

THE ASIATIC SOCIETY OF MUMBAI

THE MINUTES OF THE 218th ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

(for the period 2021-2022) HELD ON SATURDAY, 27TH AUGUST, 2022

A1 The Two Hundred and Eighteenth (218th) Annual General Meeting of the Society (for the period 2021-2022) was held on Saturday, 27th August, 2022, at 3.30 p.m. in the Durbar Hall. Prof. Vispi Balaporia, President, presided at the meeting.

A2 The following members were present:

1.	Mr. Ibrahim Afghan	46.	Mr. Ashok G. Kamble
2.	Mr. Sachin R. Agarwal	47.	Mr. Y.H. Kamble
3.	Dr. Prasad P. Akolkar	48.	Dr. Vishnu K. Kanhere
4.	Mr. Joseph St. Anne	49.	Dr. Kumud D. Kanitkar
5.	Mr. Sunil S. Apte	50.	Dr. Gita Kasturi
6.	Mr. Mohamad Aslam	51.	Mrs. Madhu Kelkar
7.	Mr. Ramesh Bandre	52.	Mr. Sanjay J Kher
8.	Mr. Rajesh P. Behere	53.	Mrs. Sanjeevani J. Kher
9.	Mr. Biplov M. Belel	54.	Mrs. Meenal Kshirsagar
10.	Ms. Sunanda Bhosekar	55.	Mr. Surendra N. Kulkarni
11.	Mr. Kiran G. Chandras	56.	Mr. Ajay Kumar
12.	Ms. Prachi Chaudhari	57.	Dr. Kunda Pramila Nilakanth
13.	Mr. Francis Correia	58.	Mr. Joy Thomas Kuriappilly
14.	Ms. Sushma V. Dabak	59.	Mr. Noshir Lavangia
15.	Ms. Vrushali Potnis- Damle	60.	Mr. Pascal Lopes
16.	Mr. ShriKrishna G. Dani	61.	Ms Y.M. Lukmani
17.	Ms. Dina S. Desai	62.	Ms. Anuradha Malshe
18.	Ms. Parineeta P. Deshpande	63.	Mr. Devadatta Malshe
19.	Ms. Zaubunnisha E. Dhariwala	64.	Dr. B.C. Mungekar
20.	Mr. Kaushik S. Dharwadkar	65.	Ms. Snehe Nagarkar
21.	Mr. Vilas V. Dhavale	66.	Mr. Rajeev Naik
22.	Mr. Sandeep Dhume	67.	Mr. Arun Naik
23.	Mr. Chirag S. Dighe	68.	Mr. Sridhar Naik
24.	Mr. Arun V. Dike	69.	Dr. Shehernaz Nalwalla
25.	Dr. Saryu Doshi	70.	Mr. Nikhil Natu
26.	Ms. Nasreen Fazalbhoy	71.	Ms. Amala Newalkar
27.	Mr. Aravind G. Ganachari	72.	Ms. Renu Parekh
28.	Mr. Sorab D. Gandhi	73.	Mr. Nobby Sunny Pariyaram
29.	Santosh Gangurde	74.	Mr. Anil Patil
30.	Mr. Vivek V. Ganpule	75.	Mr. Jaywant Patil
31.	Mr. Trimbak R. Ghoble	76.	Mr. P.K. Patnaik
32.	Mr. Malhar K. Gokhale	77.	Mr. C.M. Paulsil
33.	Ms. Meena H. Gokhale	78.	Ms. Renuka J. Porwal
34.	Mr. A.V. Gopalkrishnan	79.	Mr. Ramesh Raghavan
35.	Mr. Anirudh Gupta	80.	Mr. M.D. Rege
36.	Mr. Cyrus J. Guzder	81.	Mr. R. Remedais
37.	Dikshita Jadhav	82.	Mr. N. Rajadhyaksha
38.	Tushar Jain	83.	Ms. Mashanta Romani
39.	Mr. Ankur Jain	84.	Mr. Pulind Samant
40.	Mr. Rajan M. Jayakar	85.	Mr. Yogiraj Sapre
41.	Dr. Leela B. Jois	86.	Mr. Chinmay Sapre
42.	Mr. Sunil P. Kadam	87.	Mr. Anil Sawant
43.	Ms. Madhavi G.R. Kamat	88.	Dr. Kiran Sawant
44.	Mr. Ashwin Kamble	89.	Ms. Sharoni Sen
45.	Mr. Digamber L. Kamble	90.	Ms. Krishna Shah

