

Agricultural Economics Research Association (India)

Proceedings of 26th General Body Meeting

The 26th Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of the Agricultural Economics Research Association (India) was held on 17th November 2018 at 12.30 AM at the ICAR- National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI), Karnal, Haryana. In absence of Dr PK Joshi, the President of the Association, Prof Ramesh Chand, Conference President chaired the meeting and welcomed members present at the AGM.

Before taking up the Agenda for discussion, the house paid rich tributes to Prof AS Sirohi and Prof VS Vyas, the two esteemed members of the Association, who left for heavenly abode during the year. The members observed two-minute silence and prayed the Almighty to grant peace to the departed souls.

Agenda item 1: To approve the minutes of the previous Annual General Body Meeting held on 9th November 2017 at NAARM, Hyderabad

The minutes of the 25th Annual General Body meeting held on 9th November 2017 at 12.30 PM, were read and confirmed by the AGM without any amendment.

Agenda item 2: To approve the Annual Report of AERA for the year 2017-18.

Dr. Suresh Pal, Secretary of the Association, presented the Annual Report for the financial year 2017-18. He informed that AERA has a membership of 1222 comprising of 957 life members, 110 ordinary members, 122 institutional members and 33 honorary life members.

Further, he informed that Jan-June 2018 issue of the Agricultural Economics Research Review was published and despatched to members in May 2018; and July-Dec 2018 issue is in pipeline. The Association is exploring possibilities of tying up with some reputed publishers such as Springer, Emerald and Sage to outsource publication of AERR.

For its 2018 Conference, there was tremendous response from members and non-members of the Association in terms of manuscripts received for their presentation at the Conference. A total 178 papers were received; of which 18 were published in full-length and rest as abstracts in the Conference Number on the recommendation of the Review Committee comprising Dr PS Birthal, Dr Chandrashekhara Rao, Dr Seema Bathla, Dr Anjani Kumar and Dr Girish Jha, and approval of the Conference President, Dr Ramesh Chand.

The Secretary informed the house that AERR has a NAAS impact factor of 5.9 highest among social science journals from India rated by the NAAS.

The Association in partnership with ICAR, IFPRI, ISAE and other organizations shall organize 2021 Conference of International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE). The conference will be held in NASC complex, New Delhi.

The Secretary thanked the Executive Committee, Editorial Board and all the members. He expressed gratefulness to all the learned referees who gave their valuable time in going through the articles submitted to AERR for publication.

The members applauded the work carried out by the AERA and approved the Secretary's Report unanimously.

