

## AKKA Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting Minutes

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	May 29, 2008 (Thursday)	
<b>Time:</b>	9: 00 pm – 11: 00 pm	
<b>Location:</b>	Conference Call	
<b>Attendees:</b>	1. Mr. Amarnath Gowda 2. Mr. Ben Kantharaju 3. Dr. H.N. Viswamithra 4. Mr. Shantharaju Kempaiah 5. Dr. Kudur Murali 6. Mr. Madhu Rangaiah 7. Mr. Murali Minnah 8. Mr. Ramesh Gowda 9. Mr. Raj Siddaraju 10. Mrs. Sreeranjini Raja 11. Mr. Ramesh Bangalore 12. Dr. Shekar Sastry 13. Mr. V.Nanjundaram 14. Mrs. Vasanthi Gowda 15. Mr. Dayashankar Adappa 16. Dr. Prabhakara P. Rao	17. Mr. Anil Murthy 18. Mr. Prabhu Dev 19. Mr. Nanjangud Srikanta 20. Mr. Ramesh Muniswamy 21. Mr. Keerthi Pandit 22. Mr. M. Krishnamurthy 23. Mrs. Nagamani Viswanath 24. Mr. Jagannath Nayak 25. Mr. Vivek Belagodu
<b>Guests:</b>	None	

### **Meeting Agenda:**

1. Welcome new Directors
2. Announcements
3. AKKA Constitution Amendment Follow-up
4. Roundtable

As always, the meeting started with a prayer emphasizing **Souhardathe - Harmony**

Ramesh emphasized **Souhardathe - Harmony**– the fundamental theme adopted during his term and thanked directors for their support.

### **1. Welcome New Directors:**

Ramesh welcomed following new Kannada Koota Presidents:

- **Amrutha Basavapatna** from Karnataka Cultural Association of S. California. She replaces **Nagana Goud**. He thanked Nagan Goud for his support and contribution to AKKA for the past several years as a President and also thanked him for organizing the Rasamanjari Charity event in Las Angels
- **Girija Krishnamurthy** from Kannada Sangha of Arizona replacing **Dr. Meera Krishna**. He thanked Dr. Meera Krishna as well for her contributions to AKKA
- **Vasu Chikkatur Murthy** from New York Kannada Koota. replacing **Mohan Cadaba**. He thanked Mohan Cadaba for his support and contributions to AKKA as a Joint Secretary.

mentioned since our last BOD meeting in November 2007, there are few changes in some Kannada Koota Presidents and some new Kannada Kootas joined AKKA.

## **2. Announcements**

### **AKKA WKC 2008**

Ramesh requested to register for the conference

Requested all KK Presidents to take a full page ad in the Souvenir and show solidarity by doing so and the rate is at general ad rate at \$750/full-page and not at commercial rate.

### **Tragic death of couple of Kannadigas in Colorado Springs**

4 Kannadigas from University of Texas traveling in Colorado over the Memorial Weekend. They had head-on collision while overtaking a semi truck. 2 Kannadigas died and other 2 are in critical condition. Ramesh contacted Dr. Prabhakara Rao, President of Colorado Kannada Koota. He is in touch with some people there to see how we can help.

M. Krishnamurthy has informed BMS College of Eng alumnis regarding this.

At this point the immediate thing to do is send on behalf of AKKA a sincere condolence to the family of the deceased.

As more and more Indians coming here for a short term assignment and financially well off getting into accidents with driving inexperience. In fact there was another accident 6 people were killed on the way to Niagara Falls couple of weeks ago.

Ramesh mentioned how AKKA can get involved in these types of situation and he suggested Indian Embassy in US should have some kind of system and work with organizations like AKKA, TANA, ATA, etc. Indian Embassy should take a lead role in these type of situations.

## **3. AKKA Constitution Amendment Follow-up**

Ramesh gave some background on AKKA Constitution Amendment

### **Background:**

Reasons for the Constitution amendment:

- **Erroneous data**  
(e.g. Bi-Annual as opposed to Biennial, Family Membership fee specified as \$75 instead of \$50, etc.)
- **Formatting** for easy reading  
One paragraph captured more than one article – bulleted, numbered
- **New Contents** – to accommodate the growing needs of AKKA
- **Missing Contents** – for example quorum for GB was properly defined
- **Ambiguities** – not clearly written leading to many interpretations.