91	Mr. Yogesh.K. Shah	102	Ms. Anahita Tarapore
92	Mr. B.S. Shashidar	103	Mr. Mandar Thakur
93	Mr. Arun Shankar	104	Ms. Vaidehi Thakkar
94	Ms. Zaharah Sheriff	105	Mr. Y.C. Thakkar
95	Ms. Shweta Shetty	106	Mr. Johnson Thomas
96	Mr. Ashok Shinde	107	Ms. Kirtida Unwalla
97	Prof. Mangala Sirdeshpande	108	Mr. B.N. Upadhyay
98	Mr. A.V. Sonawale	109	Prof. Usha R. Vijailakshmi
99	Ms. Jolly Sonkar	110	Mr. Dhairya Vyas
100	Mr. N. Sreejith	111	Mr. Sunil Bhirud
101	Ms. Purnima SriKrishnan		(Staff Representative)

- A3 Mr. S.G. Kale, Trustee of the Society, had asked for leave of absence.
- A4 At the outset, the Officiating Hon. Secretary, Prof. Mangala Sirdeshpande, welcomed all the members to the Society's 218th AGM. She then requested the President, Prof. Vispi Balaporia, to take over the proceedings of the meeting.
- A5 The President took up the AGM Notice dated 18th August 2022 (218th AGM – Regarding elections and postponement of Agenda Items) and informed the House that “As per the decision of the Managing Committee at its meeting held on 18th August 2022, only Agenda Item Nos. 2, 4 and 5 (pertaining to the elections) will be taken up at the 218th AGM on Saturday, 27th August 2022 at 3.30 p.m. (The ballot boxes will be kept open from 3.45 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. or till all the members present have cast their votes, whichever is later) The remaining items will be taken up at the Adjourned AGM to be held on Saturday, 24th September 2022 at 3.30 p.m.
- B.2 She said that this decision had to be taken owing to unavoidable circumstances.
- B.3 The following resolution passed by the Managing Committee at its meeting held on 18th August 2022 was placed before the House:
- B.3-1 *“Resolved that the Managing Committee shall have the 218th General Body Meeting on 24th September 2022 for completion of the Agenda set out in the Notice dated 21st July 2022.*
- B.3-2 *Meanwhile, the Elections to the Scrutinizing Committee, to the post of the Hon. Secretary and the Managing Committee, may be held on 27th August 2022 as scheduled in the Notice of the AGM dated 21st July 2022. However, the members of the new Scrutinizing Committee, Managing Committee and the Hon. Secretary will come into function with effect from 24th September 2022 when the declaration of results on the outcome of polling held on 27th August, 2022 which will be announced at the AGM i.e. the said day of the AGM i.e. Saturday, 24th September 2022.”*
- Proposed by : Dr Shehernaz Nalwalla
Seconded by: Mr. Raamesh Gowri Raghavan
- B.3-3 The above resolution was passed by a majority of votes from the members present in the AGM.
- B.4 Accordingly, the following Agenda Items were postponed to the next Meeting fixed on 24th September 2022:

Item No. 1: To confirm the minutes of the virtual meeting of the Annual General Body held on Saturday, 22nd January, 2022 (for the period 2020-2021) and the Adjourned Meeting held on Saturday, 12th March, 2022.

Item No. 6: To receive and adopt the Annual Report, the Audited Statement of Accounts of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai for the year 2021-2022 and to note the Action Taken Report.

Item No.7: To consider the resolutions. Members' resolutions should be proposed and seconded by at least one member each before they are handed over to the Society's office, the last date for which will be Saturday, 6th August, 2022 by 1.00 p.m.

Item No. 8: Any other business that may be brought forward with the permission of the Chair.

B.5 **On 27th August 2022, the day of Election, on the basis of a resolution passed by a majority of votes by the members present therein in the General Body, Elections were held** for the post of Managing Committee members for one year term (consecutive term 2022-2023 of the residual period 2020-2023) and three year term (2022-2025).

B.6 Accordingly, the President requested the Returning Officer, Adv. A.V. Gopalakrishnan, to take up Agenda Item Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the 218th AGM Notice dated 21st July 2022, which pertains to the elections.

B.7 However, as decided, the election results would be declared at the Adjourned meeting to be held on 24th September 2022.

B.8 Adv. A.V. Gopalakrishnan, Returning Officer, took up Item No. 2 of the Agenda.

C] Item No. 2:

To elect vote counters and scrutinizers for the elections

C1 The Returning Officer requested the members who had come for the ASM Election to volunteer to act as Vote Counters and Observers. The following members volunteered to act as Vote Counters and Observers:

Vote Counters:

- (i) Ms. Anahita Tarapore (ii) Ms. Mashanta Romani
(iii) Mr. Shridhar Naik (iv) Mr. S. Arun
(v) Mr. Mohmad Aslam Saiyad

Observer/s:

- (i) Mr. Digambar L. Kamble

C2 Thereafter, the Returning Officer announced the following pertaining to the elections to the various posts under Item Nos. 3, 4 and 5 of the Agenda.

