

Meeting: Annual General Body Meeting	Date: February 21, 2016
Location: Comfort Inn, 923 E 3rd Ave Spokane, WA 99202	Time: 2:00pm to 3:15 pm

Meeting Minutes by: Nishant Puri, SIC Joint- Secretary.

Members present: Hrishikesh Joshi, Mallur Nandagopal, Sreedharni Nandagopal, Soumya Surapaneni, Jayesh Modha, Nishant Puri, Ajay Pabby, Pallavi Sharma, Rahul Sharma and Rupali Joshi (via facetime).

Meeting Minutes

A) SIC AGM Venue

1. SIC thanked Comfort Inn Owners for providing the venue.

B) SIC Member Request

1. Upon request from the Bhuta family, a message of thanks and appreciation for community's outpouring support to them was communicated.

C) SIC Bylaws

Article I- 1.3 - Membership and Voting Rights

1. Changes were suggested by Ajay Pabby, Mallur Nandagopal and Sreedharni Nandagopal.
2. SIC Executive Committee mentioned that goal is to increase membership.
3. Rahul Sharma suggested that heritage may also need to be removed, can just say members or non members.
4. After discussion, members unanimously agreed.
5. Article1- 1.3 now is, "All local community members over the age of 18 years are encouraged to become SIC members. All SIC members shall hold and enjoy equal rights and privileges."

Article III- Relationship with other similar organizations

1. Nonprofit status was questioned by Mallur Nandagopal and the need to clarify whether tax exempt or not was brought up.

2. The IRS 990 form mentioned may only be for federal tax-exempt organizations and this needs to be clarified.
3. Due to varying state rules, it was decided to add “Non-profit organization in the State of Washington”.

Article IV- 4.1 – Officers

1. Mallur Nandagopal suggested that founding committee member names do not need to be in a general bylaws and can be moved to an appendix.
2. Members unanimously agreed.

Article IV- 4.2 – Elections

1. Mallur Nandagopal proposed that absentee ballot to be included.
2. Rahul Sharma presented a vote on three options: (1) absentee ballot allowed; (2) member present and on conference call; or (3) members present only.
3. With show of hands, members unanimously agreed to option (2).

SIC Member Request

1. Mallur Nandgopal wants South Asian Cultural Association (SACA) recognized on SIC website, which is already being done and reaffirmed by SIC.

Bylaws Voting

1. Voting on bylaws performed – motioned by Rahul Sharma, second by Mallur Nandgopal and bylaws passed with the above amendments with 100% a "Yes".

D) SIC Presentation (refer enclosed document)

1. SIC President presented updates of SIC in 6 months.
2. SIC Treasurer presented the financial summary.
3. Event proposal discussed by SIC Community Outreach Coordinator and following points were discussed:
 - a. Since May is a busy month in Spokane for weekend events, suggestion of moving the May 21 date while keeping school calendars in mind.
 - b. Silver wood picnic can be moved to July due to weather concerns but the Silver wood management did not give SIC a July option. Since many schools provide Silver wood tickets, consider a CDA picnic or another resort location.
 - c. Family sports day can be moved to the cricket ground as suggested by Rahul Sharma.
 - d. "Color Me Rad" on Jun 11 suggested by Pallavi Sharma can be an interesting community event and that option can be posted on Facebook.

- e. For Community Gathering/ Holi Celebration- get the 75 people room at Southside Senior and Community Center.
4. Spokane Hindu Society's (SHS) vision and plan was presented by Nishant Puri. It was well received and everyone in agreement. It is an initiative by few community members. It can be open to any SIC members to host it. Plan to send a sign-up sheet to all members.

E) South Asian Cultural Association's (SACA) Cultural Event

1. Sreedharni Nandagopal wants web advertisement support from SIC for the Sitar recital schedule to be in April and it will be provided.
2. SIC Treasurer, Jayesh Modha, helped her set up a SACA's PayPal account for event ticket collections.
3. Rahul Sharma volunteered to provide event flyer printing support.

F) Presentation by Sanatan Dharma Center to the Spokane Community

1. Sreedharni Nandagopal expressed concern over lack of community response to the meeting (initially planned for February 20) organized to disseminate information about Sanatan Dharma Center (Pullman).
2. She expressed hope that there will be community participation whenever the meeting is rescheduled.
3. SIC Executive Committee members who were planning to attend the original meeting will try to attend once it is rescheduled.