The By-law committee looked into all these aspects and recommend amendments. The By-Law committee was fortunate to have 2 attorneys – Joel Kaufman and Amarnath Gowda to offer advice on the proposed amendments. The proposed amendments were sent out to all the Directors for their feedback. We received feedback for few directors and we want to discuss them today.

Before discussing the amendments, feedback, President said the following:

In my mind, this is a very important step we are taking in the history of the AKKA organization.

Make no mistake; we have thought through this very carefully, we are not rushing these changes. In fact, we started the process back in November of last year as I mentioned during BOD meeting on Nov 29<sup>th</sup> and we even passed a resolution to amend the Constitution.

Some of the KK Presidents are very new to AKKA and do not have much background and I completely understand that. Some of us have lived through the Constitution and certainly can appreciate the need for the amendment.

Why we are doing this? Why do we even attempt to address this controversial issue such as this, we simply could have ignored this and finish our term and leave.

We want to address this because:

- We are very passionate about AKKA organization
- Some of us have been with AKKA since its inception and seen ups & downs of the organization.
- It's a **great** organization and the **only** organization in NA to bring Kannadigas together
- We just want to make sure it's going in a right path.

Prior to the 2006 Executive Committee election, we witnessed how Seetha Ramaiah questioned Dr. Renuka Ramappa and other contestants their eligibility to run for an officer position.

At that time, there were many interpretations, some said **yes** Renuka Ramappa is eligible and some said **no** she is not eligible. With this debate, we were not coming to any conclusion and as a contestant to the President of AKKA, I said, let's put aside the constitution interpretations and let her run for the Presidency and give her the benefit of doubt.

So, this is one of the reasons why we want to amend the constitution – to clarify the ambiguity.

The very fact that we are all enthusiastically participating in this debate, because we are all very passionate about AKKA and we want to see AKKA becomes bigger and better.

One of the directors said it's unfair for the directors who are involved in the lawsuit.

As for as whether it's a fair/unfair issue, let me take few minutes to give some background on the lawsuit.

### **Lawsuit Background:**

The original lawsuit was all about irregularities of the Executive Committee election and later they added the 60:40 ratio clauses as they realized that the lawsuit will not go anywhere based on the EC election because nothing hanky panky happened. After the outcome of the election, Dr. Ramappa was upset as she lost the 2 votes. I would be upset too because lot efforts went into the election. As a matter of fact, I ran for Treasurer position in 2004 and lost to Krishnamurthy and we moved on and I continued to work fro AKKA.

On the 60:40 ratio:

- Dr. Ramappa contested in the same EC election for a President. What was she doing then if she thought the 60:40 ratio was not maintained (23 KKs and 21 Directors)

- In fact even in 2004 EC election in which 2 of the 3 plaintiffs – Dr. Ramappa and Rajur contested in that election and won as VPs. Do you know there were less Kks (21Kks and 20 Directors) at that time and 60:40 ratios not maintained.
- As a matter of fact, Rajur was given assignment by the past President Dr. Murali to contact all Kks to find out the active President/Rep on the AKKA Board are accurate and he never delivered it.
- SVR e-mail from October 3, 2006 stated the following related to Charter Membership

*Once a Kannada Koota becomes a charter they will not lose their right of future representation even if an earlier president did not want to send a representative.*

### **Why are we rushing?**

One of the Directors asked why are we rushing especially during the conference year?

- Unfortunately, we have elections and conference the same year. It has been like that.
- Ideally, we would like to have the election during a non-conference year.
- Like we are devoting the non-conference year for charity fund raising activities so that it doesn't affect the conference financial situation.
- But, for now we have to deal with what we have and conduct election
- So, in order to conduct the BOD election, we need to determine how many director positions are open so that we don't get into the same mess as now debating 60:40 ratio.

