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The Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of the All India Women's Education Fund Association (AIWEFA) took place on 15th September, 2015. The minutes of this meeting were mailed on 19th November 2015.

The term of the Executive Committee of AIWEFA elected in 2013 was for three years (2013-2016). President Ms. Bhamati Balasubramaniam could not take up office due to a Government of India appointment and Hony. Secretary Dr. Sabina Pillai could not continue due to personal reasons. Therefore at the Executive Meeting of 08/08/2014 the Executive Members unanimously nominated Ms. Asha Chandra as President and Ms. Sarla Manchanda as Hony. Secretary for the remainder period of two years of the Committee (2014-2016). This was ratified by the General Body at the AGM held on 09/09/2014.

The AIWEFA Executive Committee was finalized as below for 2014-2016:

Office Bearers:.

President	: Ms. Asha Chandra
Vice President	: Dr. Adarsh Sharma
Secretary	: Ms. Sarla Manchanda
Joint Secretary	: Dr. Renu Malaviya.
Treasurer	: Mr. Riaz Umar
Joint Treasurer	: Ms. Kalyani Raj

Executive Members: (1) Dr. Manorama Bawa, (2) Dr. Veenu Seth (3). Ms. Usha Nair.

Co-Opted Executive Members: (1) Dr.S.K.Sharma (2) Ms. Bulbul Das (3) Ms. Jyotsna Kapur (4). Ms. Asheema Singh. (5) Ms. Usha Sharma

AIWC Representatives: (1)Ms. Veena Kohli, (2) Ms. Asha Gambhir (3) Ms. Amreshwari Morla, (4) Ms. Kuljit Kaur (5) Ms.Jyotika Kalra.

On behalf of AIWEFA– Executives, I wish to thank all our members for their full support and co-operation during the year 2015-2016.

The Executive Committee Meetings:

The Executive Committee met four times during the year on 4th November 2015, 9th February 2016, 3rd May 2016 and 18th July 2016.

Membership:

In the year 2015-2016, one life Member and one Institutional member joined the Association. We welcome them on behalf of all the AIWEFA members. The total membership for life members today stands at 368, Institutional members (annual) at 1, Patron and Fellows at 5 and Corporate Members also at 5.

President: Asha Chandra

Secretary: Sarla Manchanda

Treasurer: Riaz Umar



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Representations:

National:

1. **Dr. Renu Malaviya** represented AIWEFA at the National Seminar on Education Policy was held on 18th November, 2015 by Punjab & Chandigarh College Teacher's Union (PCCTU) at DAV college Amritsar.
2. **Ms. Asha Chandra & Ms. Sarla Manchanda** represented AIWEFA at the NASSCOM–Data Security Council of India (DSCI) Annual Information Security Summit (AISS) at Gurgoan on 15th December 2015. Ms. Asha Chandra was a Panelist on the Panel Discussion: **Hiring Women Security Professionals: Balancing Gender Diversity in Security Profession.**
3. For the programme **"A world we women want"(AW4)** which looks at women achieving leadership roles, Ms. Chandra and Ms. Kapur travelled to M.P., U.P. and Rajasthan to hear voices from the ground towards the implementation of the UN's Sustainable Development goals (SDGs). Development Alternatives took care of the expenses towards these visits.
4. **Ms. Asha Chandra, Dr. Adarsh Sharma & Ms. Jyotsna Kapur** were invited by the , Ministry of Women and Child Development for **the Civil Society Organisations (CSO) Consultation** and briefing for the upcoming sixtieth session of the Commission on Status of Women (**CSW60**) on 29th February,2016 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. **AIWEFA was the only organization to make an audio visual presentation on its partnership programme "A world we women want" and the work done for the publication of a Compendium of Good Practices showcasing best practices from Africa and SAARC nations in the implementation of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).**
5. For the International Women's Day celebrations on 12th March, 2016, by Sulabh International Social Service Organisation, Dr.Adarsh Sharma and Ms. Sarla Manchanda were invited Speakers on the theme **'Women's dignity in the context of present social environment'**.
6. **The Power Foundation Conclave 2016** held a programme **on Youth Engage in the work of the UN.** This was held on 5th April, 2016 at the Hotel Ashok, Chanakya Puri, New Delhi.**Ms. Asha Chandra & Ms. Sarla Manchanda** represented AIWEFA

International:

