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Draft Minutes 46th Annual General body Meeting of Navi Mumbai Tamil Sangam held on 3-12-23

Dear esteemed members,

The 46th Annual General Body meeting of Navi Mumbai Tamil Sangam was held in the Sangam premises at sector 9A vashi. The meeting commenced at 10.30 a.m onwards and for want of quorum it was adjourned by 30 minutes. The meeting commenced at 11 a.m. with 94 members.

Since the AGM was for the year 2022-23, the Secretary called upon Mr. V.R.B. Krishnamurthy (LM 452), the Chairman of the Board of Trustees for that financial year to be present on the dais along with the current Chairman of the Board of Trustees Mr. S. Ehambaram (LM 338), Managing Trustee Mr. A. Chithambarathanu (LM 420), President of the Managing Committee Mrs. Rajasri Nagarajan (LM 403). Subsequently Mrs. Meenakshi Venkatesh (LM 475) proposed the name of Mr. P. Kothanada Raman (LM 678) a senior member of the Tamil Sangam and a veteran contributor to the Trade Union movement in Maharashtra to preside over the 46th AGM proceedings. Mrs. Baby Rani (LM 558) seconded the motion. Mr. P. Kothanda Raman thanked the august body for giving him the opportunity to preside over the meeting and sought the cooperation of the members for the smooth conduct of the proceedings. Sangam's prayer song, Thamizh Thaa Vaazhthu and Marathiya Thaa Vaazhththu were played. With the permission of the Chair, the undermentioned agenda items were taken up for discussion and decision making.

Agenda No. 1: Welcome Address by the Secretary:- The Secretary welcomed the Life members as well as the individuals who were to be ratified by the AGM as life members in the 46th AGM. She mentioned that, 46th AGM was the first AGM to be conducted in the renovated premises. She informed the members that after the renovation, AC facility has been installed in the second floor and the lift installation was under way. She also mentioned about the programs which were held in the Sangam after the renovation.

Agenda 2 : To pay homage to and condole the sad demise of life members of NMTS:- The members condoled the sad demise of Life member Mr. M. Damodaran (LM 113), Mr. P.A. Krishnamurthy (LM 257) who had served NMTS as a Trustee, Mr. Raja (LM 287), Mr. N. Swaminathan (LM 655), Mrs. R. Jayakamakshi (LM 467) who had served NMTS as its Tamil Teacher for more than 3 decades, Mr. G. Bairava Subramanyam (LM 787) who rendered his valuable services to NMTS as the Assistant Secretary in the Managing Committee and Mr. R. Krishnan (LM 544) who had assisted the Sangam in its various activities. The Secretary mentioned about the valuable services rendered to the Sangam by late Mr. N. Mahadevan. The Secretary stated that, Mr. N. Mahadevan (LM 276) had been the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and he had held various key positions in the Administration of the Sangam and he was instrumental in achieving the prestigious Tamil Thai award and many other awards for Sangam. The members observed silence for two minutes and prayed for the departed souls to rest in peace.

Agenda 3 : To ratify the membership of individuals whose applications have been scrutinized and recommended for life Membership by the Managing Committee :- The Secretary stated

that 43 individuals had applied for membership since the last AGM held on 27-11-22 till date and their applications had been duly scrutinized and verified by the Managing committee and the same has been recommended for ratification in the current AGM. The names of the 43 individuals were read out* by the Assistant Secretary Mr. S.Ramaiah and the august body unanimously ratified their life membership.

The list of new members has been provided at the end of the report.

Resolution 1 (2022-23) “Resolved unanimously that, the Life Memberships of individuals whose applications were scrutinized and recommended for life Membership by the Managing committee has been ratified by the members in the 46th AGM”. The Resolution was passed.

Proposed by Mr. L.Manivasagam (LM 18)

Seconded by Mr.S Sundararajan (LM 422)

The new life members were welcomed and felicitated by the Managing Committee. The list of new members has been provided at the end of the report. The Secretary thanked the members of the Building Expansion and Renovation Committee, the Website Committee and the Bye law Amendment Committee for their valuable contributions to the Sangam. Some members of these Committees were present in the AGM and were felicitated. Thus Mr. S. Sundararajan (LM 422), member of the Building Committee) who was a pillar of support during the building renovation project and who had obtained various price concessions for the Sangam was felicitated, Mr. V,R,.B. Krishnamurthy (LM 454) ex Chairman of the Board of Trustees who had obtained a huge grant for the Sangam from the Govt. of Tamil Nadu were duly honored. Sangam's website Committee Chairman Mr. Ganesh Subramanian (LM 439) who enabled the Sangam to conduct its cultural activities through You Tube channel and facilitated the Online AGM during Corona lock down was also honored by the Sangam.

Agenda No. 4 : To confirm the draft minutes of the 45th Annual General Body meeting held on 27-11-23: The Secretary informed the members that the draft minutes of the 45th AGM was couriered to all the members along with the Annual Report and as on date, no feedback has been received regarding its contents from the members . She said that, if the members approve of the draft minutes of the 45th AGM, then, a resolution can be passed to that effect.

Resolution 2 (2022-23).”Resolved unanimously that, the draft minutes of the 45th AGM was approved by the august body”. A resolution was passed to that effect.

