

## GSM AGB Meeting – 2/21/16

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- Meeting invite was for 1 pm, but postponed till 1:35 pm, as quorum not reached.
- Meeting started at 1:35 pm.
- Agenda Items:

**a) Approval of minutes of last AGB:**

The meeting minutes of the last AGB should not be a working copy. It should be formalized. Write agenda item and then the notes below it. The AGB meeting minutes should be sent out within 30 days of the meeting. Incoming President should really have this in proper format. 2015 AGB meeting minutes have not been approved today. So, when will they be approved? The constitution has the format of an AGB meeting agenda, which needs to be followed.

**b) Approval of annual Report and the audited Statement of Accounts:**

Youth allowance should be separate. Overall profit is higher than stated. The youth allowance is a budgetary item. The auditor needs to keep it separate. Treasurer and Jt. Treasurer should keep this in mind. A few of 2014 checks were cashed in 2015. Kirit Udeshi recommended not working with UMD for garba – not worth it. Many individual donations were received by GS. GS also collected money from vendor booths. Kirit Udeshi approved and Kamlesh Shah seconded. Item b approved unanimously.

**c) Suggestion is for \$2000 per year allocation for youth activities and youth involvement in Samaj activities:**

Kirit Udeshi approved \$2000 for next term for youth activities. This is separate, so the new President will get 2 checks: \$10,000 + \$2,000. Hetal Shah seconded. Item c approved unanimously.

**d) Draft Committee Report and election of new President, Committee and Trustee:**

Raj said that there was nothing to report as no nominations were received. Draft committee approved all of 2015 members. According to election committee, the following positions need to be life members: President, Vice President and Treasurer.

Executive Committee:

Ashita Patel was drafted as VP last year and accepted to run as President for 2016. She wrote a check of \$250 to become a life member at this meeting.

Dheval Patel will be VP. He wrote a check to become life member at this meeting.

Mitul Shah will be Secretary. He wrote a check to become life member at this meeting.

Bijal Shah will be Joint Secretary. She wrote a check to become a GS member.

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Mayuri Desai will be Treasurer. Her life membership needs to be checked. Who is going to check? This needs to be done within 30 days.

Hetal Patel will be Joint Treasurer. She wrote a check to become a GS member.

Members – at-large: (Raj will give updated names later – in case some are wrong)

1. Rajiv Thakkar – wrote a check at this meeting
2. Nimesh Shah – wrote a check at this meeting
3. Sanjay Mehta – wrote a check at this meeting
4. Mayur Modi
5. Parul Desai
6. Jigna Desai
7. Deepa Zaveri
8. Bina Shah
9. Vijay Baxi
10. Rasik Parekh

Executive committee members and members-at-large unanimously approved.

### **e) Life membership fee – refund policy:**

Few life members complained to Naynaben that life members are not getting a good discount. If they are not getting a good discount for being life members, they want a refund on their membership fee. Life membership was established so that members do not have to remember to pay their dues every year. Life membership is transferred to the spouse. Whether you attend events/meetings, you are a GS member. To provide additional discounts for life members is up to the new President. The membership form does not state anywhere that if you become a life member, you will get a discount. Item e unanimously decided no refund policy.

### **f) Constitutional change. Change President's term from 1 year to 2 years:**

Do we want to do this? We have been talking about it for quite some time. There are a lot of pros and cons. What happened from last year's committee that was going to decide this? Nothing was received from that committee. We need to realize that every one's terms will be extended, not only the President's. A vote was taken and it was unanimously decided not to change the constitution and to keep all the terms as is. So, the President's term will be for one year only. This is the end of this topic and this topic is to be eliminated in future AGB meetings.

Jigneshbhai asked if a past president can run again. Kirit bhai said yes, but not in the consecutive year.

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**g) Any other matter brought forward with prior notice:**

Naynaben suggested that every year the AGB should be held at Mangal Mandir. No one was shouting and being disrespectful. Naynaben thanked everyone for helping her. A couple of events were cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

Naynaben got a thank you from everyone present. Ashitaben thanked Naynaben for her hard work. Nathu dada gave kudos to Naynaben for her good gesture of inviting all past Presidents to her home. Jyoti said that we need to specially invite them for all meetings and events. GS has been around for more than 35 years. All past Presidents should be invited for Diwali dinner and should thank them. Naynaben agreed.

A question was raised as to who has the current life member list? No answer was received.

**h) Outgoing President to give new President, trustees and comptroller the complete list of assets:**

Done. Everyone clapped.

**i) Election committee:**

Election Committee:

Raj

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Vijay

Hetal Shah – alternate

Unanimously approved

**j) Auditors:**

Desai and Shah will continue as the auditors. Unanimously approved.

**k) Trustee:**

Urmi ben has served her time as Trustee. New trustee is Naynaben for the next four years: 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019. Unanimously approved. Jigneshbhai is the Managing Trustee for 2016 year.