

Meeting: 2017 Annual General Body Meeting (AGM)	Date: January 15, 2017
Location: Southside Senior & Community Center, Spokane, WA 99223.	Time: 3:30pm to 4:45 pm

Meeting Minutes by: Nishant Puri, SIC Secretary.

Attendees:

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| 1. Shweta Puri | 12. Raj Pusuluri | 23. Pratibha Hithalamane |
| 2. Roopa Patakoti | 13. Shesh Palapalli | 24. Padma Lotke |
| 3. Ramu Patakoti | 14. Archana Shriwas | 25. Veena Wadikar |
| 4. Ashok (Justin) Botejue | 15. Mahesh Shriwas | 26. Anand Wadikar |
| 5. Brittany Boring | 16. Vaishali Rajeev | 27. Sanjay Sharma |
| 6. Arvind Chaudhry | 17. Roshan Khattry | 28. Soumya Surapaneni |
| 7. Monika Chaudhry | 18. Mallur Nandagopal | 29. Jayesh Modha |
| 8. Satish Surapaneni | 19. Sreedharni Nandagopal | 30. Nishant Puri |
| 9. Jagadeesha B. | 20. Aruna Bhuta | 31. Hrishikesh Joshi |
| 10. Nitin Dhotre | 21. Chandan Bhuta | 32. Rupali Joshi |
| 11. Sindhu Jujhavarapu | 22. Rupa Modha | |

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1. SIC offered an apology for starting the event half an hour late due to guests' late arrival, since it is not the norm for SIC events.
2. Meeting began with Hrishikesh presenting introduction to the AGM and walking through the initial slides about 2016 Retrospective and Vision 2017 followed with an outline of the agenda. He appealed the community for active participation to promote new initiatives.
3. Sowmya discussed her personal experience in the past that motivated her to be involved and lead the cultural program initiative for kids. She expressed the importance of inspiring kids and helping them gain self-confidence through participation in various activities such as drama/ music etc. She also cited the added benefit of exposing kids to the Indian culture in this intimate manner.
4. Jayesh presented the financial summary (refer ppt). He mentioned that if anyone would like to have a look at and discuss SIC expenses in-depth, he would be willing to do so at any time.

5. Rupali shared the information gathered from the accounting professional regarding taxation and possibility of adopting 501(c) (7) status in future, as the organization grows.
6. Arvind Chaudhry inquired about tax exemption and how much money could one contribute if 501 (c) (7) status is acquired by SIC. Rupali clarified that there is no limit for the contribution. However, contributions have to come from SIC members only.
7. Subsequently, Mallur Nandagopal raised the question as to why cannot SIC use SACA's nonprofit status right away, since they have worked hard to get it. Rupali explained the various differences between 501(c) (3) and 501(c) (7). Due to those differences and with respect to SIC's mission, SIC can only be registered as a social club and could not operate under SACA's non-profit status. Primary difference being that, a 'Social Club' is for pleasure, recreation and other similar non-profitable purposes supported by dues, fees, charges or other funds paid by their members only. Organization cannot bring in any other revenue by formally publicizing the events and selling tickets, which is the case with SACA events organized under 501(c) (3) status.
8. The amendment in the bylaws related to the membership was presented by Nishant and voting was undertaken (refer ppt). The amendment was passed by show of hands with the majority of the members present voting in favor of the amendment
9. Nishant presented Spokane Hindu Society (SHS) slides.
10. Nishant presented nominations for the available posts for the year 2016-17. No elections held as SIC received only one nomination from Ashok Botejue.
11. Soumya will be continuing as a Vice President, Rupali volunteered to be a Joint Secretary and Ashok Botejue joined the executive committee as Community Outreach Coordinator.
12. Hrishikesh invited Ashok Botejue to join the rest of the team and requested him to introduce himself. Ashok shared his personal background and his professional journey from the Bay area to Spokane.
13. Mallur Nandagopal asked why the slide of committee members show 2016-17 year. Hrishikesh explained that the SIC year starts in September each year, hence the new executive committee will be responsible for all SIC activities until the next election, to be held in January 2018.
14. Mallur Nandagopal thanked the executive committee for their efforts and congratulated the new team.
15. Hrishikesh presented thank you remarks for the AGM and to the committee members for their contributions. He especially appreciated Soumya's hard work and dedication towards organizing and coordinating kids programs. He also acknowledged the initiative, effort, management and attention to detail shown by Rupali in helping SIC deliver successful events. Soumya appreciated Jayesh and Nishant's involvement and their efforts. In addition, Rupali mentioned that due to use of technology such

as Whatsapp and video conferencing, being part of the committee is not as burdensome as it may seem. People can easily volunteer and get involved. Technology is our seventh committee member.

16. Open question session announced by Jayesh.
17. Sreedharni Nandagopal raised the issue of poor attendance at recent SACA events and voiced her disappointment that very few people from the Indian community attend their events as compared to people from other ethnicity. She appealed for more support and funds from the Indian community. The executive committee clarified that SIC fully supports SACA and will continue to publicize their events as much as possible, but cannot demand nor motivate SIC members to attend SACA events.
18. Aruna Bhuta expressed her appreciation and provided best wishes to the executive committee for their contribution to the community.