



India Association of Minnesota:  
Association Records

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Namaste! My name is Rajshree Puri. I am representing India which is my Native Country. ~~The Contributions~~ At first I will mention the Contributions of East-Indians to Minnesota, in English and then, in my Native language — which is Hindi. Around 1965 a large number of students came to the University of Minnesota for Higher Studies. At that time they felt the dire need of sharing their rich heritage, of Culture and Traditions with the American people. As a result of which the Indo-American Association was formed. Indians as well as the Americans are the members

of this Association and the (2)2  
harmonious blend of both the  
societies and cultures continues  
to take place.

At the present  
time there are about one-thousand  
East-Indian Families residing in Minnesota.  
There are approximately twenty Religious  
and Non-religious groups or associations.  
Indian Grocery stores and Restaurants

have also opened. School of Indian  
languages and Culture; to which we so  
fondly refer to as SILC is one of the  
examples of an institution where different  
languages from India; Indian Traditions  
and Culture are taught.

A large  
variety of Indian displays and  
programmes can be seen at the  
Festival of Nations; and also  
at the Landmark Center where the



Celebrations of India Day takes place every August.

Looking back 20 years from now, the meaning of Saree had to be explained to our curious American Friends. But not any more. They already know what it stands for! So, it clearly shows that our contributions to the American - society, have been very positive in nature, and they will continue to be so, in the future.

Thank you.

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Twin Cities में भारतीय सहयोग

नामलेकार ! Minnesota में भारतीय

सम्यता व सांस्कृतिकता का अदान-प्रदान  
लगभग तीस वर्षों से अत्युत्कृष्ट रूप से  
हो रहा है।

1965 के लगभग, भारतीय  
द्वारा Minnesota के विश्वविद्यालय में, काफी  
बड़ी संख्या में आयें। उन्होंने सांस्कृतिक  
~~समभव~~ ~~समभव~~ की उपयोगिता को दृष्टान्त में रखते

हुआ INDO-American Association का गठन  
किया। इस संगठन में, भारतीय व अमेरिकी  
द्वारा ने, सामान्य रूप से देखी गयी, तथा  
अनेक प्रकार के कार्यक्रमों द्वारा सांस्कृतिक  
~~समागम~~ ~~समागम~~ की स्थापना की,

इस समय Twin Cities में लगभग

एक-दो हजार भारतीय परिवार हैं। Minnesota  
में लगभग बीस धार्मिक व सांस्कृतिक संगठन  
कार्यरत हैं। विभिन्न कार्यक्रमों द्वारा, ये

संगठन, सांस्कृतिक सहभाव-स्थापित कर  
रहे हैं। प्रतिवर्ष अनेक अमेरिकी मित्र

SICC में विभिन्न भाषाओं, इतिहास एवं सांस्कृतिक का अध्ययन करते हैं, इसके अतिरिक्त पिछले कई वर्षों से Landmark Center व Festival of Nations में हुआ, भारतीय कार्यक्रम बहुत सद्भावपूर्ण व मनोरंजक रहे, आज से बीस साल पहले

भारतीय स्त्रीयों की साड़ी व बिन्दी काफी उत्कृष्टता के विषय बने रहे। लेकिन आज कल सभी लोग इसका महत्व जानते हैं, यह सब - कुछ दृष्टान्त में चलते हुए हैं। वर्ष के साथ-साथ यह सच हो रहा है, कि भारतीय सभ्यता व सांस्कृतिक का आदान-प्रदान, सुचारु रूप से होता रहा है, व होता रहेगा।

द्वान्यवाद

जामल

















































ANNOUNCING THE SECOND ANNUAL.....

# Celebration of Minnesota's RICH ETHNIC HERITAGE

Sunday, May 17, 1987

1 P.M. to 5 P.M.

at the State Capitol

Rotunda & Steps

Saint Paul, Minnesota



GOVERNOR RUDY PERPICH HAS ISSUED A PROCLAMATION  
DESIGNATING THIS DAY AS "ETHNIC AMERICAN DAY."



LET'S MAKE THIS ANOTHER HISTORY-MAKING EVENT. THE CAPITOL  
IS WAITING TO EMBRACE YOU - MINNESOTA'S BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE.

THIS EVENT IS FOR THE PEOPLE - EVERYONE - ALL AGES.

BE THERE - WEAR YOUR COSTUMES WITH PRIDE!

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED WITH COMMUNICATIONS. PLEASE INFORM YOUR COMMUNITY  
ORGANIZATIONS, CLUBS, CHURCHES, ETC.

CALL ME WITH YOUR QUESTIONS, SUGGESTIONS, AND HELP.

YOUR PERFORMING GROUPS ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM.

MANY THANKS!

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AGNEA ANTONIADES  
399 EAST CURTICE ST.  
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA 55107

PHONE: 222-6161 (evenings)

NEWS... "A CELEBRATION OF MINNESOTA'S RICH ETHNIC HERITAGE"  
SECOND ANNUAL EVENT - MAY 17, 1987

GOVERNOR RUDY PERPICH HAS ISSUED A PROCLAMATION  
DESIGNATING THIS DAY AS "ETHNIC AMERICAN DAY"

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE!

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT -

AGNEA ANTONIADES  
FOUNDER/DIRECTOR

399 EAST CURTICE STREET  
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA 55107  
(612) 222-6161

- SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA - ON SUNDAY, MAY 17, 1987, 1 P.M. TO 5 P.M., ANOTHER HISTORY-MAKING EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE STEPS OF SAINT PAUL'S MAGNIFICENT CAPITOL BUILDING. AS MANY AS 50 ETHNIC GROUPS WEARING AUTHENTIC COSTUMES OF THEIR HERITAGE WILL GATHER TO HONOR MINNESOTA, AMERICA, AND THE COUNTRIES OF THEIR ORIGIN.
- GOVERNOR RUDY PERPICH HAS ISSUED A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THIS DAY AS "ETHNIC AMERICAN DAY IN MINNESOTA." I AM SEEKING LEGISLATION BOTH ON THE STATE AND NATIONAL LEVELS FOR DESIGNATION OF THE 3RD SUNDAY IN MAY AS "ETHNIC AMERICAN DAY."
- RICH IN DIGNITY, SIMPLE AND UNCOMPLICATED, THE EVENT IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE A MEANS OF EXPRESSION FOR THOSE UNIVERSAL VALUES DWELLING IN THE HEARTS OF ALL PEOPLES. IT IS NOT ATTACHED TO ANY POLITICAL, NATIONAL, RELIGIOUS, OR SEPARATIVE PURPOSE.
- WE NEED TO TAKE THE TIME TO APPRECIATE ALL (OUR AMERICAN INDIAN, AMERICAN BORN, AND IMMIGRANTS) WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED THEIR CULTURES AND TRADITIONS TO OUR GREAT MINNESOTA AND AMERICA.
- THE EVENT IS OPEN TO EVERYONE - ALL AGES. THE EVENT IS FOR THE PEOPLE!
- BE SURE THAT THE COUNTRY OF YOUR ORIGIN IS REPRESENTED ON THIS HISTORIC OCCASION.

*Agnea Antonides*



M/S Becky Clark  
Alders Gate United Methodist Church  
3801 Wooddale Av.  
St. Louis Park  
MN. 55416

Feb. 10, 1987

Dear M/S Clark,

Shirin Fristedt of India Club informed me that on behalf of the Alders Gate Methodist Church you have donated \$25.00 to the India Club as token of your appreciation. I would like to thank you for your kind consideration. We would like to keep you in our mailing list for future announcements..

Thank you again.

Sincerely

Sudhansu S. Misra  
President, India Club  
International Institute  
1694 Como Av.  
St. Paul, MN.  
55112

Mr. Pranab Lahiri  
President, Hindu Mandir  
1835 Polk St. NE  
Minneapolis  
MN. 55418

Feb. 25, 1987

Dear Pranab,

Since my call to you about the furniture India Club received from Honeywell, I am following it up with this letter for our records.

The India Club received the used office furniture listed below from Honeywell Inc. as a donation on Feb. 18, 1987. Although the furniture belongs to India Club, because of space limitation, they are now left in the custody of Hindu Mandir until further arrangements can be made. We appreciate your help in providing the space for the furniture.

Thank you.

