

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BODY MEETING OF MAMCOAANA August 2-3, 2008.

The General Body Meeting was held in the Encino Room of Westin Riverwalk Hotel, San Antonio (420 W Market Street). An additional extraordinary session was also held in the banquet hall of the same Hotel at 7pm.

The Encino room meeting was called to order at 12.30PM on August 2, 2008

- 1) The minutes of the GBM meeting in 2007 were approved.
- 2) The GBM was informed of the meeting of the Exec. Cmte on August 1, 2008 and the proposals of the new slate of officers. The officers proposed were:
  - Dr. Bhushan Pandya: President for 2008-2009.
  - Dr. Ajay Goel, President Elect for 2009-2010.
  - Dr. Bupesh Kaul, Secretary
  - Dr. Rakesh Nanda: CME officer
  - Dr. Samuel Edwin: Editor, Sandesh.
  - Dr. Ashutosh Gupta: Byelaws Officer
  - Dr. Nikhil Goyal: WebmasterMembers at Large: Drs. Jagdish Dang, Vikas Khurana, Shiv Gaur, Ashish Dua and Rajiv Malik.  
The GBM unanimously voted the slate of officers into office.
- 3) The GBM discussed ways of reaching out to Maulanians. The options suggested were :
  - ◆ More online/electronic communication: would cut down on mailing costs of Sandesh.
  - ◆ Dr. Malik suggested mailing a letter to residents and other Maulanians emphasizing the fun everyone had at this meeting.
  - ◆ A proposal to fund regional meetings of MAMCOAANA with seed money from the organization for every such meeting was defeated by the GBM.
  - ◆ It was proposed that MAMCOAANA try getting a list of Physicians from AAPI and to then google the names to locate the members.
- 4) Dr. Jayesh Shah from AAPI presented a proposal for a cruise to Canada from August 6, 2009 –August 10. AAPI would take the onus of organizing the trip and taking on the financial liability. MAMCOAANA would be a sub-group of AAPI for purposes of reservations for the cruise and would not take on financial liability. MAMCOAANA would be free to host CME meetings and Dr. Shah thought that other non-Maulanian physicians might take advantage of the CME portion of the cruise and MAMCOAANA might end up making some money from hosting the CME meetings.
- 5) This proposal was discussed by the MAMCOAANA GBM at length. Some members felt that since the 2009 meeting would be a 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting, it should be a stand-alone MAMCOAANA meeting instead of being associated with an AAPI cruise.  
The proposal for MAMCOAANA Alaska cruise as well as MAMCOAANA

Caribbean cruise was discussed again at length. The expense of the Alaska cruise was discussed and it was felt that it would preclude many members from bringing their families.

As presented at the GBM, combination of MAMCOAANA with AAPI for the Canadian cruise was felt to have advantages for the organization and the GBM voted to consider it favorably.

Dr Pandya again asked for any hosts for a land-based meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 1250 hours.

- 6) Later Dr. Bina Kapila and Priya Puri requested an extra-ordinary meeting of the General Body at the Annual Banquet and they volunteered to host a land-based meeting. This meeting, as proposed, was to be a stand-alone meeting and would be held at the Poconos at a resort to be chosen by them. They chose Poconos because that was where the first meeting of MAMCOAANA had been held and it was felt that returning to the Poconos for the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting was of symbolic importance.
- 7) The General Body unanimously accepted the offer by Bina Kapila and Priya Puri to host the meeting. Therefore the 2009 Annual meeting of MAMCOAANA will be held in the Poconos and the hosts for the meeting will be Bina Kapila and Priya Puri.