



India Association of Minnesota:
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IAM Board Retreat & Transition Meeting

January 14th, 2006

Location: St. Anthony Park Library, 2245 Como Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108

Time: 11:30 - 12:30 - Set up and social hour
12:30 - 3:30 - Board Retreat & Transition

Facilitators: Anoop Mathur, Sharat Mohapatra & Godan Nambudiripad

Objectives: Setting the stage for IAM and Board activities for 2006

Expected Outcome Areas:

Get to know the people, team building.

Scope out activities for 2006 – calendar

Get to know what worked and what did not work in 2005– Board and Committees

How to improve Board meetings & Operations – Operations Manual

Agenda:

1. Opening Remarks (Objectives, Logistics etc.) – Sharat M. – 5 min.
2. Introductions – by all (why are you in IAM board, special strengths, interests in sub-committees etc.) 50 min
3. Focus on IAM Mission & Long Range Plan to attain it – Anoop M.-5 min
4. Board: what worked, what did not, how/what to improve – Godan N.- 10 min
5. Sub-committees (see list below): What worked, what did not, what/how to improve – each subcommittee – Godan – 50 min
6. Form Sub-committees – hand over documents – Ramesh M. 35 min
7. Next Steps – Ramesh M.- 10 min
8. Conclusion & Evaluation of the workshop – Anoop - 10 min

List of major subcommittees (please add or change as needed):

1. Community Coordination
2. Festival of Nations, India Day, Picnic, Annual Dinner
3. Communications: News Letter, Web page, Publicity
4. Membership Drive
5. Youth Activities
6. Mushaira
7. 55+
8. History Project
9. Dragon Festival – coordination with Asia Pacific

Equipment Required: Easel Board, Paper, pens, Post it notes etc. IAM – Ramesh M. to bring

Refreshments: IAM – Ramesh M.

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Mission Statement: India Association of Minnesota

The India Association of Minnesota, a not-for-profit organization, represents people with an interest in the culture and heritage of India to **build** a sense of cohesiveness within this community, **represent** the community to the population at large, and **serve** as the focal point for advancing the educational, cultural, and charitable interests of the community.

To realize our mission and vision we conduct the following activitiesⓈnot in this order)

1. Articulate our values and heritage to ourselves and our succeeding generations
2. Establish strong relationships with other Asian-Pacific organizations
3. Raise the visibility of the community in the news media, in matters of public policy, in academic institutions and in businesses in Minnesota and the rest of country to realize the mission of IAM
4. Maintain relationships with organizations of similar interest in other parts of USA
5. Sponsor and conduct community service activities in Minnesota
6. Sponsor and support activities for charitable purposes in India
7. Educate the broader community about India's diverse cultural values and heritage
8. Contribute to the broader understanding and appreciation of multiculturalism and diversity
9. Work towards establishing a India Center
10. Provide a forum where members of the community will enjoy coming together
11. Encourage and support the activities of sister organizations promoting youth education, women issues, and the interests of the elderly (such as SILC, AIWA, 55Plus groups)
12. Demonstrate the community's good citizenship and commitment to the values of a pluralistic society.

Long Range Planning Committee Report

Mr. Brian Stenquist conducted the first India Club Strategic Planning workshop on October 2, October 10, and October 17, 1993 at the Red Cross Building in Minneapolis. Brian is a professional planning consultant at DNR. India Club and LRP members are very grateful for his time and professional expertise in conducting this workshop.

Members Present: Jacob Cherucheril, Rahim Rahiman, Shanti Shah, Niru Stenquist-Misra, Anand Prashad, Godan Nambudiripad, Chitra Subramanian, Ram Gada.

The exercise process was very detailed, refreshing and thought provoking. Members participated in brain storm sessions and reviewing India Club's internal strengths and weaknesses, external opportunities and threats.

Following is a brief overview of several themes developed from these exercises:

- I. Mission of India Club:
 1. Promote Indian culture and heritage
 2. Advancement of the community
 3. Deal with issues of importance to the Indian community.

II. Priority and Program Services (Near Term - 2 Years)

<u>Top Priority</u>	<u>Middle</u>	<u>Low</u>
Festival of India	Advancement of Community Issues	Political Awareness
Festival of Nations	Activism in Social Issues	Indian Tourism
Get Together	Social Activities	Bylaws Review
Youth Program	August 15th Picnic	Work in India
Newsletter	History Project	Solving Family Problems
Community Services	Emergency Task Force	Host Family
Membership	Leadership Development	Sister City
Net Working	Education Material	Social Gathering
Interfacing	Other Community Services	
Speakers Bureau	Speakers Bureau	
Education		
Communication		

Note: Above are not in order of priority or in convergence of action.

III. How to Deliver Services

1. Develop strong committees which have:
 - a. Action Plans
 - b. Written instructions
 - c. Standard operation map
 - d. Evaluation and monitoring
2. Make help available.

IV. Strategic Issues and Organizational Design

1. How to form and support strong committees

- a. Understand organizational priorities
- b. Recruit strong committed leaders for the committees
- c. Help/develop
- d. Provide support - fiscal/personnel/administrative

2. How to build strong membership

- a. Publicize opportunities for action/involvement at India Club
- b. Learn members' feelings/ideas
- c. Reach out to non-members

V. Start Strengthening Process - Most Important Committees

- 1. Festival of India
- 2. Festival of Nations
- 3. Newsletter
- 4. Community Services
- 5. Youth
- 6. Membership
- 7. Nomination
- 8. Communication (New Category)

Long Range Planning Committee will present its detailed recommendations at the November annual meeting. LRP would also like to have your ideas. Please fill out the survey form and give us your input.

Thank You,
Ram Gada

Please complete and return this survey by November 30, 1993. To mail, fold survey and seal with tape. Place a stamp on the reverse side with address.

MEMBER SURVEY FOR PLANNING

Please help us with your rating/priority for India Club.

Column #1 - Programs and Services Listed

Column #2 - Please give rating to the existing program/service from 1 to 10: 1 = Worst 5 = Fair 10 = Super

Column #3 - Please prioritize each program in numerical order:

#1 to 5 = Top #6 to 10 = Medium #11 to 20 = Low

Program / Service	Current Performance	Future Priority	Additional Comments
Festival of India	8	(1) Top	
Festival of Nations	10	(1) Top	
Get Together - Social	2	15	
Youth Program	2	5 Top	
Newsletter	5	Top	
Community Services	2	Top	
Membership Services	3	5	
Networking Among Members	1	5	
Interfacing with Other Organizations	2	5	
Speakers Bureau	5	10	
Education	1	10	
Communication	1	1	
Advancement of Comm. Issues	1	5	
Activism in Social Issues	1	10	
August 15th Picnic	5	10	
Indian History Project	5	10	
Emergency Task Force	5	10	
Leadership Development	2	5	
Political Awareness	1	5	
Indian Tourism Promotion	1	15	
Bylaws Review	5	9	
Work in India	8	5	
Solving Family Problems	2	6	
Host Family	5	10	
Sister City	5	8	

Name (Optional): _____

Phone Number: _____

IAM Orientation and Planning Meeting

January 7th, 6:00pm-9:00pm

Minnesota International Institute

Agenda

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|---|----------------|
| 1. Pizza and Socialise | 30mins |
| 2. Outline objectives for the meeting and the agenda | 5mins |
| 3. Introductions – Getting to know each other | 30mins |
| 4. IAM Mission | 5mins |
| 5. IAM Organizational Structure | 15mins |
| 6. IAM Activities overview | 10 mins |
| 7. Discussion about IAM's objectives for the year | 20 mins |
| 8. Sign up for activities | 5 mins |
| 9. General Board Meeting | 60 mins |

Summary of IAM Events

Annual Dinner

The Annual dinner is an event to celebrate India's Republic Day. This provides a unique opportunity for people with an interest in or connection to India to socialize with one another and listen to speakers on a wide range of subjects of interest. The IAM Achievement awards are also presented at this time.

Tasks: Arrange speakers; book venue and arrange catering; publicity; registration and attending to guests on the day. Publicity and fundraising.

Festival of Nations

An annual festival with presentations from all the ethnic groups in Minnesota, held annually at the Rivercenter in St. Paul.

IAM coordinates the participation of the Indian community.

Tasks: Ensure registration for the cafe and the bazaar and fine vendors to sell food and other Indian goods. Also need to find volunteers to serve at the café. Find volunteers to assemble the exhibit and to man the booth for the four days of the festival. —Dance

Annual Picnic

To celebrate India's Independence Day. The event provides an opportunity for the community to have fun outdoors, playing games and eating.

Tasks: Book the venue; get volunteers to provide, cook and serve the food. Organize games for both the adults and children. Raise the flags of the U.S. and India and invite a guest speaker from the Indian community to recognize them for their contribution to the Indian community. Publicity, fundraising

Festival of India

Organized to commemorate ^{the} ^{the} birth of Mahatma Gandhi. This is held at the Landmark Center, ST. Paul. It is based on an Indian style mela. The event consists of a three hour cultural program, with exhibit booths showcasing Indian culture, organizations and businesses ^{and} restaurant selling food. Visas to India are also issued, courtesy of the The Indian Consulate General from Chicago.

Tasks: Get volunteers for the stage program; sell the exhibit booths; provide support for visa issue; arrange other presentations; coordinate with Landmark Center to arrange the setup etc. Publicity and fundraising.

Dragon Boat Festival

History Project

Newsletter

To communicate with our members on a regular basis. This is published four times a year, starting in January.

Tasks: Plan the content and schedules. Write or edit the pieces for each issue. Compile the newsletter; get it printed and mailed.

Publicity

To coordinate publicity for all our events. Have a database of places to advertise and different ways to promote our events. Write up the press releases. Develop literature to promote IAM.

Fundraising

Explore ways to raise funds to support IAM events so that costs to the participants can be minimized. Write grant applications to fund some of the programs we want to pursue: youth activities; educational materials; women's issues and to improve on some of our current events.

Membership and volunteer coordinator

To keep an update of the membership list, noting what the members are willing to volunteer for and providing that list to each of the committee chairs to use.

To acknowledge new members.

Community Outreach

Respond to requests from the public for Indian participation in events in the Twin Cities.

Tasks: Create a database of community members who would be willing to participate either as performers or speakers. Communicate with the other Indian organizations to get support for our events and our goals. Find out more about the needs of our community.

Community Service

Coordinate participation of our community in serving the needs of the larger community, through serving in soup kitchens or tutoring inner city kids *etc. for example*.

Task: Coordinating volunteers and getting information about the different ways we can do this.

Youth Group Activities

To come up with ways we can better serve the needs of our youth – discussion groups; dances; outings; camps... *and organize events*

Indian Educational Materials

To compile materials that can be used in schools by volunteers ~~that is~~ ^{that is} age appropriate and representative of India as a whole.

Website

Keep it updated.

Indian Women's issues

Work to revive AIWA so that the growing needs within the Indian community can be addressed. For this may work with the advisory committee.

Minnesota Tolerance Board of Directors

For IAM to have representation on this board to promote an understanding between the different communities within Minnesota.

India Association Activities Timeline

2004	Jan	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Annual Dinner												
IAM Achievement Award												
Festival of Nations												
Asia Pacific Council Achievement Award												
Dragon Boat Race Festival												
IAM Independence Day Picnic												
Festival of India												
General Board Meeting												
Newsletter												
Membership												
Community Outreach												
Youth Group Activities												
Community Service												

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Long term and short term goals for IAM

A meeting of some members of IAM was organized by Deep Gupta and was held at her residence on November 1, 2002. Those present were: Deep Gupta, Rabinder Bains, Ananth Shankar, Ashoke Mandal, Sarat Mohapatra, Neena Gada, Ram Gada. Preeti Mathur, Anoop Mathur, Vasant Sukhatme, Govind Vatassery

1. The members noted that there have been several meetings of this type conducted at various times. All agreed that such meetings are essential to reinvigorate IAM and chart new courses with changing times.
2. All agreed that there are four events that are very important to continue. These are: Festival of Nations, Annual Dinner, Annual Picnic and India Day at the Landmark Center. However, we should periodically consider whether we could combine two of these events.
3. The above programs do provide some visibility for IAM within the larger community. However, it was felt that we need to do more for additional visibility. We need to have a very active Committee on Publicity that will work hard to make IAM and the affairs of India known throughout the state. For example, we could regularly send copies of our Newsletter to selected individuals and businesses such as Star Tribune, TV channels etc.
4. An important suggestion was made with regard to the formation of committees. Committees of IAM could have members from the outside. There are some people who would be willing to work on behalf of IAM without being a member of the board. For example, a Youth Committee can be formed with only one IAM member and the rest young people from outside. This will allow the recruitment of energetic individuals who may not have time to commit to IAM for the whole year. It was noted that Godan Namboodiripad is preparing a list of such volunteers. Hopefully, other members of the community will add to this list.
5. The role of IAM as an umbrella organizations for the entire Indian community was discussed in detail. A Liason Committee for Indian Community Affairs need to be working very hard at this. We need to be more visible within the various regional, religious and other organizations and they need to have a direct and constant access to us. We should recruit active members of the various organizations to serve on this committee along with IAM board members. PIC also can be included in this group.
6. Our activities with regard to the Minnesota population should be improved. At present some of the members are involved with the soup kitchen. We should improve upon this record.
7. Set up a long range planning committee. This committee could have as much as eight to ten people and should include senior members of the community who are very active in community affairs, ex-presidents of IAM etc. The committee should develop a vision for IAM for the next decade.
8. Set up a committee for rapid response to local events. There are numerous occasions for a spokesperson to speak on behalf of the Indian community. If the work of the Publicity

Committee is very effective the local press and media would automatically know who to call. Then the rapid response committee can take over the matter. At times, we do see a lack of good representation of the Indian community on public media events.

✓ 9. We need to update our bylaws to reflect the needs of the present. Since Ram Gada took part in the original writing of the bylaws he would be the best person to lead a Bylaws Committee. This committee should have people with many years of experience. Many issues are involved. For example, we need to define conflict of interest of board members. Other members should provide additional matters to Ram Gada for future consideration. Ram Gada will bring some ideas to the Board at a later time.

Not done? 10. Preparation of an Operations Manual for IAM is long overdue. The activities for each month should be spelled out in detail along with the work to be accomplished. A group consisting of the recent presidents of IAM will be best suited to prepare the Operations Manual. Sarat, Vasant and others would take part in this activity. This work should be finished by January 2003.

* 11. It would be a great idea to enlarge the activities and attractiveness of one selected event per year, e.g., India Day celebrations at the Land Mark Center. Note that the Hmong community has an annual day with sports activities, music etc. which gets a lot of coverage from radio, TV and newspaper. India Day near the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi would be attractive to Minnesotans. We could conduct workshops, demonstrations of dance and musical traditions, provide a variety of foods etc. This can be our flagship event. If needed we can eliminate one of our other events to focus on this one.

12. The issue of whether we should charge for attending the India Day at Landmark Center was discussed. The attendance did not seem to depend upon whether we charge admission fee or not. There was no strong preference one way or another.

13. All agreed that the Executive Committee of IAM has significant discretionary power with regard to the conduct of the monthly meetings and day to day administration. For example, if a member is constantly pushing just one issue they can reduce the time allotted using their discretion. It would be difficult for IAM to function smoothly if the President and the Executive Committee did not have such discretionary authority.

14. IAM needs to be in touch with other Indian organizations around the country. In many states with large Indian populations we will face the problem of splintering of leadership. Then we will need to examine the individual cases and make the decision depending upon merits. Nonetheless, we need to start the process of belonging to the larger Indian community nationwide.

15. Everybody agreed that we need to establish an Indian Community Center. The history of the center in northeast Minneapolis was brought up. It may have failed for various reasons including the geography of the site. We need to reexamine this issue once in a while to see whether any action needs to be taken.

16. Everybody agreed that we need to form a very active and enthusiastic Youth Committee. Youth from the community can be the majority on this committee. Then they will feel that they are running the programs. This is an item of very high priority.

17. The directory of Asian Indian Community was published a few years ago with Mr. Sarat Mohapatra taking the lead. We need to update this directory.

18. Raising money for IAM was discussed. We need to let everybody know that they can contribute to IAM through the United Way. We have to choose the category of "Other" in the form and submit an additional form with the Tax ID number of IAM. This can be a great source of funds. We need to actively apply for grants as well. In the past fundraisers were held including raffle tickets to India. Such activities have not worked out.

19. We need to seriously consider the establishment of a Board of Trustees or an Advisory Board or a similar body. The board should have members who serve for longer terms such as three years. Note that the President serves only one year. Often people from outside have difficulty in contacting the current President. Of course, we could have a problem that this Board may become the active group with IAM officers serving a subsidiary role. It was felt that this issue should be considered more exhaustively and a final decision made at a later time.

20. A retreat to discuss many of these issues will be held in January 2003. Two documents that will be very useful at this retreat was circulated. One is a report from a Long Range Planning Committee organized by Mr. Brian Stenquist in October 1993. Three separate meetings were held and results of a member survey on the needs of the community were obtained. Another is a report from Mr. Anoop Mathur who used a business model with people as either internal or external customers who are interested in services provided by IAM.

January

Send a press release regarding the new exec. committee
Book a park on 1st day of the year.
Handover of treasurer documents.
Dispatch First Newsletter before the Annual Dinner
Chairperson for Festival of Nation:
General Chair, Cafe, Baazar, Culturul Exhibits, Dance
Treasurer should work seriously on tax filing.
Annual dinner publicity, prep

Pay review fee in January.

February

Celebrate Annual Dinner
Send the press release on Annual Dinner to the newspapers.
Get all the tax papers ready and file the tax.
Festival of Nations meeting .

March

Start preparing the 2nd newsletter
Finalize the vendors for Baazaar and café booth at festival of nations
Nominations for the Asia Pacific Leadership Award in March/April.
Dress rehearsal for FON dances

April

Dispaatch 2nd newsletter just before Festival of Nations
Festival of Nations

May

Festival of Nations (sometime this is in last week of April or first week of Maay)

June

Start planning for IAM Picnic
Start preparing for 3rd newsletter
Pay annual web hosting fee
Pay PO Box renewal fee

July

Planning for IAM Picnic
Dispatch the 3rd Newsletter with Picnic Flyer

August

Preparation for Festival of India
Independence Day Celebration Picnic
Send Press release

September

Talk to the Chair of Nomination committee and start the process of nomination.
Putting ad in India Town.
Identify the people from existing board.
Get new nominations.
Mail the Flyer for Festival of India

October

Celebrate Festival of India on First Sunday of every October.
Send Press release
Nomination process for next year's board.
Dispatch the 4th newsletter with General Body Meeting notice.

November :

Book the Venue for General Body Meeting in December
Identify the chairperson for Annual Dinner.
Book the Venue for Annual Dinner
Setup Achievement Award Committee

December :

General Body Meeting
Handover of files from former President, Treasurer and Secretary.
Handover of store key and Post Box Key.
Meet the newly elected board.
Secretary should prepare the list of all the board members.
Identify Web administrator and email group moderator.
Identify the coordinator for Newsletter.
Decide the dates for 4 newsletter.
Assign the task to a Board Member for booking a park for Independence Day Celebration
Picnic
Plan for Annual Dinner, First newsletter
Change of signature Authority from previous Treasurer and President to new Treasurer
and new President.

Open Items:

Long Range Planning retreat
Annual board retreat

INDIA ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA

BOARD MEETING AGENDA FOR JULY 14, 2004

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| 1. Approval of 6/09/2004 Meeting Minutes | | 5 mins |
| 2. TAC updates | Shanti Shah | 10 mins |
| 3. Picnic | Govind | 30 mins |
| 4. Events in Asian Community | Shalini | 15 nims |
| 5. Newsletter committee | Shlini/ Ramona | 5 mins |
| 6. Festival of India | Dilip | 20 mins |
| 7. Events in 2005 | | 15 mins |
| 8. General Discussion | | |

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INDIA ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU FOR ITS
ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING
11 AM - 1PM
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2001

At the
INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MINNESOTA
1694, COMO AV, ST. PAUL
(651)647-0191
Refreshments Will Be Served

Agenda

Welcome: IAM President Vipin Gopal
Treasurer's and President's Reports
Reports from IAM Affiliated Organizations
Award and Honors
Election of 2002 Board of Directors
Plans for 2002
General Discussions
Refreshments

For more details, contact:
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Ashoke Mandal (763)478-8163

**The following members have been nominated
for the 2002 IAM Board of Directors:**

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| 1. Iqbal Ahmed | 12. Ashoke Mandal |
| 2. Rabindar Bains | 13. Preeti Mathur |
| 3. Bankim Desai* | 14. Karla Melvin |
| 4. Subhabrata Ganguli* | 15. Rita Mohapatra* |
| 5. Vipin Gopal | 16. Vatsal Munshi |
| 6. Rajeev Goyal | 17. Sundar Rajan |
| 7. Deepshikha Gupta | 18. Sridhar Ranganatha* |
| 8. Indira Junghare* | 19. Kumud Sahgal |
| 9. Anil Kaul* | 20. Ananth Shankar |
| 10. Shivani Khera* | 21. Govind Vatassery |
| 11. Dilip Mallick | |

* New nominations

Proposed Nominating Committee for 2002:

1. Godan Nambudiripad
2. Ashoke Mandal
3. Ram Ramkrishnan
4. Shanti Shah
5. Elected 2002 Vice President

The 2001 Nominating Committee consisted of:
Vasant Sukhatme (Past President and Chair)
Bhupat Desai (Past President)
Vipin Gopal (2001 President)
Ashoke Mandal (2001 Vice President)
Mangala Pai Panandikar

India Association of Minnesota

03/10/2004
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
International Institute of Minnesota

Meeting called by: Rabinder Bains

Type of meeting: Board Meeting

Invitees: Atul Shroff, Balki Radhakrishnan, Deepshikha Gupta, Dilip Mallick, Gita Sitaramiah, Govind Shah, Guptan Nambudiripad, Hatim Carim, Indushekharan Nair, Kamal Sahgal, Nitin Patil, Rabinder Bains, Raji Shankar, Ramesh Muniswamy, Ramona Advani, Sanghamitra Sahu, Saurabh Pandit, Shalini Thadani, Shambhu Nath, Shivanthi Sathanandan, Sumita Mitra

Attendees: Balki Radhakrishnan, Gita Sitaramiah, Govind Shah, Guptan Nambudiripad, Kamal Sahgal, Rabinder Bains, Raji Shankar, Shalini Thadani, Ramesh Muniswamy

Minutes

Passed the February 2004 IAM board meeting minutes. Raji Shankar proposed and Shalini Thadani seconded the motion.

Ranee Ramaswamy and Aparna Ramaswamy of Raagamala Production, and Philip Baither from Walker Arts Center, presented the efforts to bring together two diverse art forms from Indonesia and India through a program called "Sethu". They solicited for IAM help to sponsor the program and a fund raising dinner. IAM board unanimously passed a resolution authorizing Ragamaala and Walker Arts to use IAM name for promoting "Sethu" project.

President of IAM Rabinder Bains: Updated the board on the activities of Asia-Pacific council. Recommended nominating Raagamala Production for grants from St. Paul Foundation, and was approved unanimously. Updated the board on the February 2004 annual dinner. Discussed opportunities for improvement and decided to devise a consistent policy model for future programs. Sandya Joshi from SILC participated in the Tolerance Minnesota at Baithel Middle School.

Ramesh Muniswamy updated the board on the ongoing efforts for FON. Working to find a vendor to provide food services at India Café. Solicited help in arranging for volunteers to serve during FON.

Shalini Thadani briefed on the Dragon Boat festival, scheduled for July 17-18, 2004 and recommended visiting the web site dragonfestival.org for more details.

Discussed in detail ways and means to increase the current IAM membership. It was decided to make efforts to at least double the current membership, by the end of current year. A decision was made to send out a request for membership renewal through the news letter, publish on IAM web site, call the members whose membership has either expired or about to expire, place flyer at businesses frequented by community members. All current IAM board members were encouraged to introduce a new member.

Articles for the next newsletter: FON, Dragon Boat Festival, Ragamaala Production, and Annual Dinner

Web page: Different options for web hosting were discussed, and it was decided to go with Hypermount and try out for 6 months before making a permanent decision.

Balki Radhakrishnan talked about the General Mills grant for community organizations. Balki Radhakrishnan and Raji Shankar volunteered to prepare a grant proposal.

India Association of Minnesota

Meeting called by: Dilip Mallick

Type of meeting: Board Meeting

Invitees: Balki Radhakrishnan, Deepshikha Gupta, Dilip Mallick, Gita Sitaramiah, Govind Shah, Guptan Nambudiripad, Hatim Carim, Indushekharan Nair, Kamal Sahgal, Nitin Patil, Rabinder Bains, Raji Shankar, Ramesh Muniswamy, Ramona Advani, Sanghamitra Sahu, Saurabh Pandit, Shalini Thadani, Shambhu Nath, Shivanthi Sathanandan, Sumita Mitra

Attendees: Dilip Mallick, Hatim Carim, Shalini Thadani, Gita Sitaramaiah, Govind Shah, Kamal Sahgal, Shivanthi Sathanandan, Ramesh Muniswamy, Nitin Patil, Sumita Mitra

IAM Board Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, July 14, 2004

- ❑ Vice President of IAM, Dilip Mallick presided the July 2004 Board meeting in the absence of President Rabinder Bains.
- ❑ A pending motion on June 2004 meeting minutes was approved. June 2004 minutes will be reviewed at the August 2004 Board meeting. Shalini Thadani proposed and Govind Shah seconded the motion.
- ❑ Shanthi Shah reported the current activities and discussions at the TAC meetings. TAC boundaries and roles are a couple of important issues that TAC is currently discussing. She also mentioned that TAC is actively reviewing the audit committee activities, transition plan, operational plan and long-term strategic plan. She shared with the Board a work in progress matrix that will be useful for prioritising IAM activities.
- ❑ Dilip Mallick updated the board on the preparations for Festival of India on 26 September at the Land Mark center in St. Paul. Indian Consular services office has agreed to provide its services at FOI.
- ❑ Dilip Mallick informed the board of Mukhtar Thakur's appointment to the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans (CAPM)
- ❑ Dilip Mallick and Shalini Thadani provided details of the Dragon Boat festival preparations. The event will be held on July 17 – 18 at Lake Phalen in St. Paul. The Boat race will be on Sunday, June 18, 2004. Training is provided on Saturday. IAM has two teams participating in the boat race. Dilip Mallick also presented a short video of the Dragon boat to the board members. Cultural programmes, silent auction, etc are the other events at the boat festival.
- ❑ Govind Shah updated the board on the IAM Annual Picnic preparations. He reported that the park was reserved for August 21, 2004. Shalini agreed to coordinate membership drive at the picnic. Board agreed to allow for voter registration at the picnic, contingent upon the condition that no political affiliation signs are displayed on the picnic premises.
- ❑ Shalini Thadani requested the Board members to fill out the surveys on the ^{IAM} web site.
- ❑ Kamal Sahgal reported that no place has been identified yet for Indo-Pak Mushaira.

tees for the year 2004

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International Institute of Minnesota

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Type of meeting: Board Meeting

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Attendees: Balki Radhakrishnan, Gita Sitaramiah, Govind Shah, Guptan Nambudiripad, Kamal Sahgal, Rabinder Bains, Raji Shankar, Shalini Thadani, Ramesh Muniswamy

Minutes

Passed the February 2004 IAM board meeting minutes. Raji Shankar proposed and Shalini Thadani seconded the motion.

Ranee Ramaswamy and Aparna Ramaswamy of Raagamala Production, and Philip Baither from Walker Arts Center, presented the efforts to bring together two diverse art forms from Indonesia and India through a program called "Sethu". They solicited for IAM help to sponsor the program and a fund raising dinner. IAM board unanimously passed a resolution authorizing Ragamaala and Walker Arts to use IAM name for promoting "Sethu" project.

President of IAM Rabinder Bains: Updated the board on the activities of Asia-Pacific council. Recommended nominating Raagamala Production for grants from St. Paul Foundation, and was approved unanimously. Updated the board on the February 2004 annual dinner. Discussed opportunities for improvement and decided to devise a consistent policy model for future programs. Sandya Joshi from SILC participated in the Tolerance Minnesota at Baithel Middle School.

Ramesh Muniswamy updated the board on the ongoing efforts for FON. Working to find a vendor to provide food services at India Café. Solicited help in arranging for volunteers to serve during FON.

Shalini Thadani briefed on the Dragon Boat festival, scheduled for July 17-18, 2004 and recommended visiting the web site dragonfestival.org for more details.

Discussed in detail ways and means to increase the current IAM membership. It was decided to make efforts to at least double the current membership, by the end of current year. A decision was made to send out a request for membership renewal through the news letter, publish on IAM web site, call the members whose membership has either expired or about to expire, place flyer at businesses frequented by community members. All current IAM board members were encouraged to introduce a new member.

Articles for the next newsletter: FON, Dragon Boat Festival, Ragamaala Production, and Annual Dinner

Web page: Different options for web hosting were discussed, and it was decided to go with Hypermount and try out for 6 months before making a permanent decision.

