

**Minutes of the Annual AKUAANA General Body Meeting, 2015  
held on August 14, 2015 at 2:00 PM at Gaylord Resort, Kissimmee, FL**

The meeting was presided by Faisal Qureshi, President.

Atif Shafqat, Secretary confirmed that the active members present fulfilled quorum.

Treasurer Shazia Hussain presented the annual financial report (posted separately on the akuaana.org website).

Secretary Atif Shafqat reported and highlighted some of the achievements of the last 2 years, including membership gains.

As of August, 2015, AKUAANA has a total of 106 members out of which 98 are active voting members. The breakdown is as follows:

75 Lifetime Members	(No annual dues)
14 Annual [Attending] Members	(\$90/year)
09 Annual [Resident/Fellow] Members	(\$25/year)
08 Annual [Associate, non-voting] Members	(\$5/year)

Further, it was reported that a new website domain (akuaana.org) was purchased and has been active since. Online secure payments and a longitudinal record of membership and payments can be maintained. Permanent email addresses for the office bearers have been initiated with the akuaana.org domain to make transition smoother for the new administration. The invaluable work done by Abdul Basit Saeed (volunteer Web Manager) was appreciated.

As chair of the Constitution and ByLaws (CABL) Committee, Atif Shafqat presented the report of the committee. The constitution was passed in August, 2014 a year ago by near unanimous vote (99 to 1). The CABL Committee received proposals for amendments from the Executive Council (EC). These included addressing vacancies of officers and formation of a Board of Trustees as the custodian and overseer of the Association. The 7-member CABL Committee composed of Atif Shafqat, Faisal Qureshi, Sadaf Khan, Aamir Javaid, Saira Choudhri, Habib Chotani and Fizza Naqvi, unanimously sent a proposed amendment document to the EC, which again unanimously approved it. The amendments were sent out on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to the active membership via email. During the discussion period until August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015, only one negative comment was received by the EC.

A vigorous discussion was held on proposed amendments at the General Body Meeting. Several members expressed dissatisfaction with the process of discussion allowed prior to the vote. A few members expressed concerns on the balance of power shifting too much towards the proposed Board of Trustees. The vague language of the constitution on implementation of the process was discussed. It was decided that members present are permitted to change their already casted vote to take advantage of the discussion if they so desire.

An option to recall and postpone vote was discussed. A motion was made to vote on the amendments. Motion was passed. Voting was allowed to proceed. The online votes and paper votes were confirmed to be from active members and results were tabulated. The results were announced later at the evening reunion dinner. The final tally on the constitution amendment vote went 40 in favor and 12 against.

There being no other new business, the meeting was adjourned.

Atif Shafqat, MD

Secretary

Aga Khan University Alumni Association of North America (AKUAANA)