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## **Message From The Immediate Past President 2016-2017**

Another year of MAMCOAANA has just flown by. I was the president of this lovely alumni association for a year, and this is supposed to be my write-up for closure of that journey...

... But nothing has ever felt less like a closure. I participated as an attendee in this cozy organization for years, took minutes as its secretary (I was secretly pleasantly surprised by the seriousness and professionalism with which it was all expected to be handled, despite all our snide smart-alec attitude to everything that we as Maulanians have), and somehow got catapulted to the host of the 2017 convention. Now, I carry on as the editor of Sandesh. This write-up signifies perhaps the end of a chapter, but certainly not the journey, which continues.



I took on the presidency from Dr. Alok Maheshwari (1987 batch) and could not have asked for a better 'check-out'. It paved the way for me to drive this car smoothly for another year. My goals were simple – participation – in cyberspace as well as with physical presence was all I wished for. It was heartwarming to see the passionate arguments about medicine, healthcare technology, politics, immigration and what not on our casual group Whatsapp on the one hand; and dedicated CME interactions, lectures and yoga sessions on the other. What we lost in our credentialing drive spearheaded for years through the efforts of Dr. Bhushan Pandya, we gained in our focus and ongoing efforts to promote web-based interactions and formulate a plan to give back in some way with mission trips. Some of these projects will be ongoing objectives for the coming year under the able Dr. Vivek Mishra (1987 batch).

Our convention in Columbus, OH in July 2017 was a huge success thanks to the enthusiastic participation from so many of you. I must give a shout out to my 1990 batch mates here who made it to this year's convention and filled it with our signature touch of music and laughter.

Our executive over the years seems to have gotten younger with an influx of people from the batches of 80s and 90s as opposed to the 70s – a great sign that the organization is strong, thriving and able to carry on the spark that our seniors ignited more than thirty years ago. Some day, I hope, that these batches will be replaced by even younger ones, and our sweet alumni association will carry on its crazy, cute camaraderie for decades to come.

As I sign off from being the prez, I wish with all my heart that the coming convention reunion in Chicago 2018 would be our biggest success yet, with an attendance unmatched by any before. I wish all the very best to Dr. Vivek Mishra and his executive committee in the coming year. Long live MAMCOAANA!

Tarang Sharma, MD

## **Message From The President – 2017-2018**

As I embark on the next phase of my association with MAMCOAANA, as the president for year 2017-2018, I have a sense of responsibility and pleasure in welcoming you all to Chicago next year. The recently concluded convention under Dr Tarang and Tony Sharma, was great fun and very well organized; and I hope to recreate some of that fun next year, when we meet gain.

It has been 30 years since I joined MAMC and 18 years in Chicagoland, my adopted hometown after Delhi. There has never been a day, when my identity as a Maulanian is lost on me. My first MAMCOAANA meeting was in Chicago, held under Dr Ashutosh Gupta. I got hooked on to it, and since that time, I have attended most of the conventions and have enjoyed every moment of my association.



In this day and age of Whatsap and Facebook, the question arises - what is the purpose of our existence ? My answer to that is simple – human touch. Having whatsapp group for individual joining years is great, but it pales in comparison to the emotional connection that we make at the convention and fun that we have as MAMC family, irrespective of our joining years when we meet.

Next years's agenda is already made up with a boat cruise on Lake Michigan on Friday and the Gala on Saturday. Chicago is an amazing city in the summer. So get your bags packed and book your tickets for July 26<sup>th</sup> Thursday, to July 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 2018.

See you there!

Vivek Mishra, MD



### The Editor's Inky Notes

I am back to wearing the hat I love most – writing!! With the ‘presidency’ done I am back to tapping away on my keyboard and enhancing my copy-paste skills ☺

The next few pages will give you all a flavor of the convention 2017 that was if you did not get it in real time on Whatsapp and Facebook.

This is your magazine, articles are always welcome, send them my way anytime at [drtarang@gmail.com](mailto:drtarang@gmail.com) and they will get incorporated in magazines to come.

- Tarang Sharma, MD



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## MINUTES OF GBM MAMCOAANA 2017 ANNUAL CONVENTION

**Location: Hilton Columbus/Polaris, Columbus, OH**

**Time: 12.30pm, July 15, 2017**

**Attended by all MAMC alumni at MAMCOAANA Convention 2017**

1. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Tarang Sharma, President 2016-2017.
2. Minutes of GBM 2016 were presented for approval. Dr. Randeep Suneja moved to approve, seconded by Dr. Vikas Khurana, approved unanimously.
3. Financial Update presented by Treasurer Dr. Bhushan Pandya as of December 31, 2016.
  - Merrill Lynch Account (Reserve account) -Balance - \$237,435.00
  - ANB account (Convention account) balance to date – \$5500. ANB operation account - \$40,500.00

The report was approved unanimously.

4. 2017 Update by Dr. Tarang Sharma, President, MAMCOAANA.
  - Approximately 20 new life members have joined
  - Approximately 300 life members so far
  - 50 percent discount for new life membership approved for 2017
5. The following new Officers for nominated for 2017-2018 by the Executive committee. Nominations were invited from the floor. None were presented.
 