Balki Radhakrishnan talked about the General Mills grant for community organizations. Balki Radhakrishnan and Raji Shankar volunteered to prepare a grant proposal.



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Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2005 16:07:23 -0500
From: "Ladki Danapuri" <ladki.danapuri@gmail.com>
To: "Dilip Mallick" <dilipkmallick@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: Community metering on June 19, 2005

Dilip,

I had posted it at the iamn yahoo site a few days ago when I asked for feedback from everyone. There wasn't much feedback from people. I am emailing it to you again.

- A. Social hour
- B. Opening remarks
- C. Introduction of new organizations
- D. Review the last meeting & update
- F. Discussion topics 40 mins

Goal and mission statement.
Annual Picnic: August 20th 2005.
Festival of India: October 2, 2005.
Agenda for next meeting
Coordination committee.

- G. Discussion review and summary
- H. Closing

Sandhya

On 6/17/05, **Dilip Mallick** <dilipkmallick@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hi Sandhya:

I called you over-phone around 9:20 PM last night to discuss with you in detail about up coming Community metering on June 19, 2005 hosted by India Association of Minnesota. I would like to know from you the detail agenda and proceedings of the meeting at this time under your initiative.

Thanks,
Dilip.

Meeting of India Related Organizations in Minnesota
Richardson Nature Center, 03/20/2005, 12:30 PM

Attendees: Jayshree Patel (Gujarati Samaj), Amit Marathe (Marathi Association), Narayanan (Tamil Association), Prakash Chada (Telugu Association), Tapan Bhattacharya (Bengali Association), Prabhjit Singh Gujral (Sikh Society), Vinu Patel (BAPS), Asit Waghani (BAPS), Sunil Patel (BAPS), Kamlesh Patel (BAPS), Mayank Patel (BAPS), Vcd Sharma (Geeta Ashram), Ravi Sura (Vibha-MN), Vivek Radia (NctIP-TC), Vignesh Nandakumar (AID-MN), Sandhya Joshi (SILC), Deborah McLaren (PIC), Ameeta Kelekar (IMSOM), Ikram-ul-Haq (Islamic Society), Niranjan Srinivasan (Sangeetha Kannada Koota), Tanni Misra (Oriya Association), Tom Mathew (Malayalee Association), Sarjit Bains (Sangam), Atul Shroff (SEWA), Chandni Shroff (SEWA), Raji Chowdhary (SEWA), Sandhya Gupta (IAM), Shalini Thadani (IAM), Shambhu Nath (IAM), Shivanthi Sathanandan (IAM), Franklin Gummadi (IAM TAC), Anoop Mathur (IAM TAC), Shanti Shah (IAM TAC, Jain Association), Preeti Mathur (IAM), Ramesh Muniswamy (IAM), Sanjukta Misra (IAM), Nitin Patil (IAM), Guptan Nambudiripad (IAM), Godan Nambudiripad (IAM TAC), Ramona Advani (IAM), Rob Ramer (IAM), Sarat Mohapatra (IAM TAC)

The meeting began with a welcome by Sandya Gupta and a brief description of IAM's activities by IAM Vice President – Ramesh Muniswamy. Franklin Gummadi, Chair of IAM's Trustee Advisory Committee, then, talked about IAM's history.

Members of each group introduced themselves, briefly mentioned the mission of their group and outlined their expectations from this meeting. Listed below is a summary of expectations mentioned:

- ◆ Being able to work together as one cohesive group
- ◆ Being able to publicize the group's activities to members of other groups.
- ◆ Having information of various groups available to provide upon request from those outside the Indian community
- ◆ Need something that is common to all Indians
- ◆ Need to bring all Indians together for common events
- ◆ Need a link between all organizations
- ◆ Invite other groups to talk about their culture/language
- ◆ Getting to know each other
- ◆ No expectations yet.
- ◆ Raise awareness regarding the existence of our group
- ◆ Want to see some continuity in such activities
- ◆ Start something that will bring together all Indians
- ◆ Networking opportunity
- ◆ Need more communication between groups

The meeting continued with a breakout session of the attendees in three groups. The task for each group was to identify answers to the three questions: How can IAM help regional groups? How can regional groups help IAM? And how can our diverse group help the greater community?

When all the groups convened together again, each presented a summary of the conclusions they had reached during the breakout session. Each group's summary is listed below:

Group 3:

- ◆ Need a web portal that provides information and link to different groups
- ◆ We need an India center
- ◆ Need to establish a first call for help center
- ◆ Need a liaison committee formed from IAM and all the other organizations gathered here
- ◆ The committee needs to meet multiple times a year
- ◆ How do we give back to India?
- ◆ How do we project a cohesive image of India to the media?

- ♦ IAM's Trustee Advisory Committee has created a long-range plan. This could be shared with other organizations for feedback.
- ♦ Can we create a sub-committee to keep the momentum going?

Group 2:

- ♦ Need a website, with directory of all organizations
- ♦ Need a coordination committee
- ♦ Community events with guidelines
- ♦ Need a listserv group with office bearers of various organizations
- ♦ Expand Festival of India and create a mechanism by which parts of it can be owned by various groups
- ♦ Improve inter-organization communication
- ♦ Conduct these meetings on a periodic basis
- ♦ Provide a group of resources to help those who are not technically savvy
- ♦ Interaction with University students

Group 1:

- ♦ We need a mechanism of communication between all organizations – listserv of present group members
- ♦ We need a follow-up meeting. Maybe a different organization can host the meeting each time
- ♦ Link of various organizations on IAM's website. Publicize IAM's website
- ♦ Need clear, all inclusive, mission for this group. What is the value of bringing the groups together?
- ♦ Need one big event for all Indians

Based on the feedback from the three groups, immediate action items decided upon are:

Create a coordination sub-committee: 7 volunteers were requested for the sub-committee, whose task would be to organize the next meeting. These include, Sandhya Gupta, Rabinder Bains, Vivek Radia, Ravi Sura, Tapan Bhattacharya, Prakash Chada and Niranjana Srinivasan.

Create a yahoogroups mailing list: Shalini Thadani volunteered to set this up.

Liaison committee: This would include 1-2 office bearers of the organizations present

Next meeting: It was decided that the liaison committee would meet every quarter. The coordination sub-committee would solicit the agenda items from the Liaison committee.

Dilip

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Hi Everyone:

IAM Board Meeting will held on Wednesday, July 13, 2005 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy, St. Paul, MN 55116, 651-695-3706.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

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|------------------------------|-----------------|--------|
| 1. Approval of Minutes | May 11 & June 8 | 10 min |
| 2. Presidents Report | | 20 min |
| 3. Festival of India | | 5 min |
| 4. Newsletter Updates | Ramona | 15 min |
| 5. Events in Asian Community | Sanghamitra | 10 min |
| 6. Audit Report | Sarat | 10 min |
| 7. Community Meeting | Sandhya | 20 min |
| 8. Picnic | Sandhya | 20 min |
| 9. Mushaira | Sandhya | 10 min |
- call Kamal

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Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Thanks,
Dilip.
763 546 9393

Dragon Festival 8.9.10th, get that met. with Randy Kelly.
Krishna Byre Gowda

2. 2 MLA from Karnataka, came to Twin city, I met with him at Ramona's house, on July 7th. Job being MLA.

3. June 19th India Relate meeting with Community leaders of the Organization of India Relate.

4. June 30th all India PATH Pollah Division.

5. A State Com 27th June at Ramona's house.

6. Sub Com Picnic on 13th June

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Dragon Fest - Sangre

YAHOO! MAIL

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Date: Fri, 24 Jun 2005 11:27:26 -0700 (PDT)
From: "Dilip Mallick" <dilipkmallick@yahoo.com>
Subject: Reminder for the meeting for Festival of India 2005

To: "Shalini Thadani" <tshalini@gmail.com>, "Nitin Patil" <npatil0@hotmail.com>, "Ramesh Muniswamy" <rmuniswamy@gmail.com>, "Rob Ramer" <rob.ramer@tfsecurity.com>, "Shambhu Nath" <shambhu@iamn.org>, "Sanghamitra Shau" <mitras7@yahoo.com>, "Sanjukta M" <sanju_lm@yahoo.com>, "Sandhya Gupta" <ladki.danapuri@gmail.com>, "Datta Godbole" <datta.godbole@honeywell.com>, "Ramona Advani" <ramona@iamn.org>, "Bhairavi Mahant" <bhairavi.x.mahant@healthpartners.com>, "Devesh Chandra" <cdevesh@yahoo.com>
CC: "Dilip Kumar Mallick" <dilipkmallick@yahoo.com>

Hi All:

IAM Sub-Committee of Festival of India has planned its 1st meeting on this Monday, June 27, 2005 at 6:30 PM in Ramesh's house.

The Agenda:

1. Briefing on FOI 2004 ... Dilip
2. Indian Consulate.. Dilip
3. Planning for 2005 ... Nitin
4. Budget/ Grant.. Nitin
5. Publicity, Flyer, Web page, Press Release... 200/2
6. Cultural Program....
7. Merchandise Vendors... 60/50 - 125 - 59
8. Food Vendors... - 125 - 59
9. Volunteers...
10. Next Meeting... July 25, 2005! - July 18 ^{hr} - 7 ^{hr}

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7 ^{hr}

Hope to see you at the meeting if you could not able to attend it, please inform me.

Thanks,
Dilip.

Address to venue:
Ramesh Muniswamy
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To: indiaorgsofmn@yahoogroups.com
From: "Ravi Sura" <ravisura@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2005 16:04:18 -0500
Subject: [indiaorgsofmn] Meeting Minutes - June 19, 2005

2nd Quarterly Meeting of Indian Community Organizations in the Twin Cities*Sun Ray Branch, St. Paul Public Library**2:00 – 4:00 p.m., June 19, 2005**Meeting Coordinator: Sandhya Gupta**Minutes taken by: Ravi Sura*

Attendees: Ameeta Kelekar (IMSOM), Buddhadev Roy Choudhury (Bengali Assoc. of MN), Debasis Dash (Oriya Community), Dinesh Wahi (MinnTiE), Fazel Harris (Katha Dance Theater), Gummadi Franklin (IAM/TAC), Ikram-ul-Haq (Muslim Community Center), Jaydeep Kokate (Asha), Meena Venkataraman (Asha), Minou Hussain (Muslim Community Center), Narayan Kanikkannan (SILC), Nithya Balakrishnan (Ragamala), Prakash Chada (Telugu Assoc.), Rabinder Bains (IAM), Ramesh Muniswamy (IAM), Ravi Sura (Vibha-MN), Sandhya Gupta (IAM), Sanjukta Mishra (IAM), Sarat Mohapatra (IAM/TAC), Shalini Thadani (IAM), Shambhu Nath (IAM), Shanti Shah (IAM/TAC, Maida, Jain Samaj), Shivanthi Sathanandan (IAM, TAM, IMSOM, HSN), Subha Chandar (NetIP-Twin Cities), Sudha Nagavarapu (AID-MN), Sunil Gopinath (Asha), Syed Ghazi Akailvi (IAM)

Opening Remarks (Ramesh)

- Dilip Mallick (IAM) could not make it due to family emergency and Ramesh is substituting for him
- Welcome to everybody
- Hope for a productive dialog
- IAM supports this initiative and will continue to do so

Review Last Meeting Minutes (Sandhya)

- Minutes taken by Shalini; distributed to all attendees (please refer to minutes in Yahoo-groups)
- Coordination committee met once in person after the last meeting; through e-mails & other discussion, helped in setting up this meeting
- Shalini set-up Yahoogroups mailing list
- IAM has incl. org. info into their website; please contact IAM if any additions/corrections are required
- IAM Newsletter will have the calendar of events
- IAM Newsletter will have an article about one org. in every edition

Goal & Mission Statement (Coordinator: Sandhya)

The following points (paraphrased) were raised by the attendees as part of discussion on this agenda item

- IAM already has a mission statement and this group need not have a mission. IAM's mission can incorporate it. But, the group should have goals.

- Do we want to have a vertical or horizontal organization? Should IAM be the "higher-level" organization?
- This group is a platform for getting all orgs. together
- IAM is trying to bring all the orgs. together in a single platform
- Mission of this group is to communicate with each other
- This group has no entity, so, there may not be a reason for a mission statement. But, we should still have goals
- IAM facilitates this group; but, what this group does is up to the members of this group
- This group should strengthen/help the mission of IAM
- This group should strengthen each others mission; not necessarily the mission of IAM only.
- We can have a vision.
- All orgs. represented here are volunteer-driven and have other commonalities (e.g. booking a hall for some event)
- Mission statement cannot be a top-down approach; everybody has to come together to decide what to do
- Motion to decide this later
- What is the goal...why should the orgs. keep coming back together to these meetings ?
- The coordination committee can take up the common issues talked about today and perhaps come up with a draft vision statement
- What is the role of the coordination comm.?
- Statement describing the common reasons for this group to come together
- There are lots of things this group can do together and we should focus on this
- Let's talk to each other and build trust
- Let's move on and not come up with a mission statement at this point; maybe after a few meetings we can work on this
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Yahoo! Groups Links

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indiaorgsofmn-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com
- Your use of Yahoo! Groups is subject to the [Yahoo! Terms of Service](#).

Community Meeting Planning

Planning meeting: August 3, 2005

Agenda

1. Next community meeting: Host, location, date and time. *Sept. 25 Sunday 2-5 PM*
2. List of organizations invited:
Gujrati Samaj, Marathi Association, Tamil Association, Telugu Association, Bengali Association, Sikh Association, Sangeetha Kannada Koota, Oriya Association, Minnesota Malayalee Association, IMSOM, SPICMACY, SILC, SEWA, Vibha-MN, AID-MN, NetIP-MN, Minnesota TiE, Supporters for Human Rights in India Group, India Student Association, Parents of Indian Children, ICAN, Islamic Society, BAPS, Hindu Mandir, Geeta Ashram, Chinmay Mission, Pangea, Ragmala, RKG Dance studio, Katha Dance theatre, Geetmala TV, Chai City, Sangam, 55+ Group, Asha-MN, *Doly Roub Table & Jain Mission*
3. Agenda of the next community meeting
 - Social hour 15 mins
 - Opening remarks — *I AM (21st)* 5 mins
 - Introduction of new organizations 10 mins
 - Review the last meeting & update 10 mins
 - Discussion topics
 - 1. Presentation by IMSOM (need a backup also) *15 + 15* 30 mins — *Dilip, Ileana, Her*
 - 2. Discussion followed by the presentation 20 mins
 - 3. Festival of India: October 2, 2005. — 5 mins
 - 4. Next meeting: Host, location, agenda, month 5 mins.
 - Announcement by organizations for upcoming events 10 mins
 - Discussion review and summary 10 mins.
 - Closing 5 mins
4. Need ideas and volunteers for following:
 - Chair
 - Opening Remarks
 - Review of June 19th meeting
 - Person for taking meeting minutes
5. Ideas for the proposed agenda of the community meeting after the Sept. '05 meeting.

2nd Quarterly Meeting of Indian Community Organizations in the Twin Cities

Sun Ray Branch, St. Paul Public Library

2:00 – 4:00 p.m., June 19, 2005

Meeting Coordinator: Sandhya Gupta

Minutes taken by: Ravi Sura

Attendees: Ameeta Kelekar (IMSOM), Buddhadev Roy Choudhury (Bengali Assoc. of MN), Debasis Dash (Oriya Community), Dinesh Wahi (MinnTIE), Fazel Harris (Katha Dance Theater), Gummadi Franklin (IAM/TAC), Ikram-ul-Haq (Muslim Community Center), Jaydeep Kokate (Asha), Meena Venkataraman (Asha), Minou Hussain (Muslim Community Center), Narayan Kanikkannan (SILC), Nithya Balakrishnan (Ragamala), Prakash Chada (Telugu Assoc.), Rabinder Bains (IAM), Ramesh Muniswamy (IAM), Ravi Sura (Vibha-MN), Sandhya Gupta (IAM), Sanjukta Mishra (IAM), Sarat Mohapatra (IAM/TAC), Shalini Thadani (IAM), Shambhu Nath (IAM), Shanti Shah (IAM/TAC, Maida, Jain Samaj), Shivanthi Sathanandan (IAM, TAM, IMSOM, HSN), Subha Chandar (NetIP-Twin Cities), Sudha Nagavarapu (AID-MN), Sunil Gopinath (Asha), Syed Ghazi Akailvi (IAM)

Opening Remarks (Ramesh)

- Dilip Mallick (IAM) could not make it due to family emergency and Ramesh is substituting for him
- Welcome to everybody
- Hope for a productive dialog
- IAM supports this initiative and will continue to do so

Review Last Meeting Minutes (Sandhya)

- Minutes taken by Shalini; distributed to all attendees (please refer to minutes in Yahoo-groups)
- Coordination committee met once in person after the last meeting; through e-mails & other discussion, helped in setting up this meeting
- Shalini set-up Yahoo groups mailing list
- IAM has incl. org. info into their website; please contact IAM if any additions/corrections are required
- IAM Newsletter will have the calendar of events
- IAM Newsletter will have an article about one org. in every edition

Goal & Mission Statement (Coordinator: Sandhya)

The following points (paraphrased) were raised by the attendees as part of discussion on this agenda item

- IAM already has a mission statement and this group need not have a mission. IAM's mission can incorporate it But, the group should have goals.
- Do we want to have a vertical or horizontal organization? Should IAM be the "higher-level" organization?
- This group is a platform for getting all orgs. together
- IAM is trying to bring all the orgs. together in a single platform
- Mission of this group is to communicate with each other
- This group has no entity, so, there may not be a reason for a mission statement. But, we should still have goals
- IAM facilitates this group; but, what this group does is up to the members of this group
- This group should strengthen/help the mission of IAM
- This group should strengthen each others mission; not necessarily the mission of IAM only.
- We can have a vision.
- All orgs. represented here are volunteer-driven and have other commonalities (e.g. booking a hall for some event)
- Mission statement cannot be a top-down approach; everybody has to come together to decide what to do
- Motion to decide this later
- What is the goal...why should the orgs. keep coming back together to these meetings ?
- The coordination committee can take up the common issues talked about today and perhaps come up with a draft vision statement
- What is the role of the coordination comm.?
- Statement describing the common reasons for this group to come together
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IAM 2005 board meeting – Jan 8, 2005
St. Anthony park Library, 1:00-3:45 PM

Attendees: Ramona, Rabinder, Pranab, Syed, Sandhya, Kavita, Bhairvi, Dilip, Sanjukta, Ramesh, Shambhu, Nitin, Rob, Sanghamitra, Raji, Sudhir, Shalini, Anoop, Godan, Shanti.

TAC facilitated the first part of the meeting. This is the first year that TAC is assisting the IAM board with the transition to a new board. The meeting began with a round of introductions and everyone's expectations with IAM for 2005. Agenda item B.g. was cancelled since TAC has not completed the work towards the audit. The target date of completion of this activity is the end of the month of January.

Long-range plan: Anoop discussed the survey that was created to determine usefulness of various IAM activities. The survey looks at IAM's mission and tries to align various activities with the mission. The results of the survey are intended to allow us to work towards long term planning. IAM started out as India Club. IC activities evolved over time to the current activities of IAM. However, there is a need to look at current activities and determine if anything needs to be changed based on the presence of more second generation Indians making up the Indian community in the Twin Cities. It was decided that the IAM board members would fill out the survey and give it to Shalini before the next board meeting. A soft copy of the survey will be emailed to the board, by Shalini, to assist with this.

By-laws and responsibilities: Godan highlighted certain points in the by-laws that zoomed in on the board's responsibilities.

After the break, Dilip facilitated the second half of the meeting. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved with certain corrections.

Objectives: Dilip stressed on communication with the community and with other south Asian groups. Within the Indian community, communication could be increased by use of the newsletter and the IAM website. Involvement with Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans would help increase communication with other SA groups. He suggested IAM could work with 55+ Group and Youth Group to make them stronger. Ramesh suggested that we set up measurable goals for 2005. One of the suggestions was to meet with governing boards of other organizations at least a couple of times this year. It was requested that while meeting with other organizations, we align our calendars to avoid clash of events of various organizations. Another suggestion was to convert the Annual Dinner to a tsunami fund raising effort.

Annual dinner update: Vinita Sawker, Satveer Choudary and consulate general have already confirmed. Mark Dayton and the Indian ambassador have not confirmed their attendance yet. The board unanimously decided that conversion of the IAM annual dinner to a tsunami rehabilitation effort for 2005 was a good idea. The consulate general has asked IAM to pay for their lodging and travel. However, since this is going to be a fund raising effort, we would be pulling out of these funds to pay for their room and board and the board turned that down. Board decided to invite Senator Norm Coleman at the AD on Feb. 5th, 2005.

Setting up subcommittees: Half the subcommittees were set up and the updated list is attached.

Tsunami relief fund raising: The committee has decided to change the name of this effort to Tsunami rehabilitation fund raising to better suit the mission of this activity. Two meetings have been conducted, the bank account has been opened and the committee is going to be co-chaired by Ramesh and Balki.

Venue for board meetings: Sanghamitra offered to do the research and determine a more central location for the board meetings.

Next meeting: 2/2/2005 at 6:30-9:00 at 3601 Minnesota Dr., Level P, Edina MN 55435. Ph: (952) 921 5821.

Name	Committee list										
Ramona	Annual Dinner		Picnic		FOI	Newsletter				Community Service	
Rabinder											
Pranab											
Syed G.			Picnic				Membership				Youth Activities
Datta		FON			FOI						
Sandhya	Annual Dinner		Picnic	Dragon Festival	FOI	Newsletter				Community Service	Youth Activities
Kavita		FON									TC Indian Org. Meeting
Bhairavi		FON			FOI		Membership			Community Service	
Dilip	Annual Dinner	FON		Dragon Festival					History Project		
Sanjukta					FOI	Newsletter					
Ramesh		FON			FOI						
Indushekharan											
Guptan				Dragon Festival	FOI						
Shambhu	Annual Dinner	FON			FOI		Membership				
Nitin		FON			FOI					Community Service	
Rob					FOI	Newsletter					Youth Activities
Sanghamitra					FOI	Newsletter			History Project		Youth Activities
Shivanthi					FOI						
Raji			Picnic				Membership				
Sudhir			Picnic					Webpage			
Shalini	Annual Dinner		Picnic				Membership				TC Indian Org. Meeting

India Association of Minnesota

2/11/2004
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
International Institute of Minnesota

Meeting called by: Rabinder Bains

Type of meeting: Monthly Board meeting

Invitees: Atul Shroff, Balki Radhakrishnan, Deepshikha Gupta, Dilip Mallick, Gita Sitaramiah, Govind Shah, Guptan Nambudiripad, Hatim Carim, Indushekharan Nair, Kamal Sahgal, Nitin Patil, Rabinder Bains, Raji Shankar, Ramesh Muniswamy, Ramona Advani, Sanghamitra Sahu, Saurabh Pandit, Shalini Thadani, Shambhu Nath, Shivanthi Sathanandan, Sumita Mitra

Agenda

President's report	Rabinder Bains	20
Vice President's Report	Dilip MalliK	10
Events in Asian community		
Participation in Dragon Festival 2004		
Secretary's Report	Ramesh Muniswamy	10
Festival of Nations		
Treasurer's Report	Nitin Patil	10
Annual Dinner	Rabinder Bains	30
Ragamala production with the Walker Art Center	Shivanthi Sathanandan	10
Other topics upon board approval	Board members	30

Additional Information

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01/07/2004
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
International Institute of Minnesota

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Type of meeting: Board Meeting

Minutes

The new board for the year 2004 met on the Wednesday, January 07, 2004. President of IAM Rabinder Bains presided the meeting. Franklin Gummadi and Ram Gada represented the Trustee advisory council.

The IAM Board directors and Trustee advisory council members had an informal social get together to be acquainted with the new members.

A formal introduction process followed the social get-together.

Ram Gada presented an introduction on the history, purpose and structure of IAM. He also presented in detail the roles and responsibilities of being on the board for a non-profit organization. He encouraged and advice all the members to strictly adhere to the rules and by-laws of the organization.

IAM activities:

Rabinder Bains explained her vision and goals for the IAM for the year 2004.

Team leaders of all the activities committees briefed the board on the preparation and the status of individual activity.

Identified team leads and members for various sub-committees to coordinate different IAM activities for the current year and beyond.

IAM Board meeting - June 8, 2005
Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy, St. Paul, MN 55116. 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Attendees: Ramona, Rabinder, Syed, Sandhya, Dilip, Ramesh, Shambhu, Shivanthi, Shalini,

Guests: Franklin Gummadi and Naomi Chu

Presidents Report: Dilip talked to Devesh Chandra inviting him to be a board member and Devesh accepted. The board approved this move.

APCC Presentation: Naomi Chu, Executive Director of APCC attended the board meeting. She gave an overview of the progress in the work by the board members of APCC. More information is available at www.mnapcc.org. Naomi invited the board members to join the board of APCC. If anyone is interested, Naomi can be contacted at nchu@apccmn.org or 412-282-1915

IAM Membership: Membership numbers are declining, with 100 members who will expire this year. Suggestions were invited from board members with respect to activities that would attract more members. The discussion lead to the identification of a key issue; How to define value that IAM brings to the community and how to market it? Who is our target market, Indians or non-Indians? A suggestion was made that the membership subcommittee meet to discuss this and come up with some basic write-up to answer this issue and present it to the board for review and further discussion.

Picnic: First subcommittee meeting was set for 6/13 at 7:00 PM at Starbucks in Southtown center. Bhairavi's FIL will be invited for hoisting the flags.

Community meeting: Meeting has been arranged from 2-5 pm 6/19. 11 organizations have committed to attend. IAM website was updated with links to other organizations. Newsletter is highlighting one organization each quarter. Agenda for next meeting was sent via email. This topic involved a lot of discussion. Concern was raised by other board members that prior information was not made available to them regarding the activities of this subcommittee and that the agenda topics might not be the direction to take these meetings.

Festival Of India: Meeting tentatively set for 6/20 at Ramesh's house. Please check your email for updates. In addition the grant application for the Sprectrum Trust, Asian Pacific Endowment, 2005 was approved by the Board.

Tsunami rehabilitation fund-raising efforts: We are planning to apply for matching funds from PATH. Information is on PATH's website. A project need not be identified associated with the funds. Donation amount and associated documentation needs to be shown to get matching funds.

General:

Ramesh will take minutes next 2 meetings.

IAM Board meeting - May 11, 2005
Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy, St. Paul, MN 55116. 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Attendees: Ramona, Sandhya, Bhairavi, Sanjukta, Dilip, Ramesh, Guptan, Shambhu, Nitin, Shivanthi, Raji, Shalini, Sanghamitra

Approval of minutes: Minutes approved with no changes.

Presidents Report: Dilip attended the meeting of the 55+ group and invited Sudhansu Mishra to attend the IAM meeting. He also attended a meeting with PATH. PATH has received \$250,000 from the Bremer Foundation. These funds are for the purpose of matching the funds raised by various organizations towards tsunami rehabilitation. IAM has been invited to be on the board of APCC (Asian Pacific Community Center) group. They are working towards generating the funds of 5 million towards a community center to be used by the Asian community.

Leadership of the 55+ group: Sudhansu updated the board on the situation of the 55+ group. He indicated that membership has dropped. He requested the board's assistance in improving the community's interest for the leadership and participation in the group. He also requested assistance in identifying activities that are geared towards seniors to encourage their participation. A suggestion was made that he attend the meeting of the Twin Cities organizations and appear to the local India-relation groups since the 55+ group is one of common interest to all the groups.

Special project in West Bengal: Dr Ray updated the group regarding his project in West Bengal. He is involved with community service in a village in India. He distributed a handout that had the details of the various aspects of his project, i.e. education of children, healthcare, economic development, etc. He requested the board's help in spreading information about this project. Donations towards the project are welcome and tax-deductible.

FON: This was a huge success, mainly due to the distribution of the bindis at the culture booth. Dances were projected continuously and the crowd appreciated this. The café made about \$10,000. Ramesh suggested that next year we get food catered and sell it in order to make money for IAM. Feedback was given to him to create a volunteer handout since there is very little instruction given to volunteers and this time some volunteers did not know about the \$2 parking available to volunteers and ended up spending larger amounts on parking.

Tsunami events: There is no plan for a future event. As per the last meeting of the Tsunami sub-committee, the plan was for a cultural event. However, Ramesh mentioned that there are many cultural events have been arranged in the Twin Cities for the same purpose and people are getting tired of the same theme and many people have indicated that they have already given for the cause. He suggested that we get an artist from India and plan a mega-event. A vote was taken by the board in order to decide whether we would arrange an event with a domestic artist vs. getting one from India. A motion was passed to get an artist from India.

By-laws amendment re. assistant treasurer: TAC recommended the appointment of an assistant treasurer who would also be familiar with the accounts and assist the treasurer. The assistant treasurer could be a candidate for the post of treasurer. The motion was unanimously passed to allow this change in the by-laws.