We have looked at lot of other Indian organizations such as ATA – American Telugu Association, TANA – Telugu Association of North America, Bengali Association. AKKA is very unique in organization structure – it involves not only individual Kannadigas, it involves Kannada Associations – it's that 60:40 ratio that we are talking about. While it is the strength of AKKA to involve Kks, at the same time it's the weakness as we have seen some Kks do not actively involve and participate at their whims and wish and also turnover of KK presidents as KK elect their President once a year.

Couple of the directors commented AKKA is holding a KK as a hostage; should have an option to leave when they feel like, etc.

You say **Hostage**, we say **Commitment** and **Continuity**

It's just like saying I like the marriage but I want to get out or temporarily want out of it when we feel like.

By all means, one can do that but will you call it a healthy marriage? Again **commitment** is the key thing here.

By saying for ever, we are committing for a cause – that is to promote Kannada language and culture. You can make a difference in AKKA being **inside** and not by staying **outside**. Nobody is stopping Charter Kks from involving AKKA. On the other hand, AKKA don't get involved in KK matters.

Again, my sincere appeal to you all is vote with your heart considering what is good for AKKA and Kannadigas in North America and not dwell on the lawsuit by few directors. You are not doing any favor for me by approving these amendments but we are doing a favor for the AKKA organization to grow.

Before we start voting, following guidelines was established:

- Each of the amendment and the feedback will be read out then the reasoning why the proposed amendment.
- The secretary will request somebody to propose the amendment and someone else to second it. After this, the BOD will be asked if there are any objections. If majority agrees, the resolution will be passed for that particular article amendment.

Please read the Appendix at the end for detailed amendments:

#### **4. Round Table:**

- Vice President and one of the AKKA WKC 2008 Convener Mrs. Vasanthi Gowda updated the Board on the preparation of the conference. She mentioned the registration has crossed 2200 and various artists have confirmed their attendance. All the information related to the conference is posted on the AKKA website. C.Asmath's group's visas have been approved.
- Sriranjani requested WKC2008 to provide details on Artist to plan for KK level concerts. Vasanthi expressed concerns on KK organizing their own events using the AKKA WKC 2008 artists as it may affect the conference registrations.
- Vasanthi informed the Board that the artists are aware that they should not perform any programs in other venues in US/Canada before the conference.
- A question was raised on many of the EC members not attending the BOD meeting.

## Appendix: Proposed AKKA Constitution Amendments

Note: Page number mentioned in the left column correspond to the "Proposed AKKA Constitution amendment located at: <http://www.akkaonline.org/documents/AKKAConstitution-ProposedAmendments-May0408.doc>

Article / Section / No.	Existing Constitution	Modified Constitution	Why
<p>Article II. Mission and Objectives / Section 9.</p> <p><b>Page 3</b></p> <p><b>Proposed :</b>  <b>Dr. H.N. Viswamithra</b>  <b>Seconded :</b>  <b>Mr. Ben Kantharaju</b>  <b>Objections: None</b>  <b>Resolution passed</b></p>	<p>AKKA will authorize a Kannada Koota from a region of USA or Canada that volunteers to conduct the Sammelana.</p>	<p>AKKA will authorize a Kannada Koota or a group of Kannadigas from a region of USA or Canada that volunteers to host the Sammelana. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) must be in place before awarding the conference to the Koota or group of Kannadigas.</p> <p><u>Feedback:</u>  AKKA sammelanas should always be done by a local charter Kannada Koota along with AKKA. Giving it to outside group of Kannadigas will turn this organization into a commercial venture with the any partisan executive deciding to hand it over to their friends to do the convention, taking away the true intent of our organization</p>	<p>The reason we have added "group of Kannadigas" is if no Kannada Koota comes forward to host the conference, there is a risk of not holding a conference which may lead to end of AKKA conferences.</p> <p>Some of us have seen before, there were many different KKS and tried to do WKC's and none of them have made it beyond once.</p> <p>This way we can keep the continuity of the AKKA WKC's.</p> <p>Moreover, we are saying MOU must be in place and should be approved by the Board to prevent from making it as a business venture.</p> <p>Again, make no mistake, our intent must be and should be to have KK to host the WKC. If in case nobody comes forward, we should have an option to have the AKKA WKC even if it's small scale to continue the tradition.</p>
<p>Article II. Mission and Objectives / Section 11.</p> <p><b>Page 3</b></p> <p><b>Proposed:</b>  <b>Seconded:</b></p>	<p>African,</p>	<p>African <b>American,</b></p>	<p>Changed to the reflect the actual name the group referred as</p>

