thanks to the Chair and the National Anthem

CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING DATE:

Changes in MoA Ratified by the Members

Category	Clause Ref	Current Provision	Proposed Change	Remarks
Lifetime Membership Fee	5(2)(a)	INR 100/- membership fee + INR 5000/- as donation	INR 100/- membership fee + INR 10,000/- as donation	In line with inflation over 40 years <u>Note: 15% of the membership fees has to be shared with NAB India</u>
Ordinary Membership Fee (Annual)	5(2)(b)	INR 5/- membership fee + INR 5/- annually	INR 50/- membership fee + INR 1,000/- annually as donation	
Institutional Membership	5(1)(b)	No Fee	INR 5000/- membership + INR 5,00,000/- donation annually	We could offer privileges like that we recognise them as patron donors in our website, communication material, social media and install their name in the Wall of Donors at NABK

Constitution of Governing Council Members	5(1)(c)	Min 9, Max 15 from the Life Members, Ordinary Members & Honorary Members; Min 1/3 rd should be VI	Min 1, Max 4 from Life Members, Ordinary Members & Honorary Members; Min 1 member should be VI and min 2 members should be Life Members Provision for sub committees to be formed by GC with atleast 1 GC member in each sub committee. All positions are honorary.	Ensure committed and contributing life members run the organisation
Office bearers	7(1)	President - 1 VP – 3 Hon. Gen Sec – 1 Hon Jt Sec – 7 Hon Treasurer – 2	President – 1 VP – 1 Hon Gen Sec – 1 Hon Jt Sec – 1 Hon Treasurer - 1 Hon Jt Treasurer - 1	
Appointment & Removal of Employees	1 (c)	Any employee earning more than INR 250/- per month can be appointed or removed only by the council	Any employee earning more than INR 25000/- per month can be appointed or removed only by the council	
Governing Council		Min 15; Max 29	Min 7; Max 10	

Quorum - The number shall be more than half of the total number of members of the Committee.

If the quorum is not formed on the day of the meeting, then, the meeting shall be adjourned for a period of half an hour and, it shall be convened again and, by considering the numbers of member present as

quorum, the work as per the fixed agenda of the meeting shall be carried out. Video Conference meetings can be admitted, separate provisions for the same shall be drafted. However, members attending the meeting through Video Conferencing mode shall not be allowed to cast their vote on any matters requiring resolution of the committee.

