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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON 20.01.2024 AT 11 AM IN THE CONVENTION HALL OF CHANDIGARH JUDICIAL ACADEMY, AT CHANDIGARH

The office bearers, chairpersons of state chapters as regular invitees and the special invitees who were present in the meeting appended their signatures on a separate sheet which forms part of the minutes.

The quorum of the meeting was complete.

The President Justice K.L. Sharma, presided over the meeting. At the outset the President welcomed all the office bearers, the regular invitees and the special invitees, who attended the meeting. The President introduced himself and also requested all the office bearers, regular invitees and special invitees to introduce themselves.

After completion of the introduction of all presentees, the President requested the Secretary General to take up the agenda item wise and present his notes.

The Secretary General presented notes on each and every item of the agenda in the meeting.

Agenda No.1: Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 7th October 2023, at Delhi

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting dated 7.10.2023, held at Delhi, be and are hereby confirmed.

Agenda No.2: <u>Information about the new members of the Association.</u>

The Secretary General informed that since the last meeting of the executive committee held at Delhi, seven new members have joined the Association. Their names were also read out by the Secretary General. List of these new members is given below:-

- 1. Justice Sneh Parashar Punjab and Haryana High Court
- 2. Justice Darshan Singh Punjab and Haryana High Court
- 3. Justice M M S Bedi Punjab and Haryana High Court
- 4. Justice Tarun Kumar Kaushal M.P High Court
- 5. Justice Karam Chand Puri Punjab and Haryana High Court
- 6. Justice Raj Shekhar Attri Punjab and Haryana High Court
- 7. Justice Surinder Gupta Punjab and Haryana High Court

Justice (Mrs.)Raj Rahul Garg, Chairperson of the State Chapter and host of this meeting at Chandigarh deserves special thanks for persuading the Hon'ble former Judges of Punjab and Haryana High Court to become the life member of the Association. In fact every member of the Association is expected to persuade the former and retiring judges of the High Court, where he or she is residing, to join the Association at the national level. The Secretary General will issue letters in January and July months of every year to the Secretary General of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and to the Registrar Generals of all the High Courts to circulate the information about the existence of the All India Association and the format of the membership application to the former and retiring Judges of the High Court settled there.

Agenda No. 3: Consideration of the Report of Justice S.N.Agnihotri, Secretary In Charge Litigation.

The Secretary In Charge litigation Justice S.N.Agnihotri has not been able to come over due to some personal reasons, but he has sent his report about the current status of the two writ petitions filed on behalf of the Association and pending before the Supreme Court. It has been informed that in both the writ petitions, the Union of India has not filed its reply and the same is still awaited.

Justice V.D. Gyani, Vice President of the Association, informed that he and four other former Judges, have filed a writ petition in January 2024 before the Supreme Court for removing disparity of pension and grant of additional pension as well as for post retiral benefits to the former Judges of the Madhya Pradesh High Court, which will be tagged with the two writ petitions of the Association filed in October 2023.

Agenda No. 4: Consideration of the report of Justice J.K Ranka, Secretary in Charge of State Chapters.

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informed the President on telephone that in spite of several letters issued and telephonic calls to the chairpersons and secretaries of the State Chapters to know about the status and 'Members' special contributions to the aims and objects of the Association, but no response has been received by him. There are only ten State Chapters as against the existing 24 High Courts. It has been brought to the notice that there are local unregistered Associations of former Judges at Hyderabad, Allahabad and Cochin etc. but they have not sought affiliation with the National Association.

The President Justice K.L. Sharma suggested that the local unregistered Associations may be persuaded to affiliate themselves with our Association which is the only registered Association at National Level, but subject to certain formalities and conditions. However, the Association has not so far prescribed any formalities and conditions for affiliation under rule 14 of Association Rules 2022.

Agenda No.5: Consideration of the Steps for implementation of the decision taken in the last meeting of the executive Committee.

In the Last meeting of the executive committee it was resolved that the members of the State Chapters should not only be concerned with the individual problems but they should also make their efforts to ameliorate the hardships of the public by use of their long judicial experience and wisdom and remove the misunderstandings of the public about the judiciary. The Secretary General informed that till date no report has been received from any State Chapter as to what steps had been taken in this regard.