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<p><b>Objections: None</b> <b>Resolution passed</b></p>			
<p>Article II. Mission and Objectives / Section 15. <b>Page 4</b></p> <p><b>Proposed:</b> <b>Seconded:</b> <b>Objections: None</b> <b>Resolution passed</b></p>	-NA-	Register AKKA as a not for profit organization in India with a bank account to do financial transactions and to carry charitable work.	For charitable work to accept the donation and also for customs clearance purposes
<p>Article III. Membership / Section 1. Types of Membership / b. General membership – iv <b>Page 4</b></p> <p><b>Proposed:</b> <b>Seconded:</b> <b>Objections: None</b> <b>Resolution passed</b></p>	Bi-ANNUAL member is an individual or family	<b>BIENNIAL</b> member is an individual or family	Spelling correction
<p>Article III. Membership / Section 2. Eligibility for Membership -- b. <b>Page 4 &amp; 5</b></p> <p><b>Proposed:</b> <b>Mr. Keerthi Pandit</b> <b>Seconded:</b> <b>Mr. Prabhu Dev,</b> <b>Mr. Jagannath Nayak</b></p>	<p>-NA-</p> <p>jaganath: credential committee to validate beging of meeting</p>	<p>Once a Charter Member is admitted to AKKA, the Charter membership is a Lifetime Membership and cannot be revoked. The number of Charter Members may increase, but shall never decrease.</p> <p><u>Feedback 1:</u></p> <p>The president of charter Kannada Kootas cannot be held hostage to AKKA. If they are not interested in participating on the board the elected directors should be proportionately reduced. If they are counted for the purposes of determining</p>	<p>This is the crux of the whole AKKA organization. KK in AKKA if for Kannada Kootas and that's the reason we have 60:40 ratio and 50:50 or any other number</p> <p>- I totally disagree this as a <b>Hostage</b> situation as I see this as a <b>Commitment &amp; Continuity</b> and not as a <b>Contract</b>.</p> <p>In the original AKKA Constitution,</p>

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<p><b>Objections: None</b> <b>Resolution passed</b></p>		<p>the number of elected directors, then a ballot has to be sent to them. This is the fundamental principle of equal and equitable representation.</p> <p><u>Feedback 2:</u></p> <p>I know once you are member you are member for life time, but I like to have my choice and If I want to withdraw my membership, I should have the right to do so.</p> <p>If Kannada Kootas are counted for numbers, we should have the right to vote. We should maintain 60/40 ratio also.</p>	<p>why they put down the specific number - <b>Article IV-Section b.1</b> Under BOD composition:</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) and maintain 60:40 ratio. Why did they specify these number. They simply could have said 60:40 ratio. The intent is to have at least 30 Kks and beyond. And not less.</p> <p>On the feedback 2, choice to withdraw membership whenever.</p> <p>OK, let's take a scenario of 30 Kks and elect certain Directors abiding to the ratio 60:40 rule and at a later time some KK withdraws and are you suggesting to remove elected directors?</p> <p>Or on the other hand, if we elect few directors and add more Kks, are we supposed to have an election again in the middle.</p> <p>So, this can lead to so much confusion. That's why we are saying there shall be at least 21 directors and can only increase and reduce and that's the reason why we have specific numbers in the constitution.</p>
<p>Article III. Membership / Section 3. Disqualification and re-</p>	<p>The Board of Directors recommend to the Board of Trustee, the reinstatement of the member by a majority of the Board of Directors.</p>	<p>The Board of Directors recommend to the Board of Trustees, the reinstatement of the member.</p>	<p>Changed for clarity and formatting – bulleted</p>

