

AKKA Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:	April 19, 2007 (Thursday)		
Time:	9: 00 pm – 10: 30 pm		
Location:	Conference Call		
Attendees:	Mr. Amarnath Gowda Mr. Shantharaju Kempaiah Mr. Madhu Rangaiah Mr. Ramesh Gowda Mr. Dayashankar Adappa Dr. Prabhakara P. Rao Mr. Srinath Bhalle Mr. Mohan Cadaba	Mr. Ben Kantharaju Dr. Kudur Murali Mrs. Nagamani Viswanath Dr. Shekar Sastry Mr. Keerthi Pandit Mrs. Vanita Harish Mr. Ramesh Muniswamy Mrs. Geetha Srinivas	Dr. H.N. Viswamithra Mr. M.Krishnamurthy Mr. Prabhu Dev Mrs. Vasanthi Gowda Dr. T. Sethumadhava Mr. Mahesh Srinivasa Mr. Nataraj Kote Mr.Pavan Nagaraj
Comments:	Please note that the text in Red color were modified as ratified in the June 14, 2007 BOD meeting		

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1. Welcome	9:00 - 9:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ramesh Gowda thanked directors for attending the meeting and emphasized, Souhardathe - Harmony– is the fundamental theme he wants to adopt during my presidency. He welcomed the new AKKA Directors from Charter Kootas - Smt. Geetha Srinivas of Iowa – Mayura Kannada Koota and Sri. Murali Iyer of Wisconsin – Milana Kannada Koota Ratified a resolution passed related to AKKA WKC 208 during the previous board meeting held on February 1, 2007. The resolution to award seed money (as loan) to AKKA WKC 2008. Resolution was passed with single voice when Keerti Pandit proposed and Dr.Sekar Sastry seconded it Note: this ratification was required since there was no quorum at the time of this particular resolution regarding the Seed money during February 1 2007 BOD meeting as few Directors were dropped out of the conference call. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
2. Ongoing AKKA Lawsuit	9:10 - 9:35	<p>Ramesh briefly updated the board regarding the law suit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Original hearing was on Feb 26th Later postponed to April 10th In between there was Mediation Meeting between the 2 parties on March 31st This Mediation meeting was cancelled due the cost involved – 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None

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2. Ongoing AKKA Lawsuit (Continued)		<p>mediators fees and attorney fees, traveling costs, etc.. Moreover, prior to the meeting, we conveyed them we wanted to offer Chair of the ACF or the Chair of the Bylaw Committee to Dr. Renuka Ramappa.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We exhausted all the options that are at our disposal to resolve this issue out of court. <p>Following Directors/members approached Dr. Renuka Ramappa & Dr. Rajur to resolve the issue out of court</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suresh Ramachandran • Prabhu Dev • Vasanthi Gowda • Dr. Kudur Murali • Amarnath Gowda • Ravi Dankanikote • Mokshagundam Jayaram <p>Later, we wanted to have a face-to-face meeting on April 7th in Washington DC – a neutral place before the April 10th hearing to see how we can avoid the court. They didn't show any interest in such meeting and so we booked the tickets to Tampa to attend the hearing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We booked the ticket to attend the hearing on April 10th and ready to face whatever the outcome for the good of AKKA. • Later, Dr. Ramappa et all requested the court to postpone the case and it's been rescheduled for May 17th. • It's frustrating we wasted lot of time taking us no where and they are still going back to 60:40 ratios. • As you know Dr. Renuka Ramappa was not even eligible to contest in this election as she served EC position 3 consecutive terms – this is according to Seetha Ramaiah • As you know it was Seetha Ramaiah who requested the Secretary to check with the AKKA Board for directions on the eligibility issue of Dr. Renuka Ramappa in this election before finalizing the nominations/candidates and going ahead with the elections if Dr. Renuka Ramappa is a candidate for any of the ten positions. • The Board allowed her to contest to keep the election fair chance to her • Then they accused about the EC counting process 	