Treasurer's report: We started the year at \$15,455. The annual dinner resulted in a loss of \$67.29 and FON resulted in an income of \$858.34.

Picnic arrangements: Since Sudhir, who had volunteered to lead the picnic arrangements, is no longer attending the board meetings, Sandhya agreed to be the lead. She will work on inviting the special guests to the picnic. She will be assisted by Shalini, Ramona, Syed and Raji with the rest of the arrangements. Picnic is on Aug 20th.

AID conference: AID is going to have a volunteer conference during the Memorial Day weekend. Sudha from AID requested the board to host some of the volunteers. ~180 people are expected to attend the conference. To sign up to be a host, please visit <http://conference.aidindia.org/host>

Dragon Festival: Guptan, who is the lead for the DF team, expressed concern that the Indian community may not be interested in participating in the boat race. It was decided that an email would be sent to the local groups to see if there is an interest. IAM would sponsor the team t-shirts, but the team would be responsible for the boat registration.

General Discussion: Shalini expressed concern over the decrease in membership numbers. She requested the board to become actively involved in increasing the membership.

Meeting of India Related Organizations in Minnesota
Richardson Nature Center, 03/20/2005, 12:30 PM

Attendees: Jayshree Patel (Gujarati Samaj), Amit Marathe (Marathi Association), Narayanan (Tamil Association), Prakash Chada (Telugu Association), Tapan Bhattacharya (Bengali Association), Prabhjit Singh Gujral (Sikh Society), Vinu Patel (BAPS), Asir Waghani (BAPS), Sunil Patel (BAPS), Kamlesh Patel (BAPS), Mayank Patel (BAPS), Ved Sharma (Geeta Ashram), Ravi Sura (Vibha-MN), Vivek Radia (NetIP-TC), Vignesh Nandakumar (AID-MN), Sandhya Joshi (SILC), Deborah McLaren (PIC), Ameeta Kelekar (IMSOM), Ikram-ul-Haq (Islamic Society), Niranjan Srinivasan (Sangeetha Kannada Koota), Tanni Misra (Oriya Association), Tom Mathew (Malayalee Association), Sarjit Bains (Sangam), Atul Shroff (SEWA), Chandni Shroff (SEWA), Raji Chowdhary (SEWA), Sandhya Gupta (IAM), Shalini Thadani (IAM), Shambhu Nath (IAM), Shivanthi Sathanandan (IAM), Franklin Gummadi (IAM TAC), Anoop Mathur (IAM TAC), Shanti Shah (IAM TAC, Jain Association), Preeti Mathur (IAM), Ramesh Muniswamy (IAM), Sanjukta Misra (IAM), Nitin Patil (IAM), Guptan Nambudiripad (IAM), Godan Nambudiripad (IAM TAC), Ramona Advani (IAM), Rob Rumer (IAM), Sarat Mohapatra (IAM TAC)

The meeting began with a welcome by Sandya Gupta and a brief description of IAM's activities by IAM Vice President - Ramesh Muniswamy. Franklin Gummadi, Chair of IAM's Trustee Advisory Committee, then, talked about IAM's history.

Members of each group introduced themselves, briefly mentioned the mission of their group and outlined their expectations from this meeting. Listed below is a summary of expectations mentioned:

- ◆ Being able to work together as one cohesive group
- ◆ Being able to publicize the group's activities to members of other groups.
- ◆ Having information of various groups available to provide upon request from those outside the Indian community
- ◆ Need something that is common to all Indians
- ◆ Need to bring all Indians together for common events
- ◆ Need a link between all organizations
- ◆ Invite other groups to talk about their culture/language
- ◆ Getting to know each other
- ◆ No expectations yet.
- ◆ Raise awareness regarding the existence of our group
- ◆ Want to see some continuity in such activities
- ◆ Start something that will bring together all Indians
- ◆ Networking opportunity
- ◆ Need more communication between groups

The meeting continued with a breakout session of the attendees in three groups. The task for each group was to identify answers to the three questions: How can IAM help regional groups? How can regional groups help IAM? And how can our diverse group help the greater community?

When all the groups convened together again, each presented a summary of the conclusions they had reached during the breakout session. Each group's summary is listed below:

Group 3:

- ◆ Need a web portal that provides information and link to different groups
- ◆ We need an India center
- ◆ Need to establish a first call for help center
- ◆ Need a liaison committee formed from IAM and all the other organizations gathered here
- ◆ The committee needs to meet multiple times a year
- ◆ How do we give back to India?
- ◆ How do we project a cohesive image of India to the media?

- ◆ IAM's Trustee Advisory Committee has created a long-range plan. This could be shared with other organizations for feedback.
- ◆ Can we create a sub-committee to keep the momentum going?

Group 2:

- ◆ Need a website, with directory of all organizations
- ◆ Need a coordination committee
- ◆ Community events with guidelines
- ◆ Need a listserv group with office bearers of various organizations
- ◆ Expand Festival of India and create a mechanism by which parts of it can be owned by various groups
- ◆ Improve inter-organization communication
- ◆ Conduct these meetings on a periodic basis
- ◆ Provide a group of resources to help those who are not technically savvy
- ◆ Interaction with University students

Group 1:

- ◆ We need a mechanism of communication between all organizations – listserv of present group members
- ◆ We need a follow-up meeting. Maybe a different organization can host the meeting each time
- ◆ Link of various organizations on IAM's website. Publicize IAM's website
- ◆ Need clear, all inclusive, mission for this group. What is the value of bringing the groups together?
- ◆ Need one big event for all Indians

Based on the feedback from the three groups, immediate action items decided upon are:

Create a coordination sub-committee: 7 volunteers were requested for the sub-committee, whose task would be to organize the next meeting. These include, Sandhya Gupta, Rabinder Bains, Vivek Radia, Ravi Sura, Tapan Bhattacharya, Prakash Chada and Niranjana Srinivasan.

Create a yahoogroups mailing list: Shalini Thadani volunteered to set this up.

Liaison committee: This would include 1-2 office bearers of the organizations present

Next meeting: It was decided that the liaison committee would meet every quarter. The coordination sub-committee would solicit the agenda items from the Liaison committee.

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Approval of minutes: Minutes were approved with a correction that Nitin and Shambhu are in charge of FON volunteers

(Vice-)President's Report: Did not receive any nominations for the CAPM awards. Ramesh has requested a 2-week extension to the submission, and the nominations are now due 4/22. After some deliberations, decision was made to submit details about Sewa (Raji) and IMSOM (Shivanthi) to the executive committee so that they could make the final decision. Suggestions of Ragamala (already recd award before) and Vibha (already recd IAM award) were turned down.

Presidents Report: CAPM has requested sponsorship for their Annual Dinner. Decision was made to subsidize the tickets of those board members who were going to attend and then if 5 or more members are going to attend, to make the final amount to \$350, else \$125. 55+ club is going to have a meeting on 4/16 and have requested attendance from the board. Dilip will attend the meeting and determine what assistance is needed from IAM. Dilip also presented the directory of non-profit organizations of MN, which has a listing for IAM. The contact person is the 2005 Secretary of IAM, Shalini Thadani.

Meeting with Twin Cities Indian Organizations: The meeting, conducted on 3/20/2005, was a good start. Anoop made a presentation as a follow-up to the meeting and Shalini has emailed out the minutes. The coordination committee has met since then and decided the date of 6/19/2005 as the follow-up meeting. Venue has not yet been decided. Rabinder is going to approach those who had volunteered to provide the venue. Agenda topics have not yet been decided on. Ramesh requested that at least one member of the executive committee attend the subcommittee meetings.

TAC Update: Sarat read out a letter from Franklin extending support of TAC for the TCorg work and complimenting the work of the board. He also updated the board with the progress of the 5 committees formed within TAC. Towards this, he mentioned the creation of an operations manual that works towards the long-range planning. Sarat is working on this with the assistance of Neena and Guptan. Anoop has completed the analysis of the 6-sigma results from the survey of the board members. FOI, FON and meeting on TC organizations ranked among the top ones aligned with IAM's mission and website, annual dinner and directory ranked low. TAC will continue to recommend changes to the board's activities.

FON: Arrangements are in full swing. Volunteers are still needed. The group met at Bhairavi's house to set up the decorations for the booth. The cultural groups had rehearsals. Next meeting at Bhairavi's house will be on Sunday at noon. Raji and Bhairavi will get recordings of Indian dances and Shivanthi will put them together to create a DVD that can be played in the booth. Shambu will provide the projector equipment.

Newsletter: The newsletter is almost ready and will be sent out shortly. Dilip will send the Dragon Festival write-up to Ramona as soon as possible and Shalini will forward to her the mailing addresses and letters requesting membership renewal.

Website: Nobody new has been found to update the website since Sudhir has not attended the last 3 meetings. A decision was made to create a community calendar on the website, but this needs extensive changes on the website. Guptan offered to work on the website and requested help in terms of suggestions and feedback. Ramesh will help him by collecting information from everyone and passing it on to him.

General Discussion:

- A law firm contacted Shalini requesting information on cultural impact of divorce in India. Nobody on the board is familiar or has contacts to solicit such information. Shalini will relay the same to the law firm contact.
- Sen. Mark Dayton wrote to express his appreciation for the annual dinner event and to thank the board for inviting him.

NOTICE: IAM Board Meeting

Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2005

Time: 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Venue: Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy, St. Paul, MN 55116, 651-695-3706

1. Approval of Minutes dated May 11, 2005

2. Presidents Report

3. APCC Presentation

4. Audit Report

5. IAM Membership

6. Picnic *Jun 30th 7-8:30*

7. Community Meeting *19th*

8. Festival of India *x 19th 2*

9. Tsunami *1*

10 min (6:35-6:45)

20 min (6:45-7:05)

Satoru Asato

15 min (7:05-7:20)

Sarat/Nitin

10 min (7:20-7:30)

Shalini

20 min (7:30-7:50)

Sandhya

10 min (7:50-8:00)

Franklin/Sandhya

20 min (8:00-8:20)

Nitin

5 min (8:20-8:25)

Ramesh

10 min (8:25-8:35)

*2 group
Wed 5:30*

IAM Board meeting - May 11, 2005
Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy, St. Paul, MN 55116. 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Attendees: Ramona, Sandhya, Bhairavi, Sanjukta, Dilip, Ramesh, Guptan, Shambhu, Nitin, Shivanthi, Raji, Shalini, Sanghamitra. *Guests:* Bibek and Purnima Roy, Sudhansu Misra, Sudha Nagavarapu, Sanat Mohanty and one student from India

Approval of minutes: Minutes approved with no changes.

Presidents Report: Dilip attended the meeting of the 55+ group and invited Sudhansu Mishra to attend the IAM meeting. He also attended a meeting with PATH. PATH has received \$250,000 from the Bremer Foundation. These funds are for the purpose of matching the funds raised by various organizations towards tsunami rehabilitation. IAM has been invited to be on the board of APCC (Asian Pacific Community Center) group. They are working towards generating the funds of 5 million towards a community center to be used by the Asian community.

Leadership of the 55+ group: Sudhansu updated the board on the situation of the 55+ group. He indicated that membership has dropped. He requested the board's assistance in improving the community's interest for the leadership and participation in the group. He also requested assistance in identifying activities that are geared towards seniors to encourage their participation. A suggestion was made that he attend the meeting of the Twin Cities organizations and appear to the local India-relation groups since the 55+ group is one of common interest to all the groups.

Special project in West Bengal: Dr Ray updated the group regarding his project in West Bengal. He is involved with community service in a village in India. He distributed a handout that had the details of the various aspects of his project, i.e. education of children, healthcare, economic development, etc. He requested the board's help in spreading information about this project. Donations towards the project are welcome and tax-deductible.

FON: This was a huge success, mainly due to the distribution of the bindis at the culture booth. Dances were projected continuously and the crowd appreciated this. The café made about \$10,000. Ramesh suggested that next year we get food catered and sell it in order to make money for IAM. Feedback was given to him to create a volunteer handout since there is very little instruction given to volunteers and this time some volunteers did not know about the \$2 parking available to volunteers and ended up spending larger amounts on parking.

Tsunami events: There is no plan for a future event. As per the last meeting of the Tsunami sub-committee, the plan was for a cultural event. However, Ramesh mentioned that there are many cultural events have been arranged in the Twin Cities for the same purpose and people are getting tired of the same theme and many people have indicated that they have already given for the cause. He suggested that we get an artist from India and plan a mega-event. A vote was taken by the board in order to decide whether we would arrange an event with a domestic artist vs. getting one from India. A motion was passed to get an artist from India.

By-laws amendment re. assistant treasurer: TAC recommended the appointment of an assistant treasurer who would also be familiar with the accounts and assist the treasurer. The assistant treasurer could be a candidate for the post of treasurer. The motion was unanimously passed to allow this change in the by-laws.

Treasurer's report: We started the year at \$15,455. The annual dinner resulted in a loss of \$67.29 and FON resulted in an income of \$858.34.

Picnic arrangements: Since Sudhir, who had volunteered to lead the picnic arrangements, is no longer attending the board meetings, Sandhya agreed to be the lead. She will work on inviting the special guests to the picnic. She will be assisted by Shalini, Ramona, Syed and Raji with the rest of the arrangements. Picnic is on Aug 20th.

AID conference: AID is going to have a volunteer conference during the Memorial Day weekend. Sudha from AID requested the board to host some of the volunteers. ~180 people are expected to attend the conference. To sign up to be a host, please visit <http://conference.aidindia.org/host>

Dragon Festival: Guptan, who is the lead for the DF team, expressed concern that the Indian community may not be interested in participating in the boat race. It was decided that an email would be sent to the local groups to see if there is an interest. IAM would sponsor the team t-shirts, but the team would be responsible for the boat registration.

General Discussion: Shalini expressed concern over the decrease in membership numbers. She requested the board to become actively involved in increasing the membership.



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Date: Thu, 26 May 2005 13:51:38 -0500
From: "Ladki Danapuri" <ladki.danapuri@gmail.com>
To: indiaorgsofmn@yahooogroups.com, president@iamn.org
Subject: Re: Update on the community Meeting of India-related organizations

Hello everyone,

Greeting from India Association of Minnesota! I hope you are enjoying a nice summer. Here are the details of our next community meeting which will held on June 19th.

Please RSVP by June 10th, 2005 if you plan to attend.

Our last meeting had a great turn out of about 20 organizations. We have been able to contact a few more since then. If you think we have any organization missing from this list and should be contacted, please let us know.

We request that you have one representative attend the meeting from each organization due to limited seating.

Meeting of India-related community organizations:

Date: June 19, 2005

Location: Sun Ray Library, 2105 Wilson Ave, Saint Paul, MN 55119

Library phone: (651) 501-6300

Time: 2:00 to 4:00pm

Agenda:

Social hour 20 mins

Opening Remarks 10 mins

Introduction of new organizations 15 mins

Update of action items from March 20th meeting 5 mins

IMSOM presentation 15 mins

Break into smaller groups to discussion* 30 mins

Get-together, review and summarize 15 mins

Closing remarks 5 mins

*Proposed topics for discussion at this meeting:

The aim would be to learn what has worked and what has not in running the organization. What were "good ideas" and what were "bad ideas" and why?

Publicity to promote their org., Fund Raising, Internal communications, Mission Statement, Membership Drives, Challenges and how did they overcome.

Organizations invited to this meeting:

1. Gujrati Samaj
2. Marathi Association
3. Tamil Association
4. Telugu Association
5. Bengali Association
6. Sikh Association
7. Sangeetha Kannada Koota
8. Oriya Association
9. Malyale Association
10. IMSOM
11. SPICMACY
12. SILC
13. SEWA
14. Vibha-MN
15. AID-MN
16. NetIP
17. India Student Assoc.
18. Parents of Indian Children
19. ICAN
20. Islamic Society
21. BAPS
22. Hindu Mandir
23. Geeta Ashram
24. Chinmay Mission
25. Pangea
26. Ragmala
27. RKG Dance studio
28. Katha Dance theatre
29. Geetmala TV
30. Chai City
31. Sangam
32. Minnesota TiE

33. *Gain Center*

On 4/25/05, **Sandhya Gupta** <ladki.danapuri@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello everyone,

Greetings from India Association of Minnesota!

We had a very successful meeting on March 20th of this year with all the India-related organizations of the Twin Cities area. We had representation from 20 different organizations in the Twin Cities area. We had a very positive momentum in the meeting and we want to keep working with each other to carry this forward.

We had formed a sub-committee at this meeting to plan for the next meeting within next three months. I wanted to update you about the work we have done so far after the meeting:

1. A group yahoo discussion forum formed to discuss and update other organizations of each-others activities. The website address is:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/indiaorgsofmin/>. We have 1-2 members from each organization having access to this group yahoo site. Please feel free to use it for reaching all of us. If you don't see your organization name, please contact me or Shalini Thadani (secretary@iamn.org) to get you on the list.
2. The subcommittee met on April 6th of this month and worked out the rough details for the next community meeting. We have tentatively planned our next community meeting for **Sunday, June 19, 2:00 to 4:00pm**. Further details will be emailed soon. Please mark your calendars for this date.
3. We are working on putting together a Twin Cities India-related organizations snapshot and need the following information from you:
 - o Website address of your organization,
 - o Name of one contact person to be displayed on our website,
 - o Any email address that you would like to publish.

I am also emailing you all the Spring 2005 newsletter of India Association of Minnesota. We are making our best efforts to incorporate the upcoming local community events in the newsletter. Our next newsletter will be coming out in July 2005.

Please feel free to send us an email about your events in July to September time frame to be published in the newsletter.

Here's wishing you all a beautiful spring!

Sandhya Gupta
India Association of Minnesota
Ladki.danapuri@gmail.com
(952) 942 6194

JANUARY 24, 1999 IAM ANNUAL DINNER
AGENDA

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| 1) WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS | BHUPAT 2 MTS |
| INTRODUCTION: TASTE OF INDIA BALBIR SINGH | |
| ELEGANT THYMES DABNY | |
| CYNTHIA SONTAG CPA | |
| IAM PAST PRESIDENTS | |
| IAM MEMBERSHIP AND GENERAL REMARKS | 2 MTS |
| 2) BOARD MEMBERS INTRODUCTION | 4 MTS (9) |
| EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE | |
| ANNUAL DINNER CHAIR AND COMMITTEE | |
| FESTIVAL OF NATIONS CHAIR | |
| NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE | |
| 3) ANNOUNCEMENTS | 2 MTS |
| 4) IAM DIRECTORY PROJECT OVERVIEW | SUKHATME 5 MTS |
| 5) SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION BY IAM/AIWA | 5 MTS |
| | RAJANI PATANKAR |
| 6) REMARKS BY SUMITA MITRA | 3 MTS (23) |
| 7) SPEAKER'S INTRODUCTION | BHUPAT 2 MTS (25) |
| 8) SPEECH | FRED DE SAM LAZARO 45 MTS (70) |
| QUESTION/ANSWERS | |
| 9) AWARD PRESENTATION <i>Read the</i> | ANANTH SHANKER 2 MTS (72) |
| 10) CLOSING REMARKS | BHUPAT 2 MTS |



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To: indiaorgsofmn@yahoogroups.com
From: "Ravi Sura" <ravisura@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2005 16:04:18 -0500
Subject: [indiaorgsofmn] Meeting Minutes - June 19, 2005

2nd Quarterly Meeting of Indian Community Organizations in the Twin Cities*Sun Ray Branch, St. Paul Public Library**2:00 – 4:00 p.m., June 19, 2005**Meeting Coordinator: Sandhya Gupta**Minutes taken by: Ravi Sura*

Attendees: Ameeta Kelekar (IMSOM), Buddhadev Roy Choudhury (Bengali Assoc. of MN), Debasis Dash (Oriya Community), Dinesh Wahi (MinnTiE), Fazel Harris (Katha Dance Theater), Gummadi Franklin (IAM/TAC), Ikram-ul-Haq (Muslim Community Center), Jaydeep Kokate (Asha), Meena Venkataraman (Asha), Minou Hussain (Muslim Community Center), Narayan Kanikkannan (SILC), Nithya Balakrishnan (Ragamala), Prakash Chada (Telugu Assoc.), Rabinder Bains (IAM), Ramesh Muniswamy (IAM), Ravi Sura (Vibha-MN), Sandhya Gupta (IAM), Sanjukta Mishra (IAM), Sarat Mohapatra (IAM/TAC), Shalini Thadani (IAM), Shambhu Nath (IAM), Shanti Shah (IAM/TAC, Maida, Jain Samaj), Shivanthi Sathanandan (IAM, TAM, IMSOM, HSN), Subha Chandar (NetIP-Twin Cities), Sudha Nagavarapu (AID-MN), Sunil Gopinath (Asha), Syed Ghazi Akailvi (IAM)

Opening Remarks (Ramesh)

- Dilip Mallick (IAM) could not make it due to family emergency and Ramesh is substituting for him
- Welcome to everybody
- Hope for a productive dialog
- IAM supports this initiative and will continue to do so

Review Last Meeting Minutes (Sandhya)

- Minutes taken by Shalini; distributed to all attendees (please refer to minutes in Yahoo-groups)
- Coordination committee met once in person after the last meeting; through e-mails & other discussion, helped in setting up this meeting
- Shalini set-up Yahoogroups mailing list
- IAM has incl. org. info into their website; please contact IAM if any additions/corrections are required
- IAM Newsletter will have the calendar of events
- IAM Newsletter will have an article about one org. in every edition

Goal & Mission Statement (Coordinator: Sandhya)

The following points (paraphrased) were raised by the attendees as part of discussion on this agenda item

- IAM already has a mission statement and this group need not have a mission. IAM's mission can incorporate it. But, the group should have goals.

- Do we want to have a vertical or horizontal organization? Should IAM be the "higher-level" organization?
- This group is a platform for getting all orgs. together
- IAM is trying to bring all the orgs. together in a single platform
- Mission of this group is to communicate with each other
- This group has no entity, so, there may not be a reason for a mission statement. But, we should still have goals
- IAM facilitates this group; but, what this group does is up to the members of this group
- This group should strengthen/help the mission of IAM
- This group should strengthen each others mission; not necessarily the mission of IAM only.
- We can have a vision.
- All orgs. represented here are volunteer-driven and have other commonalities (e.g. booking a hall for some event)
- Mission statement cannot be a top-down approach; everybody has to come together to decide what to do
- Motion to decide this later
- What is the goal...why should the orgs. keep coming back together to these meetings ?
- The coordination committee can take up the common issues talked about today and perhaps come up with a draft vision statement
- What is the role of the coordination comm.?
- Statement describing the common reasons for this group to come together
- There are lots of things this group can do together and we should focus on this
- Let's talk to each other and build trust
- Let's move on and not come up with a mission statement at this point; maybe after a few meetings we can work on this
- Further discussions: maybe we should let a smaller sub-committee come up with a draft statement
- No, let's just not decide on anything at present
- Final Summary: The group decided to move on to next agenda item....no specific task or action item.

Annual Picnic & Festival of India (Coordinator: Sandhya)

The following points (paraphrased) were raised by the attendees as part of discussion on this agenda item

- IAM has picnic on Aug 20th; Bengali Assoc. also has a picnic on Aug. 20th
- Would other orgs. be interested in taking charge of some activities at the picnic ?
- Last year, Vibha organized the games; other organizations are welcome to help with the picnic.
- IAM Picnic flyer was distributed to the group
- Festival of India has different booths, has a varied audience etc.
- IAM is looking for organizations to participate in these events (sign-up sheet passed around for Annual Picnic)

Other Items

The following points (paraphrased) were raised by the attendees as part of discussion on this agenda item

- Should we have an organization (e.g. IMSOM) present about their activity at the next meeting ? YES
- Muslim Community Center invited the group to have the next meeting at their venue;

snacks will be provided

- All organizations are requested to submit their event calendar to Yahoo groups mailing group
- All organizations should check the IAM website for the details of their respective organizations and submit any corrections/changes etc. to Shalini Thadani (secretary@iamn.org.)
- Do we have a contact list in Yahoo group? IAM website has a contact list. Maybe we should put it in the Yahoo group mailing list
- New coordination comm.: Rabinder, Dilip, Tapan, Prakash, Sandhya, Vivek, Ravi, Fazel, Nithya

The meeting ended at 4 p.m. and informal discussions ensued among the attendees while partaking snacks (provided by IAM).

Yahoo! Groups Links

- To visit your group on the web, go to:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/indiaorgsofmn/>
- To unsubscribe from this group, send an email to:
indiaorgsofmn-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com
- Your use of Yahoo! Groups is subject to the [Yahoo! Terms of Service](#).

IAM Board meeting - June 8, 2005
Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy, St. Paul, MN 55116. 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Attendees: Ramona, Rabinder, Syed, Sandhya, Dilip, Ramesh, Shambhu, Shivanthi, Shalini,

Guests: Franklin Gummadi and Naomi Chu

Presidents Report: Dilip talked to Devesh Chandra inviting him to be a board member and Devesh accepted. The board approved this move.

APCC Presentation: Naomi Chu, Executive Director of APCC attended the board meeting. She gave an overview of the progress in the work by the board members of APCC. More information is available at www.mnapcc.org. Naomi invited the board members to join the board of APCC. If anyone is interested, Naomi can be contacted at nchu@apccmn.org or 412-282-1915

IAM Membership: Membership numbers are declining, with 100 members who will expire this year. Suggestions were invited from board members with respect to activities that would attract more members. The discussion lead to the identification of a key issue; How to define value that IAM brings to the community and how to market it? Who is our target market, Indians or non-Indians? A suggestion was made that the membership subcommittee meet to discuss this and come up with some basic write-up to answer this issue and present it to the board for review and further discussion.

Picnic: First subcommittee meeting was set for 6/13 at 7:00 PM at Starbucks in Southtown center. Bhairavi's FIL will be invited for hoisting the flags.

Community meeting: Meeting has been arranged from 2-5 pm 6/19. 11 organizations have committed to attend. IAM website was updated with links to other organizations. Newsletter is highlighting one organization each quarter. Agenda for next meeting was sent via email. This topic involved a lot of discussion. Concern was raised by other board members that prior information was not made available to them regarding the activities of this subcommittee and that the agenda topics might not be the direction to take these meetings.

Festival Of India: Meeting tentatively set for 6/20 at Ramesh's house. Please check your email for updates. In addition the grant application for the Spectrum Trust, Asian Pacific Endowment, 2005 was approved by the Board.

Tsunami rehabilitation fund-raising efforts: We are planning to apply for matching funds from PATH. Information is on PATH's website. A project need not be identified associated with the funds. Donation amount and associated documentation needs to be shown to get matching funds.

General:

Ramesh will take minutes next 2 meetings.

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Begin Time: _____

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End Time: _____

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India Assoc of MN

Nonprofit Status: _____

☒ Yes☐ No

Nonprofit #: _____

Contact Person: _____

Delip Mallick

Daytime Phone #: _____

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India Association of Minnesota

Wednesday, June 09, 2004

International Institute of Minnesota

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Invitees:	Atul Shroff	Balki Radhakrishnan	Deepshikha Gupta	Nitin Patil
	Dilip Mallick	Gita Sitaramiah	Govind Shah	Rabinder Bains
	Hatim Carim	Indushekharan Nair	Kamal Sahgal	Raji Shankar
	Saurabh Pandit	Ramesh Muniswamy	Ramona Advani	Sanghamitra Sahu
	Shalini Thadani	Shambhu Nath	Shivanthi Sathanandan	Sumita Mitra
	Guptan Nambudiripad,			

Agenda

Notes

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| 1. Approve May 12, 2004 Meeting Minutes – Board | 5 Mins | | 2 |
| 2. Presidents report – Rabinder Bains | 5 Mins | | 2 |
| 3. Introduce new Board Member – Rabinder Bains | 5 Mins | ..... | 2 |
| 4. Community Outreach – Rabinder Bains | 5 Mins | ..... | 2 |
| 5. News Letter - | 10 Mins | ..... | 2 |
| 6. Festival of India – Dilip Mallick | 5 Mins | 26th May – by go | 2 |
| 7. Dragon Boat Festival – Dilip Mallick/Shalini Thadani | 5 Mins | ..... | 2 |
| 8. Picnic – Rabinder Bains | 10 Mins | ..... | 2 |
| 9. IAM Membership – Shalini Thadani | 10 Mins | ..... | 3 |
| 10. Publicity – Indushekhar Nair | 5 Mins | | 3 |
| 11. Fund Raising – Sumita Mitra | 5 Mins | | 3 |
| 12. AIWA – Rabinder Bains | 5 Mins | | 3 |

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Oct. 9th 7 P.M.

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Contact - Pooja Bhai Patel.

① CAPM Dinner

② Dragon Boat F.A.