D Item No. 3:

To elect one office bearer for the post of Hon. Secretary for one year (2022-2023), which has fallen vacant (as per Rule No. 15) being the residual period of the term 2021-2023)

D1 The Returning Officer announced that only 01 candidate had filed Nomination Form for **one vacant post of Hon. Secretary**. The name of the candidate is as under:

S. N.	Name of the Candidate
1.	Prof. Mangala Sirdeshpande

D2 Hence, there was no election to the post of Hon. Secretary for the period 2022-2023.

D3 He then informed the House about the election to the Managing Committee.

E Item No. 4:

To elect 5 members of the Managing Committee for a period of three years (2022-2025 term) and also to fill 2 posts of the Managing Committee which have fallen vacant (as per Rule No. 15) for a period of one year, 2022-2023 term (being the residual period of the term 2020-2023).

E1 For the 7 seats of the Managing Committee (2022-2023 and 2022-2025) (2 + 5 seats respectively), he said that there were 12 candidates at the time of scrutiny of Nomination Forms on 13th August 2022 for 07 posts of Members of Managing Committee for the above two block-periods. As there was no withdrawal from any of these members, the final list of 12 candidates, who have filed Nominations, will be contesting the election to the 7 posts of Managing Committee, whose names are as under:-

S. N.	Name of the Candidates
1.	Ajay Kumar
2.	Arvind Vithal Sonawale
3.	Madhavi Gajanan Kamat
4.	Nobby Pariyaram
5.	Rajan M. Jayakar
6.	Ravinder Kaur Cheema
7.	Sanjay Kher
8.	Shweta Shetty
9.	Suraj A. Pandit
10.	Vilas Dhavale
11.	Vithal C. Nadkarni
12.	Yogesh K. Shah

F Item No. 5:

To elect a Scrutinizing Committee consisting of seven members for the year 2022-2023

F1 The Returning Officer announced that after scrutiny of the Nomination Papers on 13th August 2022, only 01 candidate had filed his Nomination Form which was found to be in order and valid for Scrutinizing Committee. The name of the candidate is as under:

S. N.	Name of the Candidate
1.	Akolkar Prasad Pramod

F2 However, **06** posts were still vacant. As per Item No. 5 of the Agenda, Notice dated 21-07-2022, the Returning Officer called for Selection from the members on 27th August, 2022 to fill in the **six vacant posts** of the Scrutinizing Committee.

F3 **Ms. Anahita Tarapore, Mr. Arun Naik, Ms. Mashanta Romani, Mr. Sreedhar Naik, Mr. S. Arun, Adv. Devdatta Malshe, who volunteered to be Members of the Scrutinizing Committee, were nominated by the General Body for the six vacant posts of the Scrutinizing Committee. (These names would be officially declared at the Adjourned AGM to be held on 24th September 2022.)**

F4 Thereafter, the Returning Officer announced that the members may proceed to the venue / Kane Room for the purpose of voting.

F5. On 27-08-2022, the day of election, at 04.45 PM, the empty Ballot Box was sealed in the presence of: **Adv. Devdatta Malshe (Membership No. M165 RL) and Mr. Y.H. Kamble (Membership No. K68 OR). Thereafter, voting commenced.** After completion of the voting process at 6.00 P.M., the ballot box was opened at 6.45 P.M. and vote counting and thereafter scrutiny of ballot papers commenced immediately. However, as decided, the results would be declared at the Adjourned AGM to be held on 24th September 2023.

F6. The President, Prof. Vispi Balaporia, thanked the members for their presence in the Annual General Meeting.

F7 Thereafter, the meeting was Adjourned to 24th September 2022 whereby the Agenda Item Nos. 1, 6 7 and 8 will be taken up on 24th September 2022 and election results will be declared.

Prof. Vispi R. Balaporia
President

Prof. Mangala Sirdeshpande
Officiating Hon. Secretary

THE ASIATIC SOCIETY OF MUMBAI

THE MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED 218th ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 2022

- A1 The **Adjourned** Two Hundred and Eighteenth (218th) Annual General Meeting of the Society (for the period 2021-2022) was held on Saturday, 24th September, 2022, at 3.30 p.m. in the Durbar Hall. **Prof. Vispi Balaporia, President**, presided at the meeting.
- A2 The following members were present:

