

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sudhakar Rao, Murali Krishna Rao, Prabhakar Sharma, Ravinder Surakanti, and Pratap Reddy.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Alok Agrawal.

MEMBERS COULD NOT ATTEND: Bala Totapally, Govind Rao, K. P. Sarma, Mukesh Sanghadia, R.D. Kumar, Santhosh Cheela, Sarala Rao, Syed Mukarram, Vithal Kusuma.

Meeting was called to order by the president, Sharma, at 9:05 p.m.

Sudhakar outlined the agenda for the meeting as he was unable to send earlier. The agenda was prepared in consultation with Sharma and Murali, the treasurer. All present agreed unanimously.

At this time, Pratap, President GMCAA, joined from India and the floor was given to him as he was calling from overseas.

He updated the activities at the AEC and GMCAA as follows: 1) Two class reunions were held at the AEC. About 15 to 20 past professors were felicitated. 2) The batch of 1968 was generous to sponsor 8 gold medals to the deserving medical students. 3) Solar system is now finally being connected to the electric grid after getting the approval from the government.

Also, he requested Murali to send the receipt for \$8000 that was spent previously.

He expressed some concern about students questioning the use of AEC building for “commercial” purposes. Accordingly, various entrance exam classes, normally held for generating income to maintain AEC, have been temporarily suspended. He is hopeful to restart after discussing with medical students, the student union president, and postgraduates. He thinks it is an isolated incident as has been on 2-3 occasions. He is confident that this issue will be resolved amicably.

We then returned to the GMCGA agenda.

Sudhakar updated the members present on the new executive committee and its board members as follows:

President: Ravinder Surakanti, Crawfordsville, IN, 765-366-0812 rsurakanti@yahoo.com

President-Elect/Vice-President: Alok Agarwal, Dayton, OH, alok_a2000@yahoo.com

Past-President: Sharma Prabhakar, Lubbock, TX, 806-733-2806, ssprabhakar4@hotmail.com

Secretary: Sudhakar Rao, Rochester, MI, 248-895-1947 or 313-971-4984, danrao47@yahoo.com

Treasurer: Muralikrishna K. Rao, Durham, NC, 304-685-1183, muraliwv@hotmail.com

Five Board Members: B.V.N. Reddy, Ravi Annamaneni, Sitamahalakshmi Yarramalli, Intiazuddin Siddiqui. We will request Syed Mukarram to serve for another 2-year term

Sudhakar requested update & confirmation of the regional GMCGA meeting on March 12, 2015 in Atlanta. Murali updated and stated that he has spoken to both Vithal Kusuma and Gandhiji Yalamanchili, who in principle agreed to host the conference, although expressed some concerns about expected attendance. Nevertheless, will proceed as we have with Dayton meeting in August and New Jersey meeting in November. If communicated in advance it will be a good meeting. The key is to spread the word on GMCGA objective, its undertakings, charity work

both in the hospital and medical school, as well outside such as Roshni project support, scholarly activities at the AEC, promotion of student needs and wants as well as recognition of their achievement by offering gold medals and scholarships. Explain that to achieve our objectives and meet financial obligations for various activities we need to raise a corpus fund in the form Million Dollar Drive as outlined last year by Murali. We need to enlist the support of as many alumni as possible by making them life members with one time donation of \$1000. This should be easily achievable since we have >2000 GMCians in the US.

Sharma had spoken to Hanmanth Bejjanki, President of the OGKMA, who confirmed that the OGKMA annual meeting will from September 16-18, 2016 in Chicago. As previously agreed GMCGA 2016 Annual Meeting will be in collaboration with the OGKMA meeting in Chicago. Sudhaker stated that he has another meeting conflict that weekend and requested Murali to substitute for him.

The next agenda item was on AEC policy since it needs to be revisited and redefined. After some discussion it was realized that it is a complex issue that requires more elaborate discussions perhaps with the Principal and Superintendent, student body etc. the agenda item was tabled pending further meetings in Jan/Feb 2016 when Sudhaker & Ravinder, KP Sarma are in Hyderabad. The tentative date will be during the first week of Feb 2016. The 3 will meet with Pratap, GMCAA executive committee, the Principal, Superintendent, student body President etc. to clarify the policies moving forward.

Murali stated that there were issues about cleanliness of the campus. He spoke to Narsimha Murthy of Seva Bharathi, who mentioned that it was mainly because of lot of construction on the campus. The Seva Bharati is going to take care of this after the construction is completed.

Murali presented the request from Gunaranjan for support to upgrade emergency room equipment and also additional 20 stretcher trolleys in emergency room in addition to fund manpower needs of the department. This was a long letter written after conferring with other stake holders in the institution. At this juncture, Pratap expressed concerns about moving forward with this funding as there was general lack of recognition or appreciation by the hospital and the medical school administration of the work and support that GMCAA and GMCGA are giving. Murali clarified that the letter was written directly to the GMCGA since it is unlikely that the GMCAA would have sufficient funds to support this activity. In addition, GMCGA will no longer be able to transfer money to the GMCAA. Since there was lot of controversy about this subject and so was tabled. No decision was made and committee advised Sudhaker and Ravinder to meet with Pratap and Gunaranjan in Feb 2016 to clarify and reconcile the concerns before approving the funds. All present agreed unanimously.

It was reemphasized that we need to prepare a “job description” for the board members so that they are aware of their commitments both in time as well as the deed. This will be prepared by Sudhakar and distributed.

The members present conveyed deep appreciation and thanks to Sharma gaaru for his dedicated service to the GMCGA over the past 2 years as its President, spearheading the annual cruise in 2013 and the Diamond Jubilee celebrations at the GMC in 2014, and lending his melodious voice during many entertainment programs during the past 5 years.

Since there was no other further discussion, meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

The following communication from Murali, treasurer of the GMCGA, is added after the meeting was adjourned to reflect in the minutes.

Ref: Investment Committee

Dear Prabhakar,

At the time I took responsibility to chair the investment committee, I said I would take this responsibility for 5 years, because there could be significant fluctuations in the market in the short term. I also pledged that at the end of the term any losses will be borne by me personally. Because it is the Association money it should be ultimately my responsibility, and I am quite comfortable with the proposition.

I am reasonably confident that the investments will work out in the long run. But, if the end of 2018 the fund is still in deficit I will make up the difference. I am quite comfortable in accepting this responsibility. I wanted to put this in writing to allay any concerns that members of the society may have regarding the funds.

Sincerely,

K. Murali Krishna Rao

Treasurer, GMCGA

The next meeting will be on January 12, 2016. Invitations will be sent to all new AEC members. Sudhakar will contact the 5 new board members and brief them about their commitment.

Respectfully Submitted

Sudahker, Secretary, GMCGA