Proposed by:-Mr. M. Rajagopal (LM 19)

Seconded by :Mr. P. Balasubramanian (LM 320)

Agenda No-5 : To ratify the draft minutes of the EGM held on 26-3-23

The Secretary informed the members that the draft minutes of the EGM held on 26-3-23 was couriered to the members along with the Annual Report and as on date, no feedback has been received regarding its contents from the members . She said that, if the members approve the draft minutes of the EGM then a resolution can be passed to that effect. The members approved the draft minutes of the EGM held on 26-3-23 and a resolution was passed.

Resolution No.3 (2022-23) “Resolved unanimously that, the members approved the draft minutes of the EGM held on 26-3-23” .A resolution was passed to that effect.

Proposed by :- Mrs. Savithri Ravishankar (LM 312)

Seconded by :- Mr. L. Manivasagam (LM 18)

Agenda No. 6:- To ratify the draft minutes of the EGM held on 27-8-23 and to approve the results of the election held on 27-8-23.

The Secretary informed the members that, the elections for the various posts in the Board of Trustees and Managing Committee were held on 27-8-23 and an EGM was held that night, in which, the Election Commissioner Mr. H. Subramanian (LM 581) announced the results of the election and got the approval of the members.

In the said election Mr. S. Ehambaram (LM 338) was declared elected as the Chairman of the BOT, Mr.A. Chitambarathanu (LM 420) was declared elected as the Managing Trustee, Mr. V,Suresh Kumar (LM 777) was declared elected as BOT Treasurer and Mr. Kumaresan (LM 254) and Mr. M. Murugesan (LM 744). were declared elected as Trustees. For the Managing Committee, Mrs. Rajasri Nagarajan (LM 403) was declared elected as the President, Mr. N. Narayanan (LM 527) was declared elected as the Vice President, Mrs. Meenakshi Venkatesh (LM 475) was declared elected as the Secretary , Mr. S. Ramaiah (LM 736) was declared elected as the Assistant Secretary, Mr. R. Perumal (LM 495) was declared elected as the Treasurer, Mr. S. Muthukrishnan (LM 637) was declared elected as the Assistant Treasurer, Mr. V. Sundarapandi (LM 624), Mrs. Vasantha Ramaswamy (LM 408), Mr. R. Ponmurugan (LM 603), Mr. A. Manikandan (LM 833) Mr. S.Gopal (Lm 621) were declared elected as Committee Members. The Secretary informed the members that, the draft minutes of the EGM held on 27-8-23 had been sent to the members along with the Annual Report and till date no feedback on its contents has been received by the Sangam. She requested the members to approve the minutes of the EGM held on 27-8-23 so that a resolution can be passed to that effect. The members approved the minutes of the EGM held on 27-8-23 and approved the results of the election held on the date.

Resolution No 4 (2022-23) “Resolved unanimously that the members approved the draft minutes of the EGM held on 27-8-23 and the election results of MC and BOT”.

Proposed by Mrs. Pushpa Mahadevan (LM 788)

Seconded by Mrs. Prasanna Venkatesh (LM 724).

Agenda No. 7:- To receive and adopt the reports of the activities undertaken by the Board of Trustees and the Managing Committee for the year 2022-23

The Secretary informed the members that the Annual Report of the Board of Trustees and the Managing Committee was couriered to the members along with the Annual Report and if the members approve of these reports then a resolution can be passed to that effect.

She also informed the members that the erstwhile Board of Trustees had entered into a few Memorandums of understanding, as listed below :-

- a) S. K. Mandal MOU for Rs. 50,000 in which the Sangam had agreed to provide the usage of the Mini Hall on 15th August every year for 5 years.
- b) Mr. Kumanarasan's Lemuria foundation had contributed donation towards the building renovation fund. Apart from this, the foundation has given Rs. 1,00,000 on MOU basis. According to the MOU, the Lemuria foundation will be allowed to conduct its meeting in the second floor auditorium once a year for 10 years.
- c) An MOU has been signed with M/s. Madura Decorators giving them monopoly rights for decoration for a period of 3 years in lieu of which, Madura Decorators has deposited Rs. 25 lakhs as Security Deposit without interest for a period of 3 years. The lock in period for the

deposit is 1 year (from 25-8-23) and after one year either of the parties can give a notice of 3 months and the MOU can be terminated.

d) Dr. J. Krishnan Ex Treasurer of the BOT has created an endowment fund for Rs. 1,00,000 which could be used for building purposes till 2025 and from then on, its interest should be used towards a girl child's educational needs.

Member Mr. P. Balasubramanian (LM 320) took the permission of the Chair and raised a query regarding the Sangam's financial status. The secretary informed him that his query will be answered under agenda No.8

The Secretary sought the approval of the members for the Annual reports of MC & BOT as well as for the MOUs. The members approved of the minutes and the MOUs unanimously.

Resolution No. 5 (2022-23) “Resolved unanimously that, the annual reports of the activities undertaken by the Board of Trustees and the Managing Committee for the year 2022-23 and the MOUs signed by the erstwhile BOT were approved”.

Proposed by Mr.P. Balasubramanian (LM 320)

Seconded by Mr. Murugan Yadav (LM 556)

Agenda No.8.To adopt and approve the Annual Accounts and the Audit Report for the year 2022-23.

The Secretary informed the members that, the Annual report sent to the members contained the Annual Accounts and the Audit report and if the members need any clarification regarding the same, it can be obtained. Since the members did not seek any clarification she took the permission of the Chair to read out a letter received from a member in connection with Agenda No. 8.

Mr. Dass (LM 611) had sent a letter addressed to the Secretary and he had sought information about the liabilities of the Sangam as on 1-9-23 and from 1-9-23 till date. Mr. Dass had also enquired about the plans of the Sangam to repay the liabilities if any and the modus operandi to be adopted for raising funds.

