

Proceedings of the IASWC General Body Meeting held on 23rd March, 2014 at Dehradun

A General Body Meeting of Indian Association of Soil & Water Conservationists, Dehradun was held during the Conference on "Farmers First for Conserving Soil and Water Resources in Northern Region (FFCSWR-2014)" on March 23, 2014 at the Conference Hall of Institution of Engineers (India), Dehradun.

At the outset, the Secretary welcomed all the members of the IASWC for their participation in the General Body Meeting and apprised the House about the important activities taken up by the Association in the recent past. The following agenda items were discussed and decisions were taken during the meeting.

S. No.	Item	Decision taken
1.	Presentation of Audited Statement for the year, 2012-2013	Audited statement of receipt and expenditure by the Association for the year 2012-2013 was presented by the Secretary which was unanimously approved by all the participating members. However, it was suggested by the House that a Summary of the receipts, expenditure and cash in hand in the current year may also be attached with the audited statement.
2.	Utilization of accumulated R&D fund	Presently, the fund under R&D is being utilized for organizing Regional Conferences on "Farmers First". Executive Council in its meeting held on 31 st Jan., 2014 expressed its view to utilize such fund for paying salaries to the contractual staff working in IASWC Office and opening of Regional Chapters of the Association. However, it was suggested by the House that this fund can be utilized for paying the salaries to the contractual staff working in the Office of IASWC and balanced amount may be spent towards publication of Journal and organizing Conferences, meetings, etc.
3.	Discussion on newly introduced awards	The Executive Council of the IASWC in its meeting held on 31 st Jan., 2014 approved two additional awards under the category of IASWC Gold Medal for field functionaries and technical professionals in addition to the existing awards. However, the General Body decided that a Committee may be constituted to develop the guidelines and quantitative evaluation methodology for screening based on cut-off marks for such awards.
4.	Any other relevant issues	Bye-laws of the IASWC: A comparative statement giving earlier Bye-laws and recently revised Bye-laws was prepared and presented before the House for finalization. After detailed discussion, the General Body in principle approved the modification of Bye-laws. However, a Committee may be constituted for finalizing the revised Bye-laws addressing the important legal issues.

		The General Body also approved Travel allowance in AC-III Tier and a DA of Rs. 250/- per day to the outside members of the Executive Council while attending meeting of EC at the Hqrs.
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The meeting ended with a Vote of thanks to the Chair and all the General Body members.


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Secretary, IASWC, Dehradun

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