AIWEFA was represented at the sixtieth session of the Commission on Status of Women (CSW60) at the UN headquarters in New York from 11 -- 17 March 2016 by Ms. Asha Chandra & Ms. Jyotsna Kapur. AIWEFA's programme **"A world we women want" was held in partnership with AIWC, Development Alternatives (DA) and technical support from Dr. Pam Rajput, Professor Emeritus and Lupin India.**

Only ticket support for two tickets was received for the programme from Heinrich Bol Stiftung (HBF). One ticket was availed by Development Alternatives and the other by AIWEFA. From AIWEFA Ms. Chandra received ticket support and took care of the boarding and lodging. Ms. Kapur paid for both her ticket and accommodation, and in case we receive any support towards the programme, AIWEFA could look at compensating some expenses. A Parallel Event was organized on 15th March 2016 by AIWEFA and the partners.

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AIWEFA Programmes, Conference/Seminars:

*After successful completion of 85th Foundation Year Programmes, viz, launch & training of 350 women in Safe Car Driving, training of 150 girls in Self Defence, having Swachh campaign with competitions on Environment, mobilizing women drivers to become professional car drivers for OLA's 'Cabs for Women by Women'(under **AIWEFA'S patented project Kaushal**), AIWEFA-UNESCO conference: " Transition of Women from Education to Full Employment", XIII AIWEFA-Nina Sibal Memorial Award Function and launch of 100 Cyber Security Workshops, AIWEFA entered into its 86th year with continued zeal and commitment.*

1. AIWEFA entered into an agreement with TATA AIA Insurance company under their "**Women Empowerment Business Opportunity for Females**" programme to mobilize women to get a 5-days training after which they may qualify to become TATA AIA -financial advisers after passing **Insurance Regulatory Development Authority (IRDA) Examination** and likely to earn between Rs. 10,000/- to Rs 15,000/-, and can operate from home. The project, however is not so feasible as mobilization costs are high and payouts by the Company do not cover them..

2. Out of 100 Cyber Security Workshops in colleges, AIWEFA could complete 19 workshops in the University of Delhi colleges, 4 workshops sponsored by Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) were conducted by the well known Cyber Security Expert Mr. Rakshit Tandon with his own syllabus, where as the 15 additional workshops were conducted by Google India & CII and had their own experts and syllabus. AIWEFA seeks financial support to complete the remaining workshops.

3. AIWEFA also entered an agreement with Bharti **AXA Life Insurance Co. Ltd** for women to become Insurance Agents but it has not been followed up by Bharti Airtel.

4. The possibilities of the project with **Delhi Integrated Multi-Modal Transit System Ltd. (DIMITS)** for women to become electric auto rickshaw drivers are being explored by AIWEFA.

5. The priority theme at **the sixtieth session of the Commission on status of Women (CSW60) was 'Women's Empowerment and its link to Sustainable Development'**. **AIWEFA**, All India Women's Conference (**AIWC**) & Development Alternatives (**DA**) with technical inputs from Dr. Pam Rajput and Lupin Foundation commenced a programme "**A world we women want**" which looks at women in leadership roles towards the implementation of the UN's SDGs. Voices from the ground were gathered from Haryana, Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, TN, Karnataka, A.P. Civil society organizations from Africa and SAARC countries were invited to contribute rich SDG implementation strategies. These were compiled in a Compendium of Good Practices which was launched at the National Consultation on 9th March, 2016 brought together all stakeholders (Government's Ms. Rashmi Singh, , Niti Aayog, UN and civil society towards the implementation of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). AIWC provided the venue and hospitality, while DA bore the editing and publication expenses. With AIWC and DA, AIWEFA jointly held a multi nation **parallel event "A World We Women Want (AW4)"** at **CSW60** on 15 March 2016 at UN head quarters, New York. **Ms. Rosa Lizarde , Global Director, Feminist Task Force, New York was the Panel Chair** for the parallel event. The other panelists(speakers) were from SAARC Nations (Dr. Pam Rajput , Ms. Asha Chandra, Ms. Jyotsna Kapur, Dr. Alka Srivastava, and Dr. Chandra

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Prabha Pandey, from **India**, Dr. Sepali Kottegoda from **Sri Lanka**, Ms Shanta Laxmi Shreshtha from **Nepal**, Mr. MacBain Mkandawire from **Malawi, (Africa)**).