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admission of Membership Rights. / b. Readmission of member. -- ii. <b>Page 5</b>  <b>Proposed:</b> <b>Seconded:</b> <b>Objections: None</b> <b>Resolution passed</b>			
Article III. Membership / Section 6. Quorum / a. Meeting of the General Body.  <b>Page 6</b>  <b>Proposed:</b> <b>Dr. Kudur Murali</b> <b>Seconded:</b> <b>Mr. Keerthi Pandit</b> <b>Objections: None</b> <b>Resolution passed</b>	One third of the membership, who are entitled to vote at a meeting, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at that meeting including that of the General Body, vote taken by mail, email or fax. All proposals, except amendments to the constitution, are considered approved if voted by a simple majority of those present or voted. No proxies shall be permitted.	Ten (10%) percent of the membership, who are entitled to vote at a meeting of the general body shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at that meeting, regardless of whether the vote is taken in person, by mail or fax. A majority decision of the quorum shall be binding.  <u>Feedback:</u> Instead of “regardless of whether” insert “when.”  Add this sentence in the beginning of next line instead of fax or e mail:  “When the vote is taken by fax e mail or surface mail it will be sent to all the members of the organization.  At the end of paragraph add  “No proxies will be permitted “which is part of original constitution.  Add “ No proxies will be permitted “ to paragraph ‘b’	Existing Quorum requirements does not differentiate between Meeting of the General body and all other meetings. This was done for clarity and to address the ambiguities in the constitution.  Article III - Section 4. Voting Rights clearly says  Voting by proxy or in absentia shall not be permitted. This applies for all voting – BOD, GB, EC, etc.
Article III. Membership / Section 6. Quorum / b. All other Meetings.  <b>Page 6</b>	One third of the membership, who are entitled to vote at a meeting, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at that meeting including that of the General Body, vote taken by mail, email or fax. All proposals, except	Fifty One (51%) percent of the membership, who are entitled to vote at the meeting of the Board of Directors, Board of Trustees, executive committee, and committee meetings, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business	Again, this is for clarification and nothing new added.

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<p><b>Proposed:</b> Mr. Jagannath Nayak, Mrs. Vasanthi Gowda <b>Seconded:</b> Mrs. Sreeranjini <b>Objections: None</b> <b>Resolution passed</b></p>	<p>amendments to the constitution, are considered approved if voted by a simple majority of those present or voted. No proxies shall be permitted.</p>	<p>at that meeting, regardless of whether the vote is taken in person, by mail, email, fax, or teleconference. A majority decision of the quorum shall be binding.</p> <p><b>Remove the word Quorum</b></p>	
<p>Article IV. Constituent Units / b. Board of Directors / Section1. Eligibility</p> <p><b>Page 7</b> <b>Proposed:</b> Mr. V.Nanjundaram <b>Seconded:</b> Murali Mina <b>Objections: None</b> <b>Resolution passed</b></p>	<p>-NA-</p>	<p>In order to serve and run for a position on the Board of Director, he/she must be a Life Member of AKKA.</p>	<p>We need to strong commitment from the member who wants to run for the Director position.</p>
<p>Article IV. Constituent Units / b. Board of Directors / Section 2. Composition</p> <p><b>Page 7</b> <b>Proposed:</b> Mr. Dayashankar Adappa <b>Seconded:</b> Mr. Madhu Rangaiah <b>Objections: None</b> <b>Resolution passed</b></p>	<p>The Board of Directors is responsible for the operation and management of the affairs of AKKA. On policy matters a majority decision of the Board of Directors shall be binding on the organization. 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>The ratio between the Charter Member Directors to the Directors elected by AKKA General Membership shall be maintained approximately 60:40 respectively at all times. The ratio is based on the number of Charter Members admitted to AKKA regardless of whether the Charter Member chooses to appoint and designate a Director. The number of Directors elected from the General Membership shall never be less than 21, but may increase if additional Charter Members are admitted and eligible to participate.</p> <p>The Board of Directors is responsible for the operation and management of the affairs of AKKA. On policy matters a majority decision of the Board</p>	<p>Again, this is the fundamental issue that we are trying to address. The current constitution specifically mentions 21 elected directors that's exactly we are following.</p> <p>In fact, the previous By-Law Committee Chairman Dr. Keshavababu wrote a report along with the previous secretary Vasanthi Gowda in September of 2005 clearly saying that there shall be 21 directors and 11 directors to be elected in 2006. This is significance especially knowing</p>

