

Minutes of the General Body Meeting: September 18,2005

Jain Society of Greater Cleveland (JSGC) had called a Special General Body Meeting (GBM) of its members starting at 4:15 PM on September 18, 2005, following Dash Lakshan pooja at Quality Inn in Richfield, OH.

- Jignesh Shah (President) called the General Body Meeting to order at 4:15 PM. 75+ members were present and per the JSGC constitution the GBM started.
- Eight Executive Committee members namely – Jignesh Shah (President), Dipika Shah (Treasurer), Premal Shah (Secretary), Minesh Shah, Ashwin Turakhia, Mayuri Dalia, Neha Shah, Tushar Shah – were present. Meena Jain (Vice President) was excused due to personnel reasons.
- The minutes of the previous General Body Meeting held on 08/07/2005, which had been available on the JSGC website, were unanimously approved by members by voice vote.
- Jignesh Shah requested Kushal Baid to conduct the meeting – to make a presentation to the General Body on behalf of the JSGC Executive regarding the “work in progress” towards building a Jain Center/Temple, conduct the question – answer session and then take a vote(s) on certain proposals, if appropriate.
- Kushal Baid made a presentation to the General Body. The presentation is attached at the end of this report in its entirety.
- The outline of the presentation was:
 - Activity to date
 - Proposed structure for forming Committees to build Jain Center/Jain Temple
 - Proposed charters of various Committees.
 - Proposed members for various Committees.
 - A preliminary estimate of expenses.
 - Anticipated sequence of events.
 - Path forward.
 - Comments, Questions and Answers.
 - Vote(s) on approval of certain proposals, if appropriate.
- In the presentation proposed charter and members for various Committees were discussed. Preliminary estimates of expense as well as anticipated sequence of events were presented.
- The floor was then opened for questions.

- Sashin Shah asked that Dr. Bhaiji should be on the Temple Committee. Jigneshbhai responded that he had contacted Dr. Bhaiji and Dr. Bhaiji had offered to help the Temple Committee but did not want to be formally on the committee.
- Sashin Shah suggested expanding the role and charter of Public Relations Committee to include communication with other non-Jain communities such as periodic announcements to the Richfield community etc.
- Dilip Maniar wondered if we have contacted any other communities in USA who have recently built a temple regarding how they made committees etc. He was wondering why do all the work again. Kushal Baid responded that EC has not asked anyone as yet. They did not feel the need to ask others at this time. The sub-committees can contact others with specific questions if they feel the need to do so.
- Pravin Mehta wondered as to why do we have two separate committees for Design and Construction/Engg? Kushal Baid mentioned that EC tried to merge them into one but did not succeed. He mentioned that inputs from lady members in the design part are likely to get diluted if we had just one committee. Jitu Shah would be a common link between 2 committees and in this way all decisions would be made together.
- Dr. Bhaiji proposed Dr. Haria and Nikhil Vakharia to be included in committees. Jignesh Shah mentioned that he had tried to contact Dr Haria but did not have any success.
- Sashin Shah suggested that Raman Patel should be a part of Construction and Engineering committee as he has experience building Temples in USA. Jitu Shah indicated that Raman Patel is an independent contractor and has already offered to help us as needed.
- Dilip Maniar asked as to whose responsibility will include estimation of all expenses. Kushal Baid mentioned that Engg. and construction committee would be responsible.
- Dilip Maniar wondered if we had an estimate for maintenance costs. Kushal Baid mentioned that presently we do not have an estimate for maintenance costs. Engg and Construction Committee will be estimating these as the project proceeds
- Dilip Maniar expressed the need for "Dictatorship". He mentioned that members that are not present for 2/3 of the meetings should be dropped. He also suggested having min. 3 and max. 5 member committees. Kushal Baid explained that currently we have 9 members for EC and we need at least 5 members for quorum. Having small number of members will make it difficult to get a quorum at times. Charters for committees will have provisions for replacing members who do not attend a significant portion of their meetings.
- Dilip Maniar asked as to what is the time frame for the project? Kushal Baid specified that he had mentioned 15-42 months in his last presentation. If construction begins by next spring then 24 months would be a reasonable estimate. Sub-committees should work and decide on exact completion dates. Mohan Jain mentioned that we cannot complete the project by next September. The goal should be to have hall ready by next year and Temple done by summer 2007. Kushal Baid mentioned that we have 36 members in

all sub committees out of 200 members and they should make the right judgment.

