

# Minutes of GENCO Alumni Association (GAA) Executive Committee Meeting held on 18.01.2025 at 11.20 AM in Meeting Room of Alumni Home.

Following members were present:-

- 1. Dr. Sehijpal Singh, Patron
- 2. Er. S.M.S Sandhu, President
- 3. Er. Bharat Bhushan, Vice-President
- 4. Er.Harinder Singh Dhillon, Gen. Secretary
- 5. Er. Arvinder Singh Lohi, Finance Secretary
- 6. Er. R.P.Malhotra, Exec. Member
- 7. Er. Kulwant Singh Sandhu, Exec. Member
- 8. Er. J.S.Bhandari, Exec.Member
- 9. Er. Baljit Singh Sandhu, Exec. Member

The President began by extending a warm welcome and expressing gratitude to the Patron, all Vice Presidents, the General Secretary, the Finance Secretary, the Communications Secretary, and Executive Members of the current elected executive committee (2024-2026) of GENCO Alumni Association (herein after referred to as GAA). The President commended the efforts of the previous Executive Committee, acknowledging their contributions on the development of the GENCO Website, successful fundraising initiative by GAA, the other achievements, their hard work was met with a well-deserved round of applause.

At the outset of the meeting, the President informed the members that he had an in-depth discussion two days ago with Mr. Garry Jain's team of Charted Accountants on various important matters. A summary of discussion is outlined below: -

- 1. GAA can't be categorized as a charitable organization why? For any organization to be classified, at least 85% of the funds should be used for the general public coming from all sects of the society and not merely towards the college which already is an education institute and is collecting its own funds. Therefore this option stands dropped.
- 2. For the Contribution from NRIs.

The individual contribution is not feasible due to stringent Ministry of Home Affairs regulation (herein referred to as "MHA") which mandates the organizations to either get a registration under FCRA or get a prior approval from MHA for which the approval rate is very less and is to be obtained on an yearly/receipt basis.

The only possible way out is to have get associated with the various chapters out side India as the Foreign Chapter. For that purpose, foreign chapters need to get the registration as per the respective Laws in the operating countries. Any documentation needed from GAA needs to be identified. Then individual members out side India can contribute to their own Chapter and that Chapter can transfer to the GAA, which will avoid any individual transfer. However, even for this, GAA needs to get a registration under FCRA. Also, the current constitution of the GAA suggests that only the pass out

students can be the members of the GAA and there needs to be an amendment in the constitution and the bye laws of GAA so that the foreign chapters can be a member of GAA.

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After the deliberation at length, following decisions were taken unanimously: -

1. Whole hearted efforts will be made for overall development of GAA. There will be direct contribution to the GAA account by the Alumni members. The procure for making the project successfully, it was discussed and resolved that the concerned department of the college along with the Principal will prepare the detailed project cost, with the technical specifications or what so ever. The GAA will provide one member to associate with the college and the committee to finalise the tender/quotations to be called. The Principal and his team with due diligence will call tender/quotations on behalf of GAA and will recommend GAA for its approval. However, this procedure has to be verified by the Chartered Accountant and his team. The CA Mr. Garry Jain was requested to propose the final SOPs for this purpose in a week's time.

The CA apprised that for accepting funds from outside India, we can opt any of the following methods :-

First through prior approval of the Home Ministry (GOI) or otherwise we shall have to get the registration of FCRA (Foreign Contribution Regulatory Act).

For FCRA, the body has to be charitable in nature, which is governed by Section 12A of the Income Tax. As discussed above also, the charitable body or organization will have to spend 85% of funds on various projects or works in the society in General.

In our case, we are Governed by Principle of Mutuality, which says that only pass out students will become its member. As per Principle of Mutuality, we can accept contribution from the members and spent for the betterment of the college Alma maters.

- **2.** It was unanimously resolved that hence forth all alumni members needs to contribute to GAA instead directly to the college. The Principal gave his consent to this.
- **3**. We should make Foreign Chapter as Associate Member of GAA to accept money from students settled outside India. For this, we shall require to make some amendments in existing constitution. Further, we have to obtain FCRA. Therefore, an outright efforts will be made for associating the foreign chapters as Associate body of GAA.

How far contribution from the domestic alumni members are concerned, there is no bar and there is no hassle either for accepting the contribution from Indian origin alumni members and to spend for the betterment of alma mater.

- **4.** For all this, constitution amendments of GAA is mandatory, for which CA is requested to propose the amendments to adopt further course of action.
- **5**. General Secretary Er H.S.Dhillon suggested alumni membership for final years students: Final year students will be encouraged to register as GAA members with their membership activated upon Graduation. A unique GAA ID will be assigned and students will contribute a registration fee.



