

The general body meeting of The Robotics Society (earlier referred to as Robotics Society of India, RSI) was held at IIT Delhi campus on 29th July 2017 during the international conference “Advances in Robotics (AIR 2017)”

July 01, 2017

Prof. Ashish Dutta (Secretary, RSI) welcomed the members and the invitees.

The agenda items for the General Body Meeting were read out.

First, the minutes of the last RSI GBM held on 18th July, 2016 at IIT Madras, Chennai were read out. As there were no corrections or modifications the minutes were confirmed.

1. The members were then informed about the current status of RSI as follows:
 - i. Total members : 725
 - ii. Bank AC details: Balance is Rs. 8,32,061/-
 - iii. RSI National Workshop on Advances in Robotics was conducted at IIT Madras, Chennai during July 18-19, 2016.
 - iv. Workshops Supported:
 - 2nd SERB School on Robotics at IIT Madras (Nov 2016)
 - 3rd SERB School on Robotics at IIT Delhi (June 2017)
 - v. RSI Technical Sponsorship was offered to RAHA2016 in December 2016.
 - vi. One Newsletter was published in February 2017

2. Registration process:

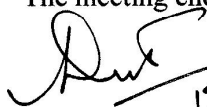
The registration for the name Robotics Society of India could not succeed in earlier attempts mainly due to the word ‘India’. Hence, Mr. Praveen Gupta, another Chartered Accountant (CA) was roped in. He suggested to remove the word India in the society name and registration was finally done as “The Robotics Society” on June 21, 2017. Although the society is registered in Delhi the activities of the society would cover the whole country. The registration for the RSI has been attempted for the second time. Mr. Gupta was present and the gathering thanked him for his efforts in getting the society registered.

3. It was agreed that the earlier logo would be continued.
4. The content on the website will be changed to The Robotics Society. All earlier content would remain the same (for example AIR2017 and earlier websites/webpages). From now on, the usage should be “AIR2019, 4th International Conference of The Robotics Society...”
5. An abbreviation for The Robotics Society was discussed but it was decided not to use any abbreviation.
6. As per the society terms and conditions, the minimum age for student membership is 18 years and for full membership, it is 18 years with a minimum bachelor’s degree or a diploma.
7. RSI Workshop (Biennial) in 2018 was sought to be conducted by IIT Kanpur (Prof. Ashish Dutta) and IIT Jodhpur (Dr. Suril V Shah). It was decided to host the summer workshop in IIT Kanpur (July 2018) and winter workshop in IIT Jodhpur (Dec 2018), subject to acceptance of the same.



8. Advances in Robotics (AIR2019) was proposed to be conducted by Prof. T. Asokan and his team from IIT Madras. It was decided to host the event at IIT Madras during the first week of July 2018.
9. A committee was setup to work out modalities and the basic guidelines of student chapters at different institutes. The committee would consist of Prof. P. M. Pathak (Student Activity Coordinator), Prof. Mohd Suhaib and Prof. Subir K. Saha.
10. For better dissemination of information and publicity of The Robotics Society activities, a Google group would to be created. All the existing members email IDs would be invited/added. Action in this regard would be taken up by Mr. Rajeevlochana G. Chittawadigi.
11. Dr. P. K. Pal was requested to act as the election officer and conduct the elections. Election was conducted for the tenure July 2017 to June 2020. The details are in the Annexure A. Executive members and student members were also discussed and added to the set of office bearers.
12. The current team of RSI handed over the charge to the new office bearers of The Robotics Society and wished the new team success.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.


15/10/17
Ashish Dutta
Secretary, RSI

Annexure A:

Election of Office Bearers of The Robotics Society for the tenure July 2017 to June 2020

Election Officer: Dr. Prabir K. Pal (BARC retired).

President: Prof. Santanu Chaudhury (IIT Delhi/ CSIR-CEERI)

Vice President (Academic): Prof. Subir K. Saha (IIT Delhi)

Vice President (R&D or Industry): Dr. Debanik Roy (BRNS/BARC, Mumbai)

Treasurer: Prof. Mohd. Suhaib (Jamia Milia Islamia, Delhi)

Secretary: Prof. T. Asokan (IIT Madras)

Editor (Newsletter): Dr. Sudheer A. P. (NIT Calicut)

Membership: Dr. Shital Chiddarwar (VNIT Nagpur)

Student Activity Coordinators:

Dr. P. M. Pathak (IIT Roorkee) and Dr. Shantipal Ohol (College of Engg, Pune)

Web Coordinator: Mr. Rajeevlochana G. Chittawadigi (Amrita University, Bangalore)

Governing Council Members:

1. Past President (ex-officio): Dr. Manjeet Singh
2. Prof. Ashish Dutta (IIT Kanpur)
3. Prof. Shibata Tomohiro (Kyushu Institute of Technology, Japan)
4. Dr. Raj Madhavan (HumRobTech LLC, USA)
5. Prof. Nancy Amato (Texas A&M University, USA)
6. Dr. Prabir K. Pal (BARC retired)

Student Members:

1. Mr. Mohd. Zubair (IIT Delhi)
2. Mr. Anirban Chowdhury (IIT Kanpur)
3. Ms. Eram Neha (Jamia Milia Islamia, Delhi)
4. Mr. Amudhan A N (NIT Calicut)