1.	Ms. Sushma Dabak	16.	Mr. Joy Thomas Kuriapilly
2.	Mr. Vilas V. Dhavale	17.	Dr. Ms. Leela B Jois
3.	Mr. Chirag Dighe	18.	Ms. Tulsi Lingareddy
4.	Mr. Arun V. Dike	19.	Mr. Abhijit A. Mulye
5.	Dr. Arvind Ganachari	20.	Mr. Shridhar A. Naik
6.	Mr. Vivek V. Ganpule	21.	Dr. Shehernaz R. Nalwalla
7.	Dr. T.R. Ghoble	22.	Mr. Nobby Sunny Pariyaram
8.	Mr. Anirudh Gupta	23.	Ms. Renu D. Parekh
9.	Mr. Rajan Jayakar	24.	Dr. Kunda Pramila Nilkantha
10.	Ms. Madhavi Kamat	25.	Mr. Pulind C. Samant
11.	Dr. Vishnu K. Kanhere	26.	Ms. Krishma R. Shah
12.	Mrs. Sanjeevani Kher	27.	Mr. Arun Shankar
13.	Mr. Sanjay J. Kher	28.	Mr. Yogesh K. Shaw
14.	Mr. Surendra N. Kulkarni	29.	Prof. Mangala R. Sirdeshpande
15.	Mr. Ajay Kumar	30.	Prof. Usha R. Vijailakshmi

- A3 The following members had asked for leave of absence:
Mr. Sunil Kadam
Mr. Tanil Kilachand
Dr. Bhalchandra Mungekar, Trustee
Mrs. Meenal Kshirsagar
Mr. C.M. Paulsil
- A4 At the outset, the Officiating Hon. Secretary, Prof. Mangala Sirdeshpande, welcomed all the members to the Society's 218th AGM. She then requested the President, Prof. Vispi Balaporia, to take over the proceedings of the meeting.
- A5 The President, Prof. Vispi Balaporia, delivered the following Presidential address:
- A5.1 **PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

As we entered the financial year 2021-2022, the clouds of another wave of Covid 19 with yet another lockdown were looming above us. Was this going to be a repeat of the previous year? Despite attempts to remain hopeful and positive, our worst fears proved right, and we had to bow to the decisions of the Government to once again go into lockdown mode. This time the period of inactivity proved shorter. The lockdown was lifted from 19 June, and we could begin to take stock of the situation afresh in order to move forward. However, the ability of the Corona virus to mutate kept the fears of the pandemic situation alive.

Unfortunately, our financial constraints continued. This had a serious impact on our projects, and reluctantly we continued to pay our staff only 65% of their salary, giving rise to non-cooperation from the staff. All in all, it was not a pleasant state of affairs. The Office Bearers and a few Managing Committee members rose to the occasion, and with their support I managed to hold the Society together.

The long months of closure we had experienced the previous year had trained us well in switching to the online mode in order to continue with meetings, lectures, talks, and other academic activities. As a result, we were able to pick up the pieces and cater to the needs of our members. I must appreciate the patience and understanding shown by our members during these difficult times. Hardships provide the best tests, and I can say with confidence that together we have passed this test. History has provided us many examples of such times, which Charles Dickens has brilliantly summed up: “It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair.”

2022 pulled us out of that “winter of despair”. Some additional funds from the Ministry of Culture enabled us to begin paying our staff their 100% salary. With their cooperation we were able to hold the delayed elections in March, and your reconstituted Managing Committee is putting the pieces together again. I firmly believe that a happy staff makes for a well-managed institution, and, as each wave of Covid-19 recedes, the Society is coming together again.

Before taking up Agenda Item 1, the President stated that it was her painful duty to inform the members of the passing of several members who had contributed towards the activities of the Society in various capacities. The Society regrets the passing away of the following members:

- Resident -
- 1) Ms. Rajani P. Bapat
 - 2) Mr. Gerson Da Cunha
 - 3) Mr. Ananthanarayanan Seshan
- Resident – Life :
- 1) Ms. Soonu Jamshed Kapadia
 - 2) Mr Shashikant P. Padgoankar
 - 3) Mr. Muncherji N. Cama

The following two Life Members of the Society who have expired at the time of writing the report in July, 2022:

- 1) Mr. Shankar N. Kamble
- 2) Mr. Veerkumar Doshi

Administrative Officer (A.O.): Mr. Chandrakant G. Mane

The President then requested members to rise and observe a minute’s silence in their memory. Though all these members would be missed, the President requested that she be permitted to make a few more remarks about Mr. C.G. Mane, who had joined the Society in 1996 and had been the A.O. for several years. In many ways, Mr. Mane had become the face of the Society. He had worked closely with most of the past Presidents and Hon. Secretaries. As current President and former Hon. Secretary, she had also relied a great deal on Mr. Mane’s inputs and support. His sudden death was a real blow to the daily working of the Society, and a void that was difficult to fill.

A5.2 Agenda Item No. 1 was taken up.

B Item No. 1:

To confirm the minutes of the virtual meeting of the 217th Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 22nd January 2022 (for the period 2020-2021) and the Adjourned Meeting held on Saturday, 12th March 2022.