Agenda No.6: Consideration of formalities and conditions of affiliation of local unregistered/registered Association of former Judges of the Supreme Court and High Court

On the suggestion of the President, the views of the members present in the meeting were invited and discussion took place. After due deliberations it was resolved that the following formalities and conditions be prescribed for affiliation of the unregistered local Associations of former Judges of the High Courts and Supreme Court:

- The majority of members of the local unregistered association send a letter duly signed by each member to the Secretary General requesting for affiliation to the 'Association of Retired Judges of Supreme Court and High Courts of India', on such terms and conditions as are specified by the Association;
- 2) Every member of the local Association should submit prescribed membership application form adding a request to get affiliation with the Association;
- 3) Such willing member must deposit a token fee of Rs.2000/- for affiliation, in the Bank Account of the Association mentioned in the membership application;
- 4) After the completion of the above noted two formalities, the Secretary General with the approval of the President will issue a letter to each and every affiliated



member informing that henceforth the local Association will be designated as Associate Chapter of the State Chapter if already existing and if not, the State Chapter and the Association Rules 2022, the Association Bye-laws 2022, the Resolutions passed by the General Assembly and the Executive Committee of the Association shall be binding on and followed by each and every affiliated member either of the Associate Chapter or the State Chapter as may be the situation;

- 5) Consequent upon affiliation of the local unregistered Association, the chairperson, secretary and the executive member of the associate chapter or the state chapter shall be first nominated for a term of two years by the President on the basis of the recommendation of the secretary in charge of State chapters who will take into account the consensus of the members;
- 6) The affiliated members may use logo of the Association on their visiting cards and letter head pad and may get photo ID card on providing all necessary details of Aadhaar, Mobile Number, Photograph, Blood Group and Emergency Contact Number.

This resolution will be placed for approval in the meeting of the General Assembly to be held in April 2024.

Agenda No. 7: Consideration of the appointment of the election officer to conduct general elections of the office bearers of the Association asper bye-laws of 2022, in the General Body Meeting due to be held in the month of April, 2024

The Secretary General informed that as per Association Rules 2022, the term of the office bearers is two years which is going to expire in the month of April 2024, and as such election officer is to be appointed for the general elections of the office bearers of the Association to be held in the General Body meeting in April 2024.

Justice NK Mody proposed that Justice Rajesh Tandon, former Judge is the suitable person to be appointed as election officer. Justice Rajesh Tandon present in the meeting gave his consent to act as election officer. There was no proposal of any other name. And as such it was resolved that Justice Rajesh Tandon, former Judge of the Uttarakhand High Court be and is appointed as election officer to conduct elections of the office bearers in accordance with the Association Rules 2022 and the Association Bye-laws 2022.

Agenda No.8 Consideration of the Date, time and venue of the next meeting of the executive Committee and of the annual general body.

The matter was discussed amongst the office bearers and it was resolved that the next meeting of the executive committee as well as the meeting of the general body be held at the Registered Office in Delhi High Court Campus, New Delhi on 6th April 2024 at 11 am and 3 pm respectively.

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Agenda No. 9: Any other matter of importance with the permission of the President.

No other matter of importance was raised by any member present in the meeting.

The committee acknowledges and conveys thanks to the chairperson of Punjab State Chapter Justice Raj Rahul Garg and the staff of the Chandigarh Judicial Academy for rendering their services on 20th January 2024.

The committee also conveys thanks to Hon'ble The Acting Chief Justice and the staff of the Punjab and Haryana High Court for providing protocol facilities to the visiting members.

The Secretary General is requested to convey individually letter of thanks and appreciation to these dignitaries.

The meeting ended with thanks to the chair as well as to the invitees.

These minutes are being issued with the prior approval of the President.

Enclosures:

Attendance Sheet

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[Justice Mahendra Dayal]
Secretary General

The minutes of the meeting be uploaded on the website of the Association www.arjschc.com and be also circulated to all the members through email and whatsapp group of the Association.

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Attendance Sheet of the meeting of the Executive committee held on 20.01.2024

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