**6**. To revive Foreign Chapters of Alumni Association, a committee of following was constituted comprising of Er.Satpal Singh Sidhu, Er. Karam Burn, Principal, GNDEC and Er. J.S.Bhandari. The members were also requested to find out the chapters outside India, so that those can be pursued. The Principal, GNDEC informed that the college has some information about foreign chapters and list will be shared shortly for pursuing them.

#### 7. Alumni Chapter in India:

An extra effective effort will be put in to persuade all the Alumni Chapters to work in an organised manner and to become a associated body of main GAA. The Chapters does exist in Delhi, Banglore, Pune, Chennai and the other chapters in other cities will be found. Er Baljit Singh Executive member, who is going to Hyderabad for some official job, will convene a meeting with the Chapter there.

It was also suggested that we need to have a Power point presentation to put before the chapter in India while meeting them for encouraging them to join as a associate body of GAA and to help for contribution also.

**8**. It was also suggested that we need to constitute a group to encourage the domestic contribution to GAA for which the body will be constituted in next meeting.

#### 9. Website

The Executive Committee appreciated the development of GAA by the previous committee and specially the efforts on the part of Er. Manjit Singh Randhwa, Vice President. The suggestion and discussions were held that probably we still need to improve the website to be more user friendly, easy to operate, blogging, to add some other features to make it more attractive. For this purpose, Er H.S Dhlllon General Secretary and Er. R.P.Malhotra were requested to find the ways for this up gradation. It was suggested that website expert can also be hired for this up gradation. Mr. Sarabjit Singh, Clerk who has a responsibility of routine updation of the website, will be paid Rs. 3000/-additionally per month for the job.

**10.** The agenda of revision of staff salary of GAA came up for discussion, which was deferred. In future, any revision in salary will be performance based. This point can be taken up in forthcoming meeting.

**11.** Five year blue print for smaller projects ranging between Rs 25 lakh to 50 Lakh related to college alma mater and academics shall be prepared in a months time, to facilitate the passout college students, whenever they get together for the jubilee celebration and the funds collected there from will have a choice to finalise the project for the contribution direct to GAA as decided and agreed by our esteemed Principal, GNDEC. This task was assigned to Er. H.S.Dhillon along Principal, GNDEC, Deans and Head of the Department. For this purpose, local committee comprising of Er. H.S.Dhillon, Er. Arvinder Singh Lohi, Er. Baljit Singh was formed to pursue with the Principal.

**12**. It was also discussed and suggested that we need to have a detailed estimate as per drawings for the exhaustive renovation of the hostel as a test case to ascertain the rough cost estimation for



the upgradation of infrastructure. It was also decided that this estimate should be in following five parts:-

- 1) Upgradation of Hostel rooms which includes joinery and the floors
- 2) Upgradation of the Mess
- 3) Upgradation of the Club House
- 4) The central air conditioning of the above three points separately.
- 5) Upgradation of the toilet block

This task was given to Er. H.S.Dhillon for working it out and to get it prepared by the next meeting.

**13**. It was also discussed and resolved that Roll of Honour for Principals will be prepared and displayed at a prominent location in the college with cost borne by the President.

**14.** Against three Vice Presidents of the Executive Committee, one position of the Vice President is vacant and for this, it was discussed and resolved that for the commendable work done by Er. Kulwant Singh Sandhu, who was a member in previous executive committee is nominated as Vice President.

**15**. The contribution of Batch 1974 made directly to GAA was appreciated. Efforts will be made to complete the projects with total transparency and utmost sincerity.

**16**. President Er. S.M.S.Sandhu handed over a sum of Rs. 10,000/- to Mr. Sarabjit Singh,Alumni Clerk to meet expenditure on lunch etc. during Executive Committee Meetings of GAA.

17. Following members could not attend the meeting, hence their leave of absence is accepted.

- 1. Er. Manjit Singh Randhawa, Vice-President
- 2. Er. Rachhpal Singh Buttar, Vice-President
- 3. Er. Arshdeep Singh, Communications Secretary
- 4. Er. Gurmit Singh Brar, Exec.Member
- 5. Er. Rupinder Singh Sekhon, Exec.Member
- 6. Er. Harinder Singh, Exec.Member
- 7. Er. Gurpreet Singh, Exec.Member
- 8. Er. Harvel Singh Dhaliwal, Exec.Member
- 9. Er. Harnoor Singh Bajwa, Exec.Member

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- 10. Er. Rattandeep Singh, Exec.Member
- 11. Er. Saurav Brar, Exec.Member
- 12. Er. Gurwant Singh, Exec.Member
- 13. Er. Satpal Singh Sidhu, Advisory Capacity
- 14. Er.Karam Singh Burn, Advisory Capacity

The meeting ended with vote of thanks.

Er. Harinder Singh Dhillon General Secretary

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1. All the Executive Committee Members

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