



**THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF
INDIA**

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Pune (WIRC)

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NOTICE

The Notice is hereby given to all Members of Pune Branch Managing Committee that, meeting of the Managing Committee Members is called on **Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 3.00 PM** on electronic platform, link to attend the meeting will be shared in the due course.

The Agenda of the meeting is as follows:

- To consider, discuss and decide about new requirement of Infrastructure for Pune Branch for students and others
- To recommend the Institute, and other authorities and Infrastructure Committee of Pune ICAI for Acquisition/Purchase of New Premises (if approved)
- To recommend the Institute, and other authorities and Infrastructure Committee of Pune ICAI for approaching government and other authorities and other persons for Acquisition/Purchase of New Premises (if approved)
- Any other matter with the permission of the chair.

All are requested to attend the e-meeting.

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CA. Kashinath Pathare
(Secretary)
Pune Branch of WIRC of ICAI

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CA. Abhishek Dhamne
(Chairman)
Pune Branch of WIRC of ICAI

Minutes of the Managing Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, September 09, 2020 at 3.00 pm on electronic platform.

A. Following members were present on electronic platform for the meeting :

1. CA Abhishek Dhamne, Chairman
2. CA Sameer Ladda, Vice chairman
3. CA Kashinath Pathare, Secretary and Treasurer
4. CA Ruta Chitale, Member
5. CA Rajesh Agrawal, Member
6. CA Amruta Kulkarni, Member
7. CA Abhishek Zaware, Member
8. CA Anand Jakhotiya, (Ex Officio) Regional Council Member
9. CA Arun Anandagiri, (Ex Officio) Regional Council Member
10. CA Yashwant Kasar, (Ex Officio) Regional Council member
11. CA Chandrashekhar Chitale, (Ex Officio) Central Council Member

B. Since the required Quorum was present for the meeting, CA Abhishek Dhamne, Chairman commenced the meeting with expressing welcome to all the Managing Committee members and Ex-officio members present on virtual electronic mode. He briefly informed about the Pune Branch having around 6200 sq. ft. area and serving around 9000 members and 22000 students, we faced the issue of space for large gathering, the capacity of auditorium is around 150 to 160 members. He informed that only ITT lab is at branch and for other courses we have hired Phadke Sankul premises. Currently we are operating from two different premises. He further informed that currently our profession are going to be a different segments where we will be having various needs of forensic audit and our members need to be digitally equipped for various opportunities and challenges. We have to give various avenues and ready with information technology avenues for the members. So there is very much need of profession that Pune branch should have new building premises as it was discussed earlier meetings also. The main crux is that we don't have enough space to conduct various certificate courses for members, the ITT lab capacity also limited up to 80 students due to which we have to organise the certificate courses outside the premises as per the availability of Hotel's dates and not as per the convenience of our members. Considering the need of demand for the more space, ICAI H.O had sanctioned some budget and if required it will be allotted more budget to Pune branch. With this opening remarks CA Abhishek Dhamne proceeded the first agenda of meeting.

C. The first agenda of the meeting was to consider, discuss and decide about new requirement of Infrastructure for Pune Branch for students and others: CA Abhishek Dhamne, Chairman requested all the present members to give their views :

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- a.) **CA Abhishek Zaware** informed that as per his opinion after the previous meeting of infrastructure meeting “need of not having a branch premises bigger space” is even more firm. He explained that during this Covid-19 pandemic lockdown period Institute had launched the virtual ITT, Adv. ITT, Management and Communications skills programme which are conducted very nicely and at the easiest way across the country for the students. As far the students are concerns the courses can be conducted on virtual mode, so the need for the physical infrastructure for such courses can be reduced and the same money institute can be utilized somewhere else. Even for members programme the frequency of programme and participations gone up due to online webinars. Due to online webinars the programme’s videos are accessible to the members even after the programme, if he or she is not available at that particular programme time. So in his opining there is no separate need of bigger premises required. He also mentioned that the bigger premises involve more cost to maintain the same. He further informed that if we suggest the institute rather than having the ITT and Adv. ITT branch wise we can have centrally, pan India level, this will result in heavy cost reduction across country. This cost reduction will also be implemented on students’ course fee reduction. The members of old generation also accepted the online programme so instead of going back we can go ahead with this virtual platforms, the infrastructure which we already have and reduce the sub sequential cost. He informed further that adding a 35-40 crores rupees in infrastructure of one branch is waste of money, the same money can be utilized for some other things or for noble cause.
- b.) **CA Anand Jakhotiya** informed that we should recommend to ICAI for additional optimum infrastructure, should try for centralized location and should focus on government land as his speech was not audible, he mentioned the same in his chart box in electronic mode.
- c.) **CA Arun Anandagiri** informed that he is fully concurred with the views of CA Abhishek Zaware. He further informed that the times has comes to go completely virtual infrastructure. In two to three years times the students, members, no one should be seating in a branch, the branch premises can be used for some other things as per the ways, and the things are going in all across world. He informed that there is completely no need of additional infrastructure required for today as well as in future as the things are going on. Senior members will not have confident to come for the physical conferences, programme even after the Covid-19 vaccine comes and the Young members are love to learn online only. Everyone has taking up the e-learning big ways. So no need for additional bigger infrastructure.
- d.) **CA Amruta Kulkarni** informed that we need a strong soft infrastructure as our CA Course exam pattern are different and can conduct all course on virtual mode, she fully concurred whatever CA Abhishek Zaware had informed earlier, no need

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of additional infrastructure. Also she told to share the earlier infrastructure committee meetings points and minutes. CA Abhishek Dhamne informed that the minutes of earlier infrastructure committee meeting already been circulated.

- e.) **CA Kashinath Pathare** informed that he concurred for the support of additional bigger infrastructure. Once the normal life start after five months, we need the addition infrastructure as the current premises don't have a single parking for members & students. Members and students want to come for the programme at branch but the current infrastructure is not suitable. If we think now, minimum 6 months will take to buy a new infrastructure property, so he fully support for the additional bigger infrastructure space.
- f.) **CA Rajesh Agrawal** informed that he is not in a favor of any additional infrastructure space.
- g.) **CA Sameer Ladda** informed that the COVID 19 Pandemic situation will over in another 4-6 months' times. The small branches have very good and larger infrastructure, Pune Branch being a largest branch, we definitely required additional bigger infrastructure. So he fully in the favor of additional bigger infrastructure space.
- h.) **CA Yashwant Kasar** informed that he agreed some of the views shared by CA Abhishek Zaware and CA Arun Anandagiri, the COVID-19 pandemic situation made us to rethink, as we are using the digital technology now, which was never before. The changes due to this COVID-19 will definitely impact the style of course and programme. But we definitely think of how much infrastructure will require as per the guideline, policy made by ICAI as per the strength of members and students of that branch. We can go ahead with the permissible infrastructure space as the funding will be given by ICAI, H.O. He further informed that as per the members and students strength of Pune branch the current infrastructure is not enough, we need additional infrastructure. The infrastructure is need to be look not for two or three years, it should be futuristic point of views of 15-20 years. So we need to take the benefit of the policy laid down by ICAI, H.O. We should go ahead for the optimum additional infrastructure as ICAI had already sanctioned some grant for the same.
- i.) **CA Chandrashekhar Chitale** informed that in life there is no uni-dimensional decisions from which the benefit will flow. Each decision has some pros and cons. So ultimately we have to balance those pros and cons. There will be some pros and cons for the additional infrastructure but we need to balance the same. As far as some other aspects are concerns such as institute impart the continuous education, the dimension of education may change but the physical education also not completely ruled out even though the electronic education is going on which may require the infrastructure. In case of facilities such as libraries, digital libraries, physical books libraries, so there may be various other requirement also.

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Particularly this are the time when the infrastructure property cost are lower than the usual. The physical infrastructure cost are reality come down considering the same, Pune is the region where students and members can take the advantage and one will be in a position to acquire the infrastructure in affordable price. Other points as already stated in earlier meeting had discussed and in favor of having additional infrastructure. So I am in favor of having additional physical infrastructure.

- j.) **CA Ruta Chitale** informed that the effectiveness of Physical presence cannot be denied, she gave the example of physical presence for the audit. Also the way forward is not yet clear, the central council in his wisdom policy has also not yet over ruled the possibly of having physical attendance of members programme and such other things. She further informed that she is definitely in the favor of additional good, better and more, optimistic size infrastructure. She suggested to have a possible strong digital base infrastructure with digital lab. Pune need a support in having a digital lab for its members which will cater future needs as well. Definitely the current premises is not fully equips to cater the future needs and there are some administrative and regulatory problems which we are facing at the current infrastructure. So it's better to have an additional infrastructure.
- k.) **CA Abhshek Dhamne, Chairman** asked for the votes as all the present members had gave their views on having additional infrastructure or not. Before that CA Abhishek Zaware and CA Arun Anandagiri informed that the additional infrastructure is being for personal quarifications of some members which to be noted.


- D. The second agenda of the meeting was to recommend the Institute, and other authorities and Infrastructure Committee of Pune ICAI for Acquisition/Purchase of New Premises: CA Abhishek Dhamne, Chairman requested all the members to raise the hands those are in favour. Except CA Abhishek Zaware, CA Amruta Kulkarni, CA Rajesh Agrawal and CA Arun Anandagiri, all had raised their hands and gave the favour, i.e. **7/4** out of all 11 members including ex-officio and from elected managing committee members **4/3** out of 7 (4 was in favours out of 7).
- E. The third agenda was to recommend the Institute, and other authorities and Infrastructure committee of Pune ICAI for approaching government and other authorities and other persons for Acquisition/Purchase of New Premises: CA Abhishek Dhamne, Chairman requested again all the members to raise the hands those are in favour. Again except CA Abhishek Zaware, CA Amruta Kulkarni, CA Rajesh Agrawal and CA Arun Anandagiri, all had raised their hands and gave the favour i.e **7/4** out of all 11 members and from elected managing committee members **4/3** out of 7 (4 was in favours out of 7).






CA Abhishek Dhamne informed all that base on the majority of decision we will recommend the same to Infrastructure committee, the meeting of same scheduled **today, 9th September, 2020 at 5 pm**. He further informed that as a part of process of new infrastructure policy this meeting was called and Institute is wise enough to take the correct decision. CA Abhishek Zaware, CA Arun Anandagiri and CA Amruta Kulkarni pointed out that last time the managing committee members was called as a special invitee to Infrastructure committee meeting and why was its not called now? The motive of same was not clear? It's not as a part of good Corporate Governance. CA Abhishek Dhamne, Chairman informed that everything is conveyed as per new infrastructure policy rules. CA Chandrashekhar Chitale also concurred that the Special Invitee decision will be of Chairman, as it's part of the new infrastructure policy of institute. He further informed that let the Infrastructure committee meeting continue as it's scheduled and we will have one more Infrastructure committee meeting where all the other managing committee members will be invited as special invitee. CA Arun Anandagiri mentioned to minitised that CA (Dr.) S B Zaware ex- central council member has being given dis proportionate prominent in branch activities and another ex-council member CA Sashikant Barve has being treated with equal dis respect. CA Abhishek Zaware again informed that the feedback of students and members should be noted of virtual platforms and then the decision to be took for additional infrastructure. CA Abhishek Dhamne, Chairman again informed that the additional infrastructure is as per the need of futuristic for 20-25 years and with due respect of all views we will recommend to Pune branch infrastructure committee.

- F. There being no other matter to discuss, Meeting was concluded with thanks to the Chair.

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CA Kashinath Pathare
Secretary

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CA Abhishek Dhamne
Chairman