

GMC GOLDEN JUBILEE STANDING COMMITTEE
TELECONFERENCE MINUTES

May 8, 2005

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

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

Members Excused/Absent: Drs. S. Cheela, Dilip Rao, S. Reddy, P. Rupani, S. Kota, Govind Rao, Raja Reddy (President, GMCAA), Ch. Chandra Sekar (Secretary GMCAA), S. Sagaram, 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 few meeting since Dr. D. Sudhaker Rao was unable to send the minutes to all the members in time. These will be approved at the next meeting on 05/05/2005.

RD Kumar updated the financial status of Golden Jubilee AEC account since Dr. Govind Rao could not attend.

KP Sarma updated the AEC construction and building progress from India. The revised cost estimates are at 2.01 crores INR. This is significantly higher than previous estimates of 1.6 initially and a revised estimate of 1.9 crores last December. The cost escalation is partly due to rising material costs and partly because of the addition of a cellar (approximately 3000 sq. ft) that was not in the original plan.

Based on what has been spent (approximately \$159,000) and the remaining balance (approximately \$120,000) in the Golden Jubilee account, there will be a shortage of \$150,000 - 200,000. Therefore, concerted efforts should be made to raise funds from alumni, majority of whom have yet to contribute. After further discussion, it was decided to kick off the campaign at the AAPI meeting, follow-up on the pledges already made and make personal calls, e-mail and letters later on.

KP Sarma also informed the members that the building construction is on the target timeline and should be completed by December 2005 ready for formal inauguration. There was brief discussion about the timing of inauguration, September 14th versus December 2005. It was agreed that a symbolic event could take place on September 14, the birthday of the college, and more elaborate celebrations in December 2005.

Several members, spearheaded by Babu Ramdev Sing raised questions about governance, fiscal responsibility and participation in the operational aspects of AEC and GMCAA. These will be discussed further. RD Kumar updated to the members that GMCAA

executive committee approved the participation of a member of the standing committee on a regular basis with right to vote. The possibility of holding an office by the Standing Committee member was also discussed and will be clarified further in the future meetings.

Ravinder Surakanti, updated the GMC Global Alliance. He will bring the draft proposal soon to the committee. Drs. P. Rupani and L. Manchikanti are working with Surakanti on this proposal.

On behalf of the CME committee (S. Cheela, V. Velamoor & D. Sudhaker Rao) the members were informed by Rao that at long last the CME certificates have now been mailed. He apologized for the inordinate delay caused by the ACGME audit of our program; in a sense, we should be proud of our accomplishment since it passed the ACGME scrutiny.

As in the past, opportunity was given to each member 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 June 5, 2005.

Respectfully Submitted,

D. Sudhaker Rao

Recording Secretary; GMC Golden Jubilee AEC Standing Committee