President Elect - Dr. Sunil Malkani  
 Secretary - Dr. Ajay Rawal  
 Treasurer -Dr. Bhushan Pandya  
 Chairman, By-laws -Dr. Ashutosh Gupta  
 Editor- Dr Tarang Sharma ,  
 Webmaster- Dr Nikhil Goyal  
 Members at large -Dr Randeep Suneja, Dr Indranil Chakraborty, Dr Alok Maheshwari, Dr Anuj Bhargava, Dr Bobby Batra  
 CME chair - Dr. Bharti Khurana

The Slate of nominees were unanimously elected.

6. The Credential Verification for MAMC graduates was being facilitated through the efforts of MAMCOAANA with efforts of Dr. Bhushan Pandya and the then Dean. The current process is being overseen by Dr. Hadke (MAMC faculty). MAMCOAANA can facilitate the process through him to help our members. MAMC has a designated staff handling this process. On line verification has been established between MAMC and ECFMG with the help of MAMCOAANA

for the last several years. MAMCOAANA is no longer supporting this process financially.

7. Dr Tarun Marwaha raised the issue of California requiring certain rotation in psychiatry for License for psych rotation requirements. Information was shared that the Department of Medicine in MAMC can usually give letter of documentation for psych exposure for 4 weeks in medical school.

8. Dr Indranil Chakraborty volunteered to help with twitter account in response to the Need for tech savvy volunteers for Social Media. He suggested that we should discuss the goals of social media account.

9. Dr Maheshwari initiated Discussion for Uploading CME SESSIONS to MAMCOAANA Website for MAMC students- as an alternative to a Voluntary in person Lectures at MAMC. There is an opportunity for skype presentations particularly for the department of OBGyn per the communication between the Department Chair Dr. Anjali Tempe and Dr. Pandya.

10. Discussion about the purpose for the MAMCOAANA was led by Dr. Maheshwari. This led to the possibility of Medical Mission trips abroad, organized by MAMCOAANA. Dr Vikas Khurana made a motion to approve up to \$5000.00 towards this project which was seconded and unanimously approved.

11. Dr Tarang Sharma introduced Dr Bhushan Pandya and announced his intention to run for the office of National AAPI treasurer and encouraged Alumni to get membership to AAPI and vote for him. The executive committee has decided to support him in all possible ways. He is currently the President of the Medical Society of Virginia, immediate past Chair of AMA-IMG Governing council and served MAMCOAANA as the President in the past and presently serving as the treasurer. His work was applauded.

12. Dr Tarang Sharma was applauded for the excellent meeting and activities.

13. Dr. Vivek Mishra the incoming President was introduced. He informed the general body about the next Annual convention in Chicago- July 26-29th, 2018 at Hyatt Centric, Magnificent Mile. All members were encouraged to spread the word and attend.

14. The meeting was adjourned at 1.30 pm.

## Welcome from the CME Chair

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 33rd Annual Convention of MAMCOAANA CME conference taking place on July 14- 15th 2017, in Columbus, Ohio. The conference is accredited by the University of Arizona College of Medicine - Tucson to provide 8 hours of CME. The objective of this meeting is to present advances in the field of medicine and encourage physicians to apply new knowledge and strategies that will improve patient outcome by discussing new trends and treatments. Based on your feedback, this year we have modified the program to include commonly encountered clinical conditions like Diabetes,



Osteoporosis, Rheumatoid Arthritis and GI disorders in addition to extremely relevant topics of Acute MI and Methadone treatment that every medical professional should know. Along with these outstanding didactic talks, we look forward to having several round table discussions that will give each attendee an opportunity for interactive discussion on sharing practical challenges and experiences with the experts in the field. With this in mind, I have invited a fantastic group of speakers to share their expertise and knowledge with us. The meeting will also provide a good platform for exchange of ideas and foster ties with our alma mater.

I would like to thank our President, Dr. Tarang Sharma and her supportive husband, Dr. Animesh (Tony) Sharma as well as the executive and convention committee members for planning a fantastic convention for us. I wish you a wonderful experience and an enjoyable stay in Columbus, Ohio.

Sincerely yours,

**Bharti Khurana**

Bharti Khurana, MD (CME Chair)



## **Maulana Azad Medical College Alumni Association Celebrates 33 Years**

Maulana Azad Medical College Alumni Association of North America (MAMCOAANA) held its 33<sup>rd</sup> annual convention in Columbus, OH at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris from July 13-16, 2017. One hundred Alumni of MAMC with their families had a fun-filled weekend organized under the leadership of President Dr. Tarang Sharma.

The meeting began with informal singing on the evening of July 13<sup>th</sup> spearheaded by Dr. Indranil Chakraborty who had no trouble in making people 'sing and dance to his tune' as people arrived, saif their hellos and enjoyed dinner. Over the next two days, CME talks were given by eight speakers with Dr. Bharti Khurana from Harvard Medical School as the CME chair.