- B1 The President, Prof. Vispi Balaporia, informed the House that the draft minutes of the 217th AGM held on Saturday, 22nd January, 2022, and the Adjourned AGM held on Saturday, 12th March 2022 were made available in the Society’s office for the members. The draft minutes were also circulated by e-mail to those members who were present for the AGM and they were requested to send their suggestions / corrections within 30 days. However, no suggestions / corrections were received. Thereafter, the draft minutes were finalised. She then put the minutes for confirmation.

- B2 The queries raised by Mr. Surendra Kulkarni and Ms. Sushama V. Dabak were responded to by the Hon. Finance Secretary, Mr. Vishnu Kanhere and forwarded to them.
- B4 A few corrections pointed out by Mrs. Sushama V. Dabak were carried out.
- B5 The queries pertaining to finance were received by email after the due date. Ms. Dabak was assured that she would receive the response from the Hon. Finance Secretary in due course.
- B6 The President requested the Hon. Finance Secretary, Dr. Vishnu Kanhere, to respond to the queries raised by Mrs. Sushama V. Dabak vide her emails dated 22nd and 23rd September 2022 and also to the queries raised by Mr. Surendra Kulkarni.
- B7 Dr. Vishnu Kanhere, Hon. Finance Secretary, provided some clarifications, and assured that he would convey further clarifications to Mr. Kulkarni's satisfaction.
- B5 **Thereafter, the minutes of the virtual meeting of the 217th Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 22nd January 2022 (for the period 2020-2021) and the Adjourned Meeting held on Saturday, 12th March 2022 (for elections) were confirmed unanimously.**
- C] **The following Items 2 to 5 pertain to Elections, which had taken place on 27th August 2022, but the results were not declared.**

Item No. 2:

To elect vote counters and scrutinizers for the elections

Item No. 3:

To elect one office bearer for the post of Hon. Secretary for one year (2022-2023), which has fallen vacant (as per Rule No. 15) being the residual period of the term 2021-2023)

Item No. 4:

To elect 5 members of the Managing Committee for a period of three years (2022-2025 term) and also to fill 2 posts of the Managing Committee which have fallen vacant (as per Rule No. 15) for a period of one year, 2022-2023 term (being the residual period of the term 2020-2023).

Item No. 5:

To elect a Scrutinizing Committee consisting of seven members for the year 2022-2023

- C1 **In the absence of the Returning Officer, Adv. A.V. Gopalakrishnan, who was out of India, the President called upon the Assistant Returning Officer, Mr. Chirag Dighe, to announce the results of the elections held at the AGM held on 27th August 2022, (which was kept in beyance by the Returning Officer to be announced at the Adjourned Meeting of the AGM to be held on 24th September 2022), today before the conclusion of the AGM,**

D] Item No. 6:

To receive and adopt the Annual Report, the Audited Statement of Accounts of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai for the year 2021-2022 and also to note the Action Taken Report

D1 Matters arising out of the Annual Report:

- D1.1 There was no Action to be taken on the previous Annual Report for the year 2020-2021. Further, the compliance with the Resolution of 217th AGM held on 22nd January 2022 was noted.
- D1.2 Before taking up the Accounts, the President informed the House that the Society has now appointed an Internal Auditor, Mr. Atul Shahade. If the House agreed, Mr. Shahade could be invited to attend the AGM. Thereafter, with the permission of the House, Mr. Atul Shahade was invited to attend the AGM.
- D1.3 After discussion, the President then put the Annual Report of the Society for the year 2021-2022 to vote and the Annual Report was adopted unanimously. The Audited Statement of Accounts of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai for the year 2021-2022 was duly approved by the House.

Proposed by: Ms. Madhavi G. Kamat
Seconded by: Dr. Shehernaz Nalwalla

D1.8 The President then took up Item No.7.

D] **Item No. 7: To consider the resolutions.**

D-A **Proposed resolutions (From Managing Committee):**

The Managing Committee unanimously recommends the following resolution, which was passed in its meeting held on 18th August 2022, to the General Body for approval:

D-A1 7.A.1 The Committee decided to place before the forthcoming AGM, the following Resolution for adding a new category under the Resident Life Membership:

“Resolved that a couple (husband and wife) both wishing to enrol as Life Members are entitled to pay Rs.35,000/- instead of Rs.40,000/-. Each would be considered a member in his/her own right.”

Membership	Current rate Rs.	Revision proposed Rs
Resident Life	20,000/-	No change
Resident Life (couple – husband and wife)	New Category	35,000/-

Proposed by: Joy Thomas Kuriappilly
Seconded by: Meenal Kshirsagar

Explanatory note:

To encourage couples to become members of the Asiatic Society

D-A1.1 This resolution was put to vote and was defeated.

