

AKKA Executive Committee (EC) Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:	February 22, 2007 (Thursday)		
Time:	9: 00 pm – 10: 30 pm		
Location:	Conference Call		
Attendees:	Mohan Cadaba Dayashankar Adappa Harish Hiremath	Vasanthi Gowda Suresh Ramachandran Vanitha Harish	Ramesh Gowda Shantharaju Kempaiah
Guests:	None		

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1. Welcome	9:00 - 9:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The President welcomed the EC members and checked if they have received the AKKA Business Cards. They all acknowledged that they have received it and looks very professional. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None.
2. Press Release on Cauveri Water Ruling	9:10 – 9:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suresh Ramachandran mentioned that many organizations in & out of Karnataka are protesting and supporting the community for Cauveri water sharing issues. Suresh proposed the President to issue a press release in Kannada to offer AKKA's support to resolve the issues by requesting central government interference. All members supported the proposition seconded by Harish Hiremath. Suresh suggested to release through a Press Conference in Bangalore with the help of M..Krishnamurthy, the AKKA India Coordinator. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President to write a letter the Press Release and send it to Media in Karnataka. It's done
3. Treasurer's Report	9:20 – 9:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treasurer Harish mentioned that he has received a check for the amount of \$5,250.00 from Krishna Sasrty of Iowa towards Charity of his interest in Karnataka. Ramesh mentioned that Krishna Sastry has donated similarly \$2,000 through AKKA in 2006 also. Per previous EC's decision, AKKA will retain 5% of the donated fund as an administration fee. Harish mentioned that a new AKKA Bank accounts has been opened in Chevy Chase Bank in Maryland. Requested Vasanthi Gowda to close the current accounts with Bank of America and transfer the balance to the new bank in Maryland. Ramesh said, he will also close the accounts in Michigan and transfer the balance to the new bank in MD. Harish mentioned that the AKKA WKC 2006 accounts auditing is near completion and will be presented to AKKA EC & the BOD. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ramesh to close the AKKA accounts with Chase bank and transfer the funds to the new bank in Maryland. Harish to present the AKKA WKC 2006 accounts to the EC.

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4. Secretary's Report	9:30 – 9:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Membership Report: Discussed about numbers on memberships. Shantharaj thanked the previous secretary Vasanthi Gowda for the wonderful job done by keeping records orderly and thanked WKC 2006 Convention committee for raising new members. • Proposition was made by Shantharaj and seconded by Vasanthi to deposit the all LIFE membership fee in CD account. The resolution was passed with following conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest generated can be used for operating expenses. • All the matured CD should be renewed. • All the CDs will hold for life. • Details on indemnity insurance for AKKA were discussed. Also mentioned the requirements of having general liability insurance to cover the requirement by Insurance Company. Shantharaj has obtained the application from and is in the process of submitting with supporting documents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A CD account to be opened by Harish • The insurance papers and required documents have been submitted to the insurance agency
5. Updates on AKKA Lawsuit	9:40 – 9:50	<p>Ramesh updated the EC members with following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many people are working hard to resolve this lawsuit and settle out of court. • Many AKKA Directors have approached Dr. Renuka Ramappa regarding this • Ramesh reiterated that the 60:40 is not at all an issue as past EC election BOD that was not the issue at all. Moreover, once a Charter member of AKKA, they are Charter Member for life whether they send a representative to AKKA or not. • The lawsuit hearing on 02/26/2007 is postponed to facilitate the negotiation out-of-court settlements. This will bring all of us together to achieve the common goals. • Trustees meeting discussed positively with the charged members regarding the expulsions and heard their views and support for AKKA's growth. • Suresh requested the President to pass a resolution the following resolution in EC : "AKKA President with the support of EC members, trustees and members whole heartedly work hard to resolve all issues amicably". The resolution was passed and seconded by Harish. • Ramesh congratulated Vasanti Gowda for working with Milana Kannada Koota of Wisconsin and bringing them back to AKKA. • President requested all EC members to work on every in-active AKKA Charter members and bring them back to AKKA. Every body agreed with the President and offered to work on it. Suresh and Harish agreed to pursue Pittsburg Kannada Koota to bring them back. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None

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6. New AKKA Committees	9:50 – 10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The president mentioned the new 7 AKKA Committees that was proposed at the BOD meeting held on February 1, 2007 and Chairs for the existing and the new committees will be announced shortly <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AKKA-India Coordination Committee (headed by M. Krishnamurthy) 2. Women Committee 3. Business Committee 4. Literary Committee 5. Newsletter Committee 6. Kannada Kootas Liaison Committee 7. E-mail Etiquette Committee 	
7. AKKA WKC 2008 Update		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WKC 2008 updates: Convention preparations are underway; working with Rosemont Convention center. Convener's selection process is in progress. VKK established a committee to select two conveners, and VKK executive committee will select a convener. Vasanti added; due to members concerns the scheduled convener's selection meeting is postponed and no other issues exists. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
8. Miscellaneous		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harish proposed to establish "AKKA Mentorship Program" to guide Kannadiga youth in securing admission to top schools. EC members agreed to support such program. The details will be worked out shortly. • Ramesh proposed setting up 2 AKKA Scholarships (one for boy and one for girl) for the academic year 2007-08. All EC members agreed for this. The application and selection process will be developed. • Harish discussed about AKKA EC and BOD involvement in future WKC committees and event planning. • EC members agreed to develop a standard MOU, Committees and roles & responsibilities templates for future WKC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •