

**GMC GOLDEN JUBILEE STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**TELECONFERENCE MINUTES**  
**March 6, 2005**

Members Present: Drs. RD. Kumar & Sarala Rao (Co-Chairs)  
Drs. KP. Sarma, V. Kusuma, R. Surakanti, S. Reddy, U.  
Chintalapudi, D. Sudhaker Rao (Recording Secretary)

Guests: Ch. Chandra Sekar (Secretary) and V.V.S. Sarma (Executive Committee  
Member and Building Committee Chairperson) GMCAA-Hyderabad.

Members Excused/Absent: Drs. S. Cheela, S. Sagaram, Dilip Rao, P. Rupani, S. Kota,  
Govind Rao, Raja Reddy, Babu Ramdev Singh, Prashant  
Rao (Web master)

The meeting was called to order by Dr. R.D. Kumar at 9:07 p.m. We were unable to approve the minutes of the last meeting since Dr. D. Sudhaker Rao was unable to send the minutes to all the members in time. He requested the Chair to postpone the approval of minutes to the next meeting. These minutes will be distributed along with today's meeting minutes for approval at the next meeting on April 3, 2005.

Since Dr. Chandra Sekar joined from India, the floor was given to him first. He thanked the Ad Hoc and the Standing Committees for the cooperation and participation in the recent Golden Jubilee Celebrations in Hyderabad. He thought that it created a very good atmosphere and uplifted the spirit of alumni. He will spread across the state the euphoria created by the Golden Jubilee Celebrations. He hoped this would increase participation and further donations from our alumni.

Dr. Chandra Sekar updated the construction of the GMC Golden Jubilee Alumni Education Center (AEC). He said the first floor roofing will be completed in a week and the top floor roofing will be done in about a month. He was hoping that it will be finished by mid-April.

He mentioned that the Golden Jubilee Celebrations accounts are almost completed. They will be audited by an accountant in a few weeks and will be posted on the website shortly thereafter. He was pleased to announce that there was a balance of approximately 500,000 Indian national rupees (INR). Next he announced that the Executive Committee of the GMCAA has decided to create an educational trust fund to help poor students in the medical school. They will be creating a scholarship of 5,000 INR/annum. The Education Fund will be administered by a committee consisting of members from the Executive Committee of the GMCAA, the Principal of the college and others. The the scholarships will be given in the form of reimbursement for hostel fees or books. Dr. K.P. Sarma asked Dr. Chandra Sekar for clarification on the excess funds if this this included registration and donations from the UK alumni. He mentioned that it did not include excess funds from the UK. Dr. R. Surakanti asked for clarification between this

particular fund and another fund that was announced during the Golden Jubilee Celebrations, and this was clarified.

Several members, including Dr. Sudhaker Rao raised a question about the future of the GMCAA leadership status after September 14, 2005 when the elections will be held. Dr. Chandra Sekar expressed his desire to step down, but will be active on the committee. He will not seek for a position (vice President or President) on the Executive Committee. Dr. D. Sudhaker Rao implored on him to reconsider his decision since there might be a vacuum if he did not continue in one of these capacities. He understood that but stated that new talent should be infused. Therefore the new committee will consist of 5 members from the current Executive Committee, which consists of 15 members, and 10 new members. Dr. D. Sudhaker Rao requested permission of the Chairpersons and other members to have a long discussion with Dr. Chandra Sekar to see if he can be persuaded to continue. Since no other questions were raised, Dr. Chandra Sekar asked to be excused and he was so permitted.

Dr. V.V.S. Sarma also joined from India and we thanked him for doing so. He updated us on the building construction since he is directly involved in the construction process. He corroborated with Dr. Chandra Sekar's account of information. In addition, he mentioned that the decorative bricks will be ordered and will be brought from coastal Andhra Pradesh, which might take two months or so. He still felt that the entire building should be completed by December 2005, if not by September 14, 2005, which is the birthday of the school.

