

AKKA Executive Committee (EC) Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:	April 05, 2007 (Thursday)		
Time:	9: 00 pm – 10: 30 pm		
Location:	Conference Call		
Attendees:	Dr. Shekar Sastry Dayashankar Adappa Prabhu Dev	Vasanthi Gowda Suresh Ramachandran Vanitha Harish	Ramesh Gowda Shantharaju Kempaiah
Guests:	None		

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1. Ongoing AKKA Lawsuit	9:00 - 9:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ramesh Gowda updated the EC members regarding the AKKA Lawsuit. He gave the following chronological sequence of various activities related to the lawsuit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Original hearing was to be held on Feb 26th ○ Later, the case was postponed to April 10th ○ In between there was Mediation Meeting between the two parties on March 31st and then this meeting was cancelled hoping to resolve the issue out of court. ○ We conveyed them that we want to offer Chair of the ACF or the Chair of the Bylaw Committee to Dr. Renuka Ramappa. ○ Following Directors/Members approached Dr. Renuka Ramappa & Dr. Rajur to resolve this issue amicably – Suresh Ramachandran, Prabhu Dev, Vasanthi Gowda, Dr. Murali, Amarnath Gowda, Ravi Dankanikote, Mokshagundam Jayaram ○ We even offered to meet the other party in DC on April 7th for which they didn't show any interest in meeting with us, ○ Now, they have requested the court to postpone the case and now the hearing has been scheduled for May 17th. • Ramesh reiterated EC not waste our time thinking about the lawsuit as we have lot of work to do between now and the next conference and sought EC's support to implement projects we have planned for our term. • Dr. Shekhar Sastry reminded EC to continue to work on various projects we have already planned as there is no telling when the court case will be resolved. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None.

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1. Ongoing AKKA Lawsuit (continued)		<p>Ramesh further updated the EC with some background of the lawsuit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First, they accused about the EC counting process after endorsing the final results. • 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 that's the case, why did Dr. Reunka Ramappa contest for the President position, and Dr. Rajur contest for a VP position in 2006 EC election? • On October 3, 2006 prior to the EC election Seetha Ramaiah enquired then Secretary Smt. Vasanthi Gowda why there are only 23 Kannada Kootas what happened to the rest and I hope no <u>unfair</u> games played against Kannada Kootas. To which, Vasanthi replied that 7 KVs didn't represent any representation to AKKA and most of these 7 don't have representation for quite some time and they didn't even participate in 2004 EC election. To which Seetha Ramaiah thanked Vasanthi for clarifying and he went on further to say in his e-mail " Once a Kannada Koota becomes a Charter member, they will not lose their right of future representation even if an earlier president didn't want to send a representation..." • To prove above, VKK and Milana Kannada Koota came back after a brief withdrawal. • 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"> 1. Setting dates for BOD and EC elections - BOD election by October 2006 (done by July 2006) & EC election by December 2006 (done by November 2006) 2. Number of Directors to be elected in 2006 BOD election - reported 11 directors for 4-year term 	
2. Rasamanjari – a charity fundraising program	9:15 – 9:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on the success of Manoranjani program in 2005 which raised nearly 70K before expenses, we want to conduct a variety program – Rasamanjari in 2007 • Currently, there is a shortage of \$30K to reach the target of \$100K to name a part of the SEF hospital with AKKA Name • Ramesh requested EC to suggest any group that we can invite for this event. The group must be accessible and also crowd pullers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ramesh to contact few key artists in Karnataka who will be willing to do such a program.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manoranjani was held in 11 cities for one month and it was hard on the artists. So, this time we are planning to focus in major cities – may be 6 or 7 cities in USA & Canada. • Please e-mails me with your suggestion in 2 weeks as we have to approach them and arrange Visa , tickets , etc • EC members suggested that September or October will be the right time to host this event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EC Members to suggest artists.
3. AKKA WKC-2008 Update	9:20 – 9:30	<p>Ramesh mentioned that he has received an e-mail from VKK president Datta Ajjampur regarding their General Body decision the electing 3 conveners for AKKA WKC 2008.</p> <p>Ramesh congratulated the 3 conveners and said all these 3 individuals are not new to AKKA and AKKA is very fortunate to work these 3 conveners. The 3 Conveners are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Smt. Vasanthi Gowda 2. Sri. Mokshagundam Jayaram 3. Sri. Shivamurthy Kellara <p>All these individuals are well respected in their community and congratulation to them.</p> <p>Ramesh requested Vasanthi Gowda to give us an update on their preparations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vasanthi Gowda briefly mentioned that about the AKKA WKC 2008 venue – Rosemont Convention Center ○ Need to pay the deposit and requested to send the deposit money (seed money) ASAP. ○ Located very close to O'Hare Int'l airport ○ has convenient access to all the hotels via skybridge ○ has selected Treasurer/Jt. Treasurer, Secretary/Jt. Secretary ○ I just want to make sure to include AKKA EC members in their committees. ○ She said that she will offer all EC members to be in the Conference Committees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None