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2. Ongoing AKKA Lawsuit (Continued)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Then they came and said “it’s not about the election but the board is not constituted properly as 60:40 ratio is not followed. If this is the case why the following plaintiffs contested for the following position? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Reunka Ramappa contested for the President position ○ Dr. Rajur contested for a VP position • On October 3, 2006 prior to the EC election SVR enquired then Secretary Smt. Vasanthi Gowda why there are only 23 Kannada Kootas what happened to the rest and I hope no unfair games played against Kannada Kootas • To which Vasanthi replied that 7 KKs didn’t send any representation to AKKA and most of these 7 didn’t any representation for quite some time and they didn’t even participate in 2004 EC election • To which SVR thanked Vasanthi for clarifying and he went on further to say <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “Once a Kannada Koota becomes a Charter member, they will not loose their right of future representation even if an earlier president didn’t want to send a representation” ○ Example VKK and Milana Kannada Koota • On Dec 6th of 2004, BOD authorized Keshava Babu (the then Chair of Bylaw Committee) and Vasanthi Gowda (the then Secretary) to look into 2 issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Setting dates for BOD and EC elections ○ BOD election by October 2006 (done by July 2006) <p>And recommended following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ EC election by December 2006 (done by November 2006) ○ Number of Directors to be elected in 2006 BOD election reported 11 directors for 4-year term <p>So let’s not waste our time thinking about it and we have lot to work on between now an the next conference and I need your support to implement all our plans for our term as EC members.</p> 	

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<p>3. AKKA WKC 2008 Update</p> <p>3. AKKA WKC 2008 Update (continued)</p>	<p>9:35 – 9:45</p>	<p>Ramesh announced the board VKK General Body elected the following individuals to be the conveners for the AKKA WKC 2008 event</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Smt.Vasanti Gowda 2. Sree.M.Jayaram 3. Sree.Shivamuthi Keelara <p>Board members congratulated these individuals and wished them success and extended their support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Smt.Vasanti Gowda updated about WKC 2008 preparation and mentioned that they have reserved Rosemont Convention Center near O'Hare Intl. Airport. She mentioned the facility is very convenient and has close access to the hotels through Sky Bridge. o She requested AKKA EC and BOD to participate in WKC-2008 committees and involve actively. o Board suggested WKC2008 committee to involve neighboring Kannada Kootas – Indianapolis, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota o Dr. Murali mentioned that the Convention Committee AKKA WKC 2008 Conference Selection Committee decided to include AKKA President as one of the Conveners for the WKCs. Many directors expressed it's a good idea. o Ramesh agreed to discuss this matter outside the board. 	
<p>4. WKC-2006 Accounts</p>	<p>9:45 – 9:50</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The board enquired on the status of AKKA WKC 2006 accounts as it's been more than 7 months since the event and the 50% of the left over funds from the WKC 2006 must be sent to AKKA as per the MOU. • Couldn't get the timing on finalizing the account as Treasurer Harish Hiremath, Conveners Suresh Ramachandran and Ravi Dankanikote were absent at the meeting. • Board expressed concern on EC members absence in the BOD meeting. Board advised entire EC members must be present at meeting to address any open questions appropriately. Any special circumstance must be discussed prior to the meeting with president. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WKC 2006 Treasurer & Conveners to present the finalized accounts to BOD
<p>5. "Rasamanjari" - a Charity fundraising program for 2007</p>	<p>9:50 – 10:00</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ramesh briefed the board about upcoming ACF event "Rasamanjari" similar to the "ManoRanjani" in 2005 • Dayashankar Adappa, added details on the artist's troop from Karnataka. Planning to include popular singers, standup comedians and movie artists (Hero and Heroine). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None

