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Minutes of the PANE (General Body) meeting, held on 18th November, 2025.

Members present (offline): N. Nimai Singh, Samrat Dey, Gazi Ameen Ahmed, Kushal Kalita, Imtiwati Jamir, Madhurjya P. Bora, Satyananda Chabungbam, Watisenla Sangtam, Bikash Borah, Pulak Talukdar, Dipak Mazumdar, Jyotirmoy Deb, Naorem Shanta Singh, Bandita Deka

Members present (online): Biplob Sarkar, Asish Jyoti Boruah, Dipayan Chattopadhyay, Rupak Mukherjee, Jugal Lahkar, Liza Devi, Dambarudhar Mohanta, Asish Jyoti Boruah, Ranjan Kalita, Debajyoti Dutta, Devabrat Mahanta

The meeting was held in a hybrid mode, with participants joining both in person at Nagaland University and virtually through 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(GB):2025:18NOV:01: Adoption of proposed minor amendments of PANE Constitution which was accepted by the Executive Body unanimously in its meeting on 13/10/25 – Dr. Samrat Dey

Dr. Samrat Dey presented the proposed amended PANE Constitution, which had been shared with the life members via email a month earlier. The General Body unanimously approved the proposed amendments.

PANE(GB):2025:18NOV:02: Selection of the host institute for the next Regular PANE Conference – Dr. Samrat Dey

Two formal proposals were received for the host institute of the next Regular PANE Conference: one from the Department of Physics, Bodoland University, and the other from the Department of Physics, Assam Don Bosco University. The majority of the members present in the meeting expressed their preference for Bodoland University, noting that no PANE conference has been held in that region so far. Assam Don Bosco University was sincerely appreciated for its proposal and encouraged to host the conference in the future. Following this, all members unanimously approved Bodoland University as the host institute for the 16th Regular PANE Conference.

PANE(GB):2025:18NOV:03: Any other matter (with the permission of the chair)

Prof. Madhurjya P. Bora suggested that PANE may consider providing direct partial sponsorship for future Regular PANE Conferences. While appreciating the suggestion, Dr. Samrat Dey pointed out that although the financial position of the Academy has improved over the past couple of years, it is still not sufficient to support such initiatives at present and requires further consolidation.

Dr. Jyotirmoy Deb proposed that PANE may institute awards such as the Young Scientist Award, Young Teacher Award, and Woman Scientist Award through appropriate search and selection committees. The proposal was accepted by all members, who also recommended initiating the necessary amendments to the Constitution.

Prof. N. Nimai Singh suggested that PANE may approach various governmental agencies and education ministries for funding opportunities to strengthen and sustain its activities. He further proposed that philanthropists from the physics community in the Northeast be approached to sponsor memorial lectures, awards, and other initiatives & activities. All members agreed with these suggestions.

Dr. Samrat Dey informed the members that Dr. Manoj Kumar Mahanta, Principal of Pragjyotish College, has generously granted official permission to use a space in the college as the temporary office of PANE. The document of the corresponding agreement has already been used for processing the PAN card application, registration renewal, and ISSN application for the PANE Journal of Physics. The members appreciated this support and emphasised the need for a permanent office. It was decided that PANE should explore obtaining a space within a university or an independent facility in or around Guwahati.

Prof. N. Nimai Singh further advised that PANE should not allow its name to be used for any event other than those directly organised by the Academy, to prevent misuse and ensure strict adherence to the Constitution. All members accepted this suggestion.

Dr. Samrat Dey updated the members on the current number of Life Members and the exact balance of the bank accounts.

Finally, Dr. Samrat Dey conveyed his appreciation to the Convenor of the 15th Regular PANE Conference, Dr. Naorem Shanta Singh, for his efforts in successfully organising the conference in a grand manner.

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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