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4. Cloths, Toys & Books Collection Drive	9:30 – 9:40	<p>Ramesh updated the EC members regarding this Charity activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The collection drive has kicked off in Detroit during Purandara Dasa Day and will continue through Ugadi celebrations. We have collected about 30 boxes so far. In Michigan ○ Colorado KK – Dr. Pranhakara Rao is organizing similar drive in their KK this Saturday their Ugadi Celebrations ○ Vanitha Harsihs has also come forward ○ The whole process (FAQ) has been posted on the AKKA website. ○ Requested to organize such drive in your Kannada Kootas as this is the easiest thing to do than asking money and at the same time they feel good about putting old clothes, toys to noble need 															
5. AKKA Youth Conference 2007 Update	9:40 – 9:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Surabhi Pandit of University Michigan has come forward to organize such an event. They want to have a 2-day event focusing on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Youth Entrepreneurship ○ Youth Leadership ○ Career Advancement ○ Pursuing higher education ○ Community Volunteering ● Looking for potential speakers. Please suggest any other ideas on this 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Surabhi to give an update in next EC meeting 														
6. AKKA Committees	9:50 – 10:00	<p>Ramesh announced Chairperson for some of the AKKA Committees:</p> <p><u>Existing Committees:</u></p> <table style="margin-left: 40px; border: none;"> <tr> <td>1. Publicity & Website Committee</td> <td>TBD</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Bye law Committee</td> <td>TBD</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. Charitable Foundation</td> <td>TBD</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4. Cultural Committee</td> <td>Nagashankar</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5. Youth Committee</td> <td>Surabhi Pandit</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6. Membership Committee</td> <td>Madhu Rangiah</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>New Committees:</u></p> <table style="margin-left: 40px; border: none;"> <tr> <td>1. AKKA-India Coordination Cmte.</td> <td>M. Krishnamurthy</td> </tr> </table>	1. Publicity & Website Committee	TBD	2. Bye law Committee	TBD	3. Charitable Foundation	TBD	4. Cultural Committee	Nagashankar	5. Youth Committee	Surabhi Pandit	6. Membership Committee	Madhu Rangiah	1. AKKA-India Coordination Cmte.	M. Krishnamurthy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ramesh to develop roles responsibilities for each committee
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7. Miscellaneous	10:00 – 10:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AKKA Calendar – is getting printed as we speak now • AKKA Membership card <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We need the complete list of members from the AKKA WKC 2006 • AKKA WKC 2006 Accounts Status <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suresh updated the members saying that the WKC 2006 accounts is near completion and will be done in May ○ Since this account will not be available before May 15th deadline for filing AKKA taxes for the year 2006, he suggested to file an extension. • E-TV - Vanitha Harish suggested AKKA to get involved in getting E-TV channel to Kannadigas here. Ramesh said an online petition will be explored and also he will contact E-TV management regarding this • Kannada Chair – Vanitha Harish suggested to resurrect the Kannada Chair program in University of Iowa • Mentorship – Harish to come out with a draft process • Scholarships – Ramesh to come out with a draft process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ramesh to explore online petition for E-TV Channel and also to contact E-TV Mgmt.