AIWEFA ANNUAL REPORT 2013-2014

The Annual General Meeting of the All India Women’s Education Fund Association (AIWEFA) took place on July 11, 2013. The minutes of this meeting were read out and approved at the Urgent General Body Meeting of AIWEFA held on August 13, 2013.

The above said UGM was requisitioned at the EC meeting held on 19th July 2013 to accomplish the unfinished work of Election of AIWEFA executives at the AGM.

The following Office Bearers were elected at the UGM on August 13, 2013.

- President: Ms. Bhamathi Balasubramaniam
- Vice President: Dr. Adarsh Sharma
- Secretary: Dr. Sabina Pillai
- Joint Secretary: Dr. Renu Malaviya

Executive Members: 1) Mr. Riaz Umar, 2) Mrs. Sarla Manchanda 3) Dr. Manorama Bawa 4) Dr. Sarita Jain 5) Dr. Veenu Seth 6) Ms. Usha Nair

Later at EC Meetings it was unanimously decided

(i) Mr. Riaz Umar will be the Treasurer and Ms. Kalyani Raj be the Jt. Treasurer,
(ii) Three Executive Members namely Dr. S.K. Sharma, Ms. Bulbul Das & Ms. Jyotsna Kapur were co-opted.
(iii) Five names received from AIWC to be on our Executive Committee were 1)Ms. Veena Kohli, 2) Ms. Asha Gambhir 3) Ms. Amreshwari Morla, 4) Ms. Kuljeet Kaur 5) Jyotika Kalra.

Thus AIWEFA Executive Committee of Six Office Bearers & thirteen Executive members were completed.

There was a lot of enthusiasm & jubilations in AIWEFA for a very capable team successfully in place.

Soon after Ms. Bhamathi expressed her inability to take up the President’s post of AIWEFA, without permission from the Government of India. In December 2013 she expressed her inability to take up AIWEFA - President’s position. Dr. Sarala Gopalan however continued to bear the responsibility without any gap. This was further wetted in the subsequent EC meeting AIWEFA Secretary, Dr. Sabina Pillai also found it difficult to carry on her responsibilities as Secretary due to various reasons, but Dr. Renu Malaviya the Jt. Secretary AIWEFA was there to share the responsibilities of the day to day functioning and beyond. Finally Dr. Pillai submitted her resignation from Secretary’s post on 27th June 2014, which was accepted in the EC meeting of 8th August 2014.

She, however expressed her desire to be an Executive member of AIWEFA.

On behalf of AIWEFA. – Executives I wish to thank all our members for their support and co-operation during the year 2013-2014.

The Executive Committee Meetings:

The Executive Committee met four times during the year on 11th Sept’2013, 28th Nov.’2013 , 31st Jan’2014 and 8th August 2014.
Membership:
In the year 2013-2014, 31 life Members joined the Association. We welcome them on behalf of all the AIWEFA members. The total membership stands at 358 for life Members till today.

Representations:
Dr. Sarala Gopalan participated in the meetings of the World Farmers Organization and the FAO Meeting on Food Security at the FAO Headquarters in Rome, Italy in October 2013. She was invited to speak on "Family Farms" and "Cooperatives" at two special meetings on the occasion and also participate in a discussion on technology for women in a meeting headed by Dr. M.S. Swaminathan.

PROJECTS IN 2013-2014:

Cyber Crime Workshops:
In keeping with the demand for creating awareness about the effectiveness and safety while using Cyber Spaces, AIWEFA has initiated a Netiquette and Cyber hygiene campaign that will involve a direct contact, ground-up approach to teach out students to be safe and smart users of the net. Six workshops were conducted at the following institutions: CPDHE, University of Delhi, Education Deptt, Lady Irwin College, Univ. of Delhi, Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, Univ. of Delhi (morning), Shaheed Bhagat Singh College (evening) Univ. of Delhi. AIWC and Zakur Hussain College, University of Delhi. Ms. Manachanda, Dr. Renu Malaviya, Dr. Adarsh Sharma, Ms Savita Dass, Dr. Sarita Jain supported Dr. Sabina Pillai in the various workshops. Dr. Sabina Pillai’s contribution for the effective planning and implementation of the workshops is highly appreciated.

Parenting Workshop (RWA):
The need for parenting workshop was communicated by the Resident Welfare Association (RWA). Ms Sarla Manchanda took the initiative and planned and organised a workshop for the residents of Shivalik, Malaviya Nagar, New Delhi. It was a very well received workshop which was attended not only by young parents but also many grandparents had joined the workshop. The resource persons, who are experts in the area of Child Development and Parenting for the workshop were Dr. Adarsh Sharma, Dr. Renu Gulati and Dr. Renu Malaviya. After the workshop, individual counselling sessions were taken up by the resource persons. Ms. Manchanda’s contribution for the effective planning and implementation of the workshops is highly appreciated.

SPSS Workshop:
Another Endeavour of AIWEFA this year was the SPSS workshop for research scholars and college faculty members. This was organised by AIWEFA during May 2014. The workshop was a two day hands-on workshop which dealt with: Introduction to Basics of Statistics, Working with SPSS on Descriptive Statistics, Correlation Analysis, and Regression, SPSS Application, Analysis of subjective
data. Selecting Statistical Techniques Discussions on Selecting Statistical Techniques and Plugging the gaps. Dr. Krishnaveni Veni was the resource person and she conducted the workshop very well. Ms. Anjali Choudhary supported in the organisation of the workshop along with Dr. Renu Malaviya. Dr. Renu Malaviya contribution for the effective planning and implementation of the workshops is highly appreciated. This was a paid workshop and AIWEFA was able to make some amount of money. The research scholars have requested for more workshops of statistical packages as well as related areas such as Intellectual Property Rights and Patenting.

**Membership Drive at the Orientation Workshop for New Student Entrants of Lady Irwin College**

AIWEFA was given space at the Lady Irwin College’s Orientation Workshop for new students’ entrants of the college. Ms. Sarla Manchanda, Dr. S.K Sharma and Dr. Renu Malaviya supervised the desk and oriented the interested students and parents about the work of AIWEFA and how the students may want to be associated with AIWEFA. Details were taken from the Students as intent of interest.

**Max Life Insurance: Village Adoption and DEITY**

AIWEFA is presuming proposals on Village adoption with Max Life Insurance as a part of their CSR initiative and with Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY) on Netiquette and Cyber hygiene.

**AIWEFA - Nina Sibal Memorial Award**

Every year AIWEFA - Nina Sibal Memorial Award is given to organizations working in the field of disability.

On 2nd August 2013, the 11th Nina Sibal Award was presented by Dr. Karan Singh, Member, Rajya Sabha and Chairperson Nina Sibal Award Committee to Ms. Sheela Sinha of ‘Hellen Keller Institute for Deaf & Deaf Blind’, Mumbai, Maharashtra for her organization on account of their dedicated work towards education and rehabilitation of persons with deficiencies of speech, hearing & vision.

This year the 12th AIWEFA - Nina Sibal Memorial Award was presented by Mr. Kapil Sibal Sr. Advocate to Dr. Anupa Siddhu, Director Lady Irwin College, University of Delhi for her organization. Practically each department of the Institution has been contributing over the decades towards research, innovative teaching strategies and consistent efforts for community based rehabilitation & training the teachers for special and inclusive set ups.

(Dr. Renu Malaviya)
Jt.Secretary, AIWEFA

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