③ F O I

India Association of Minnesota

Wednesday, November 10, 2004

International Institute of Minnesota

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Invitees:	Balki Radhakrishnan	Deepshikha Gupta	Nitin Patil	Mukul Jain
	Dilip Mallick	Gita Sitaramiah	Govind Shah	Rabinder Bains
	Hatim Carim	Indushekharan Nair	Kamal Sahgal	Raji Shankar
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Agenda

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| 1. Presidents update | Rabinder Bains | 5 Minutes | | 2 |
| 2. Treasurer's Report | Nitin Patil/Rabinder Bains | 5 Minutes | | 2 |
| 3. Annual Dinner 2005 | Rabinder Bains | 10 Minutes | ..... | 2 |
| 4. Festival of Nations 2005 | Ramesh Muniswamy | 10 Minutes | ..... | 2 |
| 5. Activities Committees Review | Board | 30 Minutes | | 2 |
| 6. General Board meeting | Board | 40 Minutes | | 2 |

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YAHOO! MAIL

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Date: Sun, 9 Jan 2005 18:14:54 -0800 (PST)
From: "Dilip Mallick" <dilipkmallick@yahoo.com>
Subject: 2005 IAM award Nomination Committee meeting on 1/10/05
To: "Dilip Mallick" <dilipkmallick@yahoo.com>, "Deepshika Gupta" <dshikha@stkate.edu>, "Shashi Gupta" <gupta007@umn.edu>, "Ramona Advani" <riadvani@earthlink.net>, "Rabinder Bains" <rabinder@iamn.org>
CC: "Deepshikha Gupta" <dshikha_99@yahoo.com>, "Nitin Patil" <nitin@iamn.org>, "Ramesh M." <ramesh@iamn.org>, "Shalini Thadani" <shalini@iamn.org>

Hi All:

We are going to meet to nominate individual and/or organization for 2005 IAM Achievement Award that I talked with you earlier.

Time: 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Date: Monday, Jan. 10th, 2005

Where: 2004 Randolph Ave, Rm# 106
St Paul, MN 55105

Please call for direction 651 690 6577

Thanks,
Dilip
763 546 9393.

S. Gungster - 651-483-9470

PATH MEETING

May 1, 2005
1920 South First Street
2:00 – 3:30

AGENDA

1. Housekeeping :
contact info – e and street address/ phone
website – status report
2. Bremer Grant:
1st cycle applications
Advisory Committee – process for approval
budget
3. Anniversary Event:
Status on keynote speakers
Co-Chairs – date, and space
Format
Planning meeting – set date
4. Local Activities:
Update on April activities
May - Asian Heritage Month
CAPM Banquet
Dragon Boat Festival

Other news/information, etc.
5. Next meeting date?

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IAM Annual General Body Meeting

The India Association Of Minnesota (IAM) will hold its Annual General Body Meeting on December 2nd 2000. All IAM members are invited to attend:

Date: 2nd December, 2000
Time: 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
Place: International Institute of Minnesota,
1694 Como Avenue,
St. Paul, MN 55108.
Tel: (651) 647 0191

Meeting Agenda:

10.00 a.m. Welcome by IAM President: Ananth Shankar
Treasurer's Report: Ashoke Mandal
Updates from IAM affiliated organisations
Election of the 2001 Board of Directors
Election of the 2001 Nominating Committee
12.00 p.m. Snacks

The following individuals have been nominated for the 2001 IAM Board of Directors:

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| 1. Ananth Shankar | 11. Dilip Mallick |
| 2. Vipin Gopal | 12. Vatsal Munshi |
| 3. Ashoke Mandal | 13. Sunder Rajan |
| 4. Kumud Sahgal | 14. Saila Rao |
| 5. Rabinder Bains | 15. Vidhya Shanker |
| 6. Dharam Bobra | 16. Azher Ansari |
| 7. Rajeev Goyal | 17. Uttam Padukone* |
| 8. Deepshika Gupta | 18. Surya Pidaparti* |
| 9. Mary Gupta | 19. Karla Melvin* |
| 10. Arabinda Mishra | 20. Preeti Mathur* |
| | 21. Vijay Rajamani* |

** New nominations*

Proposed Nominating Committee for 2001:

1. Vipin Gopal
2. Elected 2001 Vice President
3. Vasant Sukhatme
4. Bhupat Desai
5. Mangala PaiPanadikar

For more details please contact Ananth Shankar (651) 730-5966 or Vipin Gopal (651) 604-0476.

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Anoop & Preeti Mathur
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St Paul, MN 55126.0000

IAM Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 13, 2004
International Institute of Minnesota

Presided by Rabinder Bains (President).

Other attendees: Anoop Mathur, Govind Shah, Shambhu Nath, Ramona Advani, Dilip Mallick, Preeti Mathur, Nitin Patil, Kamal Sahgal, Raji Shankar, Balki Radhakrishnan, Mukhtar Thakur and Gita Sitaramaiah.

Minutes taken by Balki Radhakrishnan

1. Rabinder Bains provided an update on the IAM funds invested through the St. Paul Foundation. The question raised to the board was whether to use the interest accrued annually for IAM projects, or to retain the interest and let it compound along with the principal. The board approved a motion to use the interest generated annually towards events and projects that IAM is interested in – e.g. SILC. Rabinder Bains was assigned as the point person who would be in touch with the Foundation.
2. Anoop Mathur of the Advisory Committee shared his approach to identify IAM's long-term goal. He shared a grid with the different IAM activities and the importance of how they relate to the IAM charter and the organization's mission statement. The group was asked if they would like to take the survey that Anoop Mathur had crafted. With a couple of additions to the events list (Dragon Festival participation, Mushaira event, etc.) the group decided to take the survey by email.
3. Mukhtar Thakur shared details on his recent appointment by the Governor of the State to the Council of Asian Pacific Americans. He represents the Indian community in the council. His tenure will be for four years and the Indian community is one of twenty different Asian communities that are represented in the council.

Mukhtar will attempt to participate in every alternate IAM board meeting and will act as a channel for the organization's ideas, thoughts and concerns with the state government. The board recognized that his participation in the council will lead to greater participation of the Indian community in the legislative and electoral process.

4. In the Treasurer's report Nitin Patil highlighted the streamlining of the different IAM bank accounts. The board recognized the initiative that has led to the reduction of bank accounts from five to two.

The treasurer also highlighted that as IAM had exceeded \$25,000 in receipts last year the organization had to file paperwork with the IRS. The increased receipts were due to returns from money collected, but unused, for the Gujarat earthquake victims' rehabilitation (\$38,000 as returned and disbursed again). As this year's receipts are less than \$25,000 there will not be a need to file with the government this year.

5. Mushaira: Dr. Kamal Sahgal provided the board with an update on the recently conducted Mushaira event. There were over 100 members in the audience. The quality of the program was stated to be excellent, others in the Board agreed. Over 20 participants shared their work with the audience, and the board saw an opportunity / potential to make this an annual event. The event was conducted without a ticket fee, and the expenses (though minimal) are expected to come in during the month of October.
6. The board passed a motion to accept form 990 (tax reporting) from the Minnesota Attorney General's office. Cynthia Sontag, the tax expert's services was going to be sought.
7. The board discussed initial plans for the IAM Annual Dinner. After some discussion Dilip Mallick was appointed the chair for the event. Ramona Advani, Gita Sitaramaiah, Shambhu Nath

and Raji Shankar were other volunteers to serve on the event committee. There was a question raised on the objective of the event. The chief guest, venue, date, day, # of attendees expected, price of admission, etc. were to be finalized in the coming weeks. There was also discussion around recognizing youth achievements from the community, as well as suggestions on finding alternate venues, other than the Radisson at Roseville.

8. The board discussed the upcoming IAM newsletter and decided that the Mushaira, write-up on Vibha, IAM picnic update and seeking nominations for the IAM annual awards would be key areas to highlight in the next news letter.



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2	Score only 1,3,7 or 9 (9=most aligned with mission statement)		Activities (Score 1,3,7 or 9; 9=most aligned with mission st
3			
4	IAM Mission Statement	Importance Rating	Festival of Nations
5	1. Articulate our values and heritage to ourselves and our succeeding generations	9	
6	2. Establish strong relationships with other Asian-Pacific organizations	4	
7	3. Raise the visibility of the community in the news media, in matters of public policy, in academic institutions and in businesses in Minnesota and the rest of country to realize the mission of IAM	9	
8	4. Maintain relationships with organizations of similar interest in other parts of USA	4	
9	5. Sponsor and conduct community service activities in Minnesota	7	
10	6. Sponsor and support activities for charitable purposes in India	5	
11	7. Educate the broader community about India's diverse cultural values and heritage	9	
12	8. Contribute to the broader understanding and appreciation of multiculturalism and diversity	7	
13	9. Work towards establishing a India Center	8	

India Association of Minnesota

09/08/2004
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
International Institute of Minnesota

Meeting called by: Rabinder Bains

Type of meeting: Board Meeting

Invitees: Balki Radhakrishnan, Deepshikha Gupta, Dilip Mallick, Gita Sitaramaiah, Govind Shah, Guptan Nambudiripad, Hatim Carim, Indushekharan Nair, Kamal Sahgal, Nitin Patil, Rabinder Bains, Raji Shankar, Ramesh Muniswamy, Ramona Advani, Sanghamitra Sahu, Saurabh Pandit, Shalini Thadani, Shambhu Nath, Shivanthi Sathanandan, Sumita Mitra, Mukul Jain

Attendees: Guptan Nambudiripad, Kamal Sahgal, Rabinder Bains, Raji Shankar, Shalini Thadani, Ramesh Muniswamy, Shivanthi Sathanandan, Shambhu Nath, Mukul Jain, Nitin Patil

Minutes

- ☐ Passed the August 2004 IAM board meeting minutes with a correction to add Ramona Advani's name to the newsletter committee.
Nitin Patil proposed and Kamal Sahgal seconded the motion.
- ☐ President's Report: Rabinder Bains thanked the picnic committee for organizing a successful picnic. Informed the board that pilgrims of peace would be held at St. Paul student centre on September 12, 2004. Proposed an annual contribution to Vibha in consideration of their community service.
- ☐ Council on Asia Pacific Minnesota: David Zandar, Research Analyst at Council on Asia Pacific Minnesota provided an informed and detailed overview of the activities, tasks and challenges of the council. Some of the major concerns and challenges he mentioned are Casino gambling, addiction and associated social costs within the Asian Pacific community. He emphasized on the council's efforts to rehabilitate these victims, develop welfare reforms, and address employment, housing and racism issues. There is a new research project concentrated on domestic and family violence. The other major issues that Asian Pacific community is facing are prostitution, and drug and women trafficking. Council on Asia Pacific is also helping with small business development, after school day care, mental health care, and voter mobilization.
- ☐ Festival of India: Rabinder updated the board that preparations are on target. University travels has agreed to sponsor 3 tickets for the Consular staff. Rabinder is still working on the sponsors for their accommodation.
- ☐ Indo-Pak Mushaira: Kamal Sahgal reported that no place has been identified yet.

India Association of Minnesota

Meeting called by: Rabinder Bains

Type of meeting: Board Meeting

Invitees: Atul Shroff, Balki Radhakrishnan, Deepshikha Gupta, Dilip Mallick, Gita Sitaramiah, Govind Shah, Guptan Nambudiripad, Hatim Carim, Indushekharan Nair, Kamal Sahgal, Nitin Patil, Rabinder Bains, Raji Shankar, Ramesh Muniswamy, Ramona Advani, Sanghamitra Sahu, Saurabh Pandit, Shalini Thadani, Shambhu Nath, Shivanthi Sathanandan, Sumita Mitra

Attendees: Shivanthi Sathanandan, Ramona Advani, Guptan Nambudiripad, Rabinder Bains, Shalini Thadani, Ramesh Muniswamy, Nitin Patil, Dilip Mallick, Govind Shah, Hatim Carim, Saurabh Pandit, Sanghamitra Sahu

Minutes from IAM Board Meeting on Wednesday, May 12, 2004

- Approved April 2004 IAM board meeting minutes.
Shalini Thadani proposed and Guptan Nambudiripad seconded the motion.
- President of IAM, Rabinder Bains proposed sharing IAM storage with SILC (School of Indian Languages and Culture).
Board unanimously approved this proposal considering SILC objectives and contributions to the community.
Board also approved a monetary contribution of \$700.00 to SILC, upholding IAM tradition of encouraging and supporting the cause of education and culture.
Govind Shah proposed and Ramona Advani seconded the motion.
Rabinder Bains and Balki Radhakrishnan are starting their work on creating a network of all the regional and cultural organizations of value and interest to Indian community.
- Based upon the TAC (Trustee Advisory Council) recommendations, IAM Board unanimously agreed to create a new position of Assistant Treasurer to facilitate smooth transition of annual accounts. IAM Board executive committee will decide on the responsibilities and roles.
- Govind Shah volunteered to lead and coordinate 2004 annual picnic. The picnic is scheduled for August 21, 2004.
- Indushekhar Nair volunteered to represent and coordinate IAM participation at the Dragon boat festival.
Shivanthi Sathanandan volunteered to help Indushekhar Nair.
- Ramesh Muniswamy updated the board on the IAM's successful participation at the FON. Presented an account of what went well, lessons learned and approximate amount of contributions received.

**Festival of India Subcommittee meeting minutes
8/17/2004, 6:30 PM, Nitin's Apt. Party Room**

Current status: Venue, visa and passport camp, voter registration camp and yoga demo have been confirmed.

Vendors: Forms need to be prepared and put on website. 9/17 is the deadline for vendor registration. Booth fees - \$100 for profit and \$50 for non-profit organizations. The first booth encountered after entry into the Landmark center has to be IAM's information booth, with program information. \$50 will be waived if a non-profit organization applies for a waiver in writing providing justification for the organization should be waived from the fee payment. The organization's policies should be in line with IAM's policies. This should not be mentioned on the form, but should be revealed by the booth registration team if anyone asks them for a waiver of the booth fees. Also, a request will be made to such non-profit organizations to provide volunteers to assist with the festival arrangement in return for the waiver. Waivers will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Add booth regulations to the registration form. Booths will be allotted in the week of 9/20

Publicity: Sunstar Mortgage will sponsor color prints of the flyer and posters, up to \$300. Decision was made to get 800 prints of 8.5X5.5, 200 prints of 8.5X11 and 50 prints of poster size. Rest of the funding will be used for festival program printing costs. The program will contain IAM information (brochure, membership form, etc.), map of Landmark center with directions. Businesses will be requested for advertisements. Cost for advertisements are: ½ page in program or banner display at event - \$50, ½ page on program + on website until the end of the year - \$75, ½ page in program + website + banner at event - \$100. We need a volunteer to put the program together. Dilip or Shalini will ask Sanghamitra if she is interested in doing this. 9/17 is the deadline for getting advertisements, etc. Shivanthi and Dilip will work on the press release and forward to media contacts.

Cultural program: Rabinder and Deepshika will discuss details about the cultural program at the next meeting. Need better arrangement for changing rooms this year.

Visa services: We need to have sufficient forms printed. Hotel rooms and travel arrangements for Indian Consulate members need to be confirmed.

Volunteers: Volunteers are needed to put up and take down decorations, to set up, number and label booths and at the visa camp to collect fees and assist with forms. Volunteer requirements are as follows:

Shift/activity	Visa Camp	Ticket Collector	Decorations	Booth setup	IAM Booth	Total
8 am-noon	4	1	(1 hr at 8 am) 4	(1 hr at 8 am) 4	3	16
11 am -3 pm	4	1			3	8
2 pm - 6 pm	4	1	(1 hr at 5 pm) 4	(1 hr at 5 pm) 4	3	16
Total	12	5	8	8	9	42

Food Vendor: Nataraj could do this. Nitin to find out the payment made by last year's vendor so that Nataraj can be approached to be the FOI food vendor.

Next Meeting: Aug 31, 2004 at 6:30 PM, Venue TBD

India Association of Minnesota (IAM)

Minutes of the IAM Board meeting on 4/9/03

Attendees: Kumud Sahgal, Deep Shikha, Nitin Patil, Bankim Desai, Govind Vatassery, Rabinder Bains, Rajinder Singh, Ramesh Muniswamy, Hatim Carim, Preeti Mathur, Sumita Mitra, Sanghamitra Sahu and Ashoke Mandal.

Guests: Ram Gada, Dilip Mallick, Sarjit Bains, Vasant Sukhatme, Kanan Purtanmbekar, Vijay Rajamani, Nazneen Khatoon, Karen Tanaka Lucas and Hyder Khan

1. The **minutes** of the 3/12/03 meeting was approved with the following change.
 - Ramesh Muniswamy's last name was corrected with "Y" at the end.
 - The name of Aiwa should read "AIWA".
2. Dilip Mallick and Karen Lucas gave an update on need of volunteers, publicity and financial support for the **2003 Dragon Festival and Boat Race** to be held at Lake Phalen on 7/19/03 for two days.
3. A considerable amount of discussion was held for the sponsorship of the **Vinay Lal's lecture**.
 - Hyder Khan presented a brief outlook on why we should NOT back out of our support for the lecture.
 - Vasant Sukhatme cautioned the board about the process of supporting or withdrawing from the lecture.
 - Ram Gada presented the IAM mission statement being the cultural and not a political or religious organization.
 - Each board member was given the opportunity to make comments.
 - The board decided to vote and with the 7 to 6 votes decided to withdraw the support.
4. Deepshikha shared **the President's report** outlining the following;
 - We are on track for the "calendar events".
5. Govind presented his **Treasurer's report**.
 - The IAM charter was presented to IRS by 3/31/03.
 - We are in process of working toward 501-C-3 classification.
 - We will have to file State of Minnesota sales tax.
 - The year 2003 itemized budget was presented.
 - Govind will prepare a projected budget for 2003.
6. Bankim Presented the **Secretary's report** with following items;
 - We need to clean up the storage. A date will be announced at the next meeting.
 - The "web site" has been modified and will be continually updated.
 - The board member attendance was discussed and a chart will be prepared.
7. Sanghamitra provided update on the recent mailing of the **"News Letter"**.
8. Ramesh updated on our efforts for **Festival of Nations**.
 - The need of "Volunteers" was presented.
9. "Festival of India" was discussed. We will soon have a meeting on the subject.
10. A light discussion was held for the **membership/fundraising** efforts. The sub committee will hold a meeting and present a report in the May meeting.
11. Dilip Mallick updated the need for the funds for the **History Project**.
 - The \$4,000 was approved for this project. However, because of the money situation, we will NOT be able to spend the entire amount in one year.
 - This will be a 2 year project and the money can be spent within this time frame to ease the burden.

3M Internal Correspondence

Date: 23-Dec-1997 08:58am CTZ
From: LYNNMALF@INTERNET@SSWMB@HERMES
LYNNMALF@INTERNET@SSWMB@HERMES
Dept:
Tel No:

TO: GUMMADI, FRANKLIN@A1@BORDER

Subject: iam minutes

Originating Internet address appears below:
From: lynn.malfeld@co.hennepin.mn.us

hope these get to you. happy holidays.

----- (Forwarded letter 1 follows) -----

Date: Friday, 12 December 1997 2:17pm CT
To: *, gfranklin@mmm.com, smohapat@isd.net
From: LYNN.MALFELD@HC

Sorry this is so late. Please feel free to edit. I plan (hope) to make time to complete the October Board meeting minutes this coming Friday. I feel like I haven't been very reliable or timely the last couple of months. My only excuse is work. The Hennepin county taxpayers have been getting their money's worth. See you in January.

India Association of Minnesota

Annual Board Meeting Minutes - November 22, 1997
International INstitute of Minnesota

Present: Jacques Samy, Vasant Sukhatme, Silas Kung, Shanti Shah, Yarhoda Rao, Niru Misra, Mukhtar Thakur, Dilip Mallik, Rahim Siwa, Manoj Shah, Shashi Gupta, Shoma Hawkins, Raksha Gates, Ananth Shankar, Punjabhai Patel, Bhupat Desai, Pranab Chatterjee, Anil Yenamandra, Priya Franklin, Shirley Franklin, Krishna M Saxena, Kusam Saxena, Nihan Nander, Prabha Sharma, Surinder Sharma, Dean Gu*ta, Franklin Gummadi, Govind Vatassery, Pradeep Kotamraju, Mukul Ganguli, Sarat Mohapatra, Ashish Bhargava, Tushli Bhargava, Ushi Deodhar, Monica Sukhatme, Kumud Sahgal, Kamal Sahgal, Satveer Chaudhary, Godan Nambudiripad, Ranjit Shenoy

The annual Board meeting began with a tribute to Mother Theresa led by Franklin Gummadi.

I. The goals and accomplishments for 1997 were reviewed.

1. The goals of controlling costs and realizing a positive cash flow were met.

2). Membership was increased in 1997.

3). Several activities took place which served to increase visibility of IAM. They included: most notably, the Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Independence; participation in the Pan Asian Festival; inclusion in the United Ways First Call for Help; the second stage of the history project now dealing with second generation; the development and receipt of a grant for a community directory; nomination for Sangam Radio for the Asian Pacific award; development of the Sunshine group; and the reception for visiting Prime Ministers.

II. The treasurer's report was given.

III. Niru Misra presented an update on AIWA activities. They have included panel discussions on topics such as raising children biculturally; immigration issues; and a panel of women physicians discussing women's issues. Also, they have developed a community directory.

IV. Rahim Jiwa discussed the activities of Community Directory. Both youth and adults volunteer and activities have included working at soup kitchens.

V. Godan Nambudiripad discussed the Oral History Project which is now focusing on the histories of the second generation.

VI. Vasant Sukhatme reported on the progress of the community directory. The goal is to publish in 1998 and AIWA is helping with the project.

VII. Dr. Saxena discussed the upcoming walk for Juvenile Diabetes in January.

VIII. Prabha Sharma and Lynn Malfeld discussed goals for the Youth Committee/Club in 1998.

IX. Shanti Shah and Godan Nambudiripad presented the nominees for the 1998 Board and discussed the nomination process.

X. Franklin Gummadi, as President of the 1998 Board, discussed his goals for 1998. They include:

1. To get the pulse of the Community. What do they want of IAM and what is our charter.
2. To continue to boost the image of the association.
3. Building bridges within the Indian community.

XI. Certificates of appreciation were presented to Board members for their efforts and dedication.

XII. State Representative Satveer Chaudary spoke regarding the current

**India Association of Minnesota
December 1997 Minutes**

Present: Prabha Sharma, Rahim Jiwa, G.N. Franklin, Ashish Bhargava, Anant Shankar, Sarat Mohapatra, Vasant Sukhatme, Bhupat Desai, Dili Mallick, Kamal Sahgal (representing Kumud Sahgal), Pradeep Kotamraju

Constitutional Amendment: Discussion centered around the role of the continuation of the past president on the board in the event s/he was not elected as a board member. This discussion was extended to other past officers as well. Under the present constitution, the board has the authority to invite any member to become an honorary board member. Given the history that resides in past officers, honorary status, while commendable, does not provide a good way for extracting much needed information from past officers, particularly the president. Hence, the issue of amending the current constitution of the India Association of Minnesota (IAM) to expand the number of board members from the current twenty-two to include past officers. Here, the issue of interest and commitment of past officers to ongoing IAM activities was discussed. Forcing past officers to continue on the board may prove ultimately ineffective if the past officers have no intention to be involved. After weighing both sides of the argument, it was decided, at least for this year, Sarat Mohapatra, IAM past president will serve as an honorary member of the board. The motion to nominate Sarat as an honorary member was put forward, duly seconded and passed unanimously.

Election of Officers: Nominations for vice president, treasurer and secretary was put forward. The following candidates were elected unopposed:

Vice President	Ashish Bhargava
Treasurer	Bhupat Desai
Secretary	Pradeep Kotamraju

Annual Dinner: The IAM Annual Dinner will be held February 1, 1998 at the New Brighton Family Center at 5pm. Tentatively, Ranjeev Tandon from University of Saint Thomas will be the keynote speaker. There was a general discussion of the needed arrangements including the ticket price, menu and facility charge. There was also some discussion about how to increase the participation of youth and young professionals and this led to discussing what the role of the Annual Dinner should be. It was decided that no new changes would be made this year's format. Future meetings will take on the task of expanding participation in the Annual Dinner event. A sub-committee was appointed to work out the details for the annual dinner.

Newsletter: The content of the newsletter was discussed with Ashish taking the responsibility of finalizing the newsletter for printing and mailing.

Festivals of Nations: The Festival of Nations will be held April 30, May 1-3, 1998. Pradeep Kotamraju will serve as General Chair. Dilip will take the responsibility of the Café Chair with assistance from Rahim. Anant volunteered to be a captain for one of the days. A subcommittee to handle all aspects of the Festival of Nations activities will meet to hammer out the details.

Board Meeting Place, Time: There is concern for the low participation of **elected board members** at the monthly meetings. To address this issue, it was suggested that meeting during weekday evening might improve participation by board members. Related to this is the fact any meeting outside Como High School involves reserving a room and paying for it. Franklin will investigate the matter further and report back to the board.

The meeting ended at 3:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday January 15, 1997, 7pm at the International Institute of Minnesota. The Institute is located on Como Ave. in Saint Paul.

Respectfully submitted,

Pradeep Kotamraju
Secretary

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JAN 98 MINUTES (15th Jan 98)

Present Ashish B, Ananta S, Sorot M, Volant S,
Dilep M, Roksho-G, Franklin G, Jacques S,
Mukhtar T.

Minutes: From December mtg were approved

Budget: Budget ~~made~~ prepared a

Proposed budget for '98: The board made some adjustments to balance, and to allocate funds more realistically. We will still have a negative cash flow in '98, unless we campaign for a strong membership enrollment.

TAXES: Sorot gave an overview of IAM tax status, with IRS. The IRS has charged us with ^(negligence in filing) ~~negligence~~ ^{penalty} fines which could mount up to several thousands of dollars. Sorot is working with the help of Town Council and colleagues (a former IAM Board member) to minimize the damage and bring an end to this crisis. The board approved up to \$1000.00 for this cause, in case it's needed.

Annual Dinner- Franklin updated on the status; all arrangements are finalised except, ~~was~~ this is getting to be a chore, with no definite objective. we need to validate this in the future.

News Letter:- Ashish and Vasant have done an excellent job putting it together. Ashish suggested a name for the newsletter "Common Thread" and asked for suggestions. This matter will be discussed further to make a decision.

Mukta suggested going with a smaller printer to reduce costs. We still need to streamline the printing and posting process.

MN History Project Godwin has been working very diligently to finalise a proposal for a grant money from MN historical society. A task force has been chosen with the board members and from the community.

Festival of Nations:- Details are being worked out as planned by Pradeep. So far all events except adult programme needs to be

finalized. Ronjan Patel's name was suggested.
The 'bozon' bid has been accepted
at \$1800... from India Bozon.

Web Page: Jacques has accepted to take up
this responsibility and the board
has agreed to the address - INDIA MN.

STORAGE: The store needs a good cleanup,
and organization. Before the festival
of notions we need to clean it be ready.
Would one of the board members take
this as a challenge and coordinate?

Endowment: - How about an endowment from
IAM? The board needs to think about it
before a decision.

COMMUNITY
Project: Roksha discussed about a research project
involving english speaking ^{elderly Indian} women. The
subject is the aging experience of an immigrant.

Next mtg - Feb 19th at 7:0 P.M.
Place - Int'l Institute of MN.



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Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans Board Meeting

When: Thursday, October 21, 2004

Time: 5:30 p.m - Community Forum
6:00 p.m - Business Meeting

Where: Blazing Star Meeting Room
Centennial Office Building (ground floor)
658 Cedar St., St. Paul, MN 55155
(Please refer to encl. Directions & Parking)

The Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans invites you to attend the next Council board meeting. Please come ready to share your ideas with us and with our special guests

Community Forum

- 1) Niccu Tafarirodi, Exec. Director
International Health Education Center

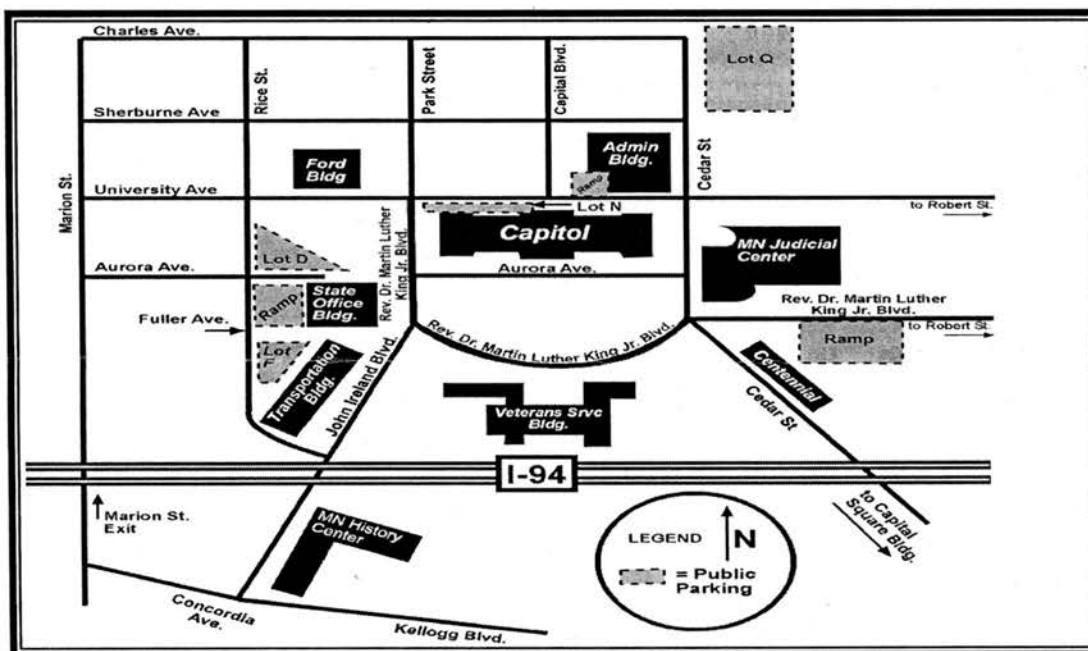
Council Business Meeting

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes (8/19/04)
5. Executive Director's Report
6. Discussions:
 - Evaluation of the Executive Director
 - Strategic Planning
 - Elections of Chair/Vice Chair
 - Approval of Committee Charges
 - Dragon Festival
7. Announcements
8. Adjourn
9. Committee Breakouts

Please feel free to call (651) 296-0538 if you have any questions.

