

### AKKA Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting Minutes

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	January 10, 2007 (Wednesday)			
<b>Time:</b>	9: 00 pm – 10: 30 pm			
<b>Location:</b>	Conference Call			
<b>Attendees:</b>	Mohan Cadaba Madhu Rangaiah Dr. Prabhakar Rao Dayashankar Adappa Dr. Kudur Murali Ramesh Muniswamy Ben Kantharaju	Dr. Shekar Sastry Ramesh Gowda M. Krishnamurthy Keerthi Pandit Prabhu Dev Vanita Harish Nagamani Vishwanath	Dr. Sethumadhava Shantharaju Kempaiah Amarnath Gowda Harish Hiremath Dr. Vishwamitra Mahesh Srinivas Ravi Dankanikote	V. Nanjundaram Ramaswamy Narayan Suresh Ramachandran Nataraj Kote (execused) Vasanthi Gowda Shamaiah Setty
<b>Guests:</b>	None			

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1. Welcome	9:00 - 9:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ramesh Gowda, the President welcomed the directors for the first BOD meeting in 2007.</li> <li>• President reminded the need of <i>Sauhardhathe</i> (harmony) amongst BODs at this juncture.</li> <li>• Welcomed newly elected Directors and the new Kannada Koota Presidents (or reps)</li> <li>• Welcomed the new 2007-08 Executive Committee Members</li> <li>• Thanked the outgoing directors Dr. Keshava Babu, Supriya Desai and Dr. Vrinda Narayan for their contributions to AKKA.</li> <li>• Thanked outgoing KK Presidents (or reps)</li> <li>• Thanked the Board of Trustees for their suggestions.</li> <li>• Thanked the outgoing Executive Committee for the doing fantastic job in developing AKKA into a popular International organization.</li> <li>• Finally, the President thanked the entire 2006 AKKA WKC committee members and Kaveri Kannada Association for doing a fantastic job in hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> conference under the leadership of Ravi Dankanikote, Suresh Ramachandran and Harish Hiremath.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul>

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2. Announcements	9:20 - 9:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The President congratulated AKKA Director Dr. Ram Krishna of Arizona for being the first Indian to get elected for the ECFMG organization.</li> <li>• The President also congratulated AKKA Joint Secretary Prabhu Dev of California for receiving the <i>Vishwamaanyaru</i> award during the “Vishwa Kannada Saamskrithika Sammelana” held in Baharain in December 2006.</li> <li>• M. Krishnamurthy announced that the Govt. of Karnataka is organizing <b>Vishwa Kannada Sammelana</b> during February 23-25 in Belagaum. This sammelana is part of the Karnataka Suvarnothsava celebrations. Kannadigas settled abroad are invited for the Sammelana. Krishnamurthy also mentioned that a 3-day tour has been organized by the govt. for the guests.</li> <li>• President appointed M.Krishnamurthy as the Chairman of the newly formed “AKKA-India Coordination Committee”.</li> <li>• As before, Department of Tourism of Karnataka Govt. is sponsoring 2007 AKKA Calendars.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Krishnamurthy will provide more information on the Sammelana to the Board.</li> <li>• Sammelana information will be posted on the AKKA website when it becomes available.</li> <li>• AKKA Calendars will be mailed out to all AKKA Members in few weeks.</li> </ul>
3. Charity Work Planned	9:30 – 10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The President announced that “Charity” will be the number one priority under his presidency.</li> <li>• Thanked the past president Dr. Kudur Murali and the AKKA Charity Committee Chair M. Jayaram for the many successful charitable work such as Manoranjani and Sankara Eye Foundation Hospital efforts during their term.</li> <li>• Amarnath Gowda mentioned that a leading shipping company “East Meets West” wants to work with AKKA in shipping Books, used cloths, and medical equipments to India from US free of cost and he will work with the logistical details wit the shipping company.</li> <li>• Shivamurthy Keelara of Chicago has sent a proposal to AKKA in donating Notebooks to poor students in their native place. Shivamurthy is working with Notebook producers in Karnataka to distribute them with a AKKA logo on those books. For example, a donation of \$80 to AKKA, can supply about 500 notebooks. The donor can designate the school of their choice. More details to come.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clothes and books collection drive will be undertaken in USA and Canada. More information will be posted on the website.</li> </ul>

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3. Charity Work Planned (cont'd)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President announced that based on the success of the <b>Manoranjani</b> in 2005, a <b>Rasamanjari</b> program is planned in 2007 for charity fundraising.</li> <li>• Dr. Shekar Sastry (VP) is planning to build orphanage in his parents name under AKKA banner.</li> </ul>	
4. Secretary Position	10:00 – 10:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President mentioned that the Secretary position was tied between Raj Shashi of Brindavana KK and Dr. Sethumadgava of San Diego KK. Since Raj Shashi withdrew Brindavana's representation to AKKA, Sethumadhava was declared as the Secretary.</li> <li>• Due to other commitments and due to recent negative e-mail activities, Sethumadhava announced he is not in position to occupy the position of the Secretary but he will have his 100% commitment to AKKA as a Director.</li> <li>• Dr. Shekar Sastry proposed the outgoing Secretary Vasanthi Gowda to continue as a Secretary. Vasanthi Gowda said she is not in a position to take the offer due to other commitments.</li> <li>• President mentioned the urgency to fill this position.</li> <li>• A proposal was made to select Shantharaju Kempaiah, the outgoing Joint Secretary as he is experienced.</li> <li>• The board unanimously selected Shantharaju Kempaiah to be the AKKA Secretary for 2007-08 term.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>
5. Miscellaneous	10:15 – 10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shamaiah Setty requested Mr. kudur Murali to clarify if there are any legal hindrance in conducting AKKA meetings. Mr. Murali and Mr. Amarnath clarified that there was no injunction or orders passed and all AKKA activities could go on as usual.</li> <li>• Shamaiah Setty requested the President Ramesh Gowda to take oath to abide by the AKKA Constitution for which the President took a brief oath to abide by it.</li> <li>• Dr. Sethumadhava volunteered to help in drafting the e-mail etiquette for communicating via e-mail amongst BODs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>

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5. Miscellaneous (cont'd)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ravi Dankanikote, the Chairman of the Conference Selection Committee briefly updated the Board with the applications and questionnaires received from Toronto Kannada Koota and Vidhyaranya Kannada Kootas and decision will be made by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007.</li> <li>• Harish Hiremath recommended obtaining Indemnity Insurance for AKKA.</li> <li>• At the end, everybody was given a chance to express their opinions. All of them thanked the outgoing Executive Committee and expressed their support to the new President Mr. Ramesh Gowda and the new EC and wished them success.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harish to provide the information about the Insurance company to subscribe Indemnity Insurance</li> </ul>