D-A2 7.A.2 Resolved that henceforth persons wishing to enrol as Ordinary Members pay the full year’s enrolment fee, currently at Rs.3,000/-, irrespective of the month in which the membership is sought.

Proposed by: Shehernaz Nalwalla
Seconded by: Meenal Kshirsagar

Explanatory note:

To simplify the procedure.

D-A2.1 This resolution was put to vote and it was passed unanimously

D-A3 ***The following resolutions from 7.A.3 to 7.A.8 pertain to increased payment for services rendered by the Society in order to meet the rising cost for all such activities.***

D-A3.1 7.A.3 Resolved that members requesting digital copies of maps be charged Rs.1,000/- per map.

Proposed by: Mangala Sirdeshpande
Seconded by: Suraj Pandit

D-A3.2 This resolution was put to vote and it was passed unanimously

D-A4 7.A.4 Resolved that a handling charge of Rs.100/- be levied per manuscript folio, rare book, map when accessed in the non-digital form.

Proposed by: Shehernaz Nalwalla
Seconded by: Usha R. Vijailakshmi

D-A4.1 This resolution was put to vote and it was passed unanimously

D-A5 7.A.5 Resolved that print outs from JStor be charged at Rs.3/- per page.

Proposed by: Madhu Kelkar
Seconded by: Digambar Kamble

D-A5.1 This resolution was put to vote and it was passed unanimously.

D-A6 7.A.6 Resolved that a charge of Rs.30/- per hour for members and Rs.50/- per hour for non-members be levied for browsing Granth Sanjeevani or microfilms.

Proposed by: Mangala Sirdeshpande
Seconded by: C.M. Paulsil

D-A6.1 This resolution was put to vote and it was passed unanimously.

D-A7 7.A.7 Resolved that Daily Membership be increased to Rs.200/- for Indian Nationals and Rs.500/- for foreign nationals.

Proposed by: Joy Thomas Kuriappilly
Seconded by: Sanjeevani Kher

D-A7.1 This resolution was put to vote and it was passed unanimously.

D-A8 7.A.8 Resolved that a refundable deposit amount of Rs.2,500/- be charged for borrowing a book whose cost price ranges from Rs.5,000/- to Rs.7,000/-.

Proposed by: Renu Parekh
Seconded by: Sunil Kadam

D-A8.1 This resolution was put to vote and it was passed unanimously.

D-B **7.B Proposed Resolution (From Members):**

D-B.1 **No resolutions were received from the Members of the Society.**

E] **In the absence of the Returning Officer, Adv. A.V. Gopalakrishnan, who was out of India, the President called upon the Assistant Returning Officer, Mr. Chirag Dighe, to announce the results of the elections held at the AGM held on 27th August 2022, which was kept in abeyance by the Returning Officer to be announced at the Adjourned Meeting of the AGM to be held on 24th September 2022.**

E.1 **The Assistant Returning Officer, Mr. Chirag Dighe, announced the results pertaining to Agenda Item Nos. 3, 4 and 5 as under:**

E.1-1 **Item No. 3:**

To elect one office bearer for the post of Hon. Secretary for one year (2022-2023), which has fallen vacant (as per Rule No. 15) being the residual period of the term 2021-2023)

E.1-2 **OFFICE BEARER (2022-2023): HON. SECRETARY (ONE POST)**

Only 01 candidate had filed Nomination Form for one vacant post of Hon. Secretary. The name of the candidate is as under:

S. N.	Name of the Candidate
1.	Prof. Mangala Sirdeshpande

E.1-4 **Thus, Prof. Mangala Sirdeshpande was declared as elected UNOPPOSED for the post of Hon. Secretary (2022-2023). Consequently Prof. Mangala Sirdeshpande shall serve as the HON.SECRETARY of the Society for the period of the term 2022-2023 (One year) i.e. being the residual period of the term 2021-2023.**

E.2 Item No. 4:

To elect 5 members of the Managing Committee for a period of three years (2022-2025 term) and also to fill 2 posts of the Managing Committee which have fallen vacant (as per Rule No. 15) for a period of one year, 2022-2023 term (being the residual period of the term 2020-2023).