Tentative date of the next board meeting: WEDNESDAY, December 15, 2004

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From the North: I-35E South/US-10 East to University AVE exit, #107C (towards the State Capitol). Continue straight across University AVE on 12th Street E. At Cedar ST turn right. The Centennial Office Building is 1 ½ blocks ahead on the right side of the street.

Parking Options

Metered Street Parking: There are parking meters on Cedar ST and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Meters only accept quarters and have a 2 hour limit. Meters are enforced until 4:30 p.m. daily.

Metered Ramp Parking: Parking meters are also available on the Orange Level of the parking facility behind the Centennial Building. Meters accept nickels, dimes, and quarters & have a 3 hour limit (25¢/15minutes). Meters are enforced 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. daily.

The entrance to the Orange Level of the parking ramp is located on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., just East of Cedar ST. For a reference point, a side door entrance to the Judicial Center building is directly across the street from the entrance to the Orange Level of the parking ramp.

Please Note: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. was formerly Constitution Avenue.

History of IAM History Project
(Godan Nambudiripad)
Dec. 7, 2002

(Check out <http://www.mnhs.org/library/oralhistory/india.html> and the collection of oral histories at Minnesota Historical Society in St. Paul.)

Time Line

1. 1991 summer - Traveling Exhibit on Asians in Minnesota from Minnesota Historical Society spotted without Indians being represented.
2. 1992 spring - India Club (Predecessor to IAM) committee met on historical preservation.
3. 1992 - 93 - Idea generation, contact with Minnesota Historical Society, their training and direction towards "Oral History"
4. 1994 - Pillsbury Company grant for \$500 to Godan Nambudiripad for buying recording equipment.
5. 1994 - Minnesota Historical Society grant to Polly Sonifer for \$ 3450
6. June 1994 - Jan. '95 - Interviews of first generation Indians
7. Sept. 1995 - Celebration of the completion of the first 15 interviews.
8. 1997 Funds raised by History Committee for doing the history of "Next generation"
9. 1998 Interviews of "Next Generation" started.
10. May 1998 - IAM Receives a grant from MN Historical Society for \$2000 15 interviews almost completed.
11. Oct. 1999 - Celebrated the "Next Generation" and - kicked off the preservation of first institutional history - SILC by donating archival records and - donated about 30 cassettes of recording of and Indian radio program which ran in 1976 in Minnesota (Chaudhury, Abhishekar et al.)
12. Nov. 1999 - SILC history interviews started.
13. October 2002 - celebration of SILC and Phase 3 of Oral History and donation of these to Minnesota Historical Society.
14. Next project: History of India Association of Minnesota

A Brief History of the History Project

In the summer of 1991 we happened to see a traveling display of Asian Immigrants to Minnesota which was borrowed from the Minnesota Historical Society. India was not represented. We approached the Minnesota Historical Society. First we met with David Nysteu of the Extension services of the Society. After much discussion with him he introduced us to Jim Fogerty who heads acquisitions and curatorial department. He advised that oral history would be one of the most valuable contributions we can make for this cause. This will be available forever for

researchers. The Historical Society also provided us with training, which stretched over a few nights.

This effort was lot of supported by Board of India Club (predecessor to IAM) especially Rahim Rahiman who made the initial contacts with the Minnesota Historical Society. Ram Gada, Ella Baldwin and Polly Sonifer were some of the people came to many meetings and the training.

In 1994 Godan Nambudiripad got a grant of \$500 and soon Polly Sonifer got a grant from the Historical Society. Thus we started the effort of writing the Oral History in 1994. Questionnaires were developed and narrators were selected. Selecting the narrators was tough. How does one select about 20 people to represent the cross section of those immigrated to Minnesota. Our criteria of people of Indian origin included people whose ancestors had migrated to other parts of the world, besides the people who came direct from India. Polly was the interviewer and transcriber. We were learning the logistics. We lost a few interviews because of misunderstandings. Some of the people earmarked for the first interviews passed away or otherwise became unavailable. During 1994 and 1995 Polly Sonifer interviewed 19 people which yielded 16 narrations.

In September of 1996 we had a special celebration to mark the completion of this series. That was grand event attended also by the Consul General of India at Chicago, Mr. K. R. Sinha.

Since then we have done oral history 16 people who grew up here capturing their struggles in growing up in two cultures. We are in the process of completing another series, which include the short timer computer professionals, and people who live out state, away from the Twin Cities. Their experience is different from the professionals and businessmen who first came here in the late 60's and early 70's.

The project of the youth was funded mainly by money raised from the public by the History Committee. On major donor was the Hindu Society with a grant of \$500. IAM had pledged \$750 and we used about \$400 of that, the remainder was small donations from the public. Again Polly Sonifer was the interviewer, but Minnesota Historical Society helped with transcription, which is a very tedious job. We celebrated this on Oct. 2, 1999.

IAM received a grant of \$2000 from the Minnesota Historical Society for the next phase of our project. IAM committed \$500. We also used another interviewer, Diana Kenny. This Phase 3 project is now completed.

Besides all the people who volunteered to be the narrators and the History Committee of IAM, the very committed effort of Polly Sonifer over the years and now Diana Kenny; and help, encouragement and counsel of Jim Fogerty, grants from the Pillsbury Company, The Minnesota Historical Society the Minnesota Historical Society, donation from the Hindu Society are all the factors that has made this project possible. Rahim Rahiman for initial contacts with the Minnesota Historical Society, Ella Baldwin in helping compile the initial list of questions and Preeti Mathur for publicity all have contributed.

Along with its 20 Th. anniversary celebrations SILC raised enough money to an oral history. This is also completed.

We celebrated the SILC and IAM phase 3 this October.

IAM Board has committed to writing its' history and this will be started as the next project.

Ram D - Intro

Election of Ram as conducting Election of Board of

1. Base of Election.
2. Responsibility After of Meeting.
3. Time of Commitment.
4. Part of Committee
5. Advice to Board &
6. Image of IFTM
7. Raise the Fund.

Proposal to Floor to nominate members

second. If other than Nominations, Committee's name
Godham H.

Hold the election say Yes
if ~~may~~ any Yes.

Any Nomination from Floor.

no more nomination

Goes for action of Nominees.

Say Yes.

Election officers.

Notes from IAM Picnic Meeting

3 p.m. August 4, 2002

at Preeti Mathur's house

300 Harbor Lane, Shoreview, MN55126

Attendees: Bankim Desai, VipinGopal, Deepshika Gupta, Mary Gupta. Anil Kaul. Shibani Khera, Dilip Mallick, Ashoke Mandal, Preeti Mathur, Vatsal Munshi, , Anant Shanker, Govind V.

- Invitations and Handling of Guests Preeti/ Ashoke
 - Mike Hatch will be invited to come at 12:15 – half hour before flag raising
 - Program:
 - 12:45 Ashoke introduces Godan as Guest of Honor. Godan will raise Indian Flag followed by Indian National Anthem.
 - Preeti introduces Mike Hatch as Chief Guest who will raise US Flag followed by US National Anthem
 - Anoop and Dharmashanker will get the flags ready.
 - Preeti will bring copies of National Anthems
 - Need to make provision for rain. Preeti will try to get golf umbrellas.
- Publicity Govind
 - Central Ave corridor already done by Govind
 - Website needs to be updated – Dilip will remind Suvo
 - India Town: Anil will take care; also will also contact TV stations for coverage
 - Govind will follow up for Sangam
 - Govind assigned flyer distribution task to various members.
- Setup, Decorations, Signs Shibani
 - Shibani will put up signs, program schedule and decorate shelters.
- Microphones/Photography Anant
 - Anant, Dilip will do film photography
 - Anil will do video and digital photography
 - Anant and Kumud will bring microphones. Anant will bring music and a boombox
- Front Desk/Membership Dilip
 - Kumud will provide membership list to Dilip
 - Dilip and Vatsal will be at the front desk with backup help from Govind and Bankim
 - Dilip will bring nametags, cash box, change, and tickets – he will contact Sundar.
 - Ticket selling will stop at 3:00 pm
- Food and Kitchen Help Deepshika
 - Deep reviewed the arrangements. She will provide an updated spreadsheet – see spreadsheet for details.
- Games Shibani
 - Shibani and John will coordinate all team games – will buy prizes
 - Shibani will talk to Rajeev Goyal for additional information.

- Preeti offered Shruti's help, if needed.
- Vatsal will rent volley balls and tug of war rope
- Preeti will bring soccer ball, Anant cricket equipment
- Ashwin will coordinate volley ball and soccer, Anant , — cricket

□ Prizes

Ashoke

- Ashoke wil coordinate this to get enough prizes
- Shibani will buy prizes for children's games.

□ Look through stuff brought from storage

All

- Stuff was taken by respective coordinators
- Preeti will send list of paper products to Deepshika
- Vipin brought flags and poles and instructed Anoop and Shanker on setup.

Note: This is *not* related to the Picnic, but Vipin Gopal announced his resignation from the Board at this meeting. He will be moving ~~to~~ ^{from} the Twin Cities due to a job change.

Dear arts enthusiasts and Indian community leaders:

In September of 2004, the Twin Cities Indian community will be presented with a rare and enviable opportunity to showcase the vibrant arts and cultural heritage of India for an audience of thousands. In an exciting new work entitled *Sethu (Bridge)*, the Walker Art Center will partner with our community's own Ragamala Music and Dance Theater to catapult its audience into the ancient landscape of the mythic Hindu epic Ramayana. With the drama of an outdoor theater spectacle, free and open to the public and presented on an open-air stage in the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden, *Sethu* will pay homage to the magical power of this Indian legend, while delivering the excitement and drama of a groundbreaking global collaborative work.

We estimate that this production will draw audiences in the thousands, providing powerful exposure to the presence of the culturally vibrant Indian community in the Twin Cities. This collaboration between Ragamala and the Walker constitutes an unprecedented opportunity to reach out to the people of the Twin Cities, both Indians and non-Indians, and invite them to share in the rich cultural and artistic traditions of the subcontinent. But we can't do it alone. We need your help, as a leader of the Indian community, and we hope the prospect of this unique and innovative project will energize you join us in an exciting new venture.

We propose to form an alliance of Indian community leaders to help us to brainstorm about how best to harvest the support of the community for this project. We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to a planning luncheon, along with several other leaders of the Twin Cities Indian business and arts communities, to be held at the Walker on <date>. This luncheon will give us the opportunity to enter into a creative dialogue aimed at helping to propel this project to its well-deserved spotlight in the Walker's upcoming season and on the Twin Cities' cultural calendar.

We look forward to your presence at this special event, and have enclosed contact information and an RSVP card. Please feel free to contact us with any questions about the event, or about the upcoming production.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Ranee Ramaswamy
Artistic Director
Ragamala Music and Dance Theater

Philip Bither
Curator of Performing Arts
Walker Art Center

Organizing Committee for 2005 Annual Dinner meeting on Tuesday,
October 19, 2004 at 6:00 PM in Brookdale Library.

The Agenda:

1. Welcome

2. Publicity:

- a. Radio —
- b. India Town —
- c. Patel brothers, Asia Imports Flyers —
- d. Press Release —
- e. Web page —
- f. Individual Community —
- g. News Letter —

3. Programs:

- a. Chief Guest — *G*
- b. Keynote Speaker — *Tom Freeman*
- c. IAM Awards —

4. Budget — *Printing - Flyers & Prog.*
1. Snacks, Awards...

5. Venue — ?

6. Dates — *1st week Feb.*

7. Costs per person — *35 / 25 — 150 Person.*
10-15 Free

8. Misc.

9. Next date. — *16th Nov & Dec 21st.*

1. Call Barber. General H:bn.

\$ 300 / Table

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 - a. Chief Guest
 - b. Keynote Speaker
 - c. IAM Awards
4. Budget
5. Venue - Marriott
6. Dates - 1st week of Feb
7. Costs per person
8. Misc.
9. Next date.

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India Association of Minnesota

Wednesday, October 13, 2004
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

International Institute of Minnesota

Meeting Agenda

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|-----------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| 1. Approval of the Minutes | All | 5 mins |
| 2. President's Report | Rabinder | 5 mins |
| 3. TAC's Long-Term Plan | Anoop Mathur | 10 mins |
| 4. Treasurer's Report | Nitin | 15 mins |
| 5. Festival of India Review | Dilip | 10 mins. |
| 6. Mushaira Review | Kamal | 10 mins |
| 7. Annual Dinner | Rabinder | 15 mins |
| 8. Newsletter Articles | Ramona <u>2.1</u> | 10 mins |
| 9. Round Robin | All | 10 mins |

India Association of Minnesota

**12/04/2004
3:30 PM to 4:00 PM
International Institute of Minnesota**

Meeting called by: Dillip Mallick

Type of meeting: Board Meeting

Minutes

The newly elected IAM Board members met briefly after the Annual General Body meeting held on Dec 04, 2004. Dilip Mallick presided the meeting.

Dilip Mallick welcomed the new and continuing board members to the 2005 IAM Board, and briefly mentioned his vision and goals for the year 2005.

The new board briefly discussed the following topics and issues:

- Board approved the November 2004 meeting minutes.
- IAM Board transition meeting scheduled for January 08, 2005 at 12:30 P.M. Shanti Shah and Franklin Gummadi will communicate further details.
- IAM Board decided to pursue all available options for meeting time, day and venue to the convenience of majority members.
- Board decided to postpone the formation of various sub-committees and activity committees until the transition to the new Board.

Festival of India Sub-Committee meeting
Wednesday, May 26th 2004 at 6:30 PM

The Agenda

1. Briefing of 2003 FOI ... Remesh

2. Planning for 2004 → 1

3. Budget for 2004 Nitin

4. Current Status..... Dilip - 26.2K

5. Publicity, Flyer, Web page, Press Release → (+)

6. Cultural Program.... Deepshikha Gupta + Rini

7. Indian Consulate

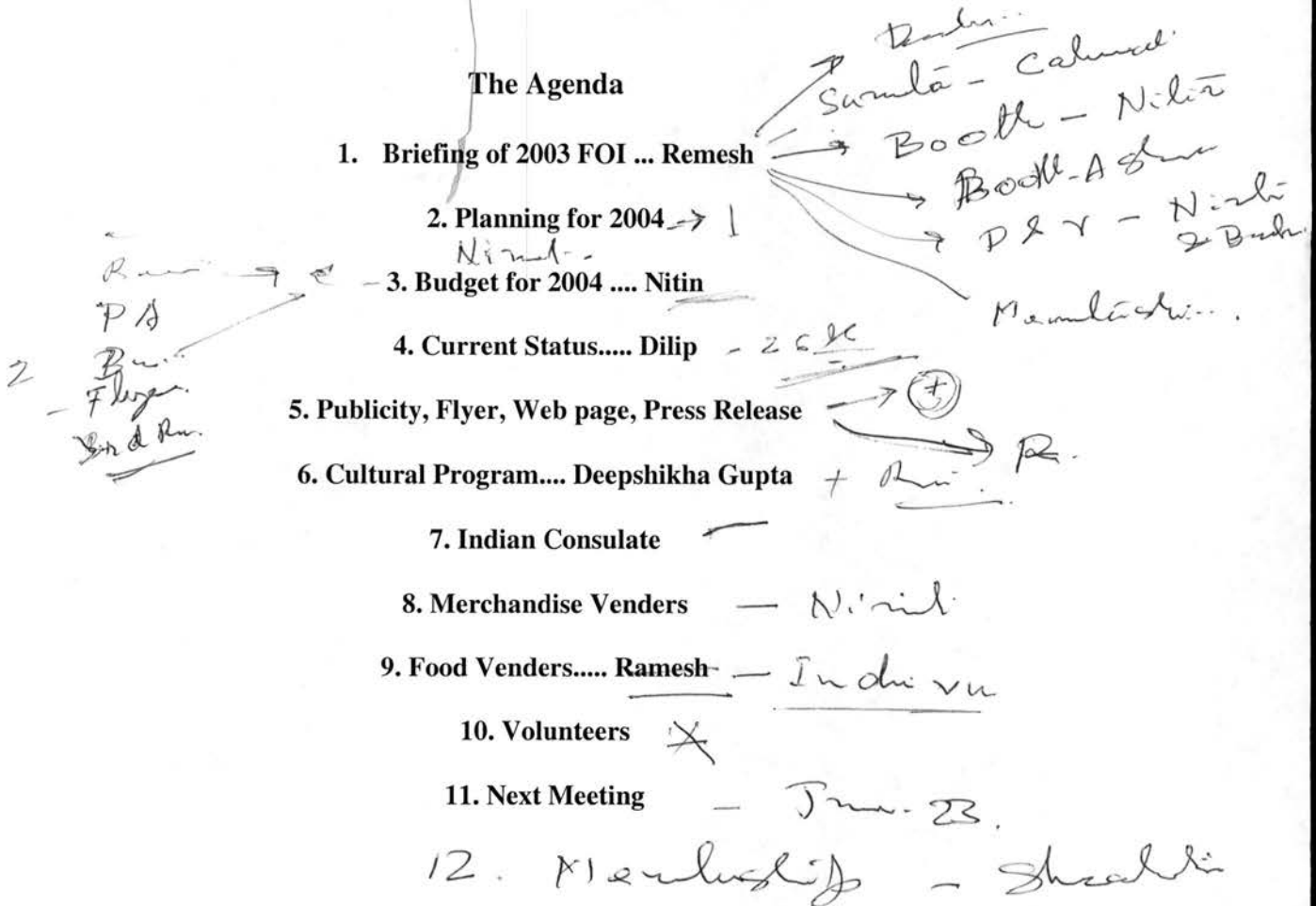
8. Merchandise Venders — N. Nish

9. Food Venders..... Ramesh — Indu v u

10. Volunteers X

11. Next Meeting — June-23.

12. Membership — Shashika



IAM Orientation and Planning Meeting

January 7th, 6:00pm-9:00pm

Minnesota International Institute

Agenda

1. Pizza and Socializing - All 20mins
2. Outline objectives for the meeting - Rabinder 5mins
3. Introductions: Getting to know each other - All 40mins
4. IAM Mission - Rabinder 5mins
5. IAM Organizational Structure – Ram Gada 10mins
governance, policy maker, responsibility
6. IAM Activities 10mins
substantive, integrity, ed. Al- L. involvement, youth
7. Discussion about IAM's objectives for the year - All 20 mins
8. Sign up for activities - All 10 mins
9. General Board Meeting 60 mins



Feb. 9
Sunday

**India Association of Minnesota
Retreat Agenda
Jan 5, 2003
(8 am to Noon)**

Objective of Retreat (Godan Namboodripad) 8:00 to 8:10 am

Member Introductions 8:10 to 9:00 am
(10 min to collect info + 40 min)

Possible Information /Format to Share

- Name
- What motivates you to be in the India Association
- Your personal interests and skills and how they can help IAM
- Any personal information to share with others

BREAK (10 min) 9:00-9:10 am

Vision and Mission Statements (Facilitator: Anoop Mathur) 9:10- 10:00 am
(about 5 min to write, 50 min for each individual to present one main statement)

Suggested formats:

- Short term: What you would like IAM to do this year?
Should we do anything different this year than in past years? - *change - 30 years celebration*
- Long Term: How do you see IAM in 5 years - *social & Economical development*
- Mission statement or two objectives for IAM (short run or long run)

BREAK (5min) 10:00-10:05 am

Team Breakouts 10:05-10:50 am
(Suggested outcomes from each team: Charter, scope, calendar of activities, expectations and dependencies)

- Team 1 Community Relations (will consist of Membership & Fundraising Committee and Public Relations & Community liaison Committee members)
- Team 2 Communications (will consist of Newsletter, Publicity, Webpage Committee members)
- Team 3 History Project (will consist of History & 30 year celebration Committee members)
- Team 4 Services (Youth Programs, Community Service members)
- Team 5 Events (Festival of Nations, Festival of India, Picnic, Annual Dinner committee members)

Team presentations (20 min) 10:50-11:10

Board Meeting (30min) 11:10-11:40

- 1) TEAM
- 2) School
- 3) Rebreed.

7/11
7-4
This is Dilip Mallick, glad to be here.

On the behalf of the Oral History Project Committee, I am going to report to you the current phase of the project. The committee consists of Ram Gada, Godan Nambudiripad, Preeti Mathur and myself. This is on going multi-part project between the India Association of Minnesota and Minnesota Historical Society. Jim Fogerty, the director of Minnesota Historical Society is the active supporter of this project.

Lets go back at the starting point of the Oral History Project, the history of the projects.

Three phases of the project has been completed.

1st Phase started in 1993 ended in 1995. the project was on 1st generation Asian Indian.

2nd Phase started in 1997 and ended in 1998. the project was on Next generation – Youth

3rd Phase started in 1999 and ended in 2002. the project was on 20 years history of SILC.

4th phase that we have started at the begging of this year. The current project is the narration of 30 years history of India Association of Minnesota. This year is the 30th year of IAM that started in the name of India Club in 1973.

This is the golden opportunity to record IAM's the various cultural and charitable programs, activities and services to the community in Minnesota. The records would be created from narrations of individuals, transcripts and artifacs. The estimated budget is \$5000.00. After tuff bargaining with Deep, IAM board approved \$3000.00 spreading in two years. To compile 30 years history of IAM will take three years. I am hoping it will be completed by 2005.

As of today, three individuals, Jagdish Desai, Godan Namudripat and Stephan Peterson are interviewed by Polly Sonifer. I am collecting materials that include Pictures, newspaper articles, leadership award certificates, IAM newsletters etc. Nina and Ram Gada, Sudhansu Mishra, Sarat Mohanty, Franklin Gumadi, Deep Shika Gupta, Preeti and Aup Mathur, Rabinder and Sarjit Bains donated many materials and documents. Please send me if you have any piece of IAM History.

INDIA ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU FOR ITS

ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

1PM – 4PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2003

at the

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MINNESOTA

1694, COMO AVENUE, ST. PAUL

(651) 647-0191

Refreshments Will Be Served

Agenda

Welcome: IAM President Deep Shikha
Treasurer's and President's Reports
Reports from IAM Affiliated Organizations
Election of Trustee Advisory Council
Election of 2004 Board of Directors
Election of Nomination Committee
Election of the Officers by the 2004 Board
Message from 2004 President
General Discussion
Refreshments

For more details, contact:
Deepshikha Gupta (651) 454-2124

Members that have been nominated for the 2004 IAM Board of Directors:

- | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Ramona Advani* | 12. Shambhu Nath* |
| 2. Rabinder K Bains | 13. Nitin Patil |
| 3. Saurabh Pandit* | 14. Balki Radhakrishnan |
| 4. DeepShikha Gupta | 15. Kamal Sahgal* |
| 5. Hatim Karim | 16. Sanghamitra Sahu |
| 6. Dilip Mallick* | 17. Govind Shah* |
| 7. Ramesh Muniswamy | 18. Shivanti Sathanandan |
| 8. Atul Shroff | 19. Raji Shankar* |
| 9. Sumita Mitra | 20. Gita Sitaramaya* |
| 10. Indushekharan Nair | 21. Shalini Thadani |
| 11. Guptan Nambudiripad* | |

*New

Nominating Committee for 2004:

Bhupat Desai
Ashoke Mandal
Preeti Mathur
Gupthan Namboodiripad
Govind Vatassery

Nominations for Trustee Advisory Council (2004-06):

Franklin Gumudi – Chair
Shanti Shah – Vice Chair
Neena Gada
Anoop Mathur
Sarat Mohapatra
Godan Nambudiripad
Vasant Sukhatme

Additional Nominations:

The Board of Directors and the Trustee Advisory Council shall be elected from the nominees submitted by the Nomination Committee and published by the Secretary. However, additional nominees willing and able to serve may be presented by petition signed by at least ten (10) IAM members in good standing (as of July 31 of the year) with all necessary application forms filled and submitted to the Nomination Committee Chair not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of annual meeting. If Nominee's application meets the eligibility requirements, the Nomination Committee shall also include the applicant nominee for the election. The applicant will be informed by the Nomination Committee of its decision and explanation in case of rejection before the annual meeting.

For additional nominations contact Nomination Committee Chair: Ram Gada 651-636-1075 for the application form

Dragon Festival — Mission Accomplished:

The 2003 Dragon Festival Planning Committee won the Annual Leadership Award from The Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans (CAPM) in the month of May 2003. It accomplished the mission in July 2003.

2003 Dragon Festival and Boat Race was a resounding success with exciting boat racing, ethnic spicy food,



Photo: Boat Race

story-telling, fun children activities, gorgeous merchandise, enchanting visual art performances and a colorful parade. It attracted more than 5000 visitors, many news media and businesses in two days, July 19 & 20 at Lake Phalen, St. Paul.

The Indian Community took a very active role in the festival this year. The members of IAM exhibited a resources booth and took part in Festival Planning Committee and in Boat Race. The children from School of Indian Language and Culture (SILC), Punjabi Children and Sikh Society of MN participated in cultural performances. Indian Sitar was also played.

Planning is underway for the Annual Asian American Festival named as Dragon Festival that will be held on July 17-18, 2004 in Lake Phalen, St. Paul. An informational meeting is planned on November 16, 2003 at 1 - 4:30 PM. in St.

Paul. There is a lot of preparatory work and too few hands to help. Please be a volunteer to your Dragon Festival.

For more information,
Please contact:
Dilip Mallick @ 763 546 9393

Please visit:
<http://www.dragonfestival.org>



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women's health

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Secretary's Corner:

The year of 2003 can be considered as one of the more important and better years for our organization. At the beginning of the year, we established many goals and I am happy to report that we were able to make significant progress towards each of them. In order to work more efficiently, we reorganized the **IAM board** into several smaller units to handle the activities and address these goals. The following activities were outlined.

IAM Foundation Activities:

A considerable amount of time and effort were spent on the 1) mission statement, 2) modification of IAM Constitution and 3) long-range goals. Each of these areas has either been, or will be addressed individually by the President and/or Vice President.

Core Activities:

- **Annual Dinner** - The event was organized by Rabinder Bains and Kumud Sahgal at the Roseville Radisson Hotel. Mr. Gopal Khanna (a local Indian-American participating in the current Bush Administration) was the Chief Guest at our annual dinner. He presented his ideas about what our role should be in the local and regional community.
- **Festival of Nations** - We participated in this event under the helm of Ramesh Munniswamy. With the hard work of many volunteers, we had a large number of people in attendance.
- **Summer Picnic** - Under the guidance of Preeti Mathur, it was held at Snail Lake Park. In spite of the heat wave, we had a large turn out. Mr. Jagdish Desai (who was the very first IAM President) was our Chief guest.
- **Festival of India** - Under the able leadership of President and Vice President and with the help of the IAM board members, this event was very well received. The Consular

staff issued a large number of tourist visas and accepted Indian passport renewal applications.

Behind the Scene Activities:

- **Web site**
In order to keep the membership and the community updated on these events, we have updated the web site with several new items this year by adding many links to businesses, government and other groups of interest. Because of our enhanced web site, we have received numerous requests from many parts of the state, country and the world. The requests ranged from Indian restaurants in Eden Prairie to hosting a musical program by Pankaj Udhas (a well known Indian performer). On a very positive note, because of our web site, we were able to reunite a couple of lost friends of 20+ years. Many members of the community have sent their praises for the web site.
- **Membership Listing**
We are pleased to report that as of September 19, 2003, we had nearly 200 paid membership (including 40+ lifetime members) and several hundred inactive members. A large group of members have moved on, therefore the inactive member list is being continuously updated. The removal of inactive members from the listing will save us significant amount in printing and mailing cost.
- **IAM Storage**
During the month of July, we were able to clean up the storage area. All of the unwanted bulky material was given away resulting in only few boxes of historical material remaining and it will require a much smaller storage facility. This will provide us of a minimum of \$300 plus in cost savings.
- **Publicity**
We are grateful to the area businesses, temples and newspapers for sharing our event information with the community. It is rather a huge

task to share the information. We would appreciate any assistance that membership could provide us in the future.

