

Minutes of NGB meeting held on 01/05/2023 at NESCO, Mumbai at 11.00 AM

Agenda item 1:- Meeting called to order:

Mr. Prasanna Patwardhan, the President called the meeting to order and requested Mr. Kumar Razdan, the Vice President- Events and Exhibition, NESCO to give their brief presentation. Mr. Razdan gave a detailed presentation on the various hall and amenities available at NESCO and how BOCI could avail of these facilities. Members present applauded the nice presentation which could be useful for BOCI to organize its annual general meeting.

Agenda item 2:- Roll call and establishment of quorum:

The President requested the General Secretary to proceed with the roll call and see if the quorum is established.

The General Secretary started recording the roll call and the following members were present.

- 1/ Mr. Prasanna Patwardhan
- 2/ Mr. Jagdeo Singh
- 3/ Mr. A. Afzal
- 4/ Mr. D. R. Dharmraj
- 5/ Mr. Harsh Kotak
- 6/ Mr. Malik Patel
- 7/ Mr. D. Maran
- 8/ Mr. Shrinidhi
- 9/ Mr. Raja warm Ballal
- 10/ Mr. Praduman Dutta
- 11/ Mr. Harish Sabarwal
- 12/ Mr. Anjit Bora
- 13/ Mr. Gurmeet Singh
- 14/ Mr. Jayendra Bavaria
- 15/ Mr. Sadanand Chatra

Special Invitee

- 1/ Mr. Navsharan Garcha
- 2/ Mr. Vijayshankar - E.D.

The General Secretary General appraised the house that the quorum was completed as such the meeting progressed.

Agenda item 3:- Welcome and opening remarks:-

The President extended a hearty welcome to all the present members and wished them healthy and purposeful deliberations. The President in his opening remarks proposed the idea of working together with the OEMs as we the Operators have a better understanding of customers/ users than the OEMs. During the development of technology, we could give better suggestions to meet user's expectations. He also suggested having better communication between Authorities and the Operators at the policy-making level. Working together may bring better results.

The President was extremely happy to inform the house that now BOCI is an organization that is well recognized not only at various states and national levels but at an international level as well. Now policymakers have started listening to us attentively. BOCI is now invited by Russia on an international platform and our President Mr. Prasanna Patwardhan is going there towards the end of this month. The entire house applauded this achievement.

The President further informed the house that “Shakti Foundation” has offered BOCI to buy “Private Electric Bus Aggregation Demand” at many subsidized rates. The house readily showed their interest in the offer.

Agenda item 4:-Adoption of Agenda:-

With the permission of the Chairman and President, the General Secretary shared the Agenda by circulating it to the NGB members for approval. The President asked if any additions or deletions is required. Seen nun the Agenda as circulated was adopted.

Agenda item 5:- Confirmation of minutes of last NGB:-

The General Secretary read out the minutes of the last NGB held on 03/12/2022. Minutes were approved as circulated along with the notice and Agenda of this meeting. The house recognized the efforts put in to record the minutes very meticulously.

Agenda item 6:- Action arising out of the last meeting:-

The Chairman pointed out the following actions required to be carried out.

A/- Inclusion of Corporate/ OEMs into the fold of BOCI membership.

The Action was marked to the President and the General Secretary. They informed the house that since the fee structure was not fixed, much couldn't be done. Resolved that the membership fee for manufactures and OEMs should be based on their turnover, ranging from Rs.50,000/- for a company having annual turnover up to 10 crore; Rs.1,00,000/- for a turnover up to 100 crore and Rs.2.00.000/- for a company having turnover more than 100 crore.

B/- Mr. Malik was required to organize meetings with recognized companies as OEMs for the L. M. V. segment. Mr. Malik informed us that meetings with Citroen and Kia Motors are progressing and an MOU is likely to be signed soon.

Agenda item 7:- Discussion or Quarterly Reports from Zonal Vice President:-

It became a matter of great concern for the house as no Zonal Vice President has submitted their Reports. Mr. Sabharwal, Zone President North informed that State Heads and various vertical heads are not reporting anything to Zone Vice President.

It is resolved that along with NGB wherever it is, a meeting of SGB of the State should take place to submit their progressive reports. It is resolved that the State meeting take place before the NGB in the respective States.

Agenda item 8:- Review Of Rules on Individual Membership:-

The membership process was discussed. The Rules framed were approved. The Chairman appraised the house regarding one representation received from Mr, Navsharan Garcha. The Chairman opined in favour of said representation. Decided to amend the rules accordingly. The Action was marked to Mr. Jagdeo Singh.

Agenda item 9:- New Appointments and to fill the vacancies:-

Mr. Jagdeo Singh, the Chairman discussed the issue and resolved it unanimously as follows:

- A— Mr.Malik Patel was appointed as Chairman of the membership committee.
- B— Mr. Anurag Agarwal was appointed as Senior Vice President- East against the vacant post.
- C— Mr. Babu Panicker was assigned the portfolio of Joint Secretary which was laying vacant after the elevation of Mr. Jagdeo Singh as Chairman.
- D— Mr. Bobby Sawhney was assigned the portfolio of Vice President— Tourism.

Agenda item 10:- Discussion on recent issues:-

After a brief discussion, the other issues were resolved amicably.

Agenda item 11:- Current Financial Position:-

In the absence of the treasurer and joint treasurer, both this item was deferred for the next meeting.

Agenda item 12:- Private Electric Bus Aggregation Demand:-

The fast adoption of electric vehicles is the need of the hour. The President Mr. Prasanna Patwardhan already discussed and covered the matter in his opening remarks. We need to select the potential States/ Cities to promote the scheme.

Agenda item 13:-Any other matter with the permission of the Chair:-

Following matters were discussed and decided under this head.

- A— The proposal by MM Activ to renew the contract was reviewed and decided to decide in the next NGB.
- B— It was decided to circulate all directives and notifications published by the government to the State Government departments by the State chairman of BOCI.
- C— NGB meetings should be organized by each zone as per their turn.
- D— The next NGB/ AGM is proposed at NESCO Mumbai in the last week of July or the first week of August.
- E— **Welfare activities:** - It was decided that under welfare activities, drivers' training programs should be promoted in capsule form. The idea of organizing health camps to benefit the driver- associated population was also discussed and approved.

F— **Scraping Policy:-**

It was decided to apprise the concerned authorities that the scraping policy based on the age of vehicle is not correct because like school buses run very less in comparison to other buses running on long routes. The policy should, therefore, be based on running kilometers and not on based on the age of the vehicle. The Action was marked to Mr.Gurmeet Singh.

G— **All India Tourist Permits:** - Everyone showed their sincere concern against more and more buses getting registered in northeastern states. It is resolved that the government be requested to make it compulsory either to start or terminate the journey by AITP buses in the home state. They may be allowed to pick up and drop the passengers only in their home state of the states which the vehicles pass through.

H— **Interstate Agreements:-** MORTH be requested to renew all the pending Interstate agreements. The Action was marked to Mr.Gurmeet Singh.

I— The house revised the founder and permanent member fee to Rs. 5,000/- per year as against the earlier decision of Rs. 10,000/- per year. This was done based on the Quarry earlier raised by Mr. Hari Bhai and today raised by Mr.Ballal.

Agenda item 14:- Concluding Remarks by Chairman:-

The Chairman showed his almost satisfaction, with the way the meeting progressed. The Chairman thanked all the members for their very constructive deliberations and best cooperation to complete the long agenda in time. The Chairman also thanked the officials of NESCO and team Mumbai for their cooperation and best hospitality. The Chairman also expressed his gratitude towards the President Mr. Prasanna Patwardhan and General Secretary, Mr. Afzal to take BOCI to the next level.

Agenda item 15:- Vote of Thanks and adjournment:-

The General Secretary thanked all the members and the officials of NESCO so also the members of team Mumbai for hosting this meeting.

The President concluded the meeting as all members showed their complete satisfaction and declared the meeting adjourned.