

GANDHI MEDICAL COLLEGE GLOBAL ALLIANCE INC. (GMCGAI)
TELECONFERENCE
October 26, 2005

Members present: Drs. L. Manchikanti, K. D. Ramiseti, R. Surakanti, D. Sudhaker Rao, K. P. Sarma

Members Absent/Excused: Drs. P. Rupani, S. Atluri, Sarala Rao, C. Moorthy

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Ramiseti at 9:05 p.m. He initially outlined the agenda for tonight's meeting.

The letter from the principal, Gandhi Medical College (GMC) was reviewed and discussed in great detail. The letter was addressed to both the GMCGlobal Alliance Inc (GMCGAI) and GMC Alumni Association (GMCAA) advising the two organizations about the formation of Ad Hoc Management Committee for Alumni Education Center (GMC-AEC). The proposed committee will consist of 12 members with the principal as the convener, the superintendent of Gandhi Hospital, five members from GMCAA and five members from GMCGAI. The principal further asked the two organizations to submit the names of five members at the earliest convenience.

Dr. Ramiseti asked committee member to propose 5 names and all members discussed in detail about each candidate. It was also agreed unanimously that one of the 5 five members should be from India. This, it was argued, would facilitate close supervision of the AEC and attend management committee meetings etc. There was unanimous agreement that Dr. Satyanarayan Reddy will be requested to serve as one of the five members. It was further agreed that two of the remaining four members should be from the current executive committee, and it was unanimously agreed that Dr. Manchikanti, the CEO of GMCGAI should serve as one of the 2 members. For the remaining one position it was deferred to Drs. Ramiseti and Surakanti, the proposed names, to decide who will be willing to serve. Finally, Dr. Ramiseti will search for the remaining two members from the final 5 candidates discussed: Drs. Moorthy, Sarala Rao, Santhosh Cheela, Sudhaker Reddy, and Subhash Reddy. Dr. Ramiseti was asked to invite these individuals to serve on the Ad Hoc Management Committee of the AEC. He will report to the committee of the final 2 members at the next meeting.

Dr. Ramiseti proposed that the GMCGAI should form sub-committees, at least the CME and Library committees as a start and Dr. Manchikanti proposed a Nominating Committee. It was the consensus that the CME Committee will consist of Drs. Cheela and D. Sudhaker Rao with an additional member from the alumni general membership serving on a permanent basis. It was suggested that Dr. Vijay Yeldani from Chicago be invited to serve as the third member on the CME Committee.

The Library Committee: it was suggested that Dr. Moorthy or one of his classmates should serve as the lead person along with Dr. Surakanti. It was suggested that Dr. Surakanti invite three additional members to serve on the committee. If Dr. Moorthy

serves on the Management Committee, perhaps Dr. Sudhaker Reddy from Panama City could be an ideal candidate from his class.

The composition and other details of the Nominating Committee, proposed by Dr. Manchikanti, will be discussed at the next meeting.

Dr. Manchikanti also mentioned there is an interest for regular teaching at the GMC as part of the curriculum. Since the committee members were not familiar with the details of the request or the logistics, it was deferred to the next meeting.

A long discussion was held on the logistics of the Inaugural Function of the GMC-AEC on January 5, 2006. At previous meetings it was decided to hire an event manager to coordinate the efforts for GMCGAI and GMCAA. The initial suggestion was Indibo, New Delhi, will manage the inaugural function, alumni banquet, CME program needs, decoration, AV needs, photography, refreshments, coffee breaks, luncheon etc. the details will be discussed after we have a firm commitment from Indibo. In addition, Dr. D. Sudhaker Rao, will meet Indibo during his visit to India in the first week of November, 2005. The final decision will be made soon thereafter.

It was unanimously decided to hold the inaugural function on January 5, 2006 in the AEC with tents set up for overflow participants in front of the AEC Building. Light snacks and beverages will be served after the function followed by guided tours of the AEC building. There will be a banquet in the evening most likely at Viceroy Hotel.

The CME will be on January 6, 2006 again in the AEC Building. We are hoping that the building will be ready for conducting the CME program in the facility. Drs. Rao and Cheela will coordinate this event in collaboration with the American Association of Physicians from India (AAPI).

The registration for various events and CME was discussed again because there was some confusion among members regarding the collaborative arrangements with AAPI with respect to CME. Dr. Sudhaker Rao clarified that the AAPI involvement is very minimal, there will be 3-4 speakers from AAPI, and AAPI is not responsible for arrangements. There will be an AAPI sponsored dinner on January 6, 2006 after the CME and will be arranged by AAPI. GMC alumni are encouraged to join this AAPI dinner by registering and paying for the dinner.

After further discussion about CME and banquet fees in great detail it was decided that for CME program it will be \$150.00 for overseas alumni. This includes breakfast, 2 coffee breaks, lunch and the CME certificate as well as the banquet on January 5, 2006. Non-physician spouses will pay \$50 for the banquet.

For alumni from India it was decided to charge INR 250 per person per event; namely banquet, CME. Spouses will pay INR 250 if they wish to attend the banquet.

It was briefly mentioned again that there will be AAPI banquet on January 6, 2006, but attendance at the dinner voluntary and each person has to pay for the banquet.

There was some discussion about CME coordination between GMCGAI and AAPI and how the fees will be collected, distribute, and expenses borne. Dr. Sudhaker Rao mentioned that this will be decided at a later date but clarified some information already sent out to AAPI members. He will discuss with Dr. Sanku Rao, secretary of AAPI, to work out the logistics and will inform the committee at the next meeting.

There was a brief discussion about updating the website of www.gmchyd.org, which will be changed to www.gmcglobal.org. Mr. Prashanth Rao will discuss the logistics with Dr. Manchikanti's secretary who has helped register our new website and also familiar with another very functional website under the direction of Dr. Manchikanti. Mr. Rao will also discuss with Mr. Sagar Pampati to get more details about computer logistics, migration of data from the current site to the site and populating the new site to make it more functional, dynamic, and user friendly. He will discuss these issues again at the next meeting since not all members were present at this time. He briefly mentioned that based on the information available and his experience in the past couple of years helping set-up and run the current website, www.gmchyd.org, he felt that a part-time webmaster would be sufficient, perhaps 10-20 hours per week initially and much less later on. Again the details will be discussed at the next meeting.

Despite the initial request by Dr. Ramiseti to the members to be brief, the meeting was adjourned at 10:59 p.m, almost twice as long as had been suggested at the beginning of the meeting. Hopefully the members will be cognizant of this at the future teleconferences.

The next meeting will be on November 2, 2005 at 9:00 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

D. SUDHAKER RAO, M.B.,B.S.
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