- **Newsletter**

Our news letter group has been very busy modifying the format of the newsletter and were able to enhance it significantly. Our newsletter is receiving more advertisements and keeping the members well informed. It has received rave reviews from the community.

- **Speakers Bureau**

The objective of this group is to provide the community with unbiased material on India (people, religions, places and history) that the IAM provides. We sense an URGENT need of a core group of Speakers for this area. It is essential that we have a minimum of 10 and maximum 15 members (from various locations of India) for this group residing in the different parts of the Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan area. This way, we can effectively and timely share information to schools and other organizations.

- **The IAM Board**

Local members from many regional areas of India are representing the current IAM board. This group brings many ideas to share their own culture, people and geography. It is a privilege to know and understand different backgrounds.

On a personal note, it was my pride and joy to contribute my time and efforts to this organization and the community at large. The IAM provided me an opportunity to meet distinguished and dedicated individuals with high community spirit. It is my humble request to all of you to participate in the future activities of IAM and feel the same spirit as I have enjoyed.

Respectfully,

- Bankim Desai
The IAM Secretary, 2003

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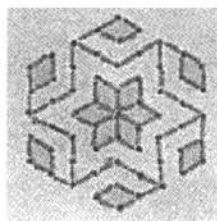
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and Sanghamitra Sahu*

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India Association of Minnesota

Meeting called by: Rabinder Bains

Type of meeting: Board Meeting

Invitees: Balki Radhakrishnan, Deepshikha Gupta, Dilip Mallick, Gita Sitaramiah, Govind Shah, Guptan Nambudiripad, Hatim Carim, Indushekharan Nair, Kamal Sahgal, Nitin Patil, Rabinder Bains, Raji Shankar, Ramesh Muniswamy, Ramona Advani, Sanghamitra Sahu, Saurabh Pandit, Shalini Thadani, Shambhu Nath, Shivanthi Sathanandan, Sumita Mitra

Attendees: Dilip Mallick, Hatim Carim, Shalini Thadani, Guptan Nambudiripad, Balki Radhakrishnan, Gita Sitaramiah, Shambhu Nath, Kamal Sahgal, Ramona Advani, Rabinder Bains, Ramesh Muniswamy, Sanghamitra Sahu

IAM Board Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, June 9, 2004

- ☐ Passed IAM board-meeting minutes for May 2004. Sanghamitra Sahu proposed and Kamal Sahgal seconded the motion.
- ☐ IAM President Rabinder Bains informed the Board that IAM request for General Mills grant was not approved.
- ☐ Rabinder Bains introduced and nominated Mukul Jain to the vacant IAM Board Director position. Kamal Sahgal seconded the nomination. After a brief discussion, the board unanimously approved and confirmed the nomination of Mukul Jain to IAM board.
- ☐ Rabinder Bains and Shivanthi Sathanandan have initiated discussions to accelerate community outreach efforts. One of the first steps is to send out a letter to all the regional groups emphasizing the need and importance of partnership and close working relationship between IAM and their organization. Ramesh Muniswamy agreed to work with them.
- ☐ Board discussed the timing of Newsletter and agreed to bring out a month ahead of IAM annual picnic
- ☐ Dilip Mallick updated the board on the preparations for Festival of India. He reported that the FOI subcommittee met on 26 May 2004. Board unanimously decided to make the FOI entry free for all, and charge a service fee of \$10/person or \$20/family for providing the consular services at FOI.
- ☐ Dilip Mallick and Shalini Thadani mentioned that the Dragon Boat festival preparations were going well and encouraged all the board members participation.
- ☐ Board discussed the preparations for the IAM annual picnic, and several board members volunteered to take additional responsibilities. Rabinder and Shalini agreed to coordinate food. Publicity committee will advertise the event. Rabinder Bains proposed the name of Mr. Kehar Singh as the guest at the annual picnic Independence Day celebrations. The board agreed on Rabinder Bains recommendation. Mr. Hari Gori was recommended as an alternate guest.
- ☐ Shalini Thadani reported the membership drive efforts. She mentioned that making phone calls to old members has resulted in a lot of renewals and mentioned that this could be one of the successful ways to increase IAM membership.
- ☐ Kamal Sahgal requested IAM board to sponsor and assist an Indo-Pak mushaira to promote cultural harmony. The event is tentatively scheduled for October 9, 2004 at 7:00 PM. Mukul Jain and Kamal Sahgal will identify the event venue.

NOTICE: IAM Board Meeting

Date: Saturday, January 8, 2005

Time: 12:30 to 3:30 pm

Venue: St. Anthony Park Library, located at 2245 Como Ave, St. Paul. 651-642-0411

A. 12:30 PM -1:45 PM

Facilitators: Shanti, Godan, and Anoop

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| a. Preamble or opening remarks – Shanti | 5 mins |
| b. Introductions – TAC | 5 mins |
| c. Survey (QFD) – Anoop | 15 mins |
| d. By law interpretation – Sarat | 10 mins |
| e. Responsibilities. Board and Executive committee | 10 mins |
| f. Long Range Plan. Vasant | 15 mins |
| g. Other | 5 mins |

1:45 PM - 2:00 PM BREAK

B. 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Facilitators: New Executive Board

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| b. Committee Formation: | 20 mins |
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| ii. Festival of Nations | |
| iii. Picnic | |
| iv. Dragon Festival | |
| v. Festival of India | |
| vi. Newsletter | |
| vii. Membership | |
| viii. Web-Page | |
| ix. History Project | |
| x. Community Service | |
| xi. Youth Activities | |
| xii. Jam Session. | |
| c. Handing over books, etc. | 10 mins |
| d. Updates and discussion on Tsunami Relief efforts Plan | 10 mins |
| e. Fund Raising Events for Tsunami | 10 mins |
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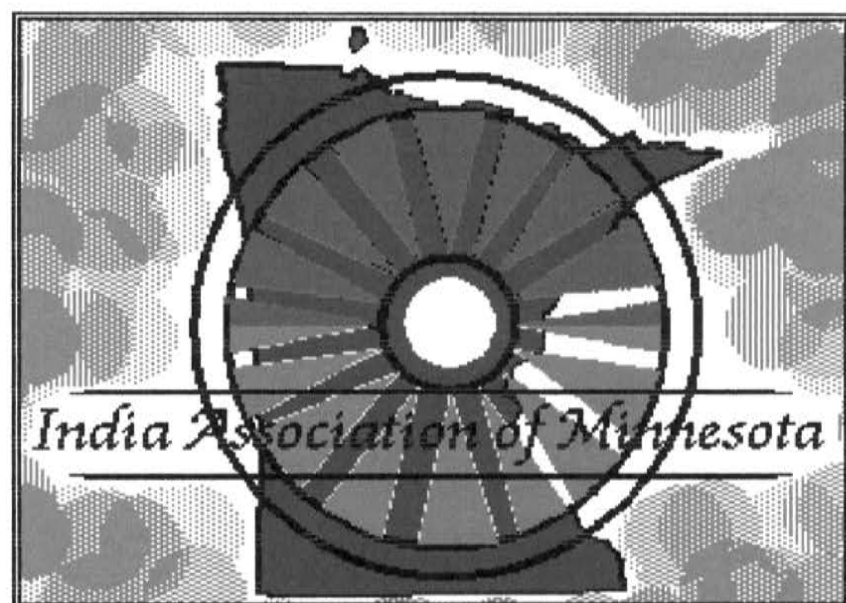
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3M Internal Correspondence

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From: LYNNMALF@INTERNET@SSWMB@HERMES
LYNNMALF@INTERNET@SSWMB@HERMES
Dept:
Tel No:

TO: GUMMADI, FRANKLIN@A1@BORDER

Subject: iam minutes

Originating Internet address appears below:
From: lynn.malfeld@co.hennepin.mn.us

hope these get to you. happy holidays.

----- (Forwarded letter 1 follows) -----

Date: Friday, 12 December 1997 2:17pm CT
To: *, gfranklin@mmm.com, smohapat@isd.net
From: LYNN.MALFELD@HC

Sorry this is so late. Please feel free to edit. I plan (hope) to make time to complete the October Board meeting minutes this coming Friday. I feel like I haven't been very reliable or timely the last couple of months. My only excuse is work. The Hennepin county taxpayers have been getting their money's worth. See you in January.

India Association of Minnesota

Annual Board Meeting Minutes - November 22, 1997
International INstitute of Minnesota

Present: Jacques Samy, Vasant Sukhatme, Silas Kung, Shanti Shah, Varhoda Rao, Niru Misra, Mukhtar Thakur, Dilip Mallik, Rahim Siwa, Manoj Shah, Shashi Gupta, Shoma Hawkins, Raksha Gates, Ananth Shankar, Punjabhai Patel, Bhupat Desai, Pranab Chatterjee, Anil Yenamandra, Priya Franklin, Shirley Franklin, Krishna M Saxena, Kusam Saxena, Nihan Nander, Prabha Sharma, Surinder Sharma, Dean Gu*ta, Franklin Gummadi, Govind Vatassery, Pradeep Kotamraju, Mukul Ganguli, Sarat Mohapatra, Ashish Bhargav, Tushli Bhargava, Ushi Deodhar, Monica Sukhatme, Kumud Sahgal, Kamal Sahgal, Satveer Chaudhary, Godan Nambudiripad, Ranjit Shenoy

The annual Board meeting began with a tribute to Mother Theresa led by Franklin Gummadi.

I. The goals and accomplishments for 1997 were reviewed.

1. The goals of controlling costs and realizing a positive cash flow were met.

- 2). Membership was increased in 1997.
- 3). Several activities took place which served to increase visibility of IAM. They included: most notably, the Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Independence; participation in the Pan Asian Festival; inclusion in the United Ways First Call for Help; the second stage of the history project now dealing with second generation; the development and receipt of a grant for a community directory; nomination for Sangam Radio for the Asian Pacific award; development of the Sunshine group; and the reception for visiting Prime Ministers.

II. The treasurer's report was given.

- III. Niru Misra presented an update on AIWA activities. They have included panel discussions on topics such as raising children biculturally; immigration issues; and a panel of women physician discussing women's issues. Also, they have developed a community directory.
- IV. Rahim Jiwa discussed the activities of Community Directory. Both youth and adults volunteer and activities have included working at soup kitchens.
- V. Godan Nambudiripad discussed the Oral History Project which is now focusing on the histories of the second generation.
- VI. Vasant Sukhatme reported on the progress of the community directory. The goal is to publish in 1998 and AIWA is helping with the project.
- VII. Dr. Saxena discussed the upcoming walk for Juvenile Diabetes in January.
- VIII. Prabha Sharma and Lynn Malfeld discussed goals for the Youth Committee/ Club in 1998.
- IX. Shanti Shah and Godan Nambudiripad presented the nominees for the 1998 Board and discussed the nomination process.
- X. Franklin Gummadi, as President of the 1998 Board, discussed his goals for 1998. They include:
 1. To get the pulse of the Community. What do they want of IAM and what is our charter.
 2. To continue to boost the image of the association.
 3. Building bridges within the Indian community.
- XI. Certificates of appreciation were presented to Board members for their efforts and dedication.
- XII. State Representative Satveer Chaudary spoke regarding the current

political climate and process.

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Board Meeting Agenda : May 14, 2003

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| 1. Approval of 4/9/2003 Meeting Minutes
(Please read minutes prior to the meeting) | 5 min |
| 2. History Project Funding ---Deep | 10 min. |
| 4. President's Report & calendar review ---- Deep | 5 min. |
| 5. Treasurer's Update --- Govind | 10 min. |
| 6. Secretary's Update --- Bankim | 10 min. |
| 7. FON Committee update --- Ramesh | 10 min. |
| 9.Membership / Fundraising discussion | 10 min. |
| 10. Picnic Committee | 5 min. |
| 11, Festival of India Update --- Nitin Patil | 10 min. |
| General Discussion | |

IAM Membership Application/Renewal Form

1. ☐ NEW ☐ RENEWAL 2. Today's Date _____
3. Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____
4. Last Name of Spouse _____ First Name _____
5. Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
6. Phone : () - . Fax : () -
7. E-Mail Address _____.
- 8 Profession/Business _____ (Optional)
9. Children living with you :
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| Name _____ | DoB _____ | Name _____ | DoB _____ |
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10. Membership Type : please mark one of the following (checks payable to IAM)
- ☐ Individual (\$15.00- 1 Year)
- ☐ Family (☐ \$20.00 - 1 Year, ☐ \$40.00 - 3 Years, ☐ \$200.00 - Life)
11. Yes ! I want to be an active member. Please contact me for the following activities
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Festival of India | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Speaker's Bureau |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Host Family Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Festival of Nations | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Web Page |
| <input type="checkbox"/> History Project | <input type="checkbox"/> 55+ Club | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian Women's Association | |

Please mail your membership form to:

THE INDIA ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA
P.O.BOX 130158
ST. PAUL, MN 55113

India Association of Minnesota (IAM)

Minutes of the IAM Board meeting on 7/9/03

Attendees: Deep Shikha, Bankim Desai, Govind Vatassery, Ramesh Muniswamy, Preeti Mathur, Indusekhar Nair, Rabinder Bains and Ashoke Mandal.

Guests: Jan Gilbert, Karla Melvin, Sarat Mohapatra, Vasant Sukhatme and Shivanthi Sathanandan.

1. The **minutes** of the 5/14/03 meeting was approved without any changes.
2. Karla Melvin and Jan Gilbert outlined the **PIC Cultural Camp** details.
 - The camp will run from July 21 thru July 25, 2003.
 - There will be a total of 22 children participating of ages ranging from 8 thru 13 years including kids from Alaska.
 - There will be interns assisting the faculty.
 - For the interns, PIC is requesting a grant of \$200.00 from IAM which will be matched by PIC board.

The IAM board unanimously approved the grant of \$200.00.
3. **Govind** presented;
 - The year 2003 budget.
 - The IRS ruling on our 501 (c)(3) status.
 - The sales tax and its importance for filing for the Festival of Nations was discussed.
4. Sarat Mohapatra and Vasant Sukhatme provided outlines of **Mission Statement** in a comprehensive manner.
 - A discussion on the contents was held.
 - Future generations and their participation were briefly touched.
 - It was decided to share the statement in its entirety with the board and will be brought up again for discussion and possibly adoption in the August meeting.
5. **Shivanthi Sathanandan** was introduced as a Tamil Association representative for the replacement of position recently vacated by Raj Singh. After several question/answers, a motion was made for her selection to the IAM board.
6. Deepshikha shared **the President's report** outlining the following;
 - We are on track for the "**calendar events**".
 - We have paid the rent money for the storage, the web site and for the P.O. Box (searching for the smaller box to cut the cost).
 - Deep was recently interviewed by Minneapolis/St. Paul magazine.
 - Ram Gada is working on the modification of the **By-Laws**.
 - The visit of Ambassador of India to U.S. Mr. Lalit Mansingh was discussed.
 - The participation in Dragon Festival Booth etc was outlined.
7. Bankim Presented the **Secretary's report** with following items;
 - We need to clean up the storage so that we can rent the smaller storage area to cut the cost.
 - Update the IAM web site.
 - Update the membership listing and will be continually updated.
8. The need of articles for the "**News Letter**" was discussed.
9. Ramesh updated on our efforts for **Festival of Nations**.
 - Udupi to pay the sales tax.
10. "Festival of India" was discussed. We will soon have a meeting on the subject.
11. Preeti Mathur will organize the **picnic**. Ketan Gada, Ashoke Mandal, Rabinder, Deepshikha and new board member Shivanthii will assist Preeti Mathur in the efforts.

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India Association of Minnesota

Board Meeting Agenda: August 13, 2003

1. Approval of Minutes 5 min
2. Treasurer's Report 5 min
3. Dragon Boat Festival report - Sinaux 5 min
4. Picnic - Final Details - Jagdish Desi 30 min
Cash Box - 30:30
Memor. List - 3 copies
5. Festival of India planning - Name Tagad - Me 10 min
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6. Ambassador's visit report - Manshu 5 min
7. Mission Statement discussion 15 min
9. Petition - Deval Madh 10 min
10. Community items: 10 min
 - Services for minorities in Minneapolis
 - MN Advocates for Human Rights Research Project:
Experience of Minorities since Sept 11
 - Scam at airports in India

- Deval Madh

in Oct. 1999



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September 1998 Through September 1999

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Please fill out the enclosed form giving the dates and times of your organization's meetings or events and promptly return it. Keep the second copy for your records. Include the **official** name of the organization, its leader, the leader's address and telephone numbers (at home and at work) and any other information you feel we should know about.

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Board Meeting Agenda: March 12, 2003

1. Approval of 2/12/2003 Meeting Minutes (Please read minutes prior to the meeting) 5 min
2. President's Report - *School Speakers Bureau* - 10 min
3. Calendar Review --- Deep 5 min.
4. Treasurer's Update --- Govind 10 min.
5. Secretary's Update --- Bankim 10 min
6. FON Committee update --- Ramesh 5 min
7. Newsletter committee --- Prem - *March 25 -*
Ad - 150/16 300/Full. History Project - 5 min
8. Indian Village project --- Ramakrishnan 30 min.
9. Festival of India Update 5 min
10. Membership / Fundraising discussion 10 min.
- General Discussion

Notes: Please visit the following web-site to familiarize yourself with Mr. Ramakrishnan's work.

<http://akash-ganga-rwh.com/village/TripReportKuthambakkam.html>

We plan to develop a strategy and a charge for the membership/fundraising committee during this meeting. Please think of ways to promote membership and raise funds this year. Specifically we need funds for the 1) History project 2) Festival of India

India Association of Minnesota (IAM)

Minutes of the IAM Board meeting on 2/12/03

Attendees: Deep Shikha, Bankim Desai, Govind Vatassery, Rabinder Bains, Preeti Mathur, Sumita Mitra, Prem Khera, Ramesh Muniswami, Nitin Patil and Kumud Sahgal.

1. The **minutes** of the 1/5/03 meeting was approved with no changes.
2. Deepshikha shared **the President's report** outlining the following;
 - Aid Minnesota chapter was selected to for nomination for the Asia Pacific award. The Aid-MN is requesting support for a play.
 - Sarat Mohapatra and Vasant Sukhatme are requested to spearhead the efforts for the Operations Manual.
 - Godan Nambudripad, Franklin Goomadi and Anoop Mathur are requested to head the Long Range Committee.
 - Ram Gada is working on modifying the by-laws.
 - The IAM web site is being modified.
 - The IAM co-sponsored a memorial services for the Space Shuttle disaster.
 - Periodically, we get requests to share the mailing list with others. It was decided that we will **NOT** share the electronic list but will provide the actual labels. However, we **NOT** honor all of the requests but the request will be provided to the board for the considerations.
 - It was discussed that we should try to get more attendance for Festival of India by keeping it free for the entrance. It was felt that the Landmark Center is **NOT** adequate for the 800 people we had in year 2002. Therefore, the board members are requested to suggest the names of the places where we have more parking and room.
 - For the History Project, the funds have been allocated and the work is progressing.
 - Hyder Khan is requesting IAM sponsorship for a lecture on "Religion & Democracy cross road in South East Asia". Preeti Mathur and Sumita Mitra to confer and recommend if we should pursue it.
3. The **annual dinner** was a very good success with good food, attendance and speakers. It was suggested that may be we should do more marketing.
4. We are on track for the **IAM calendar** review.
5. Govind presented his Treasurer's report;
 - From the preliminary indications, we may loose about \$400 for the dinner. The big bill has yet to arrive.
 - We had \$1,200 in membership.
 - We need a CPA for the books.
 - He was able to get the Public Charitable Organization for the IRS.
6. Bankim Presented the Secretary's report with following items;
 - The membership roster is being updated.
 - The web site has been modified and will be continually updated.
7. Ramesh updated on our efforts for Festival of Nations. Udipi will provide the food. Chitra and Raj Menon will work on exhibits. Ashoke Mandal to handle the Bazaar. The practice for the children's program is on.

India Association of Minnesota

2/11/2004
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
International Institute of Minnesota

Meeting called by: Rabinder Bains

Type of meeting: Board Meeting

Invitees: Atul Shroff, Balki Radhakrishnan, Deepshikha Gupta, Dilip Mallick, Gita Sitaramiah, Govind Shah, Guptan Nambudiripad, Hatim Carim, Indushekharan Nair, Kamal Sahgal, Nitin Patil, Rabinder Bains, Raji Shankar, Ramesh Muniswamy, Ramona Advani, Sanghamitra Sahu, Saurabh Pandit, Shalini Thadani, Shambhu Nath, Shivanthi Sathanandan, Sumita Mitra

Agenda

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Additional Information

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2005 India Association of Minnesota Annual Achievement Award Nomination Submissions

The India Association of Minnesota (IAM) is currently seeking nominations for its 2005 Annual Achievement Award.

A committee of five members: three board members, and two-at-large community members, will determine this year's recipients. Depending on the number of eligible nominations received, one or two awards will be granted. The awards will be presented at the IAM Annual Dinner (in February 2005).

The India Association of Minnesota honors individuals or organizations who have:

- Achieved excellence in his or her field;
- Contributed to the well-being of the Asian Indian Community in Minnesota;
- Displayed leadership to advance an understanding between the Indian community and the community at large in Minnesota.

Candidates are to be nominated under one or more of the following Categories:

- Dedicated Service to the Community;
- Excellence or Innovation in the Arts;
- Special Contribution in Leadership and Mentoring;
- Overcoming Personal Adversity.

Please submit a written nomination (with a brief bio and supporting details) by January 5th, 2004 to president@iamn.org, or
India Association of Minnesota,
P.O. Box 130158,
St. Paul, MN 55113.

2005 India Association of Minnesota Annual Achievement Award

Nomination for Mukhtar Thakur

I wish to nominate Mukhtar Thakur for the 2005 IAM individual achievement award, for the category of dedicated service to the community.

In 2003, Mukhtar founded the first Indian TV program – 'Geetmala' - to air on public TV (Channel 17) in the Twin Cities. This was the culmination of many years of persistent volunteer effort on Mukhtar's part in trying to get the local PBS station to recognize the importance of the burgeoning Indian community, and represents the most significant exposure to date for our community here in Minnesota.

Even before the TV debut, Mukhtar made consistent contributions to the well-being of the Indian community in the Twin Cities over a period of more than 13 years, since he began to co-host the music program 'Sangam' on the community radio station KFAI Fresh Air Radio (90.3FM) in 1991. He connected the show much more closely to its listeners by encouraging call-in requests, and introduced the audience to important practical topics ranging from how to obtain a mortgage to participation in the political process, through a wide selection of guests on air.

Not only has Mukhtar blazed a trail over the airwaves, but he also found time to serve on the Board of the India Association for several years during the 1990's. That serendipitous connection has continued to draw him back to duty as an MC on many IAM occasions, including most recently at the Festival of India & the first ever Twin Cities 'Mushaira' in 2004, and the Annual Dinner in 2003.

Last year, Mukhtar was also appointed to the Governor's Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans, as a representative of the Asian Indian population.

I believe that Mukhtar's longstanding contributions and continuing volunteer work strongly merit recognition by the India Association of Minnesota. I highly recommend Mukhtar Thakur for the honor of the 2005 Individual Achievement Award for dedicated service to the community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sarjit S. Bains

2087 Parkview Lane
Woodbury MN55125
Tel. (651) 735-4322

Vibha: making a positive difference.

For more than a decade, Vibha has been making a positive impact to the lives of thousands of underprivileged children in India. In 2004, Vibha celebrates its 13th year as a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization in the USA. Vibha supports 17 projects in India that reach out to over 12,000 children. These projects provide education, vocational training and healthcare to underprivileged children, including children with mental or physical disabilities. Vibha also supports four local projects in Atlanta, Dallas, San Jose and Austin as part of their continued commitment to children in local communities.

Vibha is unique in more ways than one. First of all, the organization is almost entirely volunteer-driven. And the volunteers come from all walks of life: doctors, IT professionals, scientists, engineers, housewives and students. They devote their time for a cause they believe in, for a vision that they share: that is to ensure that every underprivileged child attains her or his right to education, health and opportunity. Vibha strives to ensure that 90 cents out of every dollar received in charity reaches the end beneficiary. That is a particularly challenging goal given the costs involved in publicity and administration.

In 2004, Vibha added more than ten new projects to the list of projects that it supports. A complete list of currently supported projects can be seen at <http://www.vibha.org/Pages/Projects-CurrentProjects.html>. Rather than giving a one-time grant to some charity organization, Vibha provides continued support to a community and keeps track of the disbursements through quarterly reports and annual audits. Providing continued support enables Vibha to tackle issues at a grass root level. Take for instance, one of Vibha's new projects in Varanasi, India called *Guria*. *Guria* provides night shelter to the children of sex workers in the red light area of Varanasi. The night shelter is a refuge for young minds that are eager to get away from their homes where they do not have the support of their parents or the atmosphere to do any schoolwork.

For the Indian community in the Twin Cities, Vibha is an excellent platform to give back to their homeland. Vibha provides the opportunity to work for the underprivileged child in India. One could become an event organizer, poster artist or a liaison with the project in India. One can also become a patron of Vibha or an enthusiastic participant in the fund-raising events that Vibha conducts. These events conducted by Vibha provide wholesome entertainment to the Indian community as well. *Ragamaala* and *Bollywood Dhamaka* held in the Twin Cities are examples.

In addition, Vibha has an excellent record of partnering with other local organizations to organize and assist in various community-based events. In 2004, Vibha assisted the India Association of Minnesota in its Festival of India as well as Independence Day picnic events. IAM recognized Vibha efforts by providing free booths for Vibha at these events, and also generously sponsored the Vibha 5K Walk/Run 2004. Vibha has also worked with AID-MN, NetIP etc.

Vibha has a very active group of volunteers in Minnesota. The group meets regularly to plan events and distribute responsibilities. In 2004, Vibha-MN conducted three events in the Twin Cities area. The biggest and most successful was the Vibha 5K Walk/Run organized at Lake Phalen in St. Paul on September 19th. The event was supported by several sponsors and it raised more than \$6000. The annual awareness brunch at the St. Paul Student Center held on October 2nd attracted several people

from the Indian community. These enthusiastic patrons had a chance to learn more about Vibha and its activities at the awareness brunch. Vibha volunteers screened a documentary about one of its projects, *Aalamb*, Delhi, India. More recently, on October 22nd, Vibha held a fund-raising movie marathon at the St. Paul Student Center. Three Bollywood blockbusters, *Sholay*, *Mohra* and *Munnabhai MBBS* were screened at the event. Encouraged by these successes, Vibha-MN is planning an even more exciting 2005.

IAM Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 13, 2004
International Institute of Minnesota

Presided by Rabinder Bains (President).

Other attendees: Anoop Mathur, Govind Shah, Shambhu Nath, Ramona Advani, Dilip Mallick, Preeti Mathur, Nitin Patil, Kamal Sahgal, Raji Shankar, Balki Radhakrishnan, Mukhtar Thakur and Gita Sitaramaiah.

Minutes taken by Balki Radhakrishnan

1. Rabinder Bains provided an update on the IAM funds invested through the St. Paul Foundation. The question raised to the board was whether to use the interest accrued annually for IAM projects, or to retain the interest and let it compound along with the principal. The board approved a motion to use the interest generated annually towards events and projects that IAM is interested in – e.g. SILC. Rabinder Bains was assigned as the point person who would be in touch with the Foundation.
2. Anoop Mathur of the Advisory Committee shared his approach to identify IAM's long-term goal. He shared a grid with the different IAM activities and the importance of how they relate to the IAM charter and the organization's mission statement. The group was asked if they would like to take the survey that Anoop Mathur had crafted. With a couple of additions to the events list (Dragon Festival participation, Mushaira event, etc.) the group decided to take the survey by email.
3. Mukhtar Thakur shared details on his recent appointment by the Governor of the State to the Council of Asian Pacific Americans. He represents the Indian community in the council. His tenure will be for four years and the Indian community is one of twenty different Asian communities that are represented in the council.

Mukhtar will attempt to participate in every alternate IAM board meeting and will act as a channel for the organization's ideas, thoughts and concerns with the state government. The board recognized that his participation in the council will lead to greater participation of the Indian community in the legislative and electoral process.

4. In the Treasurer's report Nitin Patil highlighted the streamlining of the different IAM bank accounts. The board recognized the initiative that has led to the reduction of bank accounts from five to two.

The treasurer also highlighted that as IAM had exceeded \$25,000 in receipts last year the organization had to file paperwork with the IRS. The increased receipts were due to returns from money collected, but unused, for the Gujarat earthquake victims' rehabilitation (\$38,000 as returned and disbursed again). As this year's receipts are less than \$25,000 there will not be a need to file with the government this year.

