



## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BODY MEETING 2004

*Friday, 10 Dec, 2004*

The Khwarzimid Science Society General Body Meeting 2004 took place at 7:00 pm on 10 December, 2004 at the Ali Auditorium, Ali Institute of Education, Ferozpur Road, Lahore. The Meeting was presided by President KSS, Dr. Saadat Anwar Siddiqi. KSS Members as well as some non-Members attended the meeting.

The Meeting started by recitation from the Holy Quran.

The following matters were discussed and decisions taken in the Meeting.

1. Members prefer receiving announcements of forthcoming events by email. However the Executive Committee (EC) also decided to send invitations by post **in addition** to email announcements. It should be noted that the KSS already maintains an active, up-to-date, moderated mailing list, disseminating news about events to Members as well as subscribers.
2. The KSS invited individuals to subscribe to their mailing list. Special forms were provided for this matter. Members were also requested to update the EC with their fresh email and postal addresses, if they have changed.
3. The issue of the possibility of a KSS Newsletter was raised. The Members voted in favour of an in-print newsletter, which can be more effective than email. However, further feedback is needed to materialize this proposal. For example, **more volunteers were invited** to take up this project and manage its editing, production and advertisement. The KSS online NEWS section, evolving in the form of a blog, is one right step in this direction.

Eirad Khalid invited the KSS to publish its material in the Newsletter of the National Physics Talent Contest. Eirad will contact the EC further in this regard.

4. New Members should be introduced on the mailing list. However, Dr. Amjad Luna proposed that a new check-box should be added in the Membership Application Form indicating whether the Member would like his or her professional and/or contact details to be put on the Web and shared with fellow Members. This suggestion was also accepted.
5. Volunteers for the KSS Website are needed. The President KSS thanked Sabieh Anwar and Saad Saleem for managing most affairs of the website in the past. **Mr. Abrar Ahmad from Palmchip offered his services for making the site look more professional and organizing its information content.** The EC will contact him in this regard.
6. It was agreed upon that the KSS does not belong to the Punjab University. It is a non-governmental science organization, registered with the Punjab Government and should be portrayed as such. Chapters independent from the PU can always be established provided they meet the objectives of the Society.
7. It was decided that local chapters of the KSS in various institutions need not use the address of the Punjab University for advertisement.
8. All chapters of the KSS will work in co-operation with one another, sharing resources, speakers and all events will be publicized jointly.
9. Local chapters can establish their own local Management Committees, members of which can also join the KSS Executive Committee. Local chapters generally maintain and look after their own funds, however financial help from the KSS funds is also available, as it has been in the past.
10. In order to reflect the de-centralization of the KSS, a P.O. Box address will also be used in the future for postal correspondence.
11. The issue of having a criterion for opening a chapter in an institution was discussed. It was decided that no formal criterion should be set up.
12. The importance of authoritative Faculty involvement for the smooth running of the KSS in its local chapters was emphasized.
13. It was also agreed upon that **Dr. Amjad Luna, faculty member, University of Engineering and Technology (UET) will supervise the affairs of the KSS in the UET, Lahore** with the help of Syed Muhammad Ali Abbas and Saad Saleem. They will meet within themselves to decide a future roadmap and try to revive KSS in this premier institution.
14. Farrah Fayyaz will supervise the affairs of the KSS in the FAST-National University of Computer and Emerging Sciences.

15. Baber Saeed and the President KSS will meet Faculty Members in COMSATS, Lahore to discuss future possibilities in this institution.
16. Life Member of the KSS, Manzoor Masih agreed to initiate activities of the KSS in the F.C. College University (FCCU) Lahore. Several Faculty Members from the FCCU attended the Public Lecture on 10 Dec, and one could expect from them to start an active chapter in their University.
17. It was decided to introduce the KSS in the Government College University (GCU) Lahore and Dr. Ijaz Ghauri kindly agreed to take up the initiative.
18. The KSS should also concentrate on a purely social get-together, inviting ALL Members as well as selected guests (academicians, scientists, researchers, journalists). In this regard, it was decided that an annual dinner will take place in the first week of January at the Centre for Advanced Studies in Physics (CASp), GCU Lahore. This dinner will also feature classical music organized by the Nazir Musical Society of the GCU.
19. Dr. Ijaz M. Ghari, Director Centre for Advanced Studies in Physics (CASp) offered the following help: **(a) organizing the KSS annual dinner (see point above) in the premises of the CASp, GCU, (b) helping us obtain a sponsorship of Rs. 10,000 for the dinner, reducing or possibly eliminating contributions from the Members, (c) offering us use the seminar and audio-visual facilities at the CASp, GCU in the future, and (d) helping the KSS set-up an office and providing secretarial facilities.**
20. The KSS has sought sponsorships in the past for its Supercomputing project and the mono-topic conference on Pakistan's nuclear emergence in 1998. Further sponsorships can be sought from Pakistan Science Foundation and the Higher Education Commission. The process will now be easy as the KSS is a registered Society, maintaining a complete record of all its past activities.
21. The President thanked students of the Centre for Solid State Physics, Punjab University, especially Kausar Javed Khan, Najma Irfan and Shahid Ramay for their tireless voluntary work for the KSS over the past years.
22. Dr. Amjad Luna suggested the video recording of all prominent lectures. The suggestion would be taken seriously in the future. Umair Asim has helped the KSS in this matter in the past.
23. New Office Bearers of the Society were nominated and the following Committee was approved without dissent. This Committee will function for the next two years: 2005 and 2006.

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Prof. Dr. Saadat Anwar Siddiqi  
Professor Centre for Solid State Physics, Punjab University, Lahore

**Vice President:**

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Prof. Dr. Ijaz M. Ghauri  
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Dr. Sabieh Anwar  
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Engr. Shahab Ahmed  
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**Executive Committee:**

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Farooqi Girls High School, Lahore

Baber Saeed  
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Engr. Farrah Fayyaz  
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*and*

Shahid Ramay  
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