

## **2009 Annual General Body Meeting**

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### **Meeting Minutes and Highlights**

Saturday, January 23, 2010, 2:00-3:30 PM

Leon Co Public Library Meeting Rooms A+B, 200 W Park Ave, Tallahassee, FL 32301

#### **I. Annual General Body Meeting**

Immediately following the Republic Day Celebration 2009 Annual General Body was called to order by the out-going President of India Association of Tallahassee at 2:30 PM at the Leon Co Public Library Meeting Rooms A+B located at 200 West Park Avenue, Tallahassee, FL 32301.

#### **II. Roll call**

Based on the sign-in sheet, President, Vice-President, General Secretary, and Treasurer (all from 2008-2009 Executive Committee), President, Vice-President, General Secretary, Treasurer, and Joint Secretary (all from the 2010-2011 Executive Committee) were present. In addition three out of the five Trustees were in attendance. There were sixteen members (and their families) and three non-members (and their families) as per the sign-in sheet.

#### **III. President's Address**

The outgoing President presented the current state of the Association highlighting the successes his team had over the two year term, including filling to the capacity the auditorium during Glimpses and expanding number items presented at Utsav. He mentioned the efforts taken by his team to increase the membership.

#### **IV. General Secretary's Report**

The General Secretary then presented the past year's activities list. During the 2009 calendar year the Association held eight events that included, Holi, Sports day, Utsav, Drawing Competition, Dinner Concert, and Glimpses. In addition, the Association collaborated with Asian Coalition of Tallahassee and Gujarati Samaj in four other events.

#### **V. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer gave the financial report of the Association both for 2009 calendar year and the 2008-09 calendar years (Treasurer's term). As per his report, the 2008-09 team started with \$33,991.15 (in all bank accounts). When the team's term ended in 2009 the final balance was \$34,854.48. Treasurer's report will be posted at Association's website at: [www.iatlh.org/about/cur-fin-report.pdf](http://www.iatlh.org/about/cur-fin-report.pdf)

#### **VI. New Team Takes Charge**

Following Treasurer's report the following team took charge for 2010-09

President: Thayumana Somasundaram

Vice-President: Krishnan Viswanathan

General Secretary: Neeta Singh Chaudhary

Treasurer: Mettupalli Dastagiri

Joint Secretary: Santosh Dixit

All the members of the new team addressed the audience.

## **VII. Discussions**

Discussions and open-forum followed immediately after the new team took charge. The following items were discussed:

- How to expand membership?
  - One possibility is to increase the membership fees from \$40 to \$50
  - Another possibility is to provide an option of life membership at ten times the current membership fees (so far example, if implemented now it will be \$400)
  - Improve the visibility of the Association by collaborating with other organizations, installing a dynamic photo album about the Association at Indian merchant's establishments, improved communications via the Internet
- Glimpses:
  - Set the date for submission ahead of time, set number of items to 18-20, and restrict three items per coordinator
  - Once the open period has ended, request more items if there are not enough items till the pre-set numbers are reached
  - Encourage people to become members before Utsav and accept items only member who are members at that time
- Volunteering:
  - Publicize the benefit of volunteerism for kids ahead of time
  - Organize a community-wide volunteer activity performed by the members of the Association on the Gandhi Jayanti day
- Miscellaneous:
  - Make a Peacock display for Springtime Tallahassee Parade and Experience Asia Festival
  - Encourage kids who are interested in music and organize a symphony or orchestra with different kinds (Indian, Western, etc.)
  - Organize a picnic (either as Mother's Day Picnic or Summer picnic with pot-luck lunch)

## **VIII. Adjournment**

We promptly adjourned at 3:40 PM.

***Minutes submitted by:*** Thayumanasamy Somasundaram, Gen Sec 2008-09 Team

***Minutes posted on the web:*** Monday, January 25, 2010.

***Minutes approved by:*** At the next meeting after receiving comments