5. Mushaira: Dr. Kamal Sahgal provided the board with an update on the recently conducted Mushaira event. There were over 100 members in the audience. The quality of the program was stated to be excellent, others in the Board agreed. Over 20 participants shared their work with the audience, and the board saw an opportunity / potential to make this an annual event. The event was conducted without a ticket fee, and the expenses (though minimal) are expected to come in during the month of October.
6. The board passed a motion to accept form 990 (tax reporting) from the Minnesota Attorney General's office. Cynthia Sontag, the tax expert's services was going to be sought.
7. The board discussed initial plans for the IAM Annual Dinner. After some discussion Dilip Mallick was appointed the chair for the event. Ramona Advani, Gita Sitaramaiah, Shambhu Nath

and Raji Shankar were other volunteers to serve on the event committee. There was a question raised on the objective of the event. The chief guest, venue, date, day, # of attendees expected, price of admission, etc. were to be finalized in the coming weeks. There was also discussion around recognizing youth achievements from the community, as well as suggestions on finding alternate venues, other than the Radisson at Roseville.

8. The board discussed the upcoming IAM newsletter and decided that the Mushaira, write-up on Vibha, IAM picnic update and seeking nominations for the IAM annual awards would be key areas to highlight in the next news letter.

NOTICE: IAM Board Meeting

Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2005

Time: 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Venue: Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy, St. Paul, MN 55116, 651-695-3706

1. Approval of 3/9/2005 Meeting Minutes		5 min (6:45-6:50)
2. President's Report		10 min (6:50-7:00)
3. TAC Update	Sarat	10 min (7:00-7:10)
4. Meeting with TC Indian Organizations Updates	Sandhya	15 min (7:10-7:25)
5. FON Committee Update	Ramesh	20 min (7:25-7:45)
6. Newsletter Committee Update	Ramona	10 min (7:45-7:55)
7. Website Maintenance Update	Ramesh	10 min (7:55-8:05)
8. Special topic – request from law firm	Shalini	10 min (8:05-8:15)
9. General Discussion		15 min (8:15-8:30)

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IAM Board meeting - Mar 3, 2005
Hillcrest Recreation Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy, St. Paul, MN 55116. 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Approval of minutes: Minutes were approved with a couple of corrections

(Vice-)President's Report: Annual Dinner event was successful based on positive feedback received. We do not have the financial wrap-up yet since Nitin is out of the country. The Executive committee received an email from a student group in Fargo regarding an Indian student who was involved in an accident and needs assistance with his health care. Ramesh will forward this email to the board members. The email requested monetary assistance. The board agreed on an amount of \$200-\$250 on behalf of IAM and that IAM would forward the email into the community to encourage others to donate and also to spread the word. Ramesh will talk to Nitin about it once he returns from his vacation and determine the exact amount to donate. Kavita Iyer has expressed her inability to continue on the board. The board accepted her decision and indicated that a replacement be found.

FON Update: Most of the sub-committee members are in India, but Ramesh has taken care of the preliminary arrangements regarding booking an additional booth and making initial payments. IAM will arrange the café (Natraj has been approached regarding this), the bazaar and a couple of cultural programs – one by children and the other by adults. SILC will take care of the children's program and Sarjit Bains is arranging the adult performance by the bhangra group who performed last year. Guptan agreed to coordinate volunteers for the day of the event. Ramesh will find out whether there is going to be a fashion show this year. He will also send a write-up regarding the event to Shalini who will post it to the IAM and other mailing lists to solicit volunteers.

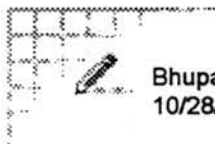
Meeting with Twin Cities Indian Organizations: Sandhya updated the board regarding the arrangements. 14 out of the 28 organizations have confirmed attendance. RSVPs are due from others. Sandhya and Ramesh outlined the purpose of this event that is to develop partnership with other organizations and to develop a common events calendar. It was decided that the organizations would be added to IAM's newsletter mailing list to keep them abreast of IAMs activities. A question was raised regarding doing such activities on a sustainable basis. The board decided to bring this up as one of the main issues during the lunch. Food has not yet been arranged for. Shalini will contact various restaurants in the vicinity of the event venue to determine if any of them would cater the food within the budgeted amount. TAC members need to be invited. Sanjukta, Bhairavi and Ramona agreed to help with the arrangements.

Subcommittee Updates: Please check your subcommittee assignments on the link www.iamn.org/documents/Subcommittees_2005.pdf. Confirm that you are actively participating in the subcommittee discusses. Committee leads should ensure that they're keeping up with the requirements from their group. Ramesh will contact Sudhir who is the lead of the picnic and webpage committees to determine if he is still interested in leading those activities. Shalini mentioned that there have been no new memberships received in the last month.

Tsunami rehabilitation efforts: We do not know how much was made at the Annual Dinner, the proceeds of which were to go towards the tsunami rehabilitation. Other than that, the subcommittee has not been active in the last few weeks. The next event was decided as a cultural event with multiple performances. However, Vibha is organizing that type of event with the next couple of weeks. The tsunami subcommittee has decided that maybe that will conduct events later in the year when the density of events by other groups is lower. Suggestions for types of events were requested. One of the ideas was for a social night – dinner and dance. The Hindu Mandir Holi event might be a good event to raise funds at. Raji will find out details about the cost of the booth and Datta will host the booth if the decision is made to go ahead with this.

General Discussion:

- A student at Univ of St. Thomas emailed Shalini requesting an interview with an Indian who had gone to school in the US. Guptan volunteered to be interviewed. Shalini will forward the contact information to Guptan.
- Sandhya mentioned that Reenu Varghees is interested in advertising on the IAM website. The cost was decided at \$100/quarter. Sandhya was asked to suggest the newsletter advertisement possibility to Reenu also.
- Rabinder mentioned talks on immigration, which would be important to the Indian community in terms of policy decisions that impact Indians. She will forward the information to Shalini to post on the IAM website. Asian Heritage month is coming up and related events will be held at the state capitol. Asia-Pacific achievement award nominations are due in March. The board needs to decide on a person to nominate and a volunteer is needed to put the nominations packet together. Interested person(s) should contact Rabinder for more information. Bhairavi mentioned that Neena Gada is ill. The board wanted to express their concern and suggested that we send flowers and a card to her on their behalf. Ramesh will check to see if he can visit her and will take the flowers and card and if not, will contact Shalini to take care of the arrangements for the same.



Bhupat N. Desai
10/28/98 01:38 PM

To: fgummadi@mmm.com
cc:
Subject: 99 Board details

Franklin,

Here is the list of candidates we have talked about....

A) Current Board Members expected to continue

- 1) Franklin
- 2) Bhupat
- 3) Dillip Mallick
- 4) Ananth Shanker
- 5) Ms. Kumud Sehgal
- 6) Sunondo Gosh
- 7) Indravadan
- 8) Mukhtar Thakur
- 9) Pradeep
- Vasant Possibility

New candidates

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| ✓ 1) Nihar Nanda 788-0959 (Bhupat) | committed |
| ✓ 2) Ms. Deepshikha Gupta (Bhupat) | Committed |
| ✓ 3) Ms. Shaila Rao (Bhupat) 735-5525 | ..... |
| ✓ 4) Ms. Vidya Shankar (Franklin) | ..... |
| ✓ 5) Ms. Jenny J.... (Franklin) PIC 925-4119 | ..... |
| → 6) Mukund Prajapati (Bhupat) 903-0187 3M | ..... |
| → 7) Ashok Mandal (Bhupat) 478-8163 | Committed need to confirm |
| → 8) Vatsal Munshi (Bhupat) 566-9175 | No commitment made (strongly recommend) |

Not Contacted

- ~~Yogi Bhandari (Nihar/Misra) 55+ 636-4238 tried to contact few times~~
- ~~DJ Nanu 623-4925 phone contact made. Need to talk again, may have interest~~
- ~~Rijutha Patre~~
- ~~Ashweni Sahni~~
- ~~Smarjit Mitra~~
- ~~Rajinder Singh~~
- ~~Kehar Singh~~
- ~~Vipin Gopal~~
- ~~Ajit Varghese~~
- ~~Nayana Ramkrishna~~
- ~~Suresh Mahadeva~~

Pls update if you like.

Thanks

Bhupat



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From: "Dilip Mallick" <dilipkmallick@yahoo.com>

Date: Mon, 11 Jul 2005 21:18:19 0700 (PDT)

Subject: [iam-board-members] IAM Board Meeting on this Wednesday, July 13, 2005

Hi Everyone:

IAM Board Meeting will held on Wednesday, July 13, 2005 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at Hillcrest Recreation Center at 1978 Ford Pkwy, St. Paul, MN 55116, Ph# 651-695-3706.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Approval of Minutes		10 min
2. Presidents Report		20 min
3. Festival of India		5 min
4. Newsletter Updates	Ramona	15 min
5. Events in Asian Community	Sanghamitra	10 min
6. Audit Report	Sarat	10 min
7. Community Meeting	Sandhya	20 min
8. Picnic	Sandhya	20 min
9. Mushaira	Sandhya	10 min

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Thanks,
Dilip
763 546 9393

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IAM meeting Agenda
Dec. 12, 2001
7pm to 9pm

Item	Speaker	Time
Interfaith Prayer event Recap	Preeti Mathur	7:00-7:05
Visa Camp Recap	Vipin Gopal	7:10 - 7:10
Disbursement of IAM Sept. 11 Funds	General	7:10 - 7:15
Annual Dinner		
Speaker	Dilip	7:15 - 7:30
Food	Kumud	7:30 - 7:40
Flyers	Sundar	7:40 - 7:45
Publicity		7:45 - 8:00
Recognition Award	Vipin	8:00 - 8:10
Festival of Nation update	Rita	8:10 - 8:20
LAMP Account	Deep	8:20 - 8:30
Urissa Relief Fund Update	Sarat Mohapatra	8:30 - 8:40
Treasurer's report	Dilip and Sundar	8:40 - 8:45
St. Paul Foundation Endowment Fund Management Committee	General	8:45 - 8:55

Hallo Everybody:

This is Dilip Mallick, on behalf of India Association of Minnesota; I welcome you to this 3rd Community Meeting of Indian Organizations in the State of Minnesota.

My deepest condolence to the victims and their families of two hurricanes Rita and Katrina. I request you to observe a moment of silence. Thank you.

Today we have a very productive agenda, as it was discuss in the last meeting and also recommendations from new coordination committee. (New coordination comm.: Rabinder Bains, Dilip Mallick, Tapan Bhattacharya, Prakash Chada, Sandhya Gupta, Vivek, Ravi Sura, Fazel Harris, Nithya Balakrishnan)

The coordination committee met in June and finalized this agenda.

The Community meetings should provide a platform for the individual groups to educate one another about their particular strengths and focuses. It'll allow the groups to tap into one another's individual or collective strengths.

In the agenda, you might notice, there are two presentations by Pavan from IMSOM and by Ilean Her from The Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans. Ilean is the executive director of the council. She is going talk about the council and how we could get involve more with Asian community. IAM supports and plays leadership roll in Asian communities to promote Asian Culture and heritage. We provide help to organize and

to manage Asian Festival called Dragon Festival in conjunction with Asian Heritage month, each year.

It is very important for us, Indian community in Minnesota, to increase our presence as a contributing group within the state and the country.

These Community meetings should serve as a forum for encouraging the individual groups to participate and to support the various Indian community events taking place in Minnesota, regardless of which specific group is the sponsor.

In the IAM website and IAM quarterly newsletter, we are publishing all the upcoming events in the community. They are producing positive results now, like many organizations participated in last IAM picnic with a record number and even last night there was Orissy Dance Program a record number of attendance.

About 30 different organizations have been represented in this Community meeting. I hope this number will grow more. We have to find out common ground how we can support, coordinate and collaborate with each other to serve the community needs better.

My sincere appeal to you continuing your support for this forum, built strong bridge and support each other, then benefits are countless.

Thank Muslim Society for hosting today's program and thanks all of you for coming.

**India Association of Minnesota
Presents**

Mushaira Night

Shayaron Ki Shaam, Aap Ke Naam

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India Association of Minnesota.

Minutes of the **Annual General Body Meeting**, held on December 02, 2000

Board Members Present : Ananth Shankar, Vipin Gopal, Rajeev Goyal, Mary Gupta, Dilip Mallick, Sundar Rajan, Deepshikha Gupta, Vatsla Munshi, Dharam Bobra, Saila Rao, Ashoke Mandal, Arabinda Mishra,
Outgoing Board Members Present : Bhupat Desai, Ginny Jacobson
New Board Members Present : Preeti Mathur, Surya Pidaparti, Vijay Rajamani

1. Ananth Shankar, the 2000-IAM President welcomed everybody in the annual meeting. Besides the board members, many of the ex-IAM-Presidents and other IAM members attended this meeting. All the participants in the meeting were introduced to each other.
2. Ashoke Mandal, the 2000-IAM Treasurer presented the annual financial report. Overall IAM made some profit.
3. Ananth Shankar presented the President's report. He described about the different events held by IAM during 2000.
4. The General Body approved Treasurer Report and President's report.
5. Outgoing board members Bhupat Desai(1999-IAM President) and Ginny Jacobson were recognized for their valuable contribution to India Association.
6. Different community groups presented their reports :
Nayna Ramakrishnan presented the report for AIWA.
Sudhansu Mishra presented the report for 55+ group.
Guptan Namboodripad presented the report for SILC
Ginny Jacobson presented the report for PIC
Ram Gada presented the report for History Project.
Indira Jhungare(Asian Pacific Council Award Winner) & Andrew Anderson talked about South Asian Culture Club.
7. Ram Gada conducted the Election of 2001 Board. Elected Board Members for 2001 are Ananth Shankar, Vipin Gopal, Ashoke Mandal, Kumud Sehgal, Rabinder Bains, Dharam Bobra, Rajeev Goyal, Deepshikha Gupta, Mary Gupta, Arabinda Mishra, Dilip Mallick, Vatsla Munshi, Sundar Rajan, Saila Rao, Vidya Shanker, Azher Ansari, Uttam Padukone, Surya Pidaparti, Karla Melvin, Preeti Mathur, Vijay Rajamani
8. Ram Gada conducted the election of 2002 Nominating Committee. Elected members are Vipin Gopal, Elected 2001 Vice President, Vasant Sukhatme, Bhupat Desai, Mangal PaiPanadikar

9. Ram Gada conducted the Election of 2001 Executive Board. 2000-Vice President Vipin Gopal became President for 2001. Ashoke Mandal was elected as Vice President, Dilip Mallick was elected as Treasurer and Kumud Sehgal was elected as Secretary for 2001.
10. Vipin Gopal, the President for 2001 presented the plan for 2001. He mentioned that we would work towards getting more members in India Association, have more activities to involve the community. Then he delivered the vote of thanks and declared the closure of the 2000 annual General Body Meeting. Light lunch was served after the meeting.

INDIA ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA
(IAMN.ORG)

Board Meeting Agenda : January 10, 2001

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| 1. Approval of 12/04/2000 Meeting Minutes | 5 |
| 2. Congratulations to Arabinda Mishra | 2 |
| 3. Welcome and introduction of new Board Members | 5 |
| 4. Update on SPA Meeting : Ashoke | 5 |
| 5. Norm Coleman | <u>10</u> |
| 6. IAM Achievement Award (Year 2001) | 5 |
| 7. Annual Dinner (February 18, Sunday) | 40 |
| <div style="margin-left: 40px;">Venue & Food : Kumud</div> <div style="margin-left: 40px;">Finalize the Price,</div> <div style="margin-left: 40px;">Assign the IAM Members contact List to all the Board members</div> <div style="margin-left: 40px;">Speaker : Vatsal</div> <div style="margin-left: 40px;">✓ Other Guests : Dilip</div> <div style="margin-left: 40px;">Flier</div> <div style="margin-left: 40px;">Publicity : India Town, Fliers at all Indian Restaurants, Groceries,</div> <div style="margin-left: 40px;">Temples. Personal Contact, Phone Call to All the IAM</div> <div style="margin-left: 40px;">Members.</div> | |
| ✓ 8. Festival of Nations : Dilip | 5 |
| ✓ 9. August Picnic Preparation : Mary | 5 |
| 10. IAM Informational Booklet Preparation : Delphine | 10 |
| 11. Newsletter : Rabinder | 10 |
| ✓ 12. Tax Filing : Ashoke | 5 |

General Discussions

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 4, 2000
INDIA ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA

Members present: Vipin Gopal, Ashoke Mandal, Kumud Sahgal, Vatsal Munshi, Vijay Rajamani, Preeti Mathur, Mary Gupta, Dilip Mullick

1. Vipin welcomed the board members of 2001. He encouraged the board members to attend all the board meetings. If they cannot attend, they should inform Kumud Sahgal.
2. The new board members; Vijay Rajamani and Preeti Mathur were introduced
3. Minutes of 11/8/2000 and 12/2/2000 were approved.
The work of the following people was appreciated:
Sundar Rajan – making the certificates
Mary Gupta & Saila Rao – arrangements for the food.
4. Future board meetings venue and time: It was decided to have the Board meetings on the second Wednesday of each month from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.
5. Committees for 2001:
6. Agenda for 2001:
 - a. Better relationships and communication with other groups.
 - b. Fund raising for India Association. Go to people to get funds and not have fund raising events.
 - c. Increase membership
 - i. Renew old members
 - ii. Sign up new members
 - d. Continue teen dance and continue supporting 55 plus group
 - e. Form a support group for helping members in crisis
 - f. Invite leaders from various Indian communities to give ideas at the board meeting
7. Annual dinner planning:
 - a. Location has to be finalized. The possibilities are:
New Brighton Community Center
Marriott Hotel.
Historical Society of Minnesota (only American food can be catered)
 - b. Speaker: Vatsal Munshi is working to find a speaker
 - c. Food: Kumud will talk to Marriott.
Publicity: Radio, newspaper, India town and phone calls. Kumud will give one page of the membership list to each board member to call. Will start after the speaker, date and place are decided.
 - d. Cost: Members - \$15.00, non-members - \$20.00. Price may go up depending upon the cost.
8. IAM information booklet: There is a need to revise India Association of Minnesota information booklets and add information in it about the various associations, names of local businesses etc. The information can be put on the . Funding should be obtained for it.
9. Festival of India update:
 - a. Dilip will be chairperson. Vipin will take charge of Bazar. Sundar Rajan will be in-charge of the café. SILK will take charge of exhibits. Dance programs; Adults – Kumud , Children – Rabinder Bains.
10. Dilip presented a letter of thanks from Swami jee for West Bengal Funding.

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BOARD MEETING OF MAY 09, 2001 AGENDA

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| 1. Opening Remarks
<i>Introductions: Guests</i> | Vipin | 5 min |
| 2. Approval of 4/11/2001 Board Meeting minutes
<i>Recognitions:</i>
- Festival of Nations – Chairpersons and all volunteers/participants
<i>Monthly Communiqués:</i> | | 5 min |
| 3. <i>Race for the Quake May 19th</i> | Mrs. Uppal | 10 min |
| 4. Diversity Endowment Funds
St. Paul Foundation | Norm Harrington | 30 min |
| 5. Festival of Nations Recap
- What did we do well? Where can we improve?
- Suggestions for next year | All | 20 min |
| 6. Treasurer's Report
- Tax Filing Status | Dilip | 10 min |
| 7. India Trip Briefing | Vipin | 10 min |
| 8. Newsletter
- Timeframe, articles | Rabindar | 5 min |
| 9. Summer Picnic
- Initial Planning | All | 15 min |
| 10. General Discussions | All | 10 min |

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India Foundation Group
 Mike Patel
 Sandeep Bhattacharya
 To be held

2001 Committees

1. Communications – Rabindar (Chair), Deep, Dharam, Arabinda, Vidhya, Vijay
2. Liaison – Rajeev (Chair) Ashoke, Dharam, Dilip, Vatsal, Vidhya (History Project)
3. Fundraising – Vipin (Chair), Dilip, Vidhya
4. Membership – Kumud (Chair), Ananth, Ashoke, Azher, Sundar, Surya
5. Comm. Outreach – Preeti (Chair), Kumud, Mary, Rabindar, Saila, Vatsal, Vijay
6. Special Events – Arabinda (Chair), Kumud, Mary, Preeti, Rabindar, Sundar
7. Youth – Karla (Chair), Kumud, Mary, Surya, Vijay

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BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 14, 2000 AGENDA

1. Approval of 5/10/00 Meeting Minutes
2. New Board Members
 - a) Rajiv Goyal
 - b) Sundar Rajan
 Introductions and Vote by Board
 Suggestions for remaining Vacancy.
3. Recognitions - Teen Dance - Kumud Sehgal
 Volunteer Picnic - Ashoke
4. Community Issue - Abul Sharah
5. Tax Papers for Filing Vipin
6. Treasurer's Report Ashoke
 Festival of Nations final financial statement
 Budget for 55+ Club
 Mid year report in July
7. Asian Pacific Council Leadership Award
 Report on Awards Ceremony and Dinner - Ananth
8. History Project - Vidhya
9. Newsletter - Rabinder
10. August 20 Picnic Planning - Kumud
11. Humanities Commission Grant Proposal
12. General Discussion

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Committees for 2000

- a) Communications Committee
 Newsletter, Website maintenance, India Town Email
 Devesh, Ginny, Rabinder, Saila
- b) Fundraising Committee
 Grant applications, New events
 Sunando, Bhupat, Vatsal, Vipin
- c) Community Liason Committee
 Community Calendar, Consulate, SILC, Language Groups
 Azher, Bhupat, Soniya, Dharam
- d) Membership Committee
 Rohit, Ashok, Deepshika

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Board Meeting Minutes : April, 2001

Members Present: Ashoke Mandal, Iqbal Ahmed, Vijay Rajmani, Deepshika Gupta, Sundar Rajan, Surya Pidaparti, Rabinder Bains, Vatsal Munshi, Ananth Shankar.

Guests: Mukhtar Thakur, Sarat Mohapatra, Sunil Menon, Sanghamitra Sahu.

1. Approved the minutes of 3/14/01 Board Meeting.
2. Congratulated AIWA on raising \$1400 at their Annual Expo. The funds will go to the Gujarat Relief Fund.
Recognized Saila Rao, Kumud Sahgal, Anant Shankar, Surya Pidaparti, Vatsal Munshi and Sundar Rajan for signing up new members for IAM at the AIWA Expo.
3. Discussion relating to membership issues took place. Suggestions were made to have membership follow a calendar year, so that anyone registering mid-way through the year would have their membership pro-rated to the beginning of the following year. There was general agreement on this, but no vote was taken. Suggestions were made that renewal notices should be sent to lapsed members, and that we should not continue to send the Newsletter to those members.
4. There was an update on how the Gujarat Relief Funds were going to be distributed. The aim is to work with agencies with low administrative costs.
5. Iqbal Ahmed, a new board member, was introduced.
6. Sarat Mohapatra gave an update of the projects in progress resulting from the Orrisa Cyclone disaster fund. Photographs were passed around for members to see the progress of the projects underway.
He also suggested that IAM should consider having a permanent phone number for contact by outside organizations.
7. Newsletter update: only one article, from Mukhtar, had been received to date, so the newsletter will be delayed.
8. Festival of Nations updates:-
Deepshika: fashion show-Naseem Kassim will take charge of this
Rabinder Bains-everything going to plan for the children's performance.
Sundar Rajan-needed more volunteers for serving. He will also issue food coupons for the dance participants.
Sanghamitra Sahu-all preparations going well, but was concerned about security as some of the costumes are expensive.
9. Tax filing: some concern about timely filing of tax returns - need to discuss ways how this could be minimized in the future.
10. Membership drive - no discussion.
11. Adjourn.

**INDIA ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 2001**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vatsal Munshi, Govind Vatassery, Laxman Sundae, Preeti Mathur, Sunder Rajan, Karla Melvin, Ananth Shanker Vinay Rajamani, Dilip Mallick, Vipin Gopal, Ashoke Mandal, Kumud Sahgal, Surya Pidaparti, Rabinder Bains, Iqbal Ahmed.

1. Minutes of 9/12 and 9/25/2001 Board Meetings were approved.
2. Vipin thanked Preeti and other volunteers taking part in the preparation of the festival of India. Unfortunately the event had to be cancelled.
3. September 11 Fundraiser event
 - a. India Association of Minnesota will provide a venue.
 - b. Possible places are:
 - i. History Center – cost \$200.00, State capitol building – Satveer , might be able to arrange it, Gateway center at U of M, St. Paul student center.
 - c. Invitees:
 - i. Media –Darcy Poland can tell where the media is used to going, Business community, American Red Cross.
 - d. Agenda:
 - i. Fundraiser, Gandhi Jee's message, Prayer.
 - e. The following groups need to be contacted
 - i. Bengali Association, Geeta Ashram, Silk, Gujrati Samaj, Marathi Association, Tamil Association, Hindu Society of Minnesota, Telgu and Kannada, BAPS, Uria Association, India Music Society, NETIP, AAPI.
4. Annual Meeting Planning
 - a. Date November 10, 2001, Time 11:00 AM to 4:30 PM.
 - b. Food:
 - i. Saila – Tea, Kumud – Sweets, Ananth – Sweets, Surya – Hot Mix, Vatsal – Snack, Ashoke – Pop, Preeti – Pop, Mary – Will order Pizza.
5. St. Paul Foundation Endowment: Norm Harrington presented the contract between India Association and St. Paul Foundation. They will create a charitable fund, ' The India Association of Minnesota Inc. Endowment fund.' It will be administered by the foundation. The foundation will distribute the funds to the India Association of Minnesota for charitable purposes.
6. Membership:
 - a. Board members were encouraged to become life members.
 - b. PIC can have a life membership for \$200.00.
 - c. Treasurer will find out if the contribution is tax deductible.
7. Treasurer's report was read by Dilip Mallick.
 - a. LAMP account: Board invited the LAMP members to present their activities.

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 13 MEETING OF THE INDIA ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA

Members Present:

Saila Rao, Ananth Shankar, Dharam Bobra, Iqbal Ahmed, Carla Melvin, Vatsal Munshi, Mary Gupta, Vijay Rajamani, Surya Pidapati, Rajeev Goyal, Vipin Gopal, Ashoke Mandal, Priti Mathur, Vidya Shankar, Kumud Sahgal

1. Minutes of May 9, 2001 were approved.
2. The following people were recognized for their outstanding work in the

Soup Kitchen:

Preeti, Saila, Rabinder

Mailing list on Yahoo

Vijay Rajamani

Dilip and Vipin attended SILK program and gave IAM contribution of \$600.

3. Summer Picnic Planning

Responsibilities

Place: Mary,

Games: Rajeev, Vijay, Vatsal,,[✓]

Food: Kumud, Saila, Ananth, Mary

Speaker: Choice between – Sudhanshu Misra, Kanan Kutti, Godan Nambudari, Bruce Cory. There was a suggestion to have two guests.

Decoration: Vidya Shankar,

Publicity: Rabinder, Carla, Vidya, Dharam, Surya, Preeti, Vatsal, Kumud

Picnic Details

Date: August 19 ✓

Time: 10 AM – 6 PM

Place: Snail Lake Regional Park, 580 Snail Lake Boulevard, Roseville

Flag Hoisting 1:00 PM (An adult and a child)

Fee: \$5.00 (children under 5 are admitted free)

4. St. Paul Foundation Endowment will match whatever money we contribute. We can take 5% interest every year and use it for our purposes. Surya will investigate it further.
5. Tax filing: Tax has not been paid as yet and needs to be done soon.
6. New Board Member Election:
Uttam Padukone is gone and Arabinda Misra cannot attend. The following people are interested: Iqbal Ahmad, Govind Vattassery, and Venu Veruputer. Ananth nominated Iqbal. The second board member position will be decided in the next meeting.
7. Earthquake relief fund.
\$275000.00 have been collected. NGO will help to reconstruct the village. India Association and Gujrati Samaj have adopted a village named VIJEPAR. It is in the eastern part of Gujrat and has 250 families.
8. Newsletter: Rabinder is working on it.
9. The next soup kitchen is on July 22. We need eight volunteers.
10. Membership drive: Will be discussed in the next meeting.

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INDIA ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA
(WWW.IAMN.ORG)
EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING OF SEPT 25, 2001
AGENDA

1. Opening Remarks Vipin
 2. Festival of India All
 Situation Assessment – Have it or not?
 Are we ready?
 Security concerns, and mitigation
 If yes Subcommittee reports
 Plan ahead
 Finalize Backup plans
 3. General Discussions All
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- 1) Outlook
- 2) Purpose
- 3) Security Issues
- 4) attendance
- 5) Participants
- 6) Next year Outlook
- 7) Criticism
- 8) in Nov
9. Chances.
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BOARD MEETING OF JULY 11, 2001

AGENDA

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| 1. Opening Remarks | Vipin | 5 min |
| 2. Approval of 6/13/2001 Board Meeting minutes | | 5 min |
| <i>Recognitions:</i> | | |
| - Saila (Mediakit, Earthquake Relief Fund) | | |
| <i>Monthly Communiqués:</i> | | |
| 3. Summer Picnic | Mary | 45 min |
| Publicity | All | |
| Food | | |
| Chief Guest | | |
| Games | | |
| 4. Finances | | |
| Tax Filing | Dilip | 5 min |
| St. Paul Foundation Endowment | Vipin | 5 min |
| 5. Earthquake Relief Fund Media Event July 16th | Vipin | 5 min |
| 6. Election of New Board Member | All | 5 min |
| - Govind Vatassery | | |
| 7. Festival of India | All | 20 min |
| Initial Planning | | |
| Overall Chairperson and Entertainment Chair | | |
| Committees | | |
| 8. Membership Drive | Kumud | 15 min |
| 9. General Discussions | All | 10 min |
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2001 Committees

1. Communications – Rabindar (Chair), Deep, Dharam, Iqbal, Vidhya, Vijay
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India Association of Minnesota Long-range Plan

Draft prepared by Trustee Advisory Council
(Incorporates IAM Mission Statement, approved by the Board in 2003)
For Discussion Purposes Only
September 2004

Mission Statement of the India Association of Minnesota

The India Association of Minnesota, a not-for-profit organization, represents people with an interest in the culture and heritage of India to **build** a sense of cohesiveness within this community, **represent** the community to the population at large, and **serve** as the focal point for advancing the educational, cultural, and charitable interests of the community.

To realize our mission and vision we conduct the following activitiesⓈnot in this order)

1. Articulate our values and heritage to ourselves and our succeeding generations
2. Establish strong relationships with other Asian-Pacific organizations
3. Raise the visibility of the community in the news media, in matters of public policy, in academic institutions and in businesses in Minnesota and the rest of country to realize the mission of IAM
4. Maintain relationships with organizations of similar interest in other parts of USA
5. Sponsor and conduct community service activities in Minnesota
6. Sponsor and support activities for charitable purposes in India
7. Educate the broader community about India's diverse cultural values and heritage
8. Contribute to the broader understanding and appreciation of multiculturalism and diversity
9. Work towards establishing a India Center
10. Provide a forum where members of the community will enjoy coming together
11. Encourage and support the activities of sister organizations promoting youth education, women issues, and the interests of the elderly (such as SILC, AIWA, 55Plus groups)
12. Demonstrate the community's good citizenship and commitment to the values of a pluralistic society.

Long-range Vision and Plan for the India Association of Minnesota

Introduction

The India Association was founded in 1973 (its original name was the India Club) as a non-profit organization to build a sense of community and identity among newly arrived students and professionals from India. The avowed purpose of the organization was to serve as the vehicle for bringing together a diverse group of people who were originally from India or who had an interest in India. Right from the beginning, the Association was committed to non-political, secular interests. The Association has served an important role over all these years. It has become identified with a core set of established events and activities such as the Festival of India in the early fall, participation in the multi-ethnic, multi-cultural Festival of Nations in the spring, an Annual Dinner in mid-winter, and an Annual Picnic in mid-summer. The Association also produced the first telephone directory of the Asian Indian community in 1998.

The Association continually seeks to become a more effective and visible organization within the Asian Indian community. We are also committed to becoming a leader among similar institutions in the entire country. To achieve this end, the Association must be oriented towards tangible results and must demonstrate leadership in bringing cohesion to the Asian Indian population. We must take advantage of our strengths, recognize our weaknesses, and be prepared to seize the opportunities that come our way.

Our principal strength is that we have been in operation for over thirty years; we understand and are committed to our Mission. The Association has a distinctive quality and we have a well-established core set of events that we participate in on an annual basis. We recognize that our community is highly educated and high earning. This is true, by and large, of the immigrant population that came here decades ago, and also true of second-generation Indian Americans.

Our principal weakness is that we are still a small organization with a rather low level of membership. The principal reason for this is that IAM has not been able to sell itself to the community. That is, IAM has not been able to articulate a rationale that would induce more people to become members of the Association. For entirely understandable reasons, the Indian American population continues to identify itself along regional, linguistic or religious lines and that perhaps stands in the way of enhancing a truly "Indian" identity.

But this is what presents us with our greatest opportunity. We are well suited to articulating our values and our strengths, both to ourselves and to the broader population. For example, the IAM held a major event in 1997 marking the 50th anniversary of India's independence. This event brought together many regional and linguistic groups to

celebrate our national heritage and identity. IAM must persist in its efforts to bring together our diverse community.

What does our community want?

Over the past few years several special meetings have been held to understand the types of events and activities that the Asian Indian community considers most critical. The general consensus of these meetings has been that IAM is an important and valuable organization serving a deeply felt need of the community. The community wants an organization that is non-political and secular, an organization that will dialog with all groups and create a cohesive "Indian" identity. People have also noted that IAM must increase its visibility in the community, participate to a greater extent in social service and charitable work, and involve all segments of the community, including youth, young adults, women, and senior citizens. Observers have also noted that IAM must spearhead a fundraising drive to build an "India Center" to house resources for the community and provide a meeting place for members of the community.

What do we do with their expressed needs?

Guided by the priorities expressed by our membership, IAM must focus on all or a subset of the following activities in order to increase its visibility among the Asian Indian population. IAM must make a renewed and determined commitment to undertake in the next three years as many activities as possible from the list below. The list is, obviously, not an exhaustive list and the items below are not presented in any prioritized manner.

- (a) IAM must develop a high quality web page and other electronic resources, including an up-to-date directory of businesses and individuals. The first printed IAM Directory was very well received by the community and became identified as an activity of the Association. We must devote resources to update the Directory. The Directory must be a self-financing enterprise with advertising revenue able to cover the production cost. Perhaps IAM should devote resources to hire a couple of young, experienced database management experts who can undertake the work of updating the existing Directory.
- (b) IAM must take advantage of every opportunity to increase the Association's presence at meetings and other activities typical of other similar ethnic associations in the region. The recent participation of IAM in the Asian community's Dragon Festival as well as other activities of the Asian Pacific Leadership Council is commendable and should be continued.
- (c) The IAM brochure should be made available at all Indian commercial establishments such as Indian grocery stores, Indian restaurants, offices of realtors, etc. This will inform more of our community about the existence of IAM.

- (d) Many regional and linguistic groups have their own regularly published newsletters. IAM should attempt to put a small article or announcements of upcoming events in each of them to raise its own visibility within the Asian Indian community. For example, IAM should commission an article on a profile of the Asian Indian population in Minnesota and publish that same article in the various regional newsletters. Such an article will potentially be of immense interest to all regional groups.
- (e) IAM should make every effort to raise its own visibility in the local news media. This could be accomplished, for example, by submitting op-ed articles with authorship by the IAM President. Indeed, an op-ed article addressing the theme of unity in diversity highlighting the fact that the 2004 national elections in India brought a diverse group into major leadership positions in the country would have brought attention to our community.
- (f) IAM collaborated with the Minnesota Historical Society to record the experiences of Asian Indian immigrants as these immigrants settled in Minnesota in the 1960s and subsequently. The first two stages of this ethnographic history project were completed in 1995. IAM must vigorously pursue the completion of successive phases of the project. Such a project has the potential to appeal to second-generation Indian Americans.
- (g) IAM must take a leadership role in the educational field, starting from elementary school and going to college and university matters. IAM must assign a sub-committee to develop state-of-the-art materials, including PowerPoint files, to be available for presentation at schools. At the higher education levels, IAM must establish connections with the University of Minnesota and with the other smaller liberal arts colleges in the region. At several leading universities in the country local Indian Americans have raised money to endow professorships in South Asian Studies; the IAM must play a leadership role in this endeavor with the U. A few years ago IAM played an important role in the U's decision to expand its Indian language and culture offerings. This role must continue.
- (h) IAM must establish a Liaison Committee for Indian Community Affairs to strengthen its connections with the rest of the Indian community. IAM must spearhead an annual meeting with the leadership of various regional and other organizations to discuss ways of furthering relationships between these groups. IAM must also make every effort to recruit for its Board those individuals who have played prominent roles in various organizations. We recognize that it is a difficult undertaking to get all groups to participate in an annual meeting; nonetheless, a beginning must be made. We acknowledge that participation by all of the various organizations will not be immediately forthcoming, but we are confident that participation will increase over time.

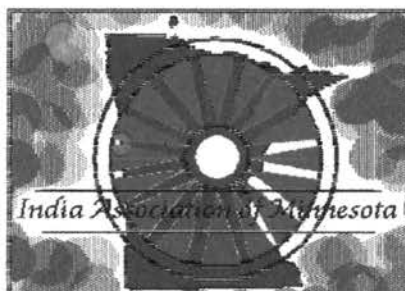
Conclusion

The India Association of Minnesota is a vibrant organization but faces certain challenges. It has been in existence for over three decades but it has struggled to establish a real presence in the Twin Cities. It faces competition for the time and talent of individuals who have a large menu of choices that satisfy their religious, cultural, and social needs. As a consequence, we must seek to redirect and consolidate our energies rather than set out into new initiatives and wholly unfamiliar territory.

IAM's ability to achieve its unique and distinctive mission depends fundamentally on the people who constitute its Board of Directors, its Trustee Advisory Council, and its Membership. The dedication, commitment, and talents of these individuals will lead IAM to more fully achieve its mission. IAM must continue to recruit and retain the most highly motivated individuals from all segments of the Asian Indian community, especially those individuals who are motivated by secular, non-partisan "all-India" concerns and issues. The Trustee Advisory Council is a new body, created to provide long-term perspective to the Association. We anticipate that the Board, especially the Executive Committee of the Board, and the TAC will meet on a regular basis to discuss IAM affairs. Broadly participative governance of the Association will strengthen the organization.

Press Release
By Dilip K Mallick

December 29, 2004



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India Association Of Minnesota expresses its deepest sympathy to the families who have lost their love ones and victims caused by the earthquake in the magnitude of 8.9 rector scale resulting tsunamis in the Indian Ocean on Dec 26.

Today ~~dea~~ death toll reached 10,850, with many thousands of people still missing, according to official figures as follows,

In Tamil Nadu, 6,073 confirmed dead,

In Kerala, the death toll rose to 106

In Andhra Pradesh nearly 104

Union Territory of Pondicherry reported 506 deaths.

The police chief on the Andaman and Nicobar islands announced on Monday that at least 3,000 people had died and as many were missing.

Relief and rehabilitation efforts are already in full swing in the affected areas.

The armed forces and paramilitary forces and charitable Organizations are assisting in providing relief to all those affected areas.

The IAM will do as much as possible to provide relief to the victims. I am sure each one of us will voluntarily extend help and support to the best of our ability and sprit.

It is an appeal to all of you to join IAM in dealing with this tragedy.

Meeting of India Related Organizations in Minnesota
Richardson Nature Center, 03/20/2005, 12:30 PM

Attendees: Jayshree Patel (Gujarati Samaj), Amit Marathe (Marathi Association), Narayanan (Tamil Association), Prakash Chada (Telugu Association), Tapan Bhattacharya (Bengali Association), Prabhjit Singh Gujral (Sikh Society), Vinu Patel (BAPS), Asit Waghani (BAPS), Sunil Patel (BAPS), Kamlesh Patel (BAPS), Mayank Patel (BAPS), Ved Sharma (Geeta Ashram), Ravi Sura (Vibha-MN), Vivek Radia (NetIP-TC), Vignesh Nandakumar (AID-MN), Sandhya Joshi (SILC), Deborah McLaren (PIC), Ameeta Kelekar (IMSOM), Ikram-ul-Haq (Islamic Society), Niranjan Srinivasan (Sangeetha Kannada Koota), Tanni Misra (Oriya Association), Tom Mathew (Malayalee Association), Sarjit Bains (Sangam), Atul Shroff (SEWA), Chandni Shroff (SEWA), Raji Chowdhary (SEWA), Sandhya Gupta (IAM), Shalini Thadani (IAM), Shambhu Nath (IAM), Shivanthi Sathanandan (IAM), Franklin Gummadi (IAM TAC), Anoop Mathur (IAM TAC), Shanti Shah (IAM TAC, Jain Association), Preeti Mathur (IAM), Ramesh Muniswamy (IAM), Sanjukta Misra (IAM), Nitin Patil (IAM), Guptan Nambudiripad (IAM), Godan Nambudiripad (IAM TAC), Ramona Advani (IAM), Rob Ramer (IAM), Sarat Mohapatra (IAM TAC)

The meeting began with a welcome by Sandya Gupta and a brief description of IAM's activities by IAM Vice President – Ramesh Muniswamy. Franklin Gummadi, Chair of IAM's Trustee Advisory Committee, then, talked about IAM's history.

Members of each group introduced themselves, briefly mentioned the mission of their group and outlined their expectations from this meeting. Listed below is a summary of expectations mentioned:

- ◆ Being able to work together as one cohesive group
- ◆ Being able to publicize the group's activities to members of other groups.
- ◆ Having information of various groups available to provide upon request from those outside the Indian community
- ◆ Need something that is common to all Indians
- ◆ Need to bring all Indians together for common events
- ◆ Need a link between all organizations
- ◆ Invite other groups to talk about their culture/language
- ◆ Getting to know each other
- ◆ No expectations yet.
- ◆ Raise awareness regarding the existence of our group
- ◆ Want to see some continuity in such activities
- ◆ Start something that will bring together all Indians
- ◆ Networking opportunity
- ◆ Need more communication between groups

The meeting continued with a breakout session of the attendees in three groups. The task for each group was to identify answers to the three questions: How can IAM help regional groups? How can regional groups help IAM? And how can our diverse group help the greater community?

When all the groups convened together again, each presented a summary of the conclusions they had reached during the breakout session. Each group's summary is listed below:

Group 3:

- ◆ Need a web portal that provides information and link to different groups
- ◆ We need an India center
- ◆ Need to establish a first call for help center
- ◆ Need a liaison committee formed from IAM and all the other organizations gathered here
- ◆ The committee needs to meet multiple times a year
- ◆ How do we give back to India?
- ◆ How do we project a cohesive image of India to the media?

- ◆ IAM's Trustee Advisory Committee has created a long-range plan. This could be shared with other organizations for feedback.
- ◆ Can we create a sub-committee to keep the momentum going?

Group 2:

- ◆ Need a website, with directory of all organizations
- ◆ Need a coordination committee
- ◆ Community events with guidelines
- ◆ Need a listserv group with office bearers of various organizations
- ◆ Expand Festival of India and create a mechanism by which parts of it can be owned by various groups
- ◆ Improve inter-organization communication
- ◆ Conduct these meetings on a periodic basis
- ◆ Provide a group of resources to help those who are not technically savvy
- ◆ Interaction with University students

Group 1:

- ◆ We need a mechanism of communication between all organizations – listserv of present group members
- ◆ We need a follow-up meeting. Maybe a different organization can host the meeting each time
- ◆ Link of various organizations on IAM's website. Publicize IAM's website
- ◆ Need clear, all inclusive, mission for this group. What is the value of bringing the groups together?
- ◆ Need one big event for all Indians

Based on the feedback from the three groups, immediate action items decided upon are:

Create a coordination sub-committee: 7 volunteers were requested for the sub-committee, whose task would be to organize the next meeting. These include, Sandhya Gupta, Rabinder Bains, Vivek Radia, Ravi Sura, Tapan Bhattacharya, Prakash Chada and Niranjana Srinivasan.

Create a yahoogroups mailing list: Shalini Thadani volunteered to set this up.

Liaison committee: This would include 1-2 office bearers of the organizations present

Next meeting: It was decided that the liaison committee would meet every quarter. The coordination sub-committee would solicit the agenda items from the Liaison committee.

Meeting of Indian Community Organizations in the Twin Cities

September 25, 2005, 2:00 to 4:00pm
8910 Old Cedar Ave, Bloomington MN 55429

Host Muslim Community Center.

Coordination Committee

Rabinder Bains	IAMN, Sikh Association
Tapan Bhattacharya	Bengali Association
Prakash Chada	Telugu Association
Sandhya Gupta	IAMN
Vivek Radia	NetIP
Dilip Mallick	IAMN
Ravi Sura	Vibha-MN
Nithya Balakrishnan	Ragamala
Fazel Haris	Katha Dance Theatre

Agenda

Coordinator: Sandhya Gupta

A. Social hour	15 mins
B. Introduction of new members	05 mins
C. Opening remarks	05 mins
D. Review the last meeting & update	10 mins
E. Discussion topics	
1. Ilean Her, Council of Asian-Pacific Minnesotans	20 mins
2. Allalaghatta Pavan, IMSOM	20 mins
3. Festival of India: October 2, 2005.	05 mins
4. Agenda for next meeting	10 mins
G. Announcements	10 mins.
H. Discussion review and summary	10 mins.
I. Closing	5 mins

What have we gained so far....

- We have come to know of a several organizations from India in Twin Cities.
- We are reaching a wider audience at organizational level for our community events.
- Excellent turn out at the Independence day picnic. Very involved participation by Vibha, ASHA and AID. Presence of quite a few people from different organizations.
- Festival of India: Participation by community organizations in having a booth as well as cultural performance: Gujrati Samaj, Telugu Association, SILC, Sikh Association, RGK Dance studio, Katha Dance Thetare, Vibha, AID-MN, NetIP.

Become a member of <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/indiaorgsofmin/>. Contact Sandhya Gupta (sandhya@iamn.org) or Shalini Thadani (secretary@iamn.org). Send email to newsletter@iamn.org for publishing the upcoming events in the IAM newsletter.

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2nd Quarterly Meeting of Indian Community Organizations in the Twin Cities

Sun Ray Branch, St. Paul Public Library

2:00 – 4:00 p.m., June 19, 2005

Meeting Coordinator: Sandhya Gupta

Minutes taken by: Ravi Sura

Attendees: Ameeta Kelekar (IMSOM), Buddhadev Roy Choudhury (Bengali Assoc. of MN), Debasis Dash (Oriya Community), Dinesh Wahi (MinnTiE), Fazel Harris (Katha Dance Theater), Gummadi Franklin (IAM/TAC), Ikram-ul-Haq (Muslim Community Center), Jaydeep Kokate (Asha), Meena Venkataraman (Asha), Minou Hussain (Muslim Community Center), Narayan Kanikkannan (SILC), Nithya Balakrishnan (Ragamala), Prakash Chada (Telugu Assoc.), Rabinder Bains (IAM), Ramesh Muniswamy (IAM), Ravi Sura (Vibha-MN), Sandhya Gupta (IAM), Sanjukta Mishra (IAM), Sarat Mohapatra (IAM/TAC), Shalini Thadani (IAM), Shambhu Nath (IAM), Shanti Shah (IAM/TAC, Maida, Jain Samaj), Shivanthi Sathanandan (IAM, TAM, IMSOM, HSN), Subha Chandar (NetIP-Twin Cities), Sudha Nagavarapu (AID-MN), Sunil Gopinath (Asha), Syed Ghazi Akailvi (IAM)

Opening Remarks (Ramesh)

- Dilip Mallick (IAM) could not make it due to family emergency and Ramesh is substituting for him
- Welcome to everybody
- Hope for a productive dialog
- IAM supports this initiative and will continue to do so

Review Last Meeting Minutes (Sandhya)

- Minutes taken by Shalini; distributed to all attendees (please refer to minutes in Yahoo-groups)
- Coordination committee met once in person after the last meeting; through e-mails & other discussion, helped in setting up this meeting
- Shalini set-up Yahoogroups mailing list
- IAM has incl. org. info into their website; please contact IAM if any additions/corrections are required
- IAM Newsletter will have the calendar of events
- IAM Newsletter will have an article about one org. in every edition

Goal & Mission Statement (Coordinator: Sandhya)

The following points (paraphrased) were raised by the attendees as part of discussion on this agenda item

- IAM already has a mission statement and this group need not have a mission. IAM's mission can incorporate it But, the group should have goals.
- Do we want to have a vertical or horizontal organization? Should IAM be the "higher-level" organization?
- This group is a platform for getting all orgs. together
- IAM is trying to bring all the orgs. together in a single platform
- Mission of this group is to communicate with each other
- This group has no entity, so, there may not be a reason for a mission statement. But, we should still have goals
- IAM facilitates this group; but, what this group does is up to the members of this group
- This group should strengthen/help the mission of IAM
- This group should strengthen each others mission; not necessarily the mission of IAM only.
- We can have a vision.
- All orgs. represented here are volunteer-driven and have other commonalities (e.g. booking a hall for some event)
- Mission statement cannot be a top-down approach; everybody has to come together to decide what to do
- Motion to decide this later
- What is the goal...why should the orgs. keep coming back together to these meetings?
- The coordination committee can take up the common issues talked about today and perhaps come up with a draft vision statement
- What is the role of the coordination comm.?
- Statement describing the common reasons for this group to come together
- There are lots of things this group can do together and we should focus on this
- Let's talk to each other and build trust
- Let's move on and not come up with a mission statement at this point; maybe after a few meetings we can work on this
- Further discussions: maybe we should let a smaller sub-committee come up with a draft statement
- No, let's just not decide on anything at present
- Final Summary: The group decided to move on to next agenda item....no specific task or action item.

Annual Picnic & Festival of India (Coordinator: Sandhya)

The following points (paraphrased) were raised by the attendees as part of discussion on this agenda item

- IAM has picnic on Aug 20th; Bengali Assoc. also has a picnic on Aug. 20th
- Would other orgs. be interested in taking charge of some activities at the picnic?
- Last year, Vibha organized the games; other organizations are welcome to help with the picnic.
- IAM Picnic flyer was distributed to the group
- Festival of India has different booths, has a varied audience etc.
- IAM is looking for organizations to participate in these events (sign-up sheet passed around for Annual Picnic)

Other Items

The following points (paraphrased) were raised by the attendees as part of discussion on this agenda item

- Should we have an organization (e.g. IMSOM) present about their activity at the next meeting? YES
 - Muslim Community Center invited the group to have the next meeting at their venue; snacks will be provided
 - All organizations are requested to submit their event calendar to Yahoo groups mailing group
 - All organizations should check the IAM website for the details of their respective organizations and submit any corrections/changes etc. to Shalini Thadani (secretary@iamn.org)
 - Do we have a contact list in Yahoo group? IAM website has a contact list. Maybe we should put it in the Yahoo group mailing list
 - New coordination comm.: Rabinder, Dilip, Tapan, Prakash, Sandhya, Vivek, Ravi, Fazel, Nithya
- The meeting ended at 4 p.m. and informal discussions ensued among the attendees while partaking snacks (provided by IAM).

Lecture by Mr. Arun Kumar, Consul General of India, Chicago
on "Emerging India and Tsunami Efforts" at the
Annual Dinner of the Indian Association, Minnesota
at Radisson Hotel, Cleveland on Saturday, February 5, 2005

India, the world's largest democracy, has long been associated with the eastern mysticism, as it has been for its rich and varied cultural heritage. It has, however, remained out of the global economic spotlight. But, this situation has changed dramatically over the last five years, thanks to the dynamic approach of the Indian corporate sector! Right from textiles and leather goods to software and electronics, India is staking its claim on a larger share of the world market. India, the waking giant, is thus poised to become one of the world's most powerful economies in the foreseeable future. Times are changing for the better and the pace is rather fast. On one hand, the world is looking at India as a potential business destination, while on the other hand, the 'Made in India' label is gaining a wide recognition in the international market. Today, India Inc is looking beyond the native boundaries for business opportunities with an increased level of confidence.

These encouraging signs lead us to believe that India will be an attractive business destination in the world market, offering the advantages like low operational costs, a large domestic market, and intense science and technology capabilities. Honestly, nothing can stop India now!

India has been rated the 'best-performing' emerging market over the three-month period ended August 2004, giving a return of 9.1 per cent compared with 5.3 per cent for Hong Kong and 4.5 per cent for Philippines, according to a study by ABN Amro. Despite concerns about the new government, the markets have rebounded smartly. It may be recalled that around that time India's weightage in the Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) Asia Pacific model portfolio was reduced to 2.9 per cent from 5.9 per cent. For the year to August 2004, India has been the third best performer after Indonesia and Philippines scoring a return of 22.3 per cent while the MSCI Asia Pacific-ex Japan index saw a return of 14.8 per cent.

Interestingly, while foreign institutional investors(FIIs)picked up stocks worth US \$ 935 million (Rs.4,304 crore) in the three months to August 2004, domestic mutual funds were net sellers to the tune of about Rs.800 crore. During the year to August, FIIs bought shares amounting to around US \$ 11 billion (Rs.50,382 crore), while the domestic mutual funds bought stocks worth Rs.1,390 crore. In the past one month or so, flows into

Korea and Taiwan have been larger compared with India, driven by the relative under-valuation of those markets, even though the real rate of interest is now negative across emerging markets. According to market watchers, FIIs are waiting to see how interest rates and inflation move in India and also to get a better sense of how the rupee is likely to behave.

India's economist Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh has asked the American capital market for US \$ 150 billion in investment, at a recently held meeting with American CEOs, at the New York Stock Exchange, saying that domestic resources are inadequate for India's infrastructure development and India's need for a quantum leap in capability is self-evident. According to the Prime Minister, there is maximum political consensus on investment in the infrastructure sector and the US \$ 150 billion needed over the next decade is a conservative estimate. The US \$ 150 billion, averaging at US \$ 15 billion a year, would be about three times India's current foreign investment inflow of US \$ 5 billion annually.

Presenting today's India as a good venue for investment, he told American CEOs that profitability was very high in India and the policy environment was stable, having lasted four changes of government since 1990s. He specifically addressed the issue of India's fractious polity and the nature of its coalition pressures, saying that investors should not judge Indian political parties by what they said when they were in the opposition, but by what they did while in government.

Low operational costs, a large domestic market, and strong science and technology capabilities were among the other attractions he cited to potential investors. Although his emphasis was on infrastructure investment, including engineering and manufacture, most of the CEOs who attended the meeting were from banks and financial institutions that already have operations in India. Among them were the heads of Citibank, American Express, New York Life Insurance, JP Morgan Chase, Goldman Sachs, American International Group, Gartner, and Jones. The Prime Minister, through his address, sent out a message to corporate America that reforms in India were on track.

While noises have been heard from sections of the political establishment in the United States about the dangers involved in Business Process Outsourcing in countries like India, an Industry-funded study has forecast that US software and technology companies will annually save US \$ 21 billion by 2008 through hiring workers in India and other low-cost countries, adding US \$ 124 billion to the US economy. The debate on BPO seems to be getting on to the right track. Pragmatic opinion-makers are acknowledging that emerging economies like India are doing nothing more

blameworthy than seeking their place as equals with other advanced countries.

India's geo-strategic ambition and importance may have been recognized in a moment of epiphany when three American Presidents stared at a world map spread out on a desk at the Indian Embassy in Washington. Ambassador Ronen Sen was explaining to George W. Bush, the senior Bush and Bill Clinton how the tsunami raced towards India when there was a pause and a raised eyebrow. Wasn't the Indian island territory of Andaman and Nicobar closer to Indonesia than to India?

Indeed, Ambassador Sen explained, the southernmost tip of Nicobar Island called Indira Point was almost 1,000 miles from the Indian coast and a mere 60 nautical miles from the epicenter of the earthquake, just off the Indonesian coast. In that pivotal instant, New Delhi may have driven home its strategic range, reach and ambition that, for the most part, has escaped major powers and leaders of the world. As major power of the world summon their financial and military might to help the victims, New Delhi has put its own imprint on the region in the wake of the tragedy. While some may find talk of geo-strategy repugnant in the face of the disaster, Western analysts are following every move by the U.S. and Asian powers in the region.

For instance, it has been noted that Japan, with a \$ 500 million aid package, has outshone both the United States (\$ 350 million) and China, which committed only \$ 63 million despite its higher military stake in the region. India's aid of \$ 23 million rushed to Sri Lanka within hours of the disaster has also been noticed, along with the deployment of what is now being seen as the most potent navy in the Indian Ocean. New Delhi has dispatched three survey ships converted to hospitals-at-sea – one to Nicobar, one to Sri Lanka, and one to Bandar Aceh in Indonesia.

The reason why India was approached to join the team of core nations was because it is a country with major capabilities. "We have the largest navy in the Indian Ocean," Ambassador Sen acknowledged, adding: "There are good reasons why it is called the Indian Ocean....it has always been in the Indian sphere of influence."

To get a measure of India's territorial expanse, Ambassador Sen said Western experts should try superimposing the map of Europe over that of India. It is often overlooked, even by Indians, that the distance from Delhi to Dushanbe in Central Asia is less than to many southern Indian cities, he said. "Sad as it is, it took the tsunami to realize India's expanse,"

Ambassador Sen said. "Even the British who drew our maps first have no idea of this now."

India has collected \$ 120 million towards the PM's Relief Fund besides Rs.1000 crores collected by the Central Government.

I would like to give some statistics – in the year 1800, India had 20 per cent of the world trade, which came down to 6 per cent in the year 1900. At the time of our independence, it again came down to 2 per cent, which eventually became 0.5 per cent in the last decade. But now it has started increasing since the last few years. Recently, our Finance Minister, Mr. Chidambaram, has given the challenge that this figure will be doubled in the world trade by the year 2012. Considering this, though our world trade growth figures are currently less compared to that of other neighbouring countries, the trend indicates that we will give them a tough competition very soon.

The language and the legal system are the two major advantages one can get from India, when compared to our neighbouring countries. The availability of talented and skilled workforce is also one of the other advantages.

Well, I think we are waking up to the fact that India has a role to play in the international market. There are already many activities happening on this front and today India is an attractive business destination in the global market.
