

## AKKA Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting Minutes

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	February 01, 2007 (Thursday)		
<b>Time:</b>	9: 00 pm – 10: 30 pm		
<b>Location:</b>	Conference Call		
<b>Attendees:</b>	Mr. Amarnath Gowda Mr. Shantharaju Kempaiah Mr. Madhu Rangaiah Mr. Ramachandran Suresh Mrs. Vasanthi Gowda Mrs. Vanita Harish Mr. Mohan Cadaba	Dr. H.N. Viswamithra Dr. Kudur Murali Mrs. Nagamani Mr. Ramesh Gowda Mr. Dayashankar adappa Mr. Mahesh Srinivasa Mr. Datta Ajjampur	Mr. Harish Hiremath Mr. M.Krishnamurthy Mr. Prabhu Dev Mr. Ravi Dankanikote Dr. Prabhakara P. Rao Mr. Srinath Bhalle
<b>Guests:</b>	None		

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1. Welcome	9:00 - 9:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ramesh Gowda updated the Board the Conference Selection Committee's decision regarding the venue for the 2008 Conference and appreciated the committee's criteria and the process adopted in their selection decision.</li> <li>The President congratulated Vidyaranya Kannada Koota (VKK) and their members for winning to host the "AKKA WKC 2008".</li> <li>Ramesh also appreciated the support, enthusiasms and persistence of Toronto Kannada Sanga (KST) for their application for WKC 2008. Board appreciated passion and support from Mahesh Srinivasa and KST members to AKKA WKC 2008, Chicago.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>
2. AKKA WKC 2008 Update	9:10 - 9:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Datta Ajjampur, the President of VKK &amp; Vasanthi Gowda thanked Conference Selection Committee, Kannada Sangha of Toronto and AKKA for providing VKK for the opportunity to host WKC 2008.</li> <li>Ajjampur updated the Board that VKK is in the process of selecting conference conveners and the conference venue. He also indicated the probable venue for the conference is Rosemont Convention Center, close to the O'Hare airport with. This center has the rooms and the convention hall in one place.</li> <li>Mrs.Vasanthi Gowda, requested Board to support the notion of AKKA signing the initial contract with the convention center and to provide seed-money required to reserve the convention center.</li> <li>After a lengthy discussion on Vasanthi's request, the BOD members agreed to provide the seed money of \$6,000 towards the AKKA WKC 2008. The BOD</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop an initial agreement between AKKA and VKK for the seed money.</li> </ul>

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2. AKKA WKC 2008 Update (Continued)		<p>agreed that this seed money will reinforce AKKA's support to VKK and it's commitment for the 2008 conference. To formalize this, the following proposal was made by Dr. Kudur Murali</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>“AKKA and Vidyaranya Kannada Koota of Illinois to enter a formal agreement for the seed money for the “WKC 2008” preparation. Upon signing the agreement by AKKA officials and VKK, The seed-money of \$6000.00 must be disbursed as early as possible.”</b></p> <p><b>Seconded by:</b> Mrs.Nagamani Vishwanath and Suresh Ramachandran Resolution passed without an objection.</p>	
3. Financial Update	9:45 – 9:55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Krishnamurthy, Past Treasurer of AKKA provided the accounts details and thanked all the office bearers, trustees and members of AKKA for providing required support and encouragement to serve as Treasurer of AKKA. Approximate AKKA account Balances are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ AKKA account: \$35,000.00</li> <li>▪ AKKA CF account: \$7,500.00</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Harish Hiremath, Treasurer and Dayashanker Adappa, Joint Treasurer recommended to use audited financial results for transitions for going forward.</li> <li>• President announced that based on the success of the <i>Manoranjani</i> in 2005, a <i>Rasamanjari</i> 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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The current AKKA account with Bank of America will be closed and transferred to a bank in Maryland for ease of transactions</li> </ul>
4. AKKA Lawsuit Update	9:55 – 10:10	<p>President updated and clarified the ongoing lawsuit as follows: The lawsuit is basically related to 2 issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. AKKA Executive Committee Election process – how it was conducted.</li> <li>2. 40:60 ration rule (added this much after the election results)</li> </ol> <p>Related issue #1, a copy of the DVD of the whole counting process of the EC election was distributed to all of you and election results were endorsed by the</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>

