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Date: February 4, 2011.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sarala Rao, Sudhakar Rao, Bala Totapally, Sarma Koppolu, Mukesh Sanghadia, Kumar D. Ramiseti, K. Muralikrishna Rao, Prabhakar Sharma, Syed Mukarram, Goind Rao, Ramesh Naram.

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Lingaiah Katam, Ravinder Surakanti, Santhosh Cheela, Vasu R Garlapaty, & Vithal Kusuma.

The teleconference was called to order at 9:05 pm by Sarala Rao, President GMCGA.

Each member self introduced briefly and Sarala Rao outlined the agenda sent previously

Minutes of the November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 & January 4<sup>th</sup> 2011 were reviewed and approved unanimously with further editing for typos, syntax and grammar. They will be uploaded to the website.

**5<sup>th</sup> GMCGA Annual Meeting:** RD Kumar had previously sent an e-mail communication with details of CME program and expected expenses for the meeting. This was reviewed in detail, discussed at length and approved in general principles with further review at the next teleconference on March 1, 2011. A brief summary of RD Kumar's e-mail is as follows:

CME program will occur on both Saturday & Sunday 3 hours each

Day-1: Heme/Onc & Transplant; Day-2: other topics with business meeting

Coastal Community Hospital, Santa Ana, CA agreed to accredit the CME provided the CME program application is submitted with all the details as soon as possible. This will be pursued by RD Kumar, Prabhakar Sharma

Sponsor & Exhibit fee was discussed and agreed to charge one fee of \$1500/booth was agreed for both days. Both medical and non-medical exhibits will be allowed. Glaxo may not be able to because the topics are outside the scope. One realtor expressed interest. He will pursue this and others as we move forward.

Next, he discussed the projected expenses and informed the members that the cost will be approximately \$300/person. Therefore he suggested increasing the registration fee to \$250/single and \$350/couple. We will still require additional funds to meet the expected expense of \$30,000 for 50 couples, which have to come from sponsors and donors. To this end he had already sent his \$2000 pledge (for 2010 & 2011) to set aside for this meeting. After further discussion it was agreed to keep the registration fee as before at \$200/single and \$300/couple and implored all executive members to raise additional funds to defray costs.

**Save The Date Card:** It was unanimously agreed to send it as soon as possible with appropriate changes to the card sent last year for the Detroit meeting. This will be pursued by RD Kumar & DS Rao and will be mail/e-mailed to all alumni and members

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**News Letter:** It was also decided to publish another edition of GMCGA News & Views. RD Kumar, who has done it in the past, will spearhead this with contributions from all the executive committee members.

**AEC Update:** There were no updates. DS Rao mentioned that Dr. Lingaiah, President GMCAA, is quite busy with his daughter's wedding on the 9<sup>th</sup> February and hence could not attend the last and tonight's teleconference meetings. Will hear more at the next meeting.

**Website:** Unfortunately, the person in charge of our website has left the company and DS Rao is exploring other options. He will update at the next meeting. For the present we can still visit with our e-mail address as ID and gmglobal as password. If any problems, please contact DS Rao

**2012 Sydney Meeting:** As previously informed the class of 1968 (Osmania, Gandhi, & Kakatheeya) have planned to meet for their class reunion in Sydney October 13 & 14, 2012. Murali K Rao, our alumnus and EC member suggested that GMCGA should join them. After much discussion it was unanimously agreed to join the Class of 1968 for the 6<sup>th</sup> GNCGA annual meeting. Dr. Sanghadia, Vice-President GMCGA will coordinate with Murali K Rao, the organizer of the 1968 Class Reunion meeting in Sydney.

**Treasurer Report:** KP Sarma presented the details. The report will be circulated later and will be posted on the website.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

Meeting adjourned at 10:43 pm

Next meeting will be on March 1, 2011 at 9:00 – 1025 pm EST

*Teleconference organizer's note: We are consistently exceeding the allotted time by Free Conference. Please try to be brief & succinct to avoid being abruptly cut off from the conference by the hosting company. If you wish we can extend, but I suggest not.*

Respectfully Submitted by

Sudhakar Rao, MD

Secretary, GNCGA