The Chairman of the BOT (2022-23) Mr. V.R.B. Krishnamurthy (LM 454) told the members that, his team has cleared all the payments due to the contractors and had returned the interest free loans taken by the Sangam during his Chairmanship. The only liability on 1-9-23 was pertaining to MOUS i.e. Rs. 50,000 + Rs. 1,00,000 + Rs. 25,00,000 as well as the endowment fund of Rs. 1,00,000. He further added that Madura Decorators had agreed to give decoration and sound system free of cost for 20 programs of the Sangam during a given year, and they were also required to give a royalty of Rs. 3,000 per decoration contract to the Sangam. He also stated that if there are issues relating to this agreement, fresh negotiations can be undertaken with the party concerned and he offered his services to help the current BOT to resolve such issues.

Trustee Mr. M. Murugesan (LM 744) and Committee Member Mr. V. Sundarpandi (LM 624) informed the members about the practical difficulties arising out of the monopoly MOU entered into with Madura Decorators. They stated that, the Decorator's charges were exorbitant and over and above that, he was diverting the clients to the other halls under his control thus depriving our Sangam of its revenue potential.

Regarding the financial liability after 1-9-23 till date, BOT Chairman Mr. S. Ehambaram (LM 338) told the members that, in order to install the lift, which was an essential requirement for the Sangam, interest free loans have been taken by the BOT from some Committee members and the

BOT members. This interest free loan amounting to 9.5 lakhs has been used for the installation of the lift facility. So there is fresh loan of 9.5 lakhs in addition to the amounts stated by Mr. V.R.B. Krishnamurthy. Regarding the fund raising proposal, Mr. S. Ehambaram told the members that the BOT and the MC teams propose to approach the members for donation as well as interest free loans to repay the liabilities. He also stated that, incase the funds do not accumulate, the Sangam may have to consider applying for a bank loan. Mr. V.R.B. Krishnamurthy stated that the Sangam should not get trapped in a bank loan and he observed that if each member willingly contributes Rs. 5,000 then Rs. 25 lakhs can be accumulated easily. In the discussion which followed, members Mr. P. Balasubramanian (LM 320), Mr. K. Ganapathy (LM 144), Mr. Thirumalai Nambi (LM 813), Mr. A. Sivasubramanian (LM 248) Mr. C. Selvaraj (LM 459), Mr. Sankararaj Nadar (LM 539) Mr. V. S. Rajagopal (LM 551), MC Treasurer Mr. R. Perumal (LM 495) participated. It was suggested that, the fund raising measures should be taken up till the end of June 2023 and based on the outcome alternate measures can be considered. Subsequently the members approved of the Annual Accounts and the Audit Report for the year 2022-23 and a resolution was passed to that effect.

Resolution No.6 (2022-23) “Resolved unanimously that, the AGM approved the Annual Accounts and the Audit Report for the year 2022-23. A resolution was passed to that effect.

Proposed by Mr. V. S. Rajagopal (LM 551)

Seconded by Mr. K. Ganapathy (LM 144)

After the lunch break, Sangam's Senior Member Mr. Sankaran Redd (LM 135), introduced Mr. G. T. Salvi (LM 154) a fellow senior member who was instrumental in getting government permissions for the Sangam's plot. Mr. Salvi was thanked and felicitated by the August body.

Agenda 9. To discuss and pass a resolution for the allocation of funds to the Managing Committee and Board of Trustees for 2024-25

The Secretary informed the members that, in the 45th AGM Rs. 15 lakhs had been allocated for MC & BOT for 2023-24 and at present allocation is being sought for 2024-25.

The MC Treasurer Mr. R. Perumal stated that, based on a conservative projection of expenditure, the total allocation for the year 2024-25 for the MC and BOT together would be Rs.18 lakhs, He requested the august body to sanction Rs. 18 lakhs for 2024-25. After a brief discussion, the AGM approved the allocation of Rs.18 lakhs for MC and BOT together for the year 2024-25.

Resolution No.7 (2022-23) : “Resolved Unanimously that an amount of Rs.18 lakhs be allocated for the MC & BOT collectively for the year 2024-25”. The resolution was passed.

Proposed by Mr. V. S. Rajagopal (LM 551)

Seconded by Mr. K. Ganapathy (LM 144)

Agenda No. 10. To appoint Statutory Auditor till the next AGM and fix his professional fees:-

The Secretary informed the members that, M/S. B. Shankar & co. have been the Statutory auditor for the Sangam right from the beginning of the building construction work, the MC recommended that the Sangam should consider appointing Mr. B. Shankar & Co. so that he can guide the sangam on issues relating to capitalization of the building expenditure. The Secretary said that, the MC has requested M/s. B. Shankar & Co to send their consent letter. The firm has given its consent to act as the Statutory Auditor for the year till the next AGM subject to the approval of the AGM. The members approved the appointment of M/s. B. Shankar & Co. as the Statutory auditor till the next AGM and a resolution was passed to this effect.

Resolution No. 8 (2022-23) “Resolved unanimously that, M/S B. Shankar & Co be appointed as the Statutory Auditor of Navi Mumbai Tamil Sangam till the next AGM and his remuneration be fixed by the Managing Committee. The resolution was passed.