E.2-1 MANAGING COMMITTEE (2022-2023 and 2022-2025) – 7 seats (2 + 5 seats respectively):

There were 12 candidates at the time of scrutiny of Nomination Forms on 13th August 2022 for 07 posts of Members of Managing Committee for the above two block-periods. As there was no withdrawal from any of these members, the final list of 12 candidates, who have filed Nominations, will be contesting the election to the 7 posts of Managing Committee, whose names are as under:-

Sr. No	Name of the Candidate
1.	Ajay Kumar
2.	Arvind Vithal Sonawale
3.	Madhavi Gajanan Kamat
4.	Nobby Pariyaram
5.	Rajan M. Jayakar
6.	Ravinder Kaur Cheema
7.	Sanjay Kher
8.	Shweta Shetty
9.	Suraj A. Pandit
10.	Vilas Dhavale
11.	Vithal C. Nadkarni
12.	Yogesh K. Shah

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MANAGING COMMITTEE (2022-2023 and 2022-2025) – 7 seats (2 + 5 seats respectively):

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E.2-4 Consequently, the following shall serve as **Managing Committee Member of the Society for the period 2022-2023 and 2022-2025 as under:**

A. MANAGING COMMITTEE MEMBER for the period 2022-2023 (being the residual period of term 2020-2023) - 2 Seats

Sr. No.	Name
1.	Nobby Pariyaram
2.	Sanjay Kher

B. MANAGING COMMITTEE MEMBER for the period 2022-2025 - 5 Seats

Sr. No.	Name
1.	Madhavi Gajanan Kamat
2.	Vilas Dhavale
3.	Vithal C. Nadkarni
4.	Rajan M. Jayakar
5.	Suraj A. Pandit

F Item No. 5:

To elect a Scrutinizing Committee consisting of seven members for the year 2022-2023

F1 SCRUTINIZING COMMITTEE (2022-2023):

After scrutiny of the Nomination Papers on 13th August 2022, only 01 candidate had filed his Nomination Form which was found to be in order and valid for Scrutinizing Committee. The name of the candidate is as under:

S. No.	Name of the Candidate
1.	Akolkar Prasad Pramod

F2 However, 06 posts were still vacant.

F3 As per Item No. 5 of the Agenda, Notice dated 21-07-2022, the Returning Officer called for Selection from the members on 27th August, 2022 to fill in the **six vacant posts** of the Scrutinizing Committee. **Ms. Anahita Tarapore, Mr. Arun Naik, Ms. Mashanta Romani, Mr. Sreedhar Naik, Mr. S. Arun, Adv. Devdatta Malshe, who volunteered to be Members of the Scrutinizing Committee, were nominated by the General Body for the six vacant posts of the Scrutinizing Committee.**

F4 Thus, the following 07 are declared as ELECTED as Members of the Scrutinizing Committee for the period 2022-2023:

S. No.	Name of the Candidate
1.	Mr. Akolkar Prasad Pramod
2.	Ms. Anahita Tarapore
3.	Mr. Arun Naik
4.	Ms. Mashanta Romani
5.	Adv. Devdatta Malshe
6.	Mr. S. Arun
7.	Mr. Sreedhar Naik

**G] Item No. 8:
Any other business that may be brought forward with the permission of the Chair**

- G.1 The President, Prof. Balaporia, thanked the members for their presence in the Annual General Meeting.
- G.2. Mr. Vilas Dhavale then thanked the President, the Officiating Hon. Secretary and Office Bearers of the Society.
- G.3 As there was no other matter for discussion, the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

**Prof. Vispi Balaporia
President**

**Prof. Mangala R. Sirdeshpande
Officiating Hon. Secretary**

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NOTE: The following is given as an annexure to these minutes:

1. Final Report of the Returning Officer - Results of ASM Election to the post of - Election to the seven (7) posts of the Scrutinizing Committee (2022-2023); the Office Bearer – Hon. Secretary (2022-2023); Managing Committee Member (2022-2023 and 2022-2025) **(Annexure – 1)**

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The President
Asiatic Society of Mumbai
Town Hall, Mumbai 400 001

Dear Madam,

**Re: THE FINAL REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER – ASM Elections
ELECTION TO THE POST OF THE SCRUTINIZING COMMITTEE (2022-2023),
THE OFFICE BEARER - HON. SECRETARY (2022-2023) and
THE MANAGING COMMITTEE MEMBER (2022-2023 and 2022-2025)**

Adv. A.V. Gopalakrishnan and Mr. Chirag Dighe, were appointed as Returning Officer and Asst. Returning Officer by the Managing Committee.

- 1) The Notice of the 218th Annual General Meeting of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai dated 21st July 2022, was issued to the members. However, as per the Notice dated 18th August 2022 only Agenda under Item Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5 (pertaining to the election) were taken up at the 218th AGM. Whereas, the remaining Items of Agenda will be taken up at the next meeting fixed on Saturday, 24th September 2022, at 3.30 p.m.
- 2) Nominations were invited from members to fill-in the following posts as per schedule given in the 218th AGM Election Notice dated 21st July 2022:
 - i) Scrutinizing Committee (7 posts) for one year (2022-2023);
 - ii) Office Bearer - Hon. Secretary (1 post) for one year term (2022-2023); and
 - iii) Managing Committee Member (7 posts) - For one year term (2022-2023) – 2 posts,
- and for three years term (2022-2025) – 5 posts.
- 3) Details relating to the Nomination Process, Scrutiny of Nomination Forms and Final Withdrawal of Nominations by candidates have already been displayed on the Society's Notice Board vide the Reports of the Returning Officer dated 13th and 18th August, 2022.
- 4) **On the day of Election, on the basis of a resolution passed by a majority of votes by the members present therein in the General Body, Election were held** for the post of Managing Committee members for one year term (consecutive term 2022-2023 of the residual period 2020-2023) and three year term (2022-2025).
- 5) The Results of the Election Process are as under:

