

Proceedings of the General Body Meeting held on 7th April, 2012 at OUAT, Bhubaneswar

A **General Body Meeting** of the **IASWC** was held in the morning of 07th April, 2012 at OUAT, Bhubaneswar. President, Members of the Executive Council, Fellows, Members of the Editorial board, Ex-officio members of the IASWC and many Life members of the Association participated in the meeting.

In the beginning the President of the Association briefed the house about the several activities taken up by the Association in the recent past. He also emphasized that the Association organized a series of Conferences in each region, four of which have already been successfully held for Southern, Western, Northern and Central Regions earlier and the Bhubaneswar was the last regional conference in the series. Hence he suggested to organize national and international conference in the years to come. He also stressed to review all the recommendations made during the past regional conference held at different parts of the country for developing site specific implementable issues for various organization, Institutes and implementing Agencies.

The following agenda items were discussed and decisions taken during the meeting are as follows–

S. No.	Item	Decision taken
1.	Issues with respect to Election of the Executive Council of the Indian Association of Soil & Water Conservationists for the biennial term 2012-2013.	The present executive council is continuing its function as no nominations were received for the post of President, Treasurer and Chief Editor upto the last date announced earlier i.e. 08-09-2011 and all these post belong to HQ Dehradun. However, as per registration rule as informed by Registrar Office, Dehradun the procedure of inviting nomination for the unfilled posts should be repeated. Therefore fresh nomination may be invited for the above three posts to complete the process of the election pending for the biennial term 2012-2012.
2.	Utilization of R & D funds.	In addition to the financial assistance given for organizing sensitizing workshop to CSWCRTI and its research centres, the accumulated fund in the head of R&D may be utilized for awarding fellowship to the students proposing research work in collaboration with CSWCRTI.

3.	Printing / Publication of Books.	The committee constituted for publication of book entitled: "Fundamentals of Soil and Water Conservation" conducted meeting and decided the chapters vis-a-vis the resource persons. The EC meeting held on 23 rd December 2011 has reviewed the progress in this regard.
4.	Addition/Revision/Modification of the Awards given by IASWC.	One new award has been suggested for inclusion namely, Best research article award. Necessary guidelines/mechanism may be evolved by EC for deciding the award every year.
5.	Inviting suggestions for future activities and areas of improvement.	—
6.	Any other points with the permission of the Chair.	—

The meeting ended with a Vote of thanks to the Chair and all the members.

Secretary, IASWC, Dehradun