Proposed by Mr S.Jaganathan (LM 328)

Seconded by Mr. K. Ganapathy (LM 144)

Agenda No. 11. To appoint Internal Auditor till the next AGM and determine his honorarium:-

The Secretary informed the members that, the Sangam did not receive its internal audit report for 2022-23. The MC recommends the appointment of a professional Auditor for a nominal honorarium and get the internal audit done systematically. The BOT Chairman Mr. S. Ehambaram said that, from the past experience, it has been realized that it is better to opt for a professional auditor preferably a non member to take up the internal audit and pay him a nominal amount as honorarium. The Secretary informed the members that the MC had approached a senior Auditor, Mr. V. Jayaraman who has served the corporate sector for several decades to take up this assignment for a nominal honorarium of Rs. 7,000. He had agreed to do so subject to AGM approval. After a brief discussion, this recommendation was approved by the members. The AGM passed a resolution approving the appointment of Mr.V. Jayaraman as the internal auditor of the Sangam till the next AGM.

Resolution No. 9 (2022-23) “Resolved Unanimously that Mr.V. Jayaraman be appointed as the internal Auditor till the next AGM and he shall be paid an honorarium of Rs.7,000”. The resolution was passed.

Proposed by Mr.Venkatesh Viswanathan (LM 412)

Seconded by Mr. Thirumalai Nambi Konar (LM 812)

Agenda No. 12:- To inform the AGM about the resignation letter sent by the Election Commissioner and obtain AGM approval for accepting the resignation.

The Secretary informed the members that, the Election Commissioner Mr. H. Subramanian (LM 581) had mailed his resignation from his post as Election Commissioner in the month of October. In his mail he had stated that, he is unable to continue as Election Commissioner due to his professional preoccupation. The Managing Committee had informed him that, his appointment has been made by the AGM, hence his resignation will also be placed before the AGM and on receiving the AGM approval he will be relieved from the said designation. He was also informed that, the post of the Election Commissioner cannot be left vacant, hence he should be kind enough to hold the post till AGM approval of his resignation and appoint a new Election Commissioner. The Secretary mentioned that, the Managing Committee and the Board of Trustees wish to express their profound thanks to Mr. H. Subramanian and his team for conducting the elections for the BOT and MC simultaneously in an excellent manner. The Secretary told the members that, With due respect to his request, the MC and BOT have placed his resignation in the AGM and Mr. H. Subramanian's resignation as the Election Commissioner may kindly be accepted and approved by the AGM. The AGM accepted the recommendation made by the MC & BOT and approved the resignation of Mr. H. Subramanian as the Election Commissioner of Navi Mumbai Tamil Sangam.

Resolution No. 10 (2022-23) “Resolved unanimously to accept the resignation of Mr. H. Subramanaian (LM 581) as the Election Commissioner of Navi Mumbai Tamil Sangam”. This resolution was passed.

Proposed by Mr. Venkatesh Viswanathan (LM 412)

Seconded by Mr. Bhaskar Palraj (LM 743)

Agenda No. 13 : To Appoint Election Commissioner for Navi Mumbai Tamil Sangam for the period 2023-30.

The Secretary informed the members that the Managing Committee recommends the name Mr. Anandaraj Periasami (LM 749), to be considered for the post of Election Commissioner for the period 2023-30.. She added that, Mr. Anandaraj has just retired from Railways and he is a postgraduate in Law She said that, Mr. Anandaraj has agreed to take up the responsibility of acting as the NMTS Election Commissioner if the AGM approves of his appointment unanimously.

The AGM accepted the recommendation made by the Managing Committee and appointed Mr. Anadaraj Periasami as the Election Commissioner of NMTS for the period 2023-2030 and a resolution was passed to that effect.

Resolution No. 11 (2022-23) “Resolved unanimously that Mr. Anandaraj Periasami (LM 749) be appointed as the Election Commissioner of NMTS for the period 2023-30”.

This resolution was passed.

Proposed by Mr. R. Balakrishnan (LM 424)

Seconded by Mr. L. Manivasagam (LM 18)

The members requested Mr. Ananadaraj, the newly appointed Election Commissioner to address the AGM in a brief manner. Mr. Ananadaraj introduced himself as a retired Railway official and a post graduate in law. He thanked the members for reposing their trust on him and sought the cooperation of all the members to discharge his duty in a dedicated manner.

Agenda 14 : To discuss and amend bye law clauses 3 (n), 34 ©, 37, 146 (1), 147, 7 15.

The Secretary pointed out to the members that, the proposed amendments have been compiled, printed and sent to all the members 15 days prior to the AGM. The compilation contained the Existing byelaw, the proposed amendment, and reason for the amendment in a systematic tabular format. It was prepared as a bilingual (English & Tamil) document so that all the life members can read and understand the content.

She informed the members that, the said amendment proposals were drafted under the guidance of our Sangam's senior member Mr. K.S. Sankaranarayanan (LM 386) who is very well versed with Bye law related matters. She thanked Mr. K.S.Sankaranarayanan for guiding the MC in this regard.

Mr. V.R.B. Krishnamurthy (LM 452) opined that, many aspects of the bye law needs to be amended and the entire exercise should be carried out in an elaborate and exhaustive manner and then all the amendments should be circulated as a compilation to the members. Later on it can be amended by convening a special EGM for that purpose. He also stated that the earlier bye law amendment committee had undertaken such an elaborate exercise and the members were aware as to how it ended up as a .

Mr. P. Balasubramanian (LM 320) pointed out that, the earlier Byelaw amendment committee did not agree to discuss the 49 suggestions submitted by the members and the unwillingness of that committee to discuss alternate viewpoints resulted in the unfruitful experience. He also opined that, the amendments suggested at present are simple and straightforward and they should be considered favourably.