On July 14<sup>th</sup> afternoon, the entire group took a trip to the National Museum of US Air force in Dayton, Ohio. It was truly an amazing experience for everyone to see the B2 Stealth Bomber, the only such plane on public display in the world. Also on display was the B29 Bomber that dropped the "Fat Man Atomic Bomb" on Nagasaki on August 9<sup>th</sup> 1945 and played a pivotal role in ending World War II. In addition, it was a memorable experience to tour various planes in the Boeing presidential gallery including the SAM 26000 plane that has carried presidents Kennedy to Clinton. The evening concluded with a picnic and lots of kite flying and volleyball.

The formal Gala took place on July 15<sup>th</sup> evening starting with the playing of National Anthems of USA followed by India. After all the CME speakers were formally recognized, I was completely surprised by the announcement of Lifetime Achievement Award in my name. I was very humbled and extremely grateful to receive such an honor. Also recognized were physicians (Dr. Ashutosh Gupta, Dr. Rajiv Malik and Dr. Bina Kapila) who had attended ALL the thirty three MAMCOAANA reunions to this day. Dr. Tarang thanked the entire MAMC family for making the event such a success. She also introduced the incoming President Dr. Vivek Mishra who invited everyone to attend the meeting next year in Chicago July 26-29<sup>th</sup> 2018. Following this, the entertainment began with amazing singing by Father-Daughter Duet Dr. Indranil Chakraborty and Diya Chakraborty who was a Top 7 finalist in US Sa Re Ga Ma Pa. To top off the entertainment Dr. Praveen Khilani, who was visiting from New Delhi and Dr. Sajiv Anand gave an unbelievable performance singing old melodies from the seventies. After the elaborate dinner, entertainment continued with energetic dancing well past midnight by all the Maulanians, reminiscing memories of the decades gone by.

Until next year.....

- Randeep Suneja, MD

## MAMCOAANA 2017 In Pictures: Arrivals





## MAMCOAANA 2017 In Pictures: We Are Ishtudying...shhh



Ye bhi class hai!!!!



Main pass ho gaya!!!!





Jahan Chaar Yaar Mil Jayein.....!!





## MAMCOAANA 2017 In Pictures: The Airforce Museum and Picnic





## MAMCOAANA 2017 Gala!















## **Dr. Bhushan Pandya Runs for AAPI Treasurer 2018**

Anyone who has attended even a single MAMCOAANA reunion learns quickly about Dr. Bhushan Pandya – simply because he is among those efficiently dedicated alumni who keep the MAMCOAANA machinery humming. Devoted to his alma mater and his alumni he has years of contribution to MAMCOAANA as its President from 2007-2009, and has been serving as the Treasurer since then.



We have been blessed with his efforts at coordinating source verification and credentialing for Maulanians from all across the world through MAMCOAANA, that still continue.

Of course, while he is doing his ‘been there done that’ he also has no problems organizing ‘lunch box and water bottle distribution system’ and lending his vocal skills in our oh-so-crazily-cute MAMCOAANA conventions, to give the host a break and a helping hand.

Dr. Pandya joined MAMC in 1973. He is currently a practicing gastroenterologist in Danville, VA. His list of achievements (besides MAMC and MAMCOAANA) is deliciously long and a single page here wouldn’t do it justice. That said, some of the highlights include:

- *President of Medical Society of Virginia 2016-2017. First IMG and Maulanian to get this honor in 196 years since its inception.*
- *Chair AMA-International Medical Graduate Governing Council 2017-2018. Represented IMGs in the AMA.*
- *Appointed to the State Board of Health Virginia by Then Governors Mark Warner and Tim Kaine.*
- *Regional Director SA, AAPI 2014-2015.*
- *Conducted multiple Endoscopy camps in India.*

And much more....

Dr. Pandya will be a candidate for AAPI Treasurer 2018. While AAPI has a flavor that is very different from an alumni association; Dr. Pandya with his extensive experience and leadership skills would certainly know how to navigate through yet another organization and lend his constructive expertise to it. MAMCOAANA proudly endorsed Dr. Pandya in the GBM 2017 for his candidacy as AAPI treasurer.

Please lend him your support with your vote in AAPI elections in April 2018.

### Remembering Dr. SNA Rizvi

*Editor's Note: I am from the 1990 batch and I simply remember Dr. Rizvi as our quiet medicine professor. However, he was once a MAMC student too! At my kind request Dr. Thapar dug out his old picture and gave us this written piece that brings alive some of his youth. Dr. Rizvi is in the center in this picture, sitting on the rock.*



Dr Syed Nihal Ahmed Rizvi joined MAMC after his MSC in 1959. He was a very gentle and sweet person and a thorough gentleman. We fondly started calling him the 'girls' rep' when he ran to be our class rep. It was meant to gently tease and being the kind gentleman he was, he never objected. He carried that name for a long time to our delight. He was very studious and worked hard. He used to read for a class a day before and always came prepared. After MBBS in 1964, he started to work with Dr Hari Vaishnava. Dr Vaishnava was the head of medicine, a very handsome, tall and powerful personality. Dr Rizvi stayed with Dr Vaishnav and made great progress. He started research on rickets. He mentored many fellow doctors for their MD thesis. Dr Rizvi will always remain alive in our hearts as a sweet kind and gentle person.

- Dr. Renu Thapar







