



LINGUISTIC SOCIETY OF INDIA
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LSI/Sec./2024-26/02

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Minutes of the LSI-Executive Committee Meeting

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the LSI (2024-26) was held on 10.01.2024 at 06:30 pm through virtual mode.

The following members were present: (1) Prof. M. J. Warsi (President, LSI), (2) Dr. Abhinav Kumar Mishra (Secretary, LSI), (3) Dr. Sunandan Kumar Sen (Joint Secretary, LSI), (4) Ms. Khushboo Parghi (Joint Secretary, LSI), (5) Prof. Ashok Thorat (Trustee, LSI), (6) Prof. Gautam Sengupta (Trustee, LSI), **EC Working Members:** (7) Prof. Adil Amin Kak, (8) Dr. Bipasha Patgiri, (9) Dr. Niranjana Uppoor, (10) Dr. Chaithra Puttaswamy, (11) Dr. C S Swathi, (12) Dr. Suman Preet Virk, (13) Dr. Sundarabalu S. (14) Prof. Koppaka Rajyarama, (15) Dr. Thennarasu Sakkan, (16) Prof. Aejaz Mohd Sheikh (Editor, IL), **Members, Publication Committee as Special Invitees** (17) Dr. Nazrin B Laskar (18) Dr. Saralin A. Lyngdoh (19) Dr. Mimi K. Ezung (20) Prof. G. Uma Maheshwar Rao (Past President, *Ex-Officio member*), (21) Prof. Shobha Satyanath (Past Vice President, *Ex-Officio member*)

The following members could not attend the meeting: Prof. Thiruvalluvan V. (Vice President, LSI), Dr. Kakoli Dey (EC-Member), Dr. Mendem Bapuji (EC-Member).

Before taking up the agenda items, Dr. Abhinav K. Mishra, Secretary, LSI, requested the President, LSI Prof. M. J. Warsi, to call the meeting in order.

On initiating the meeting, the President LSI welcomed the EC members, and thereafter, the following agenda items were taken up for consideration:

Item No. I: Confirmation of minutes:

The minutes of the last LSI EC meeting held on 26.12.2023 were confirmed.

Item No. II: Welcoming the new LSI team (2024-26):

The President LSI welcomed the newly elected members of the LSI team for the term 2024-26. He also appreciated the enthusiasm and commitment shown by them for enriching the LSI to the best of their abilities.

Item No. III: Thanking the outgoing LSI team (2021-23)

The President, LSI expressed his appreciation for the office bearers and the entire team of LSI (2021-23) for their commendable work. Prof. Warsi also mentioned some of the very important recent initiatives taken by them, such as creating a new dynamic, interactive LSI website, enabling the individual articles of volumes of all the past issues of the Journal, *Indian Linguistics*, indexed by titles of the articles and names of the authors making the journal accessible to the members online, and initiating the reforms in the existing LSI constitution and practices, among others.

Item No. IV: Formation of various Sub-Committees

The President LSI apprised the house of the importance and necessity of forming sub-committees for the smooth and effective functioning of LSI in various areas. The President requested the EC members to volunteer themselves for various sub-committees, such as the Website Committee, Finance Committee, Publications Committee, Seminars-Workshops Committee, etc., and inform about their willingness to the president LSI so that a final decision may be taken in the next EC meeting.

Item No. V: Appointment of Treasurer

The President and Secretary, LSI, apprised the house about their interactions with a few candidates for possible consideration to appoint/elect a Treasurer as soon as possible.

The President of LSI also informed the house about his discussion with Dr. Ambarish Vasant Khare, Assistant Professor, Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Pune, as probable candidate for the post of Treasurer, LSI.

Considering that there were no nominations received for the post of Treasures in the recent elections and to avoid disruption in the smooth functioning of the LSI financial transactions at its Pune Office, after detailed deliberations, the house unanimously approved the appointment of Dr. Ambarish Khare through nomination as Treasurer of LSI for the term (2024-26) with immediate effect. It was informed that Dr. Ambarish Khare has already expressed his willingness to accept the position.

A letter of appointment will be sent to Dr. Ambarish Vasant Khare by Dr. Abhinav K Mishra, Secretary, LSI at the earliest.

Item No. VI: Getting the email access from the outgoing Secretary LSI (2021-23)

Dr. Abhinav K. Mishra, Secretary, LSI, informed the house that he communicated with the former Secretary, Dr. Sujata Bhujang (Pune), and she had provided the login and password of the official email of the Secretary, LSI. However, due to some technical reasons, the email could not be accessed as the password is registered with a mobile number that is under the possession of Dr. Shailandra Mohan (former Secretary, LSI). Dr. Abhinav K. Mishra also informed the house that he had spoken to Prof. Shailendra Mohan, and the issue will be resolved within a week.

