

Minutes of the Wednesday April 16, 2014 Teleconference Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Sharma Prabhakar, president of the GMCGA.

Members Present:

Sudhakar Rao, Murali Krishna Rao, K.P. Sharma, Prabhakar Sharma, RD Kumar (in absentia).

Members excused: Bala Totapalli, Govind Rao, Lingaiah Kattam, Mukesh Sanghadia, Ravinder Surakanti, Ramesh Reddy, Santosh Cheela, Sarala Rao, Syed Mukaram, Vithal Kusuma.

Before the meeting started, Sudhakar Rao informed the members present that R.D. Kumar could not attend because of a prior commitment and Sarala Rao because of utility emergency at the home. RD. Kumar has sent written comments and issues to be discussed. Mukesh Sanghadia later informed us that he was not feeling well. It is likely that others were may have been preoccupied as well. Nevertheless, the minutes will update all who could not attend tonight's teleconference.

Much of the discussion was focused on finalizing the GMC Diamond jubilee celebrations on September 14, 2014.

Prabhakar Sharma updated his meetings with Lingaiah and GMCAA organizing committee in Hyderabad. The GMCAA reorganized the meeting to attract larger number of alumni and to keep the meeting short. Accordingly, it was decided to limit the celebrations to September 14th. A 4 hour CME program followed by lunch and the Diamond jubilee celebrations will occur after lunch, followed by banquet dinner same night at Aalankrita.

Individual class reunions will occur from 11-13th or after the Diamond jubilee celebrations. This is a slight departure from the previous program which consisted of class reunions on Sunday night, banquet Saturday night, and reception on Friday night. The revised plan as stated above seems most attractive, logistically easier, enhance larger number to participate, keep the costs low. The majority both at the GMCAA and GMCGA agreed.

Prabhakar Sharma also informed that Lingaiah is planning to invite the former President, Dr. Abdul Kalam, as chief guest at the Diamond jubilee celebrations, which will be a big attraction as well as a privilege to the college. Invitation letters will be sent both by GMCGA & GMCAA.

Aalankrita will be hospitality and class reunion venue as previously discussed. The room rates have been fixed at INR 3600/person, with INR 600/extra person.

Next, the discussion was held about registration fee now that the meeting has been limited to one day. It was pointed out that the Friday reception has been eliminated. The cost of the meeting will be for breakfast in the morning, lunch with invited guests, medical students and staff, and the banquet. It was felt that \$125 is reasonable. There will be a \$25 separate fee for the CME, which will have to be paid online through the Henry Ford Hospital, the accrediting institution's CME website.

Murali reminded Prabhakar Sharma to prepare an appeal letter for the million-dollar fund raising drive, which he will run by the committee before mailing out to the alumni.

There was an email communications between Sanghadia, Murali, and R. D. Kumar about gold medals. It was resolved that Dr. Sanghadia will arrange gold medal in psychiatry residency, which is not offered presently at the GMC, but at the OMC, by his contributions through GMCGA.

While the members acknowledged the sentiments expressed by RD. Kumar, it was felt that the gold medal is more of symbolic nature than monetary. The GMGA EC members have been previously assured by Lingaiah that INR 1 lakh is sufficient for the gold medal in perpetuity. However, more money for any gold medal can be accomplished by individual donor. Prabhakar Sharma, Sudhaker Rao, Sanghadia, and Lingaiah have already either pledged or initiated. Many others are likely to follow.

Murali updated about solar project. This is moving forward as planned.

Murali also informed that the 1968-1969 graduating class will meet on the 13th at Aalankrita.

He also reminded that committee has to finalize payments to the Meritel Corporation, which Sudhakar Rao will follow up and finalize and discontinue the website. From now on the website hosted by Murali will be our official website.

The final CME program will be worked out by the subcommittee of Murali, Prabhakar Sharma, and Sudhakar Rao, and presented to the committee at the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:05.

The next meeting will be on May 13th at 9 p.m. We hope more people will participate.

Respectfully submitted by

D. Sudhaker Rao