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Minutes of the PANE (Executive Body) meeting, held on 13th October, 2025.

Members present: Prof. N. Nimai Singh, Dr. Samrat Dey, Dr. Ranjan Kalita, Dr. Debajyoti Dutta, Dr. Yajnya Sapkota, Dr. Shanta Singh Naorem. Prof. Kushal Kalita, Dr. Debasish Borah, Prof. Syed Arshad Hussain

Members absent: Dr. Abhijeet Das, Dr. Ratan Das, Dr. Lalthakimi Zadeng, Dr. Hemam Dinesh Singh, Dr. Manos Pratim Chakrapani Kalita, Dr. Shantu Saikia, Prof. Pradip Kumar Kalita, Dr. Nabendu Kr. Deb, Dr. Thongam Gomti Devi

The meeting was held in online mode on the Google Meet platform. The chairman, Prof. N. Nimai Singh, called the meeting to order and welcomed the members. He asked Dr. Samrat Dey, the General Secretary, to take up the matters on the agenda. Dr. Dey then placed the agenda items serially for detailed discussions by the members.

PANE(EB):2025:13OCT:01: Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 August 2025 – Dr. Samrat Dey

Dr. Samrat Dey presented the minutes of the PANE (Executive Body) meeting which was held on 4th August, 2025. Since the minutes had been circulated among the members before the meeting, the minutes were presented in brief, and the gathering approved the minutes of the meetings.

PANE(EB):2025:13OCT:02: Matters arising out of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 August 2025 – Dr. Samrat Dey

Dr. Dey informed the members that the process of selecting members for the editorial team of Physics Education Review – The Education Journal of PANE is underway and is expected to be completed before the next EB meeting. He further reported that Dr. Sanjeev Kalita has agreed to act as the Convener of the PANE Winter School on Astrophysics. Dr. Dey also mentioned that the renewal of society registration and audit reports have been completed. Once the PAN card is obtained, representatives of PANE can meet the Education Minister of Assam to present a proposal for establishing a permanent office of PANE in Guwahati.

PANE(EB):2025:13OCT:03: Preparation for the upcoming 15th Regular PANE Conference (RPC) to be organised by Nagaland University – Dr. Shanta Singh Naorem

Dr. Shanta Singh Naorem updated the members on the ongoing preparations for the forthcoming 15th Regular PANE Conference to be hosted by Nagaland University. Dr. Samrat Dey informed the members that JSPC – Journal of Subatomic Particles and Cosmology (Elsevier) has agreed to publish a portion of the conference proceedings, covering papers related to particle physics, theoretical physics, astrophysics, cosmology, and nuclear physics. Discussions are ongoing with Elsevier for an equally suitable publication option for the remaining topics. Prof. Kushal Kalita emphasised that PANE should make every effort to ensure publication parity for the remaining portion of the proceedings. Prof. N. Nimai Singh suggested that the organising committee consider felicitating a few senior physicists from Nagaland and other regions during the conference.

PANE(EB):2025:13OCT:04: Amendment of the PANE Constitution to include graduates as Life Members, frame regulations for Physics Education Review – The Education Journal of PANE, empower the EB to co-opt coordinator(s) of sub-committee(s) as members, assign new

responsibilities to the GS and the Treasurer for ensuring the regular and timely renewal of PANE's registration and the filing of Income Tax Returns, clarify that election to FPANE shall be only non-posthumous, expand the scope of the NEIPTS, and correct typographical errors, if any, while keeping in abeyance the proposed amendment to remove the requirement that the GS and the Treasurer be based at the HQ until a permanent office is established there – Dr. Samrat Dey

Dr. Dey highlighted that under the New Education Policy (NEP), a four-year undergraduate degree qualifies a person to pursue research and other opportunities. Accordingly, it was proposed that graduates should be eligible to become Life Members of PANE. It was proposed that the regulations governing the Physics Education Review – The Education Journal of PANE should be the same as those of the PANE Journal of Physics. He also stated that the EB should be empowered to co-opt coordinators of sub-committees as members, if required, to ensure effective coordination and representation. Dr. Samrat Dey further argued that the General Secretary and Treasurer should be assigned additional responsibilities — the GS for timely renewal of registration, and the Treasurer for filing of Income Tax Returns. Furthermore, Dr. Dey pointed out that similar to established science academies, election to FPANE shall be only non-posthumous, and this clarification shall be explicitly included in the Constitution. It was also highlighted that the NEIPTS examinations should include students from Classes IX to XII, expanding its scope beyond the class XI. Finally, the proposed amendment to remove the condition that the General Secretary and Treasurer must be based at the HQ was kept in abeyance until a permanent office is established there. All the proposals were accepted by the EB unanimously. The amendment proposals will be presented in the for the next GB meeting for formal adaptation.

PANE(EB):2025:13OCT:05: New state representatives for Meghalaya and Sikkim – Dr. Samrat Dey

Dr. Dey informed that the existing State Representatives from Meghalaya and Sikkim have relocated from their respective states and are therefore unable to continue in their roles. He proposed the following replacements: (1) Dr. Yubaraj Sharma (Don Bosco College, Tura) – State Representative for Meghalaya, and (2) Dr. Rupak Mukherjee (Sikkim University) – State Representative for Sikkim, to take effect upon his formal admission as a PANE life member. The proposals were accepted by all.

PANE(EB):2025:13OCT:06: Any other matter (with the permission of the chair)

Prof. N. Nimai Singh suggested that PANE should actively explore funding opportunities from individuals, private organisations, and government agencies to support its events and activities in particular, and the academy in general. He also reiterated his earlier proposal to establish a PANE Library, to be mainly developed through book and journal contributions from retired senior physics teachers, once the permanent office is established. All the members appreciated the suggestions.

The President, Prof. N. Nimai Singh and the General Secretary, Dr. Samrat Dey, thanked all the members who were present in the meeting. The meeting was then adjourned.

Dr. Samrat Dey
General Secretary, PANE

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1. All the executive board members of PANE.