The Secretary clarified that the Managing Committee is just making an initial attempt to weed out clauses which are detrimental to the members as a whole. It has also made an attempt to modernize the mode of communication to members from the print mode to the digital mode in keeping up with the times. This was in tune with the 'go green' campaign of the Government and the environmentalists. **As such the core clauses of the Sangam have not been subjected to any amendment at present.** She also emphasized that the Managing Committee prefers to take few amendments at a given time so that all the members can understand and reflect on it properly. She stated that, Mr. V.R.B. Krishnamurthy's suggestion to compile a large number of amendments at one stroke and circulate the same in a booklet form will not be a fruitful exercise since no member has the time or inclination to scrutinize such exhaustive list of amendments and reflect on them in an effective manner.

Regarding the mode of communication, member Mr. S.V. Rajagopal (LM 551) stated that he did not receive the postal communication and he is not receiving the whatsapp group messages. The Secretary clarified that the existing whatsapp group is a broadcast group and unless the member had saved the Sangam's mobile number in his/her contacts list, the messages will not get delivered. She also informed the members that she is requesting the AGM to allow her to create an open group with 'admin alone can send messages' settings. Once such a group is made functional, every member will automatically receive the messages. Regarding the non receipt of postal communication the MC Treasurer Mr. R. Perumal stated that, 63 letters have been received as 'not delivered' and the members may kindly verify the same and provide their correct address so that the posts will get delivered. The President of the MC Mrs. Rajasri Nagarajan stated that her team has physically verified the addresses during the election campaign and updated the addresses and phone numbers. In spite of this meticulous exercise, 63 letters have been received as undelivered. After this brief interaction. She stated that, that, at present, only those clauses which affect the members as a whole have been considered for amendment. She said each amendment shall be briefed about discussed and a separate resolution shall be passed (as suggested by the Chairperson of the AGM) corresponding to the same.

The Chairperson of the AGM advised that each and every one of the amendments should be formally proposed, seconded and passed. This advice was followed and the undermentioned amendments were carried out.

- a) **Bye law clause 3 (n)Effective Membership.** It states that, “The Committee shall prepare a list of patron and life members whose whereabouts are not known, who have neither participated in any activities nor attended General Body meetings for a span of three years without any communication or sufficient cause and the committee shall treat such attitude of the members amounts to a desire of the concerned member for disassociation / disinterest from the Sangam and such members shall not be accounted for or included as effective membership on date for any purpose”

Since the above clause deprives the members of their rights to participate in Sangam activities it was proposed to remove this clause

The members unanimously agreed to the amendment proposal to remove clause 3 (n)and approved the removal of clause 3 (n) related to 'Effective membership’

Resolution No. 13 (2022-23) Resolved unanimously that byelaw clause 3 (n) be removed.

Proposed by Mr. K. Ganapathy (LM 144)

Seconded by Mr. K.M.L. Varahan (LM 106)

b) Byelaw clause 34.

No member whether he be ordinary, life or patron, whether provisionally admitted by the Managing Committee or finally by the General Body or Committee members, trustees or office bearers of the sangam shall be entitled to vote in election conducted the Committee or Board of Trustees or in any bye election thereof or in any matter before the governing body of the Sangam if

a) he has not completed a period of six months from the date of final approval of his membership by the general body; or

b) he being an ordinary member has not paid subscription of membership for the full accounting year in advance; or

c) he had remained absent from three annual general body meetings consecutively; or

d) He is of unsound mind or he is so declared by a court or certified by a doctor.

The Secretary informed the members that only 34© alone is recommended to be removed since It denies voting right to the member who has not attended three consecutive AGMs and the members approved of the same unanimously. A resolution was passed to that effect.

Resolution 14 (2022-23) Resolved unanimously to remove/scrap clause © of bye law 34 from the Sangam's byelaws

Proposed by Mr. M. Rajagopal (Lm 19)

Seconded by Mr. R. Jayaraman (LM 131)

C) Bye law 37. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted at governing body meetings on any matters except on matters pertaining to :

a) alteration, extension, or abridgement of any of the specified objectives of the Sangam

c) Inclusion of any new objectives of the Memorandum of association

d) Amalgamation of Sangam with any other Societies or bodies or trusts

e) Change of name of the Sangam; or

f) The dissolution of the Sangam.

It was proposed to remove voting by proxy in toto. The members approved of the removal of BYE LAW 37 pertaining to proxy voting and a resolution was passed to that effect.

Resolution No. 15 (2022-23) Resolved unanimously that bye law clause 37 allowing proxy voting be removed /scrapped from the Sangam's byelaws. Proxy voting is disallowed in all meetings.

Proposed by Mr. P. Balasubramanian (LM 320)

Seconded by Mr. N. Subramanian (LM 110).

d) Bye law 146. Whenever it may appear to the committee or on a motion sponsored by a substantial number of members that it is expedient and advisable to

a) alter, extend or abridge the objectives already declared in the memorandum of Association or

b) Include any new objectives within the scope of the Societies Registration Act or

c) Amalgamate the Sangam with any other society or trust or

d) change the name of the Sangam or

e) dissolve the Sangam: such proposition should be submitted before the General Body and if such a proposition is adopted in a form of resolution, the committee shall;

1) submit the proposition to all the effective members of the sangam in writing /printing etc

The secretary informed the members that only item 1 of byelaw 146 is to be amended. The Secretary informed the members that, the traditional practice of printing the notification and delivering it by courier is to be abandoned in order to promote environment friendly method of communication. It is proposed to disseminate the information by digital means (website/email /whats app group of the Sangam. The members approved the said amendment to switch over to digital mode of communication from the traditional printing and circulation method. A resolution was passed to that effect.