6. At a time when discussions at the UN were centered around making the SDGs better known, AIWEFA was the only organization amongst the nations of the world to present a Compendium of Good Practices from Africa And SAARC nations. The Compendium was well received by the UN Women Executive Director and also the Deputy Executive Director and the head of the Indian delegation, Smt. Maneka Gandhi, Minister Women and Child Development. Copies of Compendium were distributed amongst the audience and also uploaded at CSW60 sites. (It is uploaded at AIWEFA's website as well).
7. The **XIV AIWEFA-Nina Sibal Memorial Award** function, like every year took place on 2nd August 2016. More than 600 organisations working in the area of disability were sent the application forms. The 39 filled up forms received were tabulated, and AIWEFA- Jury team came up with a short list of FIVE organisations for the award. The criteria for short listing were
 - 1.Number of beneficiaries reached.
 - 2.Number of teaching and assisting staff
 - 3.Provision of necessary facilities for outdoor as well as indoor candidates.
 - 4.Quality of work.
 5. Adoption of new techniques based on scientific research and innovations.
 6. Reaching the unreached.
 7. Programmes of support throughout the life span of candidates.
 8. Need for funds.

In a meeting of AIWEFA Team with Mr. Kapil Sibal, it was decided to give the award to **Shishu Sarothi Centre for Rehabilitation & Training for Mutiple disability,Guwahati, Assam (North East).**

Their Executive Director, **Mr. Arman Ali** travelled all the way to New Delhi from Assam, inspite of his limitations to receive the XIV AIWEFA- Nina Sibal Memorial Award on 2nd August, 2016.This Orgainsation is the recipient of National Award from President of India in 2004 and also the State Award from the Chief Minister of Assam for Best Community Service in 2007.

Publications/Reports

- I. "Transition **of Women from Education to Full Employment**"- A Report on the Conference.
- II. "**Women, Education, Skills and Work**"- A Compendium on Case Studies from **India.**
- III. "**Launch of 100 Cyber Security College Workshops**" – A Programme Report.
- IV. **Four Cyber Security College Workshops Reports**, (LIC, IHE, Amity University & Mata Sundri College).
- V. "**A World We Women Want**" – A Compendium on Women's Voices and Good Practices towards Sustainable Development Goals of UN.
- VI. **Cyber Security Report 15 DU Colleges, conducted by Google.**
 - i. Sri Ram College of Commerce
 - ii. Shivaji College
 - iii. Bharti College
 - iv. Bhaskaracharya College

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- v. BhaginI Nivedita College
 - vi. Jesus and Mary College
 - vii. SGTB Khalsa College
 - viii. Keshav Mahavidhyalaya
 - ix. Indraprastha College for Women
 - x. Bheem Rao Ambedkar College
 - xi. School of Planning and Agriculture
 - xii. Kalindi College
 - xiii. Shyamlal College
 - xiv. Hindu College
 - xv. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College
- VII. **National Consultation** : General Report on 'A World We Women Want'.
- VIII. **UN Women Report CSW60.**
- IX. A Report for **Heinrich Boll Stiftung (HBF), India.**
- X. **2016 ECOSOC High-level segment:** The NGO Branch of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs was pleased to inform:
(i) That statement written by AIWEFA was accepted for distribution to all participants of this year's session.
(ii) The NGO Branch congratulates AIWEFA on the continuous efforts of All India Women's Education Fund Association to contribute to the work of ECOSOC.
- XI. **National Policy for Women -2016** Articulating Vision for Empowerment of Women.

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION (MOA):

Dr. Adarsh Sharma and Mr. Riaz Umar along with a team of experts on such legal documents will soon come up with their recommendations and if possible will put up at the forthcoming AGM.

AIWEFA Website: The AIWEFA website is operational and all reports are uploaded. Minor glitches are being looked into.

AIWEFA Facebook Page: Since CSW60 photographs are being regularly updated.

FOLLOW UP PLANS:

1. **CSW61 – Women's economic empowerment in a changing world of work**
2. AIWEFA has applied for **Observer Status to the UN Group on Climate Change.**
3. AIWEFA is also looking into the possibilities of starting some projects on Safe Environment, Health & Hygiene (Girl Friendly Toilet), Skill Development Education, Intergenerational Solidarity, *Beti Bachao Beti Padhao* and exploring possibility of putting up of hoardings on "Women's empowerment" at strategic points.

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