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		<p>of Directors shall be binding on the organization. Each Charter Member shall have the right and shall be entitled to designate and appoint an individual to the Board of Directors. Each Charter Member shall submit the name and address of the appointed Director in writing to the President at least 30 days prior to the date the election commences or the date requiring a vote or participation. The designated Director representing the Charter Member shall have the right to vote and participate, but is not required to do so for purposes of maintaining any required ratio.</p> <p><u>Feedback:</u></p> <p>The active Charter Directors shall not include the Charter members whose president has informed AKKA that he or she will not be participating in AKKA. They can be added to the list of charter directors when a president of that Charter Kannada Koota decides to join the Board</p> <p><u>Reasoning:</u></p> <p>We have seen from time to time some directors have not participated in the proceedings of the board of AKKA. If they do not participate the number of elected directors will increase disproportionately, against the requirement suggested by the constitution. This should never happen as this will fundamentally change the purpose of AKKA as a harmonious group of Kannada Kootas and individula Kanndigas where the Kootas are always given a higher representation.</p> <p>Hence the directors to be elected every two years should be determined by the Bye-Law committee based on the number of active Kannada Koota</p>	<p>that there were even less KKs participating.</p>

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		<p>directors who are serving on the board at that time. Elections should be held only for those positions.</p> <p>The only other way to satisfy the fundamental ratio of AKKA is, in the event 21 directors are needed , a vote should be sent to the charter Kannada Koota presidents at their know address irrespective of if they are active or not.</p> <p>Either we count them and send a ballot or nor count them and reduce the number of ballots. You cannot count them for satisfying the ratio but not send them a ballot. This will fundamentally change the fabric of our organization and should never be carried out.</p>	
<p>Article IV. Constituent Units / Election Disputes:</p> <p><b>Page 8</b></p> <p><b>Proposed:</b> Mrs. Sreeranjini <b>Seconded:</b> Mrs. Nagamani Viswanath <b>Objections:</b> None <b>Resolution passed</b></p>	<p>-NA-</p>	<p>In case any disputes related to AKKA elections, the disputing parties must bring the matter to the Board of Directors and make very effort to resolve the issues before pursuing legal avenues.</p>	<p>Time and Money are important in everyone's life. Every individual, who works for AKKA is doing a great charitable work by itself by spending personal time for AKKA.</p>
<p>Article IV. Constituent Units / Terms of Office and Duties:</p> <p><b>Page 8</b></p> <p><b>Proposed:</b> Mr. Jagannath Nayak <b>Seconded:</b></p>	<p>The Directors are elected for a term of four years from among the current members of AKKA. The Directors from Charter member Kannada Kootas can serve only for the period for a maximum four years time, provided the subsequent President nominates him/her to continue as its Koota representative.</p> <p>The elections to the office of Directors from the membership at large is held every two years, each time electing approximately half of the total number of Directors.</p>	<p>The Directors elected by the General Membership are elected for a term of four years or until his or her successor is elected and qualified, whichever occurs later. <u>If the election is delayed or extended for any reason or the election cannot be held due to unavoidable circumstances, the term will continue until their respective successors are chosen.</u> The Directors from Charter Member Kannada Kootas can serve only for the period for a maximum four (4) year term provided the subsequent president nominates him/her to continue as his Koota representative.</p>	<p>This is another issue regarding "eligibility" to run for an office position. This was a hot issue prior to last EC election and there were many interpretations. So, this is the reason why want to amend this to clarify and remove ambiguities.</p> <p>The discussion was much about "how do we define term?"</p> <p>Also, in the current version there</p>