Furniture List

Desk: 1  
Book Shelves: 2  
3 Drawer File Cabinets: 3  
Chairs: 2

Sincerely

Sudhansu S. Misra  
President, India Club

# U.S. Medical Aid Foundation

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4001 Hiawatha Avenue ■ Minneapolis, Minnesota 55406 ■ (612) 724-7244

February 5, 1987

RE: Television coverage of the Agra Project

Dear Friends;

The USMAF was founded nearly two years ago by Mr. P.C. Mangalick and his wife Shanti Mangalick. The first project of the USMAF is the establishment of a General Hospital in Agra, India. The first phase of the project is the development of a outpatient and diagnostic center for the Eye Department. With the assistance of the VOSH Group (Voluntary Opticians in the Service of Humanity) a "Eye Camp" was run in Agra last December at the same time as the official groundbreaking ceremony for the Hospital.

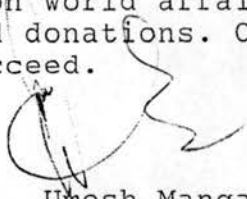
WCCO TV, our Channel 4, sent a two man news and photographic crew to India to cover these events. WCCO TV will be airing segments of this coverage during the 10:00 PM News from February 16th through the 19th. On Sunday, February 22, a "Special" will be aired at 8:30 PM showing health conditions in India and how Minnesotans are involved.

We urge you not to miss this coverage and to tell your friends about these programs. We would appreciate your comments and views on these matters after you see these programs.

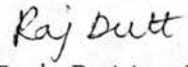
The Agra Project is sponsored by the USMAF, a non-profit organization, which would greatly appreciate your involvement. Monetary donations are tax deductible. Other donations, such as time or equipment, should be made only after contacting the USMAF. If you wish further information on such donations please contact Mrs. Kanak Dutt at the above number for details.

The USMAF greatly appreciates the participation of WCCO TV and its efforts to educate the American people on world affairs. We thank everyone for past and future support and donations. Only with this widespread support can such projects succeed.

Thank you.

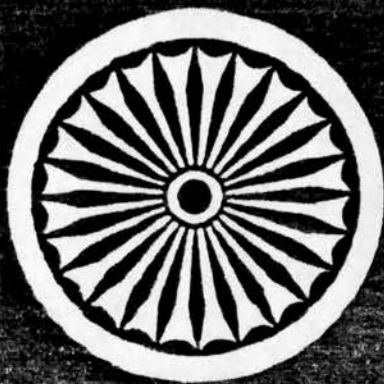


Umesh Mangalick  
Treasurer

  
Raj Dutt, M.D.  
President

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*A tax deductible, charitable organization.*



# INDIA NEWS

भारत समाचार

CONSULATE-GENERAL OF INDIA, CHICAGO

भारत का प्रधान कंसलानास, शिकागो

**150 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago IL 60601, Telephone 781-6280**

Dated: 29 January 1987

You are requested to give due publicity to an essay competition being conducted by this Consulate for persons of Indian origin resident in the mid-West. Details are as under:

Title: "My generation: What can we contribute to Indo-US friendship ?

Length of Essay

Age 11 to 14 years: 500 words approx.

Age 15 to 18 years: 1000 words approx.

Prize

Age 11 to 14 years: One prize of \$ 250.00

Age 15 to 18 years: One prize of \$ 250.00

Please follow instructions given below while submitting your entries:

1. Entries can be handed in personally or sent by post in envelopes marked "Essay Competition" to the Consulate General of India, 150 N. Michigan Avenue # 1100, Chicago, Illinois 60601.
2. All pages should be numbered and carry entrant's name.
3. Final date for entries is March 15, 1987.

All Indian Associations/Ethnic TV & Radio/Ethnic Newspapers.





JAWAHARLAL NEHRU MEMORIAL FUND  
जवाहरलाल नेहरू स्मारक निधि

TELEGRAMS JAWAHARFUND o TELEPHONES 371102, 376612

Chairman - Shrimati Indira Gandhi  
Secretary - P.A. Narielwala

TEEN MURTI HOUSE  
NEW DELHI 110011

August 1, 1984.

My dear *MR & MRS Zdenek,*

In my capacity as a Trustee of the Nehru Memorial Fund, I am glad to inform you that the Trust has decided to bring out a TV documentary on "Jawaharlal Nehru and the Freedom Movement" by November next year, in collaboration with a leading Canadian producer and director.

2. The idea was suggested by many friends abroad after they saw the Gandhi film, which was highly appreciated in many countries. It was, however, felt that another full-length feature film would perhaps not be timely. What was needed was a TV documentary that could be shown on the TV networks in the Western World and the Third World. It would be produced in English with sub-titles or dubbing in French, Spanish and Arabic, apart from Hindi. The length of each documentary would be 58 minutes and the series may consist of three or four such documentaries. The idea is to portray the role of Jawaharlal Nehru, along with others, in the Indian freedom struggle against the background of India's history, culture and philosophy.

3. It is often said that India's image abroad is not what it should be and this is largely true. One of the ways of improving this image would be to reach as wide an audience as possible and this can be done more through TV documentaries than any other channel. India's freedom struggle was one of the most significant events of contemporary world history and it is, perhaps, time that this is correctly understood and appreciated by people abroad. They would then be able to judge the post-independence policies and progress of India in the correct perspective.

4. This particular series of documentary films could be of great interest to people of Indian origin living abroad, as well as others. An entire new generation has grown up since India's independence and many of them have a vague acquaintance with the history of our freedom struggle. It is hoped that the film will bring to them in a vivid manner the great sacrifices made by an earlier generation of Indians.

5. The preliminary estimates of the cost of production are in the neighbourhood of one million U.S. dollars. The Fund has received donations for the expenditure in Indian rupees which will amount to approximately one-fourth of the total cost. The

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balance of 75% has to be raised mainly through donations from persons outside India who are interested in this venture.

6. I am writing this letter to request you to give a generous donation to the Nehru Memorial Fund which is opening a Special Account in the State Bank of India(Canada), Toronto, for this purpose. We are in the process of obtaining tax-exempt status for the Nehru Memorial Fund in the U.S.A.

7. We hope that we can count on your active support and would be grateful to receive your generous response at a very early date. Since the work has to be started in September this year in order to be completed by November next year, your contribution may kindly be sent to State Bank of India, New York, 460 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022, U.S.A., who will forward it free of charge to State Bank of India (Canada), Toronto, for credit of Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund Account. It will be duly acknowledged by the Bank on our behalf and a formal letter of thanks will follow. Any further information required can be had from the Chief Manager and Chief Executive, State Bank of India, New York (Mr. B. Gupta, Telephone number (212) 371-5608 (office).

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



(T.N. Kaul)  
Trustee



THE HINDU SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA  
Constitution and By-Laws



## Constitution of The Hindu Society of Minnesota

### Article I - Name

The name of the organization shall be the Hindu Society of Minnesota, and it shall operate as a religious organization.

### Article II - Purpose

The purposes for which the religious society is being organized are:

1. To provide a Hindu Mandir (place of worship) in the Twin Cities area.
2. To bring into closer relation the members of the Hindu community in the Twin Cities area and the State of Minnesota.
3. To provide a forum for scholarly discussions of the Hindu philosophy.
4. To conduct and sponsor religious, spiritual, and cultural activities for the benefit of the Hindu community.
5. To establish a library that will depict Hindu philosophy and religion.
6. To preserve and embellish Hindu traditions and cultural heritage.
7. To teach its younger members the history and development of the Hindu philosophy and religion and to inculcate a pride of their heritage.

### Article III - Place of Operation and Principal Office

The operations of the Society shall be conducted principally within the State of Minnesota. Its principal office shall be located at 86 Many Levels Road, Dellwood, White Bear Lake, Minnesota 55110, County of Washington, State of Minnesota.

### Article IV - Duration

The duration of the Society shall be perpetual.

### Article V - Membership

Any person or family unit who subscribes to the objectives of the Society and abides by its by-laws and rules may qualify for membership.

## Article VI - Governing Body

All the executive powers of the Hindu Society and Mandir shall be vested in a Board of Trustees. All matters of long-term policy and planning shall be the responsibility of the Board of Trustees.

## Article VII - By-laws

The attached By-laws define the organizational structure of the Society and outline the procedures for carrying out the intent of this Constitution.

## Article VIII - Officers

The names and addresses of the first Officers of the Executive Committee are as follows:

President: Dr. Krishna M. Saxena  
86 Many Levels Road, Dellwood  
White Bear Lake, Minnesota 55110

Secretary: Dr. Shashikant Sane  
9515 Briar Circle  
Bloomington, Minnesota 55437

Treasurer: Dr. Surendra P. S. Chaudhary  
5640 North Danube Road  
Fridley, Minnesota 55432

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands,  
this      day of                      , 1978.

Krishna M. Saxena  
KRISHNA M. SAXENA

Shashikant D. Sane  
SHASHIKANT SANE

SP Chaudhary  
SURENDRA P. S. CHAUDHARY

## By-laws of the Hindu Society of Minnesota

### Article I - Membership

I.1. Any person or family unit who subscribes to the objectives of the Society and abides by its bylaws and regulations shall be qualified to become a member of the Society.

#### I.2. Classification of Membership:

- a. **Trustee Membership:** Trustee Membership shall be granted to duly elected members after payment of an initiation fee of a minimum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). This class of membership shall be granted only on an individual basis and not to a family unit, except that if each spouse or a family member pays a separate initiation fee and annual dues, each such member of a family shall be deemed a Trustee Member. The annual dues shall be according to the schedule as established in Article III, 2a, hereunder.
- b. **Sustaining Membership:** Sustaining Membership shall be granted to those persons paying an initiation fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and annual dues as set forth in Article III, 2a, hereunder.
- c. **General Membership:** Duly elected members on payment of annual dues as set forth in Article III, 2a, hereunder shall be eligible for general membership. There shall be no initiation fee required of general membership.
- d. **Honorary Membership:** Honorary Membership may be conferred upon any person by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Trustees, at its discretion. Such honorary members as are created, shall not be eligible to hold any office within the organization but shall have voting rights. No initiation fee or annual dues shall be required of said membership.
- e. **Life Membership:** Life Membership may be conferred on an individual by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Trustees, at its discretion, upon the lump sum donation of no less than Five Thousand Dollars

(\$5,000.00) or upon completion of no less than ten (10) years as a member of the Society herein. No annual dues shall be required of life members. Said members shall have normal voting rights equivalent to those of a Trustee member.

- I.3. Duration of Membership: Membership of an individual shall be for the period of one year beginning the first day of January upon payment of annual dues as set forth herein elsewhere, and is renewable each year on payment of said annual dues. A member shall be deemed to be in good standing if he/she pays all membership dues and initiation fees, if applicable, within the prescribed time limits.
- I.4. Election of Members: Application for membership, accompanied by one year's dues in advance, shall be made to the Secretary of the Society herein. The Membership Committee shall act on the application and make appropriate recommendations to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees shall be vested with the sole authority to accept or reject an application for membership. In the event an application is rejected, the applicant shall be promptly notified of the Board's decision and dues, if paid, shall be returned to him/her.
- I.5. Termination of Membership: Membership may be terminated for any of the following reasons: death, illness, non-payment of dues or by resignation in writing submitted to the Executive Committee or for any other reason, in accordance with the by-laws of the Society herein.
- I.6. Suspension or Expulsion: A member may be expelled or suspended for a determinate period for violation of any of the by-laws or other regulations or rules of the Society herein or for conduct prejudicial to the interests of the Society. Such expulsion or suspension shall be initiated by the Executive Committee and ratified by a two-third (2/3) majority of the Board of Trustees. A statement of the charges against the member shall be sent to the member by registered mail to his/her last known address at least fifteen (15) days prior to any action taken in the matter. The member shall be accorded full opportunity to refute

any charges levied against him/her and to present any defense he/she may have. A hearing in the matter may be held, if necessary at a place and time mutually acceptable.

## Article II - Fiscal Year

- II.1. The fiscal year of the Society shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December of each year.

## Article III - Dues and Assessments

- III.1. The Board of Trustees, at its discretion, may determine from time to time the amount of the initiation fee and annual dues payable to the Society by the membership.
- III.2. Annual dues shall be as follows for the various membership classifications:
  - a. Trustees - Annual dues shall be in the amount of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00). Method of payment is negotiable and at the discretion of the Membership Committee.
  - b. Sustaining Members - Annual dues shall be in the amount of Seventy Five Dollars (\$75.00). Method of payment is negotiable and within the discretion of the Membership Committee.
  - c. General Members - Annual dues shall be Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00).
- III.3. Payment of Dues: Membership dues shall be payable on January 1 of each fiscal year. Dues paid by a new member shall apply only to that fiscal year in which such dues are paid. Methods of payment are subject to provisions set forth hereinabove.
- III.4. Family Unit Dues: For family unit membership, the family is defined as husband, wife and children under eighteen (18) years of age. This unit shall be considered as a single membership for purposes of payment of dues and initiation fee, subject to the exception of trustee membership which shall be granted only to individuals as specified herein, supra.



III.5. Delinquent Dues: A member shall be deemed delinquent in the payment of dues at the expiration of thirty (30) days following the date when payment becomes due as set forth hereinabove. Any member who continues to be delinquent for sixty (60) days or more, shall, without any further action by the Board of Trustees or without notification, forfeit his/her membership. Such membership, however, may be restored to him/her upon petition to the Board of Trustees and upon payment of delinquent dues, and subject to approval by the Executive Committee.

III.6. The Board of Trustees, at its discretion, may waive the membership dues of any individual for any valid reason, including but not limited to financial hardship.

III.7. The initiation fee shall be levied only once for any category of membership.

III.8. Any member who wishes to have his/her membership classification changed to another, may do so by submitting an application for such change and addressed to the Secretary of the Society, and by payment of the difference, if any, in the membership dues and/or initiation fee. Such change in membership classification shall become effective upon the acceptance of such, by the Executive Committee. No refunds shall be due any member who petitions for a change in membership category.

#### Article IV - Voting

IV.1. All members in good standing as defined hereinabove, shall be eligible to vote.

IV.2. Members of a family unit shall each have a single vote at all meetings of the general body. Alternative rules may govern meetings of other governing bodies of the Society or at specially convened meetings, as provided herein elsewhere.

IV.3. Each member shall be entitled to a single vote except as otherwise provided herein elsewhere.

IV.4. Any member following thirty (30) days after acceptance of his membership, shall be eligible to vote.

#### Article V - General Body Meetings

V.1. The general body of the Society shall comprise of the total membership.

V.2. An annual meeting of the general body shall be held in the month of November of each year, for the election of officers, for presentation of reports by various committees and by officers as provided by these by-laws elsewhere, and for transacting other business of the Society. A written notice of such meeting, specifying the place, date and time of said meeting, shall be mailed to all members by the Secretary, not less than ten (10) calendar days prior to the date of such meeting.

V.3. Any member may place an item on the agenda for discussion at any general body meeting by mailing a written notice addressed to the President of the Executive Committee, no less than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for said meeting.

V.4. Special Meetings: Special meetings of the general body may be convened by the Board of Trustees or the Executive Committee at their discretion to discuss any specific topic or subject matter. A special meeting may also be called upon the written request of at least 10 members or 10% of the total membership, whichever is more, submitted no less than thirty (30) days prior to the proposed date for said meeting. No business other than those specified in the notice of the meeting shall be transacted at any special meeting of the general body. Notice for any special meeting shall be given in the same manner as for the annual meeting, as provided supra.

V.5. Every member in good standing shall be eligible to vote except as otherwise provided herein elsewhere.

V.6. Quorum: At least 25% (twenty five percent) of the voting members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting of the Society. This quo-

rum requirement, however, shall not govern special meetings convened for the express purpose of suspension or expulsion of any elected officer, the required quorum for said purpose being at least two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members in good standing.

V.7. All business which may be properly before the general body meeting (except those matters regarding suspension of elected officers) shall be decided on the basis of a simple majority vote of members present and voting, provided conditions specified in V.6. above, shall have been complied with.

V.8. The order of business for annual meetings of the general body shall be determined by the President. Robert's Rules of Order as amended, shall govern all procedures at said meetings, unless otherwise specified herein elsewhere.

#### Article VI - Board of Trustees

VI.1. The Board of Trustees shall consist of Trustee members and three elected officers of the Society, namely, the President, Vice-President/Treasurer and Secretary, during their terms of office.

VI.2. The Board of Trustees shall meet at least quarterly and at such other times as may be deemed necessary by the Chairperson of the Board. Notice of each meeting, specifying the date, time and place and the agenda for such meetings, shall be in writing and shall be mailed to all trustees by the Secretary at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the date of said meeting. Sixty percent (60%) of the voting members of the Board or ten (10) members present, whichever is less, shall constitute a quorum. Business shall be conducted by a majority vote of the members present and voting, provided the quorum requirements specified hereinabove shall have been met. A meeting shall be adjourned by a majority vote of members present and voting, if the quorum requirement specified hereinabove shall not have been met, within one (1) hour past the scheduled time for a given meetings. The Chairperson of the Board may cancel a meeting, provided however, that he/she does not cancel any two consecutive meetings.

VI.3. The Board of Trustees may, from time to time, issue policy guidelines, administrative rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the Society or its by-laws. The final authority in matters of policy decisions shall be vested in the Board of Trustees.

VI.4. A Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson shall be elected by the Board from its membership. The Chairperson, and in his/her absence, the Vice-Chairperson, shall preside over all meetings of the board. The presiding officers shall be allowed to vote only in the event of a tie. The terms of office of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall be two (2) years.

VI.5. The Secretary shall notify members of the Board no less than ten (10) calendar days in advance of all scheduled meetings. He/she shall record and shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the Board.

VI.6. A petition signed by no less than fifty percent (50%) of the total membership of the Society shall be required to reverse any action or decision of the Board of Trustees. The Board's subsequent action to reverse itself obviates the necessity for further action. If, however, the Board decides to stand by its original action or decision, a notice for a special meeting of the general body shall be issued within thirty (30) days of the receipt of such petition. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of members present and voting shall be required to override and reverse the action or decision of the Board of Trustees.

#### Article VII - Elections

VII.1. The following seven officials and executive committee members shall be elected at the annual meeting of the general body:

- 1 President
- 1 Secretary
- 1 Treasurer/Vice President
- 4 Members at large of the Executive Committee

VII.2. The membership committee shall serve as nominations committee and shall appoint an election officer.



- VII.3. All the nominations shall be submitted in writing to the nominations committee at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of any given election, upon which said nominations committee shall prepare such ballots, with the names of the candidates, if necessary.
- VII.4. The election shall be by a majority vote of the members present at the annual meeting and constituting a quorum.
- VII.5. The decision of the election officer shall be final unless appealed, in which case, it shall be subject to review by the Board of Trustees. An appeal shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Trustees within seven (7) days after the announcement of the election results.
- VII.6. In the event the elective offices are not filled by the election, or in the event of a vacancy occurring during the term of office of one of the officers, the Board of Trustees shall fill such positions by appointments.
- VII.7. An elected or appointed official may be removed for cause pursuant to a hearing by the Board of Trustees. Notice and voting requirements for said action is as set forth elsewhere for other disciplinary proceedings.

#### Article VIII - Committees

- VIII.1. All functions of the Society, with the exception of those specifically reserved for the officers, shall be administered by committees. The recommendation of the committees shall be forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval.
- VIII.2. There shall be three standing committees: 1) Finance and Building Committee 2) Membership Committee 3) Satsang (religious) Committee. The Chairperson of each committee will be appointed by the President.
- VIII.3. Each standing committee chairperson shall select additional members to serve on his/her committee. Each committee shall adopt rules of conduct for its own affairs. The recommendations of the committees shall be forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval.
- VIII.4. Ad hoc committees may be appointed by the President at his/her discretion for specific purposes. Such commit-

tees, if appointed, shall report to the Executive Committee.

#### Article IX - Executive Committee

- IX.1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Secretary, Treasurer, four at-large members elected by the general body at its annual meeting, and two members of the Board of Trustees to be appointed by the chairman of the Board. Any vacancies arising during a current term of a member in the said committee shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Trustees for the remainder of the term. The term of office of Executive Committee members shall be one year.
- IX.2. The Executive Committee shall conduct the day to day affairs of the Society and the regular and special activities of the Society within the framework of the constitution and by-laws and policy guidelines approved by the Board of Trustees. The Executive Committee may establish regular and special events or activities in keeping with the spirit of the constitution.
- IX.3. The Executive Committee shall hold regular meetings at least once a month subject to cancellation by the President should there be no business to conduct. A majority of the membership of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum and business may be conducted by a majority vote of the members present. The President shall preside at Executive Committee meetings and shall only vote in the event of a tie. In the absence of the President, the Treasurer/Vice President shall preside.
- IX.4. The Secretary shall maintain minutes of the Executive Committee meetings and shall forward them promptly to the Board of Trustees for approval.
- IX.5. Any action of the Executive Committee may be reversed by the Board of Trustees or by a resolution adopted by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting at any properly called meeting of the general body provided that a copy of such resolution shall have been sent to each member of the Executive Committee prior to the general body meeting as well as to the members with a call for the meeting.

## Article X - Officers

- X.1. There shall be three officers of the Society: President, Secretary and Treasurer-Vice President, and their term of office shall be one year.
- X.2. The President shall preside at all Executive Committee meetings and the annual meeting of the general body. He/she shall report at the general body meeting regarding the condition and status of the Society. He/she shall be responsible to the Board of Trustees in carrying out the policies and plans of the Board.
- X.3. The Treasurer-Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, be called upon to carry out the duties of the President. In addition, he/she will carry out those functions which are delegated to him/her by the President.
- X.4. The Secretary shall record and be custodian of the minutes of the general body and Executive Committee meetings. He/she shall maintain permanent records of these minutes in good order. In addition, he/she will carry out such functions as are delegated to him/her by the President.
- X.5. The Treasurer shall receive all monies of the Society and shall be responsible for the deposit of all monies in a bank or banks or trust company approved by the Board of Trustees. He/she shall supervise the billing and collection of dues and maintain the books of the Society. The funds, books, and vouchers in his/her hands shall be under the supervision of the Board and subject to its inspection and control. He/she shall report in writing on the financial status of the Society at each meeting of the Board and at the annual meeting of the general body.

The Treasurer shall prepare a budget of estimated income and expenditures and submit it to the Board of Trustees by January 30 of each year.

The Treasurer shall submit for audit his/her books, records, and any papers in his/her possession to an auditor or auditing committee designated by the Board of Trustees.

At the expiration of his/her term of office, he/she shall de-

liver to his/her successor all books, monies, and other property or, in the absence of a treasurer-elect, to the President.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the disbursement of monies approved by the Executive Committee. All checks over the amount of \$100 shall be signed by the Treasurer and the President. All checks over the amount of \$500 shall have to be approved for expenditure by the Board of Trustees in writing and should bear the signatures of the President and the Treasurer.

## Article XI - Finances

- XI.1. Accounts shall be maintained for the fiscal year which will be from January 1 to December 31 of each year. The accounts of the Society shall be audited each year by March 31 for the previous year's transactions by a duly certified public accountant appointed by the Board of Trustees.
- XI.2. The Treasurer in consultation with the Executive Committee, shall prepare a budget and present it to the Board of Trustees in the month of January for its approval.
- No expenditure in any account shall exceed the budget in amount for such account by more than 10% without approval of the Board of Trustees. Funds up to \$100 may be expended for a non-budgeted item upon approval of the Executive Committee and if in excess of that amount, only upon approval of the Board of Trustees.
- XI.3. The Treasurer shall submit to the Board of Trustees at its quarterly meetings the previous quarter's financial report which shall include income and expense statement with detailed breakdown of expenses or any other statements which may be deemed necessary by the Treasurer or the Board of Trustees.
- XI.4. The Board of Trustees shall administer, manage, and hold titles in the name of the Society to all the funds, securities, trust funds, and real estate of the Society.
- XI.5. No officers of the Society including the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee shall receive any remunerations.



## Article XII - Amendments

- XII.1. These By-laws may be amended by changing, altering, suspending, or supplementing the same by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting members present and entitled to vote at a duly organized general meeting of the Society, and the proposed amendment shall be mailed to each member at least ten (10) days before the date of the meeting.
- XII.2. In case the Board of Trustees does not agree with the amendment recommended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members, such an amendment will be adopted if it again receives at least two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present and voting in the next general body meeting of the Society.
- XII.3. These By-laws may also be amended by changing, altering, suspending or supplementing in whole or in part by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Trustees, provided that any such amendment shall be subject to a majority vote in the next general meeting of the Society, pending which the amendment shall become effective immediately after the Board of Trustees voting, or as otherwise desired by the Board of Trustees.
- XII.4. Any amendment in Sections 1 to 4 of this Article of these By-laws and all the Articles of the Constitution shall require a unanimous voting of the general membership.

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