5A.1) SCRUTINIZING COMMITTEE (2022-2023):

After scrutiny of the Nomination Papers on 13th August 2022, only 01 candidate had filed his Nomination Form which was found to be in order and valid for Scrutinizing Committee. The name of the candidate is as under:

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5A.2) However, 06 posts were still vacant.

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5A.4) Thus, the following 07 are declared as **ELECTED** as Members of the Scrutinizing Committee for the period 2022-2023:

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6) **OFFICE BEARER (2022-2023)**

6.1) **HON. SECRETARY (ONE POST)**

Only 01 candidate had filed Nomination Form for one vacant post of Hon. Secretary. The name of the candidate is as under:

S. No.	Name of the Candidate
1.	Prof. Mangala Sirdeshpande

Hence, there was no election to the post of Hon. Secretary for period 2022-2023.

6.2) Thus, **Prof. Mangala Sirdeshpande is declared as elected UNOPPOSED for the post of Hon. Secretary (2022-2023)**. Consequently **Prof. Mangala Sirdeshpande** shall serve as **SECRETARY of the Society for the period of the term 2022-2023** (One year) i.e. being a residual period of the term 2021-2023.

6.3) **MANAGING COMMITTEE (2022-2023 and 2022-2025) – 7 seats (2 + 5 seats respectively):**

There were 12 candidates at the time of scrutiny of Nomination Forms on 13th August 2022 for 07 posts of Members of Managing Committee for the above two block-periods.

As there was no withdrawal from any of these members, the final list of 12 candidates, who have filed Nominations, will be contesting the election to the 7 posts of Managing Committee, whose names are as under:-

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7) On 27-08-2022, the day of election, at 04.45 PM, the empty Ballot Box was sealed in the presence of:

Adv. Devdatta Malshe (Membership No. M165 RL);

Mr. Y.H. Kamble (Membership No. K68 OR);

After completion of the voting process at 6.00 P.M., the ballot box was opened at 6.45 P.M. and vote counting and scrutiny of ballot papers commenced thereafter immediately.

- 8) As per Item No. 2 of the AGM Agenda, the Returning Officer **chose amongst the members who had come for the ASM Election and volunteered to act as Vote Counters and Observers** and the counting was held in the presence of all these Five (5) Vote Counters and **Observers:**

Vote Counters:

- (i) Ms. Anahita Tarapore (ii) Ms. Mashanta Romani
(iii) Mr. Shridhar Naik (iv) Mr. S. Arun
(v) Mr. Mohmad Aslam Saiyad

Observer/s:

- (i) Mr. Digambar L. Kamble

- 9) **MANAGING COMMITTEE MEMBER (Block periods - 2022-2023 and 2022-2025)**

- 9.1) **FOR POST OF MANAGING COMMITTEE (PINK):**

Ballot Papers provided by the Society	001	to	300	Total	300
Ballot papers signed, issued and used	001	to	108	Total	108
Ballot papers un-issued and unused	109	to	300	Total	192
Ballot papers invalid	NIL				

- 9.2) Thus, all the Ballot Papers were accounted for.

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- 10) All the Ballot Papers, coupons, and other election materials are placed in the Ballot Box and sealed. Thereafter, it is handed over to the Society's office for safekeeping and destruction, as per the Rules.
- 11) We thank Mr. Nitin Patil, Mr. Ronald Denis, Mr. Denzil Pontes, Mr. Sameer Salvi and all other Staff members of the Society for extending their wholehearted support and help in making these 218th AGM Elections a success.
- 12) This Report may be placed on the Notice Board of the Society on 24th September after announcement of the result in the General Body as per the resolution passed on 27th August 2022.

Place: Town Hall, Mumbai
Dated: 27th August, 2022

Adv. A.V. Gopalakrishnan / Mr. Chirag Dighe
(Returning Officer / Asst. Returning Officer)

Vote Counters & Scrutineers

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Ms. Mashanta Romani :-----
Mr. Shridhar Naik :-----
Mr. S. Arun :-----
Mr. Mohmad Aslam Saiyad :-----
Mr. Digambar L. Kamble (Observer) :-----

Dated at Mumbai, this 27th day of August, 2022.