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4. AKKA Lawsuit Update (Continued)		<p>witnesses and the counting process was very transparent and the election process itself was explained to the Board members prior to the election. The election process itself was no different than the earlier BOD elections and 2004 EC elections. Only after the outcome of the election results, Dr. Renuka Ramappam S.B. Rajur and Seetha Ramaiah are bringing these issues.</p> <p>a. Regarding 40:60 Rule, the AKKA constitution says: Article IV – Section b (under Board of Directors)</p> <p>The Board of Directors shall consist of a total of fifty one (51), twenty one(21) Directors elected by the members of AKKA, thirty directors (30) either presidents or representatives from Charter member Kannada Kootas. The ratio between the Charter member Kannada Koota Directors to the Directors elected by AKKA general membership shall be maintained approximately 60:40 respectively at all times.</p> <p>Last EC election of 2004, only 41 directors (21 Charter Kannada Kootas and 20 elected directors) participated which is 3 less than 44 directors participated in 2006 EC election (23 Charter Kannada Kootas and 21 Directors)</p> <p>One of the Plaintiffs Seetha Ramaiah was aware of the BOD constituent prior to the EC election and he agreed (through e-mail correspondence to the then Secretary Vasanthi Gowda) that once an AKK Charter Member, always a Charter Member whether they send representation or not.</p>	
5. AKKA Charity Activities	10:10 – 10:30	<p>The President announced the following Charity projects will be undertaken by AKKAL</p> <p><u>AKKA Notebook Project:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AKKA Member Shivamurthy Keelara proposed a project of Notebook Donation to schools in your native place/village</li> <li>• AKKA logo on each book</li> <li>• For the school year beginning in May 2007</li> <li>• Once the Charity Committee in place, we will formalize this project so that we can have this program every year.</li> </ul> <p><u>Clothes, Books, Toys for needy:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• East-West Relocation Company has agreed to ship free of cost the old Clothes, Books, Toys, etc. to Bangalore to be distributed to the needy people of Karnataka.</li> <li>• They have already shipped 150 boxes, tapes, labels, and manifesto to the AKKA President.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>

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5. AKKA Charity Activities (continued)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Such collection drive is planned in Detroit in the month of March and similar drive will be conducted across USA with the help of Kannada Kootas.</li> </ul> <p><u>Eye Hospital in Bangalore:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AKKA and Sanakara Eye Foundation (SEF) partnership to build an Eye hospital in Bangalore is well underway. Once the AKKA's obligation of \$100K is met, a section of the hospital will bear AKKA's name. Of course, B.V. Jagadeesh of California has agreed to match the contributions from AKKA up to \$100K.</li> </ul> <p><u>Miscellaneous:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Popular actor Mr. K.S. Ashwath is having serious health issues and is in dire need of financial help. Suresh Ramachandran and Mohan Cadaba enquired if AKKA can do anything about it. The BOD expressed that AKKA does not want to get involved in raising funds for one individual as this may open up for such requests in future. BOD suggested to raise money individually through local Kannada Kootas and then donate the money through AKKA.</li> </ul>	
6. AKKA Committees	10:30 – 10:40	<p>Based on the input received from the AKKA Executive Members, the President announced following new committees will be formed to carry out AKKA Objectives effectively. These Committees are in addition to the existing 6 Committees:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. AKKA-India Coordination Committee (headed by M. Krishnamurthy)</li> <li>2. Women Committee</li> <li>3. Business Committee</li> <li>4. Literary Committee</li> <li>5. Newsletter Committee</li> <li>6. Kannada Kootas Liaison Committee</li> <li>7. E-mail Etiquette Committee</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President to appoint Chair for these 7 and the other 6 existing Committees</li> </ul>
7. AKKA Calendars	10:40 – 10:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 2007 AKKA Calendars are sponsored by Tourism Department of Karnataka and are being printed out and should be here in few weeks. They will be mailed to all the AKKA members and few to each Charter Member.</li> <li>• The BOD approved the cost associated in mailing these calendars once arrived in US.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>