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6. AKKA Charity Activities (continued)	10:00 – 10:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussing with music director Gurukiran to finalize the group • Planning to hold this fund raising events in major cities across USA (and in Canada if feasible) • The funds raised will be used for the shortfall of \$30K towards the Sankara Eye Hospital in Bangalore. Ramesh reminded that AKKA has already raised \$70K and B.V. Jagadeesh of California will be matching up to \$100K towards this cause. • The Bangalore Eye Hospital will be inaugurated in August 2007. Once we fulfill our pledged amount of \$100K, a section of the hospital will be named after AKKA. <p>Ramesh reported the activities on “ACF Cloth, Toys and Books Drive” program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dayashanker is spearheading the program in Detroit metro area. The response is very commendable. We have already collected over 40 boxes and more pouring in. ○ Prabhakar Rao updated the board with their drive and committed to work on the program in Denver, CO area ○ Vanitha Harish updated their drive and continuing the efforts in Charleston, WV area. ○ Mahesh Srinivasa expressed similar interest in Toronto. ○ Richmond Kannada Koota, Geetah Srinivasa, Keerti Pandit and several board members expressed their interest to participate in this program and requested more information. ○ AKKA website is up to date with the program details. ○ Ramesh thanked East-West Relocation Company for their help in shipping the collected items to Karnataka free of cost. ○ Keerthi Pandit mentioned “Sapthami” Charitable Trust in Karnataka is willing to work with AKKA in distributing the collected items to needy people there. 									
7. AKKA Committees and Chairs	10:05 – 10:15	<p>Ramesh announced following Committee Chairs:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">• Bye law Committee</td> <td>An attorney and AKKA Members</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Cultural Committee</td> <td>Nagashankar</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Youth Committee</td> <td>Surabhi Pandit / Rohit Setty</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Membership Committee</td> <td>Madhu Rangiah</td> </tr> </table>	• Bye law Committee	An attorney and AKKA Members	• Cultural Committee	Nagashankar	• Youth Committee	Surabhi Pandit / Rohit Setty	• Membership Committee	Madhu Rangiah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ramesh to draft Roles & Responsibilities of each committee
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AKKA-India Coord.n Cmte. M. Krishnamurthy • Womens Committee Jyothi Krishna • Business Committee Ravi Dankanikote • Literary Committee Srivathsa Joshi • Newsletter Committee B.V.Nagaraj • Kannada Kootas Liaison Cmte. Mahesh Srinivasa • E-mail Etiquette Committee Dr. Sethumadhva <p>Chair of other committees will be announced later</p>	
8. AKKA Mentorship & Scholarship Programs	10:15 – 10:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentorship: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Harish Harimath proposed this idea of establishing Mentorship for the Kannadiga Youth. ○ I request Harish to come out with a draft process to execute this idea. • Scholarships: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We want to establish 2 scholarships for University students for the academic year 2007-08 –one for male student and another for female student. ○ I will draft a process including selection committee, criteria, amount, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harish to draft a process for Mentorship program • Ramesh to draft a process for Scholarship program
9. AKKA Youth Conference	10:20 – 10:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ramesh announced potential AKKA Youth conference details. • Surabhi Pandit, AKKA Youth committee chair who chaired WKC 2002 Youth Committee is interested and approached for planning a youth conference in a university town and requires help on planning, speakers at the event and programs. • Dr.Kudur Murali proposed the board to approve the “AKKA Youth Conference “. Prabu Dev Seconded the proposal. Resolution was approved with one voice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surabhi to evaluate the feasibility of a youth conference later this year
10. Miscellaneous	10:25 – 10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2007 AKKA Calendars are sponsored by Tourism Department of Karnataka have arrived (1500 in quantity) . They will be mailed to all the AKKA members and few to each Charter Member. • Board suggested posting a message on AKKA website expressing condolences to the victims of Virginia Tech University tragedy which included 2 from India. • Vanitha Harish suggested to pursue on following 2 items: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ramesh to write a letter to E-TY, Direct TV and Dishnetwork regarding this • Research in posting a Online petition drive on

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Petition drive to offer a E-TV Kannada program via Satellite broadcasting programs 2. Resurrect Kannada Chair in University of Iowa or any other US universities 	<p>AKKA website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consult with Kannada/Indian contacts in various universities in possible of establishing a Kannada Chair