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NASA General Body Meeting Minutes – July 4, 2009

The 2009 NASA GBM was held on July 4th, 2009 at 10:00am.

1. Roll Call - Member sign-in sheets were reviewed. Over 50 registered members were in attendance. Quorum was achieved.
2. Review of 2008 GBM meeting minutes – Minutes from the 2008 GBM were sent to all members in the May 2009 newsletter and were made available at the meeting. Sundaresan motioned to accept 2008 GBM minutes. Dathatri seconded. 2008 GBM minutes were accepted.
3. President's address
 - In memoriam:
 - Ramalakshmi – mother of Nagaraj Mysorekar
 - Videhi Shivashankar, wife of Shivashankar, mother of Seetha (Shivashankar) Aiyar
 - Summary of regional meetings and activities held in the 2008-2009 year
 - October 2008 – Navaratri celebration in Hartford, CT in conjunction with the Hartford marathon
 - February 2009 - Ski trip organized by NASA BOD, including participation by several members and families
 - April 2009 – Ugadi celebrations in Raleigh, NC
 - Charitable activities
 - The President thanked the various donors who have provided support for the Silver Jubilee activities throughout the year. Without their help we would not have been able to have such a great program.
 - Several families were asked to mobilize support for the activities of the Bettadapura Sankethi Sangha (BSS) and the Kowshika Sankethi Sangha (KSS) in India. The Magge family has set up the MS Lakshminarayana Fund to support various KSS activities. The President encouraged other families to emulate this model to set up support funds with BSS/KSS.
4. Secretary's report
 - As of 2008 we have 196 life members of record
 - Several newsletters have been sent to the membership
 - This year we started to shift to electronic newsletter distribution to be more environmentally friendly and to save printing and mailing costs. To date, about 25% of the membership has chosen this option.
 - Several Sankethi members experienced the joy of births and weddings over the past year. These have been featured in NASA newsletters.
 - It was suggested that the name "Chiguru" be re-instated for the newsletter. This was the name when Mrs. Leela Jagannath was the editor, but for some unknown reasons the name had been dropped. This suggestion was duly noted by the board.
 - A motion was made to approve the Secretary's report. This was seconded.
5. Treasurer's report - only the provisional report was presented at the meeting. Final report of the 2008 financial report will be presented at the 2010 GBM.

- NASA plans to develop a financial system which will have more consistent documentation for financial transactions. Many cash transactions had been conducted in the past for which records of payment or disbursement were hard to find.
 - In 2008, NASA received a notification from the IRS stating that filings have not been received. These were duly filed in 2009, and a late filing penalty of \$2214 was paid.
 - A member suggested that Reliance Corporation or an independent CPA be assigned as NASA's tax accountant. This suggestion was duly noted by the BOD.
 - As numbers were still being finalized for 2008, a provisional Treasurer's report was presented to the General Body
 - Regarding donations made to NASA for other 3rd party entities, NASA will follow IRS guidelines and will try to minimize the delay between the receipt and disbursement of funds earmarked for donation.
 - According to 501c3 regulations, NASA can not donate to uncontrolled organizations
 - NASA's funds have been held in FDIC insured accounts and the money has remained intact – we have not suffered a loss.
 - The report made to the GBM was provisional, therefore no motion to accept could be made. Sundaresan advised the BOD to make the final report available to the general body at the next GBM in 2010.
6. Reports of Special Teams
- Special recognition award and plaque was given to Mr. K. Sundaresan for his support to NASA, especially in the area of Finance and By-Laws
 - Special recognition buttons were given to all past presidents of NASA in honor of their service to the organization
 - Special recognition certificates were given to current BOD members from the past presidents in honor of the work done for the Silver Jubilee festivities
 - No special teams had been formed during the 2008-2009 NASA BOD term, therefore no reports were provided.
7. Old and Unfinished Business
- There was no old or unfinished business to report.
8. New Business
- There was no new business to report.
9. Good and Welfare
- There was no good and welfare to report.
10. 2009 General Body Meeting was adjourned

Recorded by:

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Secretary