



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL LIBRARIANS AND DOCUMENTALISTS OF INDIA (AALDI) HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE PRRSIDENT ON 05.06.2026 AT 3.30 P.M. THROUGH VIRTUAL MODE

The following were present:

- 1) Dr. G. Rathinasabapathy, President
- 2) Dr.U.S.Jadhav, Senior Vice-President
- 3) Dr. Nirmal Singh, Editor-in-Chief

Special Invitees

- 4) Prof. Prem Singh, Former President & Hon. Advisor, AALDI
- 5) Dr.K.Veeranjaneyulu, Former President & Hon. President, AALDI
- 6) Dr.K.N.Kandpal, Former President, AALDI
- 7) Prof. M.S.Pathania, Former Office Bearer, AALDI
- 8) Dr.Kailash D. Tandel, Former General Secretary, AALDI

Dr. G. Rathinasabapathy, President, AALDI, welcomed the EC members and the special invitees present in the Meeting. Subsequently, he presented the Agenda before the Council.

Agenda Item No. 1: AALDI 2026 Conference

The President apprised the EC members that no proposal has been received for hosting the AALDI 2026 conference. Prof. M.S. Pathania suggested that the AALDI 2026 conference may be organized jointly by the AALDI and the Tamil Nadu University of Animal and Veterinary Sciences, Chennai. Dr. G. Rathinasabapathy, University Librarian TANUVAS, Chennai and incidentally the President of AALDI, agreed readily to the proposal. After deliberations, the EC unanimously resolved to hold the conference at TANUVAS, Chennai and advised the hosting University Librarian to hold the conference some-time in October-November 2026 and the dates be finalized with due consideration to festival season and take all necessary actions well in time.

Agenda Item No. 2: Posts of Honorary President and Advisor

A member proposed the abolition of honorary posts. Other members present in the meeting did not agree with the proposal. After deliberations, it was unanimously resolved to retain both the honorary posts. It was further resolved that the agenda may be placed before the General Body, being the competent authority that had created these posts in its meeting held at AAU, Jorhat, for consideration and final decision.



Agenda Item No.3: Election to Various Positions in the AALDI Executive Council

The members present in the meeting noted the contents of AALDI WhatsApp Group postings of the proponents of election to various EC positions by secret ballot system. It was also noted that no AALDI member has opposed the system. The Committee considered the Clauses 10 (a) and (b) of AALDI byelaws which state that election to various EC positions will be held by secret ballot system by casting the vote either in person or through post. This provision was amended by the General Body in its meeting held at Bihar Animal Sciences University, Patna in 2018 where a rider that **“the members present in the General House will only participate in the election process”** was imposed. The amendment clearly lays down that **the election to various EC positions will be held in the General Body Meeting**. It was opinionated that election to various posts ahead of General Body Meeting would a violation of the aforesaid amendment.

Further to the discussions taking place, Dr. M.S. Pathania proposed that only those Life Members, who had attended at least two conferences in the preceding five years, should be allowed to contest for various EC positions.

After in-depth discussions, the EC unanimously resolved that the following agenda be placed before the General Body for consideration and appropriate decision:

- i) Returning Officer for conducting the election be appointed by the General Body in its meeting who would conduct the election by secret ballot.
- ii) Only those Life Members, who had attended at least two conferences in the preceding five years, shall be eligible to contest for EC positions.

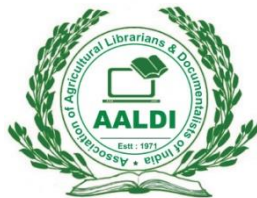
Agenda Item No.4: Legal status of AALDI

Prof. Prem Singh brought up that AALDI EC meeting was held about six months back. The matter relating to legal status of AALDI was discussed in detail. Consequently, it was resolved that the General Secretary, who raised this issue, would prepare a comprehensive proposal along with redressal mechanism for the resolution of the matter and place the same before the next meeting of the EC for consideration and appropriate decision. He further expressed his disappointment that he has neither seen the minutes of the said meeting nor any proposal for the resolution of the issue. The President AALDI apprised the EC that he has not received any response from the General Secretary in this regard.

After deliberations, it was resolved that the General Secretary be asked to: (i) write the minutes, submit the same to the President for consideration and approval, and circulate the same among the EC members; and put up a comprehensive proposal for resolution of the matter relating to registration status of the AALDI to the President and convene a meeting of EC for consideration and appropriate decision.

Agenda Item No. 5: Maintenance of AALDI Records

Prof. Prem Singh pointed out that the General Secretary had requested the former Presidents and the General Secretaries by email dated 19.05.2026 to supply all records pertaining to AALDI activities from 2008 onwards. After deliberations over the matter, it was resolved that the former General Secretaries, being custodians of records as per AALDI byelaws, should



cooperate and supply the records to the present General Secretary to plug the gaps in maintenance of records. It was also resolved that the present and future General Secretaries should maintain the AALDI records meticulously.

Agenda Item No. 5: Any other items with the permission of the Chair

The issue raised by some Life Members in the AALDI WhatsApp Group with regard to publication of IJALIS was discussed. The Editor-in-Chief apprised the members that sufficient number of research papers have not been received so far, despite repeated reminders and the few articles received by him seem to be AI generated. Therefore, EC requests the learned AALDI members to submit quality research papers for publication in the IJALIS so that the journal could be brought out.

The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks, proposed by the Editor-in-Chief, to the Chair and others present in the meeting.

Dated: 07th June 2026
Place: Chennai

President, AALDI