

COAST Board of Trustee General Council meeting dated 20th November 2020, 19h30 to 21h30. Meeting happened in virtual form through zoom software.

Member participated.

1. Abbas Uddin Bhuyian, Chairperson.
2. Minar Monsur, Vice Chairperson.
3. Mostafa Kamal Ahmed, Treasurer.
4. Jesmin Sultana Paru, Executive Committee (EC) Member.
5. Gowhar Nayeem Warha, „
6. Anjulika Biswas, „
7. Jacob Kumar Sarker, „
8. Dr. Tofail Ahmed,
9. Zahirul Alam
10. Abu Morshed Chowdhury
11. Begum Shamsun Nahar
12. Mobasser Ullah Chowdhury
13. Nurul Alam Masud
14. Ruma Akhter
15. Beauty Akhter
16. Farzana Begum
17. Mahmuda Khatun
18. Halima Begum

Agenda transacted.

1. Acceptance of resignation of Chairperson Dr. Abbas and Vice Chairperson Minar Monsur from EC.
2. Selection / Election of New Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.
3. Registration updated as Joint Stock Company.

Major discussion and decision.

The meeting was Chair by Dr. Abbas Bhuiyn and was moderated by the Executive Director (ED) Rezaul Karim Chowdhury.

1. Dr Abbas Bhuiyan has informed that, initially he has gone to USA for three months, but due to pandemic he has to stay in the USA for a longer period now, and he is not sure that when he will come back in Bangladesh. He feels as being a Chairperson, staying out of the country for a longer period is not an appropriate situation, so he want to step down from the position, but he will continue as General Committee member.
2. Mr. Minar Monsur has got an offer for doing a respectable government job, where one condition is that, he should not be attached to any other institutions, but for the development of COAST, he was tried to be attached informally in last few months. As COAST has applied for Joint Stock Company registration, he feel now he should resign from the position. He has reiterated that, his relation with COAST is philosophical and principle based, that will continue especially in leadership level.
3. Dr. Tofail Ahmed said that, Dr Abbas and Minar Monsur and their knowledge was the great source of power in providing directions. He said that, new chair and vice chair will also work such a power. He concluded his speech with good wishes for them.

4. Begum Shamsun Nahar expressed very sad to say goodbye to Chair and Vice Chair simultaneously. As investigation process from Joint Stock Company is rigorous, she advice the ED pay more attention in this regard. He also expressed wishes for continued relation from outgoing Chair and Vice Chair. Same wish on good cooperation from Chair and Vice Chair has also been expressed by Gowhar Nayeem Warha too.
5. Zahirul Alam, Jacob Sarker, Anjulika Khisa, Nurul Alam Masud also expressed gratitude to outgoing Chair and Vice Chair for their contribution during their tensureship. Nurul Alam Masud proposed that there should be a formal farewell for the chair and vice chair after the pandemic.
6. Dr. Tofail Ahmed has proposed Jesmin Sultana Paru as new Chair and Begum Shamsun Nahar proposed Gowhar Nayeem Warha as the new vice chairperson of the General Council (GC) and the Executive Committee. They also proposed that the new Chair and Vice Chair tenure ship should be until June 2021 i.e., until the date of next annual general meeting (AGM).
7. All other members of the GC has supported the proposal and the meeting formally approved the new replacement of Chair and Vice Chairperson.
8. Abu Morshed Chowdhury, Halima Begum, Farzana Begum, Mobbasser Ullah Chowdhury, Beuty Akhter, Mahmuda Khatun and Mostafa Kamal welcome the newly selected Chair and Vice Chairperson. They have also expressed good wishes for outgoging Chair and Vice Chairperson.
9. ED Rezaul Karim Chowdhury has expressed memories with Dr Abbas Bhuiyan and Minar Monsur even while there were not in board. He said that, he learned management principles and philoshopy of equality and human rights from both of them. He expressed hope that he will received cooperation and experiential learning from both outgoing leaders. He also welcome Jesmin Sulatana Paru as Chair and Gowhar Nayeem Warha as the Vice Chair, he expressed that in future they will provide same sort guidance and policy dirrections to the senior management team.
10. Newly elected Chair Jesmin Sultana Paru and Vice Chairperson Gowhar Nayeem Warha said that they will do their best to support senior management team and build consensus for policy directions. Both of them express good wishes from outgoing Chair and Vice Chair.
11. At the conclusion, the chair of the meeting Dr Abbas Bhuiyan congratulated newly elected Chair and Vice Chairperson, he said that as GC member he will continue his best support to them. He concluded the meeting with thanks to all GC members for their presence and contribution in the meeting.

Drafted by

Rezaul Karim Chowdhury

Secretary / Executive Director

Approved by

Dr. Abbas Bhuiyan

Chairperson of the meeting and Chair of
the COAST Board of Trustee General
Council