Resolution No.16 (2022-23) Resolved unanimously to amend byelaw 146 -1 and to replace it as 'submit proposition to all the members by digital means such as getting uploaded in the Sangam's website, by sending emails and by sharing it in the Sangam's whatsapp group so as to practice the 'go green 'policy of our Government

Proposed by Mr. A. Sivasubramanian (LM 248)

Seconded by Mr. K.M.L. Varahan (LM 106)

e) Amendment of byelaw 147: The Committee or Board of Trustees may propose at any time any amendments to the bye laws in a form of resolution adopted by three fifths of the 1 majority stating the existing bye laws, proposed changes and the objects and reasons for effecting the changes and by **submitting the proposals to the members in writing** and placing the proposals before a specially convened Extraordinary General Body meeting or in Annual General Body meeting for consideration giving fourteen clear days notice of such meeting to the members.

The Secretary informed the members that only the mode of communication is to be amended in the above bye law, by **replacing 'in writing' by 'digital mode'** to the members by uploading the same in the Sangam's website, by sending emails and by sharing it in the Sangam's whatsapp group so as to practice the 'go green' policy of our Government. The members approved of the amendment and a resolution was passed to that effect.

Resolution No. 17 (2022-23). Resolved unanimously that digital mode of communication should replace 'submitting the proposals in writing. This resolution was passed.

Resolution No 17 (2022-23) “Resolved unanimously to remove the words” submitting the proposals to the members in writing' and to include the words 'submitting the proposals to the members by digital mode (website/email/whatsapp group message'. The resolution was passed.

Proposed by Mr. L. Manivasagam (Lm 18)

Seconded by Mr. P. Balasubramanian (LM 320)

f) Amendment of byelaw 7. Mode of information:-The notice convening the Annual General Body meeting shall be sent to members either under certificate of posting to the latest address registered with the Sangam or delivered in person. A copy of the notice shall also be displayed in the Notice board of the /sangam conspicuously and thereafter any non receipt of notice shall not invalidate the proceedings of the General body meeting in any manner.

The secretary informed the members that it is proposed to remove the words 'under certificate of posting to the latest address registered with the Sangam or delivered in person and replace the same as 'shall be sent to the members by the digital mode by uploading the same in the Sangam's website/email/whatsapp group message '. This amendment aims at promoting the *go green initiative of the govt* and avoid printing and couriering of these documents. The members approved of this change and a resolution was passed.

Resolution No. 18 (2022-23) “Resolved unanimously that the words 'sent to members either under certificate of posting to the latest address registered with the Sangam or delivered in person' be removed and the words 'to be sent to members by digital mode (website/email/whatsapp group' to be included in the said amendment.

Proposed by Mr. K. Ganapathy (LM 144)

Seconded by Mr. Murugan Yadav (LM 556)

g) Byelaw 15 Minutes : The secretary shall record the minutes of the proceeding in a separate register and also record the various resolutions adopted at the general body meeting in a separate register.

The Secretary informed the members that **it is proposed to expand this clause and add 'The resolutions should be communicated to the members by the digital mode of email, uploaded in the Sangam's website and whatsapp group of members to facilitate its approval in the subsequent AGM.**

Resolution 19 (2022-23) “ Resolved unanimously that the resolutions to be communicated via the digital mode comprising of the website, email and whatsapp messages.

Proposed by :Mr. Murugan Yadav (LM 556)

Seconded by : Mr. R. Jayaraman (LM 131)

Agenda No. 15. To inform the AGM about the issues pending in Charity Commissioner office in connection with the registration of change reports and submit the legal fee estimate for its rectification and obtain AGM approval for the same.

The Secretary informed the members that, the newly elected teams approached the Charity Commissioner office for filing the Change Report. They were informed by the Office of the Charity Commissioner that, the change reports need to be filed online. The Sangam had previous reports which were pending due to litigation and only after those cases get resolved the previous change reports will get filed online the current change report can also be filed. She added that, the Advocate had informed the members that, the expenditure in this regard may amount to 2.5 lakhs since a number of records need to be located, and set right one after another in a systematic manner, The Secretary sought the permission of the august body for undertaking the regularization procedure as well as approval for spending the estimated amount.

Mr. V.R.B. Krishnamurthy (LM 452) opined that, if the Sangam should meet the higher authorities in Charity Commissioner's office personally and explain the matter so that the entire process can be completed with a maximum expenditure of Rs. 1 lakh or Rs. 1.5 lakhs.

Mr. C. Selvaraj (LM 459) stated that, the parties who had initiated the proceedings against the Sangam can be contacted and the matter can be amicably solved without any expenditure. Some members suggested that the matter can be taken up later when the finances of the Sangam are in a better shape.

At this juncture, the Chairperson of the AGM Mr. P. Kothnadaraman shared his view point that, **regularisation of change report filing is a statutory requirement and it should not be postponed further. Since there is already a delay of more than a decade, further delay may lead to negative consequences like the freezing of Sangam's Accounts by the Charity Commissioner etc..** He mentioned that he has personally witnessed such situations. Hence it would be advisable to continue the regularization process and at the same time try and reduce the related expenditure to a lower level. The members approved the suggestion given by the Chairperson and a resolution was passed to that effect.

