

**19th Meeting
of the Board of Directors of
Asian Ombudsman Association**

KAZAN– Republic of Tatarstan

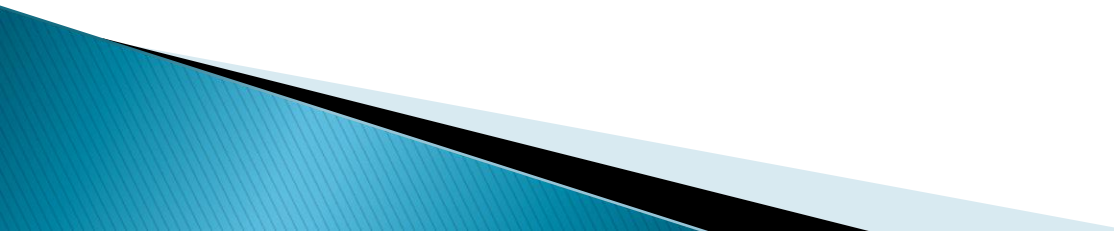
10th August, 2016.



Sequence of Presentation

1. Approval of Agenda for 19th BOD Meeting
2. Approval of Minutes of 18th BOD Meeting
3. Impl. Report on Decisions of 18th BOD Meeting
4. MoU between AOA and IOI
5. Procedure of Interim Election
6. Membership of Georgia and Dagestan
7. Non-Payment of AOA Membership Fee
8. Rev. of Academy – GIO, Islamic Republic of Iran
9. Use of AOA Funds and Resource Mobilization
10. Expansion of AOA
11. Improving working of AOA Secretariat
12. e- Newsletter of AOA
13. Touring Expenses of Executive Secretary AOA
14. 15th AOA Conference (2017) in Republic of Korea
15. Any other Items

For Convenience Please Note

- ▶ **Memoranda for the Board Meeting**
Placed at Pages 2– 7 of the Folder
 - ▶ **Annexures**
Placed at Pages 8–55 of the Folder
- 

Agenda Item-1

Approval of Agenda for 19th (Present) Meeting of AOA-BoD

Members may please peruse at:

(Annexure-I, Page-8)

Hon'ble Members are requested to consider and approve the draft agenda for the current meeting of the Board of Directors

Agenda Item-2

Approval of the Minutes of the 18th Meeting of the Board held in Tokyo, Japan on 7th March, 2016.

Minutes may please be seen at:

(Annexure-II, Page 9-18)

Hon'ble Members are requested to consider and confirm the minutes of the 18th Meeting of the Board held on 7th March, 2016 in Tokyo, Japan.

Agenda Item-3

Implementation Report on decisions of the last (18th) Meeting of the Board of Directors

Report is placed at:

(Annexure-III , Page 19-23)

Any Comments by the Hon'ble Members

MoU between AOA and IOI

- ❖ Issue was last discussed at BOD-AOA, IOI Meetings (7th March) and Luncheon Meeting (8th March) as Item No 11, at Tokyo.
- ❖ It was suggested that Taiwan should not be regarded as representing China. Like the UN, IOI should consider 'Peoples Republic of China' as the only country under the name of China and "One China policy" should be respected.
- ❖ President and Secretary General IOI agreed to expedite China's request and discuss it at an appropriate level to reach some solution of the stated issue.

Contd...

Agenda Item-4 (Contd...)

- ❖ AOA Secretariat's communication to Remind IOI.
Pl see at: [\(Annexure-IV/Page.24\)](#)

- ❖ IOI President informed that views of AOA, especially China, had been conveyed to Taiwan and their response was awaited.

Pl see at: [\(Annexure-IV-A/Page.25\)](#)

The Board is requested to discuss and find out means to expedite the resolution of this long outstanding issue.

Agenda Item-5

Approval of the Procedure of Election for any Vacancy falling Vacant during Tenure of the Board

- ❖ At Tokyo AOA BoD Meeting this matter was discussed under Items 2 & 17.
- ❖ Board approved for consideration of GA that the Secretariat will issue a letter stating that such and such position has fallen vacant requiring nominations duly seconded by other members on line with full visibility and disclosure. After appropriate scrutiny, AOA Secretariat will call for vote through reliable electronic means ensuring secrecy of vote cast, in line with the conditions stipulated in the Code of Conduct of Business of AOA.

Contd

Agenda Item-5 (Contd...)

- ❖ Japan in its subsequent observations on the Minutes of the Tokyo AOA BoD Meeting stated that “Result of the vote including count of vote must be disclosed for the transparency of the election”

(Annexure-V/Page.26)

- ❖ AOA Secretariat is of the view that the observation made by Japan is in line with the decision of BoD taken in the last meeting held in Tokyo and also in conformity with the Code of Conduct of Business of AOA.

However, the Board may invite Japan, if necessary, for clarification of the spirit of its observation.

Agenda Item-6

Consideration of Applications for Membership of AOA from Georgia and Dagestan

- ❖ Applications were received from Ombudsman of Georgia and Ombudsperson of Dagestan this year for grant of AOA Membership.
- ❖ After required scrutiny by AOA Secretariat, Georgia was recommended to the Ex. Com. for granting AOA Membership [\(Annexure-VI/Pages.27-29, VI-A/Pages.30-32\)](#)
- ❖ Documentations of Dagestan have also been scrutinised by AOA Secretariat. [VI-B/Pages.33&34, VI-C/Pages.35-38\)](#)
- ❖ The Board is requested to consider the Applications for granting Full Membership of AOA to Georgia & Dagestan

Agenda Item-7

Non-Payment of AOA Membership fee

- ❖ Armenia, an Associate member of AOA, has not been paying the AOA membership fee since 2011 despite being issued consecutive reminders in the form of Invoices.

(Annexure-VII/Page.39)

- ❖ The Board is requested to decide whether the membership of Armenia should be allowed to continue or not

Agenda Item-8

Review of Development and Performance of the Academy established by GIO, Iran (Last BOD Item 7)

- ❖ The Board in its Tokyo Meeting, constituted a Group comprising China (Chairman), Indonesia and Tatarstan for Review of Development and Performance of the Academy established by GIO, Iran.
- ❖ The Group planned a visit of the Academy in Tehran on 24-28 July, 2016 which was postponed on the request of the GIO, Iran ([Annexure-VIII/Page.40](#)).
- ❖ The Board is requested to consult Iranian delegation for fixing the next program for Review of Development and Performance of the Academy.

Agenda Item-9

Use of AOA Funds and Resource Mobilization for AOA *(Last BOD Meeting Item 8)*

- ❖ It was agreed in Tokyo BoD Meeting, that Members of the BoD would make efforts directly to the financial institutions of their country to secure funding for their respective countries and, if feasible, for AOA as well.
- ❖ In view of BoD's decision, AOA Secretariat is vigorously pursuing the matter with various national and international donor agencies in Pakistan
- ❖ **For details pl see at** [\(Annexure-IX/Pages.41&42, IX-A/43&44\).](#)
- ❖ Japan in its observations on the Minutes of 18th AOA BoD Meeting desired that BOD members would make efforts directly to financial institutions to secure financing “not for respective Countries but for the Association”
[\(Annexure-IX-B/Page.45\).](#)

Board is requested to peruse the proposal offered by Japan in its current meeting.

Agenda Item –10

Expansion of the AOA

- ❖ President AOA has made Great Efforts to expand the reach of AOA
- ❖ Several Ombudsmen have been Requested to join AOA

For details Pl see at:: [\(Annexure-X/Pages.46–49\)](#)

- ❖ Services of **Foreign Secretary Pakistan** and **Ambassadors of Pakistan** abroad have been utilized for expansion of AOA
- ❖ For details Pl see at::
[\(Annexure-X-A Pages. 50–52\)](#)
[\(Annexure-X-B Page 53\)](#)

(Contd....)

Agenda Item –10 (Contd)

- ❖ As a consequence, a number of ombudsman institutions from Asia have been encouraged to join the AOA
- ❖ Members are requested to discuss additional measures to expand the Membership of AOA and promote Ombudsmanship in the Asia Region.

Improving the working of AOA Secretariat

- ❖ Functioning of AOA Secretariat needs to be made more modern and effective through state-of-the art paraphernalia and communication tools like **webinar/video conferencing and an AOA Directory** akin to the IOI directory.
- ❖ **The Board is requested to discuss the concept and allow AOA Secretariat for preparing the detailed plan for submission in the subsequent meeting.**

Agenda Item-12

e- Newsletter of AOA

- ❖ A fortnightly e-newsletter, for sharing information and experiences among the members of AOA, may be considered for issuance by the AOA Secretariat on the pattern of “IOI’s Ombudsman News”.
- ❖ The Board is requested to consider and decide the matter for implementation.

Agenda Item-13

Touring Expenses of the Executive Secretary with respect to Association's Business

- ❖ The operations of AOA Secretariat require annual financial support to the tune of US\$ 75,000 approximately which is borne by the Government of Pakistan through the office of FOP. The ES works for AOA without any monthly pay or remuneration.
- ❖ His Touring Expenses to attend AOA Meetings need to be financed out of AOA's funds as these expenses can neither be afforded by him nor can be charged to public exchequer under the given country laws.
- ❖ The Board may allow to incur touring expenses of the Executive Secretary for attending AOA related Meetings with the approval of President AOA.

Agenda Item-14

15th AOA Conference (2017) in Republic of Korea

- ❖ 15th AOA Conference & 20th BOD Meeting will be hosted by ACRC Republic of Korea and Gangwon Province Ombudsman at Pyeongchang on 16–19 May 2017.
- ❖ As desired by the Hosts, draft Theme and Program of the Conference & BOD meeting is placed before the Board for perusal and approval
- ❖ Hon'ble Members may see at: (Annexure-XI – Page 54–55).
- ❖ The Hon'ble Delegates from Republic of Korea may be requested for any clarification and details required by the Participants.

Agenda Item-15

Any other items, which any member of the Board of Directors may like to discuss.