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<p><b>Mr. Dayashankar Adappa</b>  <b>Objections: None</b>  <b>Resolution passed</b></p>	<p>Initially four Directors elected in the year 2000 will complete their two-year term and seven new Directors elected in 2003 for a term of two years. Ten Directors will be elected in 2003 for a term of four years.</p> <p>The term of all the office bearers is two years. No office bearer shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office or four consecutive terms in a combination of offices.</p> <p>There shall be a gap of four years from the previous term of office, before one who previously has served two terms in the same office or four terms in a combination of offices earlier can become an office bearer again</p>	<p><u>Feedback:</u>  Delete sentence #2 from above paragraph</p> <p>The term of office for an Officer shall be a period of two (2) years or until his or her successor is elected and qualified, whichever later. <u>If the election is delayed or extended for any reason or the election cannot be held due to unavoidable circumstances, the term will continue until their respective successors are chosen.</u></p> <p><u>Feedback:</u>  Delete sentence #2 from above paragraph</p> <p>c. There shall be a gap of two (2) terms from the previous term of office, before one who previously has served two terms in the same office or four terms in a combination of offices earlier can become an office bearer again.</p> <p><u>Feedback:</u>  add this to the end of paragraph  “in the same office or any office respectively”</p>	<p>are some specific references to years 200 &amp; 2003 and we wanted to make it generic.</p> <p>Not sure what value it adds.</p>
<p>Article IV. Constituent Units / Replacement:</p> <p><b>Page 9</b></p> <p><b>Proposed:</b>  <b>Mr. Ramesh Bangalore</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b>  <b>Mr. Prabhu Dev</b>  <b>Objections: None</b>  <b>Resolution passed</b></p>	<p>In the case of resignations of a Trustee or Board of Director or in case of lack of representation of a Charter Kannada Koota, the Board of Directors shall have the discretion to select a person to replace the position for the same term.</p>	<p><b>In the case of resignation, removal or vacancy for whatever reason of a Trustee, Director or Officer, the Board of Directors shall have the discretion to select and appoint a person to replace the position for the remainder of the term.</b></p>	<p>This was done for clarity and to remove ambiguity.</p> <p>It happened to Harish Hiremath and he lost his Jt. Secretary position as his President of Kaveri term was over and it just happened now in case of Mohan Cadaba – Jt. Secretary from KKNY</p>
<p>Article IV. Constituent</p>	<p>a) The affairs of AKKA shall be managed by the</p>	<p>a. The affairs of AKKA shall be managed by the</p>	<p>Spelling correction</p>

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Units / b. Board of Directors / Section 2. Authorities and duties -- b. <b>Page 10</b>  <b>Proposed:</b> <b>Seconded:</b> <b>Objections: None</b> <b>Resolution passed</b>	Board of Directors.  b) Conduct, arrange and/or coordinate biannual conferences in cooperation with local Kootas.  c) Date and place of the conference shall be planned in consultation with regional Kootas and announced two years in advance.	Board of Directors.  b. Conduct, arrange and/or coordinate <b>biennial</b> conferences in cooperation with local Kootas <b>or group of Kannadigas</b> .  c. Date and place of the conference shall be planned in consultation with regional Kootas and announced two years in advance.	
Article V: Finance / Section 1. Purpose / c. <b>Page 11</b>  <b>Proposed:</b> <b>Mr. Jagannath Nayak</b>  <b>Seconded:</b> <b>Mr. V.Nanjundaram</b> <b>Objections: None</b> <b>Resolution passed</b>	The <b>Executive</b> of AKKA is empowered to spend the amount authorized by the Board from time to time.	The <b>President</b> of AKKA is empowered to spend the amount authorized by the Board from time to time.	Replaced Executive with President
Article V: Finance / Section 1. Purpose / e.  <b>Page 11</b>  <b>Proposed :</b> <b>Mrs. Nagamani</b> <b>Viswanath,</b> <b>Mr. Jagannath Nayak</b>  <b>Seconded :</b> <b>Dr. H.N. Viswamithra</b> <b>Objections: None</b>	After completion of each Sammelana, any movies remaining after the expenses shall be distributed equally between the local Kannada Koota which conducted the Sammelana and AKKA.	After completion of each Sammelana, any funds remaining after the expenses shall be distributed as specified in the Memorandum of Understanding (a requirement per Section 9 in Article II)	This refers to the MOU.