VVS Sarma expressed some concern about the current architect, but felt that there may not be any alternative. The concern was basically that the architect was not delivering the product according to the schedule of times. Nevertheless, he felt that we should work with him rather than creating a hostile environment. He informed that, for this reason Dr. Neeraj Raj was retained as consultant rather than as supplier to avoid conflicts with respect to audiovisual equipment. This will be closely supervised by Dr. V.V.S. Sarma from GMCAA and Dr. K.P. Sarma from the Standing Committee. Dr. R.D. Kumar questioned about the specifics of non-cooperation and Dr. VVS. Sarma updated him about the specifics. Dr. K.P. Sarma wondered whether we needed the architect cooperation at all. Dr. V.V.S. Sarma stated that this is the time we need the architect most because of the finishing touches.

Dr. D. Sudhaker Rao commented that it is not necessary that we should stick to the September 14<sup>th</sup> deadline since the Golden Jubilee has already come and gone. Therefore, completion of the building is more important than a symbolic date. This was in response to Dr. Surakanti's statement earlier that it is the completion of the building that is more important than the symbolic date.

Dr. R.D. Kumar asked Dr. R. Surakanti to update on the Global Alliance. Dr. Surakanti mentioned that he did not have a chance to come up with a draft proposal because of prior commitments of both Drs. Manchikanti and Prem Rupani. He requested a little more time. By the next meeting he will have a draft proposal for the Global Alliance.

Dr. R.D. Kumar mentioned that he received further donations of \$4,500. The balance of the account was not available since Dr. Govind Rao was not at the meeting and Dr. RD. Kumar did not receive this information from Dr. Govind Rao yet. Dr. R.D. Kumar will follow-up with Dr. Govind Rao and present to the committee at the next meeting.

A brief discussion was held about NRI participation in the GMCAA governance. This will be updated at later meetings. Dr. R.D. Kumar will continue his dialog with Dr. Chandra Sekar to see how best NRIs can fit into the organizational structure of the GMCAA-Hyderabad.

A long discussion was held regarding fund raising activity during the Houston AAPI convention. Several suggestions were made and Dr. Surakanti, President of the OUMA suggested that we should meet on Saturday morning, perhaps from 8:00 am -12:00 noon, since we may need a longer time than a one hour slot. He felt it may not be desirable to meet on Friday evening during the alumni dinners because of time constraints, but asked everyone to participate in the alumni dinners. He also felt that Sunday would be too late since people may be ready to leave town. Saturday morning was felt to be the best option. We will follow the same pattern as we did at the AAPI convention in San Diego. We are going to wait for the final information before we announce this. Further discussion will be held at the next meeting.

Dr. R.D. Kumar requested all the members to comment on the letter he wishes to send as a postcard. This was extensively discussed and considering all aspects, it was agreed that a postcard with a picture of the GMC Golden Jubilee AEC Building on one side and update on the other side would be most desirable. He requested everyone to go over the content of the material carefully and make any suggestions within a week. He requested a \$1,000 budget for these postcards, and this was unanimously approved.

In the other business, Dr. D. Sudhaker Rao brought up the issue of communication from Dr. Dilip Rao regarding scholarship draft proposal. He requested the Chairpersons to table this for the next meeting, since Dr. Dilip Rao was not here to present. In addition, several members were unable to open the e-mail attachment. Dr. D. Sudhaker Rao agreed to provide the information directly in the e-mails to be sent soon. This way everyone can read the proposal and Dr. DS. Rao's initial response, before sending comments to Dr. RD. Kumar.

As in the past, opportunity was given to each member present to express any additional thoughts and this was accomplished.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 p.m. The next meeting will be held at 9:00 p.m. on April 3, 2005.

Respectfully Submitted,

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D. Sudhaker Rao  
Recording Secretary; GMC Golden Jubilee AEC Standing Committee

