

MAIZE TECHNOLOGISTS ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

(Registration No. S/ND/725/2015 under Societies Registration Act, 1860)

(NITI Aayog DARPAN ID: DL/2023/0336960)

Cummings Laboratory, IARI, Pusa, New Delhi, 110012

Proceeding of the Executive Committee (EC) Meeting of Maize Technologists Association of India (MTAI) held on 2nd March 2023, 02.30 PM- 05.30 PM, at Cummings Laboratory, IARI, Pusa, New Delhi, 110012

The following were present:

EC members:

1. Dr. Sain Dass, President (Chair)
2. Dr. Ishwar Singh, Vice President
3. Dr. Pranjal Yadava, Secretary
4. Dr. Bhupender Kumar, Joint Secretary
5. Ms. Sapna, Treasurer

Special Invitee:

1. Dr. Chikkappa G Karjagi, Immediate Past Treasurer
2. Dr. C.M. Parihar, Immediate Past Secretary

Agenda 1: Handing over and taking over of society records and financial documents.

The society records, documents, etc., including Audited report up to date till 31.03.2022 were handed over to Ms. Sapna, Treasurer, by Dr. Chikkappa G Karjagi, Immediate Past Treasurer, in witness of Dr. Pranjal Yadava, Secretary and Dr. C.M. Parihar, Immediate Past Secretary. The EC expressed satisfaction on the records maintained and appreciated the tireless efforts of Dr. Karjagi, Dr. Parihar and the entire outgoing EC for their seminal service to MTAI.

Agenda 2: Grant of registration of NITI Aayog through DARPAN portal.

The Secretary informed that MTAI has successfully secured NITI Aayog DARPAN registration. The registration of MTAI is DL/2023/0336960. Now MTAI has become eligible for applying for various government grants. The EC noted the development and formed the view that MTAI members may use MTAI platform to apply for various government grants to strengthen the mission of MTAI. Full support of Secretariat/ EC shall be provided for such proposals.

Agenda 3: Patron of MTAI.

The EC profusely thanked Dr. Hanuman Sahay Jat, Director, ICAR- Indian Institute of Maize Research, Ludhiana for kindly agreeing to the proposal of the President to accept to be a Patron of MTAI. The EC expressed that the patronage of Hon'ble Director, IIMR shall greatly strengthen the MTAI in its mission.

Agenda 4: Filling of vacancies in the Executive Committee.

The EC noted the vacant positions in the EC, that remained unfilled after the last concluded election. After detailed deliberation, the EC decided to nominate the following members, against the vacant positions with immediate effect:

Vacant Post	Nomination of the EC
1. Executive member (Northern Hill Zone)	Dr. N. K. Singh, Pantnagar (Membership No. LM 148)
2. Executive member (North East Plain Zone)	Dr. Rajkumar Jat, Pusa (Membership No. LM 147)
3. Executive member (Central Western Zone)	Dr. M.B. Patel, Godhra (Membership No. LM 149)

Agenda 5: Nomination of Editor-in-Chief.

Exercising the power conferred under Section 5 of the MTAI constitution, the EC nominated **Dr. C.M. Parihar, New Delhi, (Membership No. LM-042) as Editor-in-Chief.**

Agenda 6: Publication of Maize J.

The EC requested Editor-in-Chief to do everything that is necessary, for regular publication of Maize J and maintaining high quality and rating. **To assist the Editor-in-Chief, and strengthening the editorial office, the EC appointed Dr. Shankar Lal Jat, New Delhi (LM-035) as Managing Editor of Maize J.** The EC requested Editor-in-Chief to propose to EC, a board of editors, who can devote time for editorial and reviewing work in their respective fields. The EC requested Editor-in-Chief to create separate email ID for inviting/ processing papers for Maize J. Open-source Online platforms may be explored for Maize J and authors may be encouraged to post their manuscripts on pre-print servers, like BioXiv, for obtaining DIGITAL OBJECT IDENTIFIER (DOI) for papers for greater visibility and citation scores.

Agenda 7: Holding of Annual General Meeting, 2023.

In terms of Section 6 of the MTAI constitution, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of MTAI is due. The EC resolved that the AGM may be conducted on the side-lines of 66th Annual Maize Workshop, 12-14 April, 2023, Pantnagar. A notice for AGM may be send by the Secretary, in consultation with Vice President.

Agenda 8: Representation of Industry and Farmer in the EC.

The President proposed that representation of Industry and farmer(s) in the EC, shall strengthen the MTAI mission, which members also agree. The Secretary informed that MTAI constitution has provision for Institutional members, under which Research institutions, universities, industrial and commercial organizations willing to support the objectives of the MTAI, may become members through paying the Institutional membership fee, i.e. INR 1000 (USD 200 for other countries) for one year. However, presently there are no institutional members and the entire membership is of individual life members. A membership drive for onboarding new institutional members may be undertaken and the EC may request selected institutional members to participate in the proceedings of EC as Special Invitees. The EC requested Vice President to study the matter, and suggest the necessary framework, including constitutional amendment, if required to meet the objective.

Agenda 9: Updating of signatories in MTAI Bank Account.

The EC requested the Treasurer to do the needful in consultation with the Secretary.

Agenda 10: Engagement of new Chartered Accountant.


The EC requested Treasurer to submit a proposal for engagement of new Chartered Accountant, preferably from nearby area, for ease and better coordination.


Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to Chair.


(PRANJAL YADAVA)
Secretary


(SAPNA)
Treasurer


(BHUPENDER KUMAR)
Joint Secretary


(ISHWAR SINGH)
Vice President


(SAIN DASS)
President