

Date & Time: January 30, 2014 at 9:00pm

Meeting was called to order by the President Sharma Prabhakar.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sudhakar Rao, Murali K Rao, K.P. Sharma, Lingaiah Kattam, Ravinder Surakanti.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Bala Thotapalli, Govinda Rao, Mukesh Sanghadia, R.D. Kumar.

Prior to the formal agenda discussion, a voting was held for approval of the solar panel at the AEC. It has been circulated to the members previously and advised to vote either by email or today. Both, K. P. Sarma and Prabhakar Sharma had questions about solar panel. Murali pointed out that it will save electricity cost quite a bit, roughly 20,000 INR/month. The initial cost is \$15,000. It will require battery replacement, which might cost about 12,000 rupees over a period of four to five years.

K. P. Sarma raised some concerns about the use of existing funds since they include corpus funds designated by 2 donors. He felt we should go ahead and use with the provision that corpus fund will be replenished with fund raising within the next 6 months. At the end of discussion, all were in favor. The motion was presented by Murali Krishna Rao, seconded by Sudhakar Rao, and passed unanimously.

The next item was formal approval of million-dollar fund raising drive. Several members had questions about the format of this approach. It was felt that we should send appeal letters to all the contacts that we have (~1900) by mail and all the email contacts that we have asking them to contribute a minimum of \$1000 one time donation, which should easily raise more than a million dollars if all were to participate in this campaign. Several concerns were expressed about its success. However, it was felt that we should start somewhere and even if we get smaller amounts, it will be worth the effort. It was proposed by Murali and seconded by Sharma and approved unanimously.

Our colleagues, Dr. Lingaiah Kattam, president of GMCAA and Dr. Ramesh Reddy, secretary of the GMCAA joined to discuss the 60th anniversary program in Hyderabad for September 12 to 14. Dr. Ramesh Reddy summarized the plan and requested the members to have a formalized approach and prepare a draft brochure for distribution. There were several questions regarding the format and it is felt that the Friday, September 12th will be reception followed by dinner at the Aalankrita, which is the headquarter for the 60th anniversary, following on the 13th, there will be a CME program in the morning from 9 to 12 and in the afternoon from 1 to 4. The morning session will be didactic updates by experts in the field. The afternoon would be dedicated to the updates for the medical students, postgraduates and others in the college. This will be followed by a banquet dinner at the Aalankrita in the evening with entertainment program, which will be arranged by the GMCAA. During my visit to Hyderabad and meeting with the GMCAA officials, it was felt that a more informal music program would be desirable. In addition, it was later realized that SPB is unable to attend because of his prior commitments in the United States.

On September 14th, the official birthday of the college, the inaugural function will start at 11 o'clock followed by lunch and the meeting will be adjourned.

On the morning of the 14th from 9 to 11, there will be informal discussion with the prospective students and postgraduates seeking residency positions in the United States. Dr. Sharma, president of GMCGA, Vice Chairman, Department of Medicine, Director of the Nephrology Fellowship Program at Texas Tech University, and D. Sudhakar Rao, Section Head, Bone and Mineral Metabolism, Director of Bone and Mineral Research Laboratory, and past program director of the Endocrinology fellowship program will discuss the current ACGME regulations, prospects for residency program, etc.

On the 12th and also on the 13th and 14th, a bus service will run from Aalankrita to college campus and college campus to Aalankrita as needed. The Aalankrita is a resort center ~20 km from the GMC.

Dr. Lingaiah updated once again on the gold medal since there was some concern whether 1 lakh of INR would be sufficient, he reiterated that it should be sufficient. It should be a minimum of 1 lakh INR, but of course, one can donate more than that if so desired. The interest from this would be sufficient to create gold medals. He once again wanted us to prepare a draft brochure for the 60th anniversary to be distributed. Third, he updated his meetings with the hospital development board, which meets once a year where superintendent of the hospital expressed an interest in creating isolation ward with the help of GMCGA and GMCAA since MCI required them to have an isolation ward. Dr. Lingaiah suggested that Gandhiji was interested in donating 50 lakhs to create a shed for the patient attendant, but he could be amenable to change this gift to the isolation ward instead of the attendant shed. This was suggested by the superintendent, who mentioned to Dr. Lingaiah that current shed is not properly used; therefore, it should not be a big problem.

He also mentioned that he and his colleagues will go to each hostel in the campus to inform of the 60th anniversary. There were request for table and chair donations from the hospital medical school, but sufficient, at the present time this is stable.

Dr. Sharma suggested a chief guest for the inaugural and cultural program and this will be discussed at the next meeting or by a conference call later on with a small group of members.

At the present time, the other projects included Roshni project, which is being taken up by 1972 batch, a solar panel, which is taken up as an initiative from Murali, the postgraduate courses held in the AEC, are all are accomplishments and currently AEC is self-sufficient with enough funds for the near future. This will be emphasized in our appeal letter to the alumni.

Dr. Sudhakar Rao also updated his visit to the AEC. He also reassured Ravinder Surakanti who was concerned about the donor wall, which will be installed by the 60th anniversary. It was delayed because of the required repairs in the AEC building as well as leaking that needs to be sealed. Bathrooms, restrooms need to be upgraded. Some remodeling has to be done before the donor board can be put on the wall. He understood the predicament, but insisted that we should move on to this minute at least to make sure that the donor wall is put by 60th anniversary.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:05. The next meeting will be on February 18th at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sudhaker D. Rao, Secretary, GMCGA