- Pravin Mehta suggested appointing Trustees for a period of 5 years, to provide continuity. Kushal Baid replied that the main Temple Committee and all sub-committees will be active throughout the project and for 4 months after project completion. These committees will then hand over all work to the then EC, who will then make appropriate decision for path forward. Pravin Mehta suggested getting legal opinion on issue of trustees.
- Mahendra Shah mentioned that in some cases we have the same person in too many committees. They may not have any time to attend all meetings. Kushal Baid explained that we have tried to put at least one person from each sub-committee in the Main Temple committee. Many times sense of discussion is not captured. With members of the sub-committees represented in the main Temple committee, thoughts and ideas will be brought back from sub-committees.
- Mahendra Shah suggested having one member from EC to be in each sub-committee to report to EC. Kushal Baid mentioned that then they will not report to Main Temple Committee and how many times would Main Temple Committee and EC meet? Also, the EC changes every two years, we will then need to replace existing EC members with new EC members.
- Hansa Sutaria suggested that we should allow the present EC to continue till the completion of project. Kushal Baid mentioned that next year 4 members from current committee will have to retire per our constitution. We can consider changing the provisions in our constitution to keep them on EC when the time comes.
- Hansa Sutaria suggested including Bharti Shah in committee? Kushal Baid responded saying that is a good suggestion and EC will definitely contact her.
- Mahendra Shah suggested even including Ashok Shah in committees.
- Bipin Lapasia suggested that we modify charter for main temple committee to stay for 12 months instead of 4 months after completion of project. He also proposed to expand the charter of the main committee to include the role for maintenance committee for first 12 months after project completion. He mentioned that these people would have gathered sufficient knowledge in the course of executing the project and would be best prepared to deal with the maintenance issues. Then, they could share this knowledge with new maintenance committee and pass on the responsibility. Kushal Baid suggested that we let main temple committee members decide on how long to stay beyond project completion.
- Dilip Maniar wondered as to how and when we will start collecting monies. Kushal Baid mentioned that we could do so from today onwards. The Fund raising committees will really decide on further course of action.
- Vinod Sutaria had following 3 comments
 - He supported the suggestion of Bipin Lapasia on extension of term of committees to 12 months rather than 4 months after project completion.
 - He wondered if Engineering committee will follow up on builders during construction. Kushal Baid confirmed that the Engineering Committee will

be responsible for all aspects of construction through completion of the project.

- He supported the need for Design committee to have important inputs on varied matters including preparation of food for ayambils, etc?
- Vinod Sutaria thanked all committee members for doing an excellent job in a short period of time. He mentioned that this is a learning process for all. He felt that we should call all past presidents and include them in committees, if possible, as they are valuable assets of JSGC.
- Chhagan Bafna enquired if Pravin Shah from Canton was on committee. Kushal Baid confirmed that he was.
- Sashin Shah mentioned that JSGC should approach smaller Jain communities in surrounding areas like Toledo to join us. Kushal Baid mentioned that suggestion will be considered by Executive committee.
- At this point with no additional questions from the floor, Kushal Baid presented the following resolutions and votes were taken on each resolution individually:
 - ❖ "It is resolved that EC can form the committees in the structure proposed. Get the committees going and finalize their charters and functioning guidelines." (Shashin Shah commented that the charters of the committees be modified based on the suggestions at this meeting. Kushal Baid responded that all of the suggestions will be considered by the EC and the EC will decide how and if the charters will be modified.) Jitu Shah proposed and Dilip Maniar seconded the resolution. Voice vote was taken and the resolution was approved unanimously.
 - ❖ "It is resolved that EC can create a separate account within the Sadharan Account of JSGC to receive and disburse funds related to the project. The suggested name is 'The Jain Center/Temple Properties Account'." It was explained that all Jain Center/Temple related donations will be collected in this account which is specifically designated as a Sadharan Account. Voice vote was taken and the resolution was approved unanimously.
 - ❖ "It is resolved that the EC and the Temple Committees have the General Body's approval to start collecting funds in the Jain Center/Temple Properties Account effective immediately." Voice vote was taken and the resolution was approved unanimously. Dilip Maniar pledged to donate \$15000 per year for 3 years.
 - ❖ "It is resolved that the Temple Committee and the sub-committees have the approval to disburse up to \$1.6 million to build the JSGC Jain Center/Temple effective immediately." Mohanbhai suggested that we did not need to limit how much monies could be collected. If monies are left over after building the Jain Center/Temple, they could be utilized for the maintenance of the Jain Center/Temple or could be transferred to the JSGC general Sadharan Account as deemed appropriate by the then EC. Voice vote was taken and the resolution was approved unanimously.
- Jignesh Shah thanked everyone for attending this meeting.
- The General Body Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM
