

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON

The Annual General Body Meeting of the Zoroastrian Association of Houston ("ZAH") was held on November 9, 2008 at Zarathushti Heritage and Cultural Center ("ZHCC"), 8787 West Airport Blvd., Houston, TX 77071 at 2:30 p.m.

EC members present were Kaemerz Dotiwalla, Zia Anklesaria, Percy Master, Roshan Sethna, Rustum Challa, Nargesh Sethna, Nazneen Khumbatta.

After the Invocation, the meeting was convened.

Kaemerz Dotiwalla announced that the quorum had been established. Kamalrukh Gandhi proposed and Arnavaz Sethna seconded adoption of the present agenda that was unanimously approved by the community.

The Minutes of the AGM held in 2007 were distributed at the meeting. Farrokh Rajkot proposed and Jimmy Kumana seconded the approval of the minutes. As there were no objections, the Minutes of the Meeting were approved unanimously.

1. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

In his report, Kaemerz Dotiwalla mentioned the different achievements of the the present Executive Committee. ZAH Library was confirmed as the FEZANA resource center that would be a repository. ZAH tried to get the FEZANA office to relocate to Houston but were unable to do so. Library Subcommittee was able to host a number of speakers. Houston will be hosting the WZCC AGM in December 2008 and the first North American Mobed Council meeting in April 2009. Houston was selected to host the next North American Zoroastrian Congress in December 2010.

2. YOUTH GROUP REPORT

Naomi Bhappu presented the Youth report. She mentioned the Youth Lockins that had been held, the Zoroween Function held in 2007 and participation of the youth in 10th anniversary celebrations, fashion shows, car rally, sports etc.

3. CONGRESS 2000 LEGACY FUNDS REPORT

Investments from the Congress 2000 legacy funds have provided scholarships for two recipients, Darius Byramji and Zarina Pandol. Kaemerz Dotiwalla presented the idea and the Legacy funds sub-committee have agreed to name one of the scholarships as the Cyrus Rohinton Desai Scholarship.

4. BCC SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Hoshang Sethna presented the BCC subcommittee report mainly to present the three different proposals and estimates for the repair of the roof of the center as attached. Insurance company has also been contacted for damages due to Hurricane IKE but those are minimal and are under the deductible. It was decided that the sub-committee would solicit the expertise of other community members in picking the company for the roof repairs.

5. ENTERTAINMENT SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Kamalrukh Gandhi mentioned that RSVPs are necessary to facilitate the ordering of the food for the various functions. Additionally, food and other incidental costs have increased over the years and she requested the community to give the Entertainment Subcommittee some feedback by a show of hands if ZAH should charge more for functions and give better-quality food and entertainment or try and keep the cost as low as possible and sacrifice quality. The majority show of hands was for increased pricing for a better-quality function.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was presented by Nargesh Sethna, attached hereto and form part of these Minutes. Each line item of different sources of income and expense was presented and copies of financials were circulated to the membership. General discussion of certain categories of income and expense pertaining to the Library subcommittee, 10th anniversary subcommittee etc were discussed and details of payments were available for members to look over. Katie Irani proposed that the Report be accepted and Jehangir Shroff seconded the proposal. The Treasurer's Report was approved with one abstention.

7. BMS COMMITTEE REPORT

Persis Behramsha presented a report indicating that we should encourage rentals to generate income. She solicited volunteers to help with small repair projects.

8. ELECTION

Executive Committee Members retiring were:

Zia Anklesaria – Member
Kaemerz Dotiwalla - Member
Nazneen Khumbatta – Secretary
Roshan Sethna – FEZANA Representative

For the three open positions, the Executive Committee received nominations of Kershaw Khumbatta, Jasmine Mistry and Rustom Setna as members. Since no nominations for Secretary were received, Percy Master withdrew as a member and put in his nomination as Secretary. Hence we had nominations for three members and one secretary which became the EC positions to fill. Sarosh Collector was the only nomination for FEZANA representative. Hence no election was held.

Kaemerz Dotiwalla introduced the new EC members and thanked the older retiring

9. ADJOURN

There being no other business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was proposed by Kaemerz Dotiwalla and approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Recorded by Nazneen Khumbatta