Resolution No. 20 (2022-23) “Resolved unanimously to take up the necessary steps to regularize the filing of change reports in the Charity Commissioner's Office and make the online filing of the reports up to date and to negotiate and reduce the expenses involved to the minimum possible amount”. This resolution was passed.

Proposed by : Mr. C. Selvaraj (LM 459 }

Seconded by Mr. Densing Arogyadas (LM 595)

Agenda 16 : To seek AGM approval for communicating Annual Report containing the AGM notification, AGM minutes containing the resolutions, EGM notice, EGM minutes, corresponding resolutions,s news letters ,other announcements by uploading the same in the Sangam's website/email/Sangam's whatsapp group instead of printing and couriering the same in order to enhance the environment and to create digital record for the Sangam's activities.

The Secretary sought the permission of the members to communicate the AGM notification, Annual Report, AGM draft minutes ,corresponding resollutions, , EGM notice, minutes corresponding resolutions,s news letters ,other announcements by uploading the same in the Sangam's website/email/Sangam's whatsapp group instead of printing and couriering the same in order to enhance the environment and to create digital record for the Sangam's activities. The members approved of this proposal and a resolution was passed to that effect.

Resolution 21 (2022-23) 'Resolved unanimously that Sangam shall send the AGM notice Annual Report, AGm draft minutes and corresponding resolutions, EGM notice, draft minutes, corresponding resolutions, news letters ,other announcements by uploading the same in the Sangam's website/email/Sangam's whatsapp group instead of printing and couriering the same in order to enhance the environment and to create digital record for the Sangam's activities.’.This resolution was passed unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. R. Balakrishnan (LM 424)

Seconded by Mr. N. Subramanian (LM 117)

Agenda 17. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair:-

- a) Member Mr. Densing Arogyaraj (LM 595) stated that, the Annual Pongal feast is an event which is eagerly anticipated by all the members and the Sangam should organize the feast during the current year. BOT Chairman Mr. Ehambaram told the members that, in view of the loans outstanding, the BOT and MC of the Sangam have collectively decided not to spend money for the feast this year instead focus on collecting donations for repaying the loans. He stated that the MC and BOT members plan to approach the members personally and request them to donate to help the Sangam to repayment of the liabilities. If the Sangam takes up the Pongal feast at this juncture the members may question the need for organizing a feast when huge amounts are to be repaid. In the discussion that followed, Mr. V. R. B. Krishnamurthy (LM 452), Mr. V. S. Rajagopalan (LM 551), Mr. A. Sivasubramanian

(LM 248), Mr. A. Shankar (LM 895), Mr. C. Selvaraj (LM 459), Trustee Mr. M. Murugesan (LM 744), Managing Committee Members Mr. A. Manikandan (LM 833), Mr. R. Ponmurugan (LM 603), Treasurer Mr. R. Perumal (LM 495) participated.

In the course of this discussion, Mr. V.R. B. Krishnamurthy (LM 452), Mr.V.S.. Rajagopalan (LM 551), Mr. A. Sivasubramanian (LM 248), Mr. A. Shankar (LM No.895), Mr. C. Selvaraj (LM 459), and Trustee Mr. M. Murugesan (LM 744), opined that, the proposed feast will promote good will and garner more donations for the Sangam. Besides some of them offered to organize a donation drive to finance the feast so that the Sangam will not be put to any additional financial burden. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to hold the feast by collecting donations. members discussed the modalities to be adopted in the organization of the feast. The Chairperson of the AGM summarized the guidelines for holding the feast by stating that, the tentative date for the feast has been decided as 4th February, all the donations should be collected by cheques in favour of NMTS and an amount of Rs. 1.5 lakhs should be deposited in the Sangam's bank account latest by January 25th and the event must be organized as per the guidelines prescribed by the Managing Committee.

The members requested the Chairperson to announce the names of the members who would constitute the Pongal committee. Mr. V.R..B. Krishnamurthy noted down the names of the members of the Pongal committee as mentioned by the proponents of the committee The names of Mr.Densingh Arogyadas (LM 595), Mr.V.S. Rajagopalan (LM 551)Mr. A. Sivasubramanian (LM 248) Mr. A. Shankar (LM 895) Trustee Mr, M. Murugesan (LM 744),Managing Committee members Mr. A. Manikandan (LM 833) , Mr.R. Ponmurugan (LM 603), Treasurer Mr. R. Perumal (LM 495) Mr. Suresh/ Siva Subramanian LM 538) were mentioned as Pongal Committee members and these were noted down.

The constitution of the Pongal celebration committee and its proposed mode of operation were approved by the members and a resolution was passed.

Resolution No.22 (2022-23)“Resolved that the pongal celebration committee shall organize the event on 4th February, as per the guidelines of the Managing committee and the celebration committee should deposit Rs. 1.5 lakhs latest by 25th January in the bank account of the Sangam”.

