

The North American Mobeds Council

Minutes of the Twentieth Annual General Meeting

Place: Gibson House Community Center, 365 St. Louis, Marlton, New Jersey, USA

Date: May 19, 2007

Members Present:

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| Yezdi Antia | Ontario |
| Jehan Bagli | Ontario |
| Cawas Desai | Pennsylvania |
| Noshir Karanjia | New Jersey |
| Gev Karkaria | Quebec |
| Nozer Kotwal | Ontario |
| Tehemton Mirza | Ontario |
| Behram Panthaki | Washington |
| Farhad Panthaki | Massachusetts |
| Gustad Panthaki | Ontario |
| Adi Unwalla | New Jersey |
| Rayomand Unwalla | New Jersey |

Sam Bapasola & Malcolm Cooper (mobedyars) attended the meeting as observers.

After the successful completion of the NAMC Seminar 2007 “Passage of Time and its influence on Zoroastrian Traditions” the meeting was called to order by the President Jehan Bagli at 4:30 pm.

1. Read & Adopt the minutes of the Nineteenth Annual General Meeting held in Point-Claire Quebec on April 14 & 15, 2006:

Cawas Desai proposed to adopt the minutes as written and seconded by Behram Panthaki. The minutes were passed unanimously.

2. Read and adopt the Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2006:

Cawas Desai proposed to adopt the Financial Statements and Behram Panthaki seconded. The Financial Statements were passed unanimously.

3. Appoint Auditors:

Nozer Kotwal informed the members that so far we have not been able to find any one to audit our books for 2006. Ms. Sheherazad Talati C.A. (past auditor) has been looking for one. Gev Karkaria will check with the person auditing the books of Zoroastrian Society

of Quebec to see if he would agree to audit the books for NAMC. Nozer informed the members that due to the minuscule size of our books and the ever increasing size of declarations to be made to the Government of Canada, by the auditor, it has become a constant battle to find an auditor.

The following resolution was unanimously passed:

Be it resolved that the executive committee is authorized to spend upto \$1,000.00 Canadian, per year, to pay for auditor's fees.

4. President's Annual Report:

The President, Jehan Bagli, read his annual report, highlighting the activities that he and other Mobeds have been involved in, during the last year.

5. Other Business:

a) Cawas Desai informed the members about the program on Zoroastrian Studies undertaken by Stanford University which would cost approx. US\$5,000.00 per year. The undergraduate course would cost approx. US\$15,000.00 per annum and a seat would cost about US\$2,000,000. Cawas will obtain and forward full details of the program to the executive committee.

After a brief discussion the following resolution was unanimously passed:

Be it resolved that the executive committee is authorized to donate upto \$1,000.00 Canadian, to this program.

b) Behram Panthaki informed the members that Hormuzdiar Katki is currently undergoing the training of a Mobedyar.

c) Nozer Kotwal suggested that NAMC should start building a library of religious books as we are constantly reminded by our auditor that we are obliged, by law, to spend some money each year. Tehemton Mirza, Farhad Panthaki & Gustad Panthaki were appointed to do the necessary research and make recommendations regarding what books to buy and the cost involved, at the next AGM. Nozer was authorized to order copies of "The Religious Ceremonies & Customs of the Parsees" by J.J.Modi for distribution to the new Navarias.

d) Noshir Karanjia suggested that NAMC should produce a directory of Mobeds in North America. Noshir was assigned the task of collecting the necessary information and reporting at the next AGM.

6. 2008 Annual General Meeting:

The members present unanimously agreed that the next AGM will be held on May 24th & 25th (US Memorial day weekend) instead of on the usual Easter weekend. The meeting will most likely be held at the Zoroastrian Religious & Cultural Centre, in Oakville, Ontario, Canada.

All members present expressed their gratitude to Zoroastrian Association of Pennsylvania & New Jersey and their members for their kind hospitality and for hosting the Twentieth NAMC Annual General meeting.

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