Item No. VII: Getting the email access from the outgoing editor, *Indian Linguistics* (IL)

The newly elected Editor of *Indian Linguistics* (IL), Prof. Aeja Md. Sheikh informed the house about his interaction with the outgoing Editor, Prof. Umarani Pappusamy. He further informed that Prof. Umarani created the email ID on her own six years ago when she became the Editor of *Indian Linguistics*. She showed her inability to provide the login and password as it contains her personal email communications, and the email created by her is not the official email ID of *Indian Linguistics* (IL).

Arising out of the discussions, it was resolved that the Editor of *Indian Linguistics*, Prof. Aeja Md. Sheikh may create an official email ID and password exclusively for the Journal, IL, and the same will be transferred to the future editor as an official email ID and Password.

Item No. VIII: Physical visit to LSI Headquarters, Pune

The President LSI briefed the house about the possible visit to LSI headquarters in Pune. Members also suggested that it is important to visit the head office to have first-hand information about the various documents, including the Registration certificate of the Society/ Trust, books, journals, and other infrastructure facilities available in the LSI office.

After due discussions, it was unanimously decided that a team of LSI office bearers must visit the LSI headquarters, Pune. However, the composition of the LSI team and the possible date of the visit will be decided in the next meeting of EC.

Item No. IX: To consider the proposals for hosting the ICOLSI-46

The President, LSI briefed the house about the three proposals received for hosting the ICOLSI-46 from: a) Tezpur University, Assam (b) Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, and (c) University of Kashmir, Srinagar.

The proposals were placed before the house and discussed. It was decided to share the submitted proposals with EC members for their informed opinion/observations based on the information provided in the proposal by the respective Universities. EC members may send their opinion to the President for final decision. The house authorized the President, LSI, to make a final decision based on the opinion submitted by EC members.

After the final recommendation by the President of LSI, a letter for hosting the ICOLSI-46 will be sent by the Secretary, LSI.

Any other Items:

Item No. X: Placing the Registration Certificate on the LSI website

Prof. Uma Maheshwar Rao proposed that the Registration documents of the Society and the Trust deed, etc., may be acquired so that members may have a glimpse of the nature and status of the Society. Prof. Uma Maheshwar Rao promised to share the Society's Certificate of Registration. Prof. Ashok Thorat, Trustee of LSI, suggested that the registration certificate of the Linguistics Society of India (LSI) should be placed on the LSI website.

The house appreciated the suggestion made by Prof. Ashok Thorat and unanimously agreed to place the registration certificate of the Society/ Trust on the LSI website.

Item No. XI: Issue of Salary of the Office Staff at LSI Headquarters, Pune

Ms. Khushboo Parghi, Joint Secretary, LSI, informed the house that she had received an application from the staff of LSI head office where s/he demanded an increase in the monthly salary from Rs. 10,000/- to Rs. 15,000/-. Prof. Uma Maheshwar Rao informed the House that there was such a proposal, and the then EC accepted it, but it could not be implemented as there were issues regarding the increase in salary. The auditor informed us that 10,000 or more might require a procedure for registration with the professional tax department and need to maintain a record of leave, work time, salary certificate, etc.

It was resolved that the increase in salary, if any, would be taken up for consideration only after the physical visit to the headquarters by the LSI office bearers.

Item No. XII: Appointing Honorary Fellows of the LSI

The President LSI informed the house that he has received a suggestion from a senior linguist, Prof. U. N. Singh. He suggested that LSI should start honoring the Scholars/Linguists for their lifetime contributions to the cause of Indian Linguistics. The house unanimously agreed with the suggestion made by Prof. U.N. Singh and decided to constitute a committee to look into it and prepare the guidelines for awarding the Fellows of the LSI. The President, under his authorization, has constituted a committee of the following:

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| 1. Prof. G. Uma Maheswar Rao | Chairman |
| 2. Prof. Thiruvalluvan, VP, LSI | Member |
| 3. Prof. Ashok Thorat, Trustee, LSI | Member |
| 4. Prof. Gautam Sen Gupta, Trustee, LSI | Member |
| 5. Prof. Shobha Satyanath | Member |
| 6. Prof Aejaz Md. Sheikh, Editor-IL | Member |
| 7. Dr. Abhinav K. Mishra, Secretary, LSI | <i>Convener</i> |

The committee may be requested to submit the report within three months so that the same may be placed before the EC for final approval.

The Secretary LSI may issue an official notification with regard to the constitution of the committee.

In the end, the President LSI, Prof. M. J. Warsi, proposed a vote of thanks to the members for their meaningful participation in the deliberations through virtual mode and declared the meeting closed.



Dr. Abhinav K. Mishra
Secretary, Linguistic Society of India (2024-26)