Proposed by Mr. C. Selvaraj (LM 459)

Seconded by Mr. A. Sivasubramanian (LM 248).

b) Mr. V.R.B. Krishnamurthy placed a proposal submitted to him by Mr. Sankaran Reddy before the August body. He told the members that, during the time of construction as well as during the previous AGM, Mr. Sankaran Reddy had submitted a request for displaying the names of 19 founder members of the Sangam, in the Sangam premises. He said that such a board should have been kept have been kept at the time of building inauguration. Since he had not obtained the approval of the AGM, the said board was not kept. Mr. V.R.B. Krishnamurthy then read out the names of the 19 founders as :

Mr. P.S. Pillai (LM 006), Mr. K. Sivaramakrishnan (LM 020), Mr. L. Manivasagam (018), Mr. Mr. M. Rajagopalan (019)), Mr. R. Sankaran Reddy (LM 135), Mr. S. Balakrishnan (LM 005), Mr. S. S. Kandasami (LM 166), Mr. D. Gopal (LM 017), Mr. K. Padmanaban (LM 016), Mr. G.T. Salvi (LM 154), Mr. A.G. Rama Subramanian (079), Mr. C. Karuppiyah (LM 151), Mr. N. Mahadevan (LM 276), Mr. P. Aiyappan, Mr. L.P. Vaidyanathan (LM 170), Mr. Alagirisami, Mr. A.S. Venkatachalam(LM 177), Mr. V.D. Narasimman (044), Mr. J. Ragavan (LM 031).

Mr. V.R.B. Krishnamurthy handed over the list to the current Chairman of the BOT Mr. S. Ehambaram and told him to verify the same and do the needful. He also sought the permission and approval of the AGM to keep a board for displaying the names of the 19 founder members. The members unanimously approved this proposal. Mr. V.R.B. Krishnamurthy also volunteered to bear the cost of the said board (which he felt would be around Rs.10,000) as a mark of his respect to the founders. The members clapped and conveyed their appreciation for Mr. V.R.B. Krishnamurthy's generous gesture. The Chairperson of the AGM Mr. P. Kothandaraman, observed that it is customary to display such roll of honours in all organisations and our Sangam too should have one.

Mr. Reddy's request for the display of the photos of the two founder members in the Sangam premises was however not approved by the members.

c) At this juncture with the permission of the Chair, Mr. P. Balasubramanin (LM 320) wished to place on record his most sincere thanks to Mr. V.R.B. Krishnamurthy and the rest of the Building Committee for completing a major task in spite of several obstacles. He said, that, he had been an eye witness to the gradual completion of the building and he appreciated the efforts perseverance and dedication exhibited by the Building Committee in the ompletion of the project.

Subsequently the Assistant Secretary of the Sangam, Mr. S. Ramaiah (LM 736) delivered the vote of thanks. He stated that, the new office bearers like himself look forward to offering their dedicated services to the Sangam and he sought the support and cooperation of all the members in his humble endeavors. He thanked the Chairperson of the AGM Mr. P. Kothanda Raman (LM 678) for presiding over the 46th AGM and conducting the same in a smooth and successful manner. He thanked the previous BOT Chairman Mr. V.R.B. Krishnamurthy, current BOT Chairman Mr. S. Ehambaram, Managing Trustee Mr. A. Chitambarathanu, President of the Managing Committee Mrs. Rajasri Nagarajan, Secretary Mrs. Meenakshi Venkatesh, other BOT and Committee members, and all the life members who had spared their precious time to attend the AGM. He also thanked the office Staff, Mr. Rajagopal, Mr. MuruganYadav and office Assistant Mr. Dukiram for their support and cooperation.

The 46th AGM of Navi Mumbai Tamil Sangam ended with the National Anthem.

The list of life members approved by the 46th AGM

S.No.	LM No.	Name
1.	856	Mr. Ram Nadar Chandran
2.	857	Mr. Shivkumar S. Nadar
3.	858	Mr. Murugesh Shankar
4.	859	Mr. Janarthanan Rajaratnam Nadar
5.	860	Mr. Vinayak Nadar
6.	861	Mr. George Stephen
7.	862	Ms. Aneeta Ganapathy Nadar
8.	863	Mr. Dhanpaul R. Nadar
9.	864	Mr. Rajgopal sundarlingam Nadar
10	865	Mr. A. Rameshkumar
11	866	Mr. Jerome Jeyasingh
12	867	Mr. Radhakrishnan Selvam
13	868	Mr. R. Shivakumar
14	869	P. Jaideep
15	870	Ms. Booma Sundararajan
16	871	Mr. A. Panneerselvam
17	872	Mr. Manikantan Konar
18	873	Mr. Balasubramani D. Yadav
19	874	Ms. Vellamma Subbiah Konar
20	875	Mr. Ayirathas
21	876	Mr. Muthukrishnan Velu Yadav
22	877	Mr. Iyappan Thillai Yadav
23	878	Mr. Sudalai Esaki Sudhan
24	879	Mr. K. Nambirajan
25	880	Mr. S. Esakki Muthu
26	881	Mr. Arumugam Thirumalai Nambi Yadav
27	882	Mr. S. Sudalaimuthu Konar
28	883	Mr. Ganesh Anaiappan Mudaliar
29	884	Mr. Muthushekara Pandian
30	885	Mr. Nambi A. Yadav
31	886	Mr. Annmalai Balasundaram
32	887	Mr. Rajesh Venkateshwaran Iyer
33	888	Mr. Solomon Nadar
34	889	M S. Komu Manikantan Pillai
35	890	Mr. Nambi Das
36	891	Mr. Chandra Nayagam Pillai
37	892	Mr. Laxman Subbiah
38	893	Mr. M. Sivashankar
39	894	Ms. Gomati Raj
40	895	Mr. A. Shankaran Pillai
41	896	Mr. S. Shanmuga Sundram
42	897	Mr. Suresh Masanam Konar
43	898	Ms. Kanagavalli Sankaranarayanan

(Sd.)
Rajasri Nagarajan
President

(Sd.)
Meenakshi Venkatesh
Secretary