

## **Proceedings of the General Body meeting of SAWR held on August 21, 2015 Sardarkrushinagar Dantiwada Agricultural University (SDAU), Dantiwada, Gujarat**

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The General Body meeting of the Society for Advancement of Wheat Research was convened on August 21, 2015 at 1745 hours in the Prof. VR Mehta Auditorium Main Hall, SDAU, Sardarkrushinagar, Dantiwada, Gujarat as per the agenda listed below;

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| 1. Welcome and Secretary's Report   | RK Sharma     |
| 2. Approval of the Bye-laws of the "SAWR"   |               |
| 3. Modification in the eligibility criteria of Prof. Mahatim Singh Memorial Award |               |
| 4. Open House Discussion  |               |
| 5. Treasurer's Report   | Sindhu Sareen |
| 6. Presidential Address   | Indu Sharma   |
| 7. Vote of Thanks   | RK Gupta      |

After welcoming the delegates to the General Body meeting, Dr RK Sharma, General Secretary, Society for Advancement of Wheat Research (SAWR) presented the report for the year 2015. He informed the house that the society has published both the issues of the Journal of Wheat Research and submitted to NAAS timely. This was possible only due to the cooperation from SAWR members, in general, and the executive, in particular, and the society is now aiming at a NAAS rating of 5.00 plus from 3.11 when the application is to be submitted in February-March, 2016 as per the guidelines of the NAAS for revision of NAAS rating. He further informed the house that the membership of the society this year has increased from 180 (158 life members, 14 annual members and 8 student members) to 221 (184 life members, 30 annual members and 7 student members). Congratulations to all concerned for the steady progress.

Dr Sharma informed the house that the society needs to be re-registered under the new society registration rules in Haryana for which the required application was submitted on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 but the authorities concerned asked to get the Bye-Laws, as per new guidelines, approved from the General Body of the Society for consideration. He then asked the members to suggest changes/improvement, if any, in the bye-laws which were sent to all the Society members about a month ago. There were no suggestions and the Bye-Laws of the Society were approved unanimously by the GB. The house asked the CEC to take action for re-registration as well as the change in the name of the society to "Society for Advancement of Wheat and Barley Research" from "Society for Advancement of Wheat Research" (**Action:** President, General Secretary and Treasurer).

The next agenda item was modification in the eligibility criteria of Professor Mahatim Singh Memorial Award. The secretary informed the house that there is poor response and it seems that the condition of three years as life member is the major stumbling block. He proposed to modify this condition to life member at the time of submitting the application for the award to which the house agreed unanimously. Dr RK Sharma further informed the house that the application received gives details for the whole life of the scientist concerned whereas the work during the past 5 years only need to be

submitted in brief. The documents supporting the achievements must be attached. However, for publications, the first page submission will be sufficient and the full article need not be attached so as to save on resources and be environment friendly. The proforma for application submission also to be modified accordingly, by an appropriate committee, to be constituted by the President, SAWR. He further informed the house that the application for this year award to be called again as per the new guidelines and may be finalised in the next about two months to which the house agreed unanimously (**Action:** President and General Secretary).

During the open house discussion, members put forth the suggestions like making the journal online, trying for the international impact factor and to have zonal councillors for greater visibility and impact of the society.

Treasurers' Report was presented by Dr (Mrs) Sindhu Sareen. She informed that during 2014-15, the opening balance was Rs 297316.00. Rs 152340.05 were added as membership fees, Rs 55000 as advertisement fees and Rs 17014 from miscellaneous sources. Dr G P Singh contributed Rs 100000 for award money. The total receipts during the year were Rs 621670.05. Of this Rs 139489 were spent on publication of two issues of JWR and certificates for SAWR Fellows, Rs 5450 as award expenditure, Rs 5000 as auditor fees and Rs 2030 for stationery and refreshment. Rs. 90000 were deposited as FDR. The balance available to society on 31.03.2015 was Rs 374605.05 in SAWR account, Rs 5096 in Prof. Mahatim Singh Memorial Award Account and Rs 90000 as FDR.

Dr (Mrs) Indu Sharma while delivering the Presidential address thanked the SAWR family for the support during the year and called upon all, to proactively contribute to make the society still stronger. She was of the opinion that quicker and effective review of articles is the back bone of any scientific society and asked the willing contributors to send their names to General Secretary or Editor to act as reviewers of articles in their field of specialisation. She also called upon all the members to contribute quality articles as well as motivate fellow scientists to enrol as members of the society.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks by Dr RK Gupta, Vice President of the society. He expressed thanks to Dr Indu Sharma, President, SAWR, for encouraging words and the society members and office bearers for the good work done over the past year.

The proceedings are issued with the approval of the President, SAWR.

  
(RK Sharma)  
General Secretary