

Minutes of the General Body Meeting: October 25th 2014

Jain Society of Greater Cleveland (JSGC) held a General Body Meeting (GBM) of its members starting at 2:00 PM on October 25th 2014.

- Board of Trustees present – Nipa Turakhia (President) , Kalpesh Shah (Vice-President), Sameer Shah (Treasurer), Sanket Shah (Secretary), Mitten Doshi, Mamta Jain, Kalpesh A. Shah, Rima Shah
- Board of Trustees absent - Vijay Shah
- Nipa Turakhia (President) called the General Body Meeting to order at 2:00 PM. 85+ members were present and per the JSGC Code of Regulations the GBM started.
- The minutes of the previous General Body Meeting held on November 10th 2013 were unanimously approved by members by voice vote.
- Nipa Turakhia went over agenda for the meeting.
- Events – 2014 :
 - Nipa Turakhia provided a re-cap of year 2014 events as well as On-going events.
 - Nipa Turakhia thanked community for a busy year 2014 and applauded the participation from all members.
- Maintenance Sub-committee :
 - Nipa Turakhia introduced Maintenance Sub-committee. Jitendra Shah, Mohan Jain, and Mukund Dalia. (Non-BOT Members) and Kalpesh A. Shah, Mitten Doshi, Vijay Shah (BOT Members)
 - Jitendra Shah provided Maintenance update.
 - Committee has been working on Ongoing Shikhar maintenance, roof for leakage, detention basin, and septic tank maintenance.
 - Nipa Turakhia stated Hasmukhbhai Shah and Maintenance committee working on connecting ladies shower room to ladies restroom.
- Advisory Team :
 - Nipa Turakhia stated that in the past year BOT needed guidance for issues in religious matters and other matters pertaining to the temple, which required input from seniors for better operation. As such BOT wishes to propose a team of 5 members as Advisory Team for approval by the General Body. Their role will include but not be limited to review current Code of Regulations, current operations of society or any other issues that may require modifications. To keep this team independent, they will report to the General Body.
 - Team members Nominated – Atul Shah, Kushal Baid, Ashwin Turakhia, Kantilal Jain, Sanket Shah.
 - Neha Shah asked what advice this Advisory Team would provide. Nipa Turakhia responded that this team will provide recommendations related to issues e.g. Amazon project, religious scholars and other items where we should be getting seniors input. This team of members will make recommendations for better operations of the society for approval by the General Body.
 - Neha Shah asked that If any questions did not get resolved, will it go to General Body or is it at their discretion. Nipa Turakhia stated that this team will review current code of regulations to see if any modifications are needed as our Code of Regulations was implemented in September of 2006. At that time there was no temple, so there are new issues that require attention. This team will be working on modifications and bring it to the General Body for approval.

- Pravin Mehta questioned that if there is Digambar representation in this team. Kushal Baid answered that we have never distinguished between Digambar and Shwetambar in forming any teams or committees. And he requests General Body to not to make such a requirement. BOT has selected these members based on previous experience in the society as well as in the industry.
- Pravin Mehta asked lately we have Gujarati dignitaries or scholars but is there a reason we do not have any Hindi speaking scholars. Kushal Baid answered this is one of the issues BOT wanted guidance on. This team will not be making any changes, they will recommend changes if needed to General Body for approval.
- A question was raised that if it is possible to give additional flexibility to Advisory team by removing the need to go to General Body. Nipa Turakhia indicated that in order to make any changes to our code of regulations and operating procedures, they will need to have approval by the General Body. Kushal Baid further added that intent of this team is to look at Code of Regulations, operating procedures and make recommendations if a second layer needs to be created for better operation of the society.
- Mulchand Gala asked if General Body should have known that such a committee is going to be formed and what level of transparency will be there. Kushal Baid answered this team will not give blow by blow answers as it is not practical. Sanket Shah will setup specific email address for community members to send their questions or suggestions; he will acknowledge these emails and forward the email to the Advisory Team for review. This Team will not provide daily or weekly updates and this team will not respond to these emails. Team will provide updates, when ready, in a General Body meeting.
- Hansaben and Vinodbhai Sutaria requested the Sangh to provide their support to this team.
- Nipa Turakhia requested General Body to approve this team and their scope of work. Approved by voice vote.
- BOT Nominations:
 - Nipa Turakhia recognized leaving Board of trustees and thanked them for their service.
 - Mamta Jain
 - Kalpesh A. Shah
 - Rima Shah
 - Sameer Shah
 - Sanket Shah
 - Nipa Turakhia
 - Sanket Shah recognized Nipa Turakhia leaving Board of trustees and thanked her for service.
 - Nomination Committee – Kushal Baid, Bharti Shah, and Atul Shah
 - Kushal Baid announced that out of 6 available BOT positions, 6 were filled, however one member withdrew.
 - Kushal Baid requested any member to take 1 yr term. Rima Shah nominated for 1 year. Approved by voice vote.
 - Nipa Turakhia welcomed 6 new BOT Members
 - Kavita Daga - 1 year
 - Amit Jain – 3 Years
 - Rahul Jain - 3 years
 - Shanti Jain - 1 year
 - Rima Shah – 1 Year
 - Usha Shah - 3 years
 - Each new BOT Members introduced themselves.
- Finance Updates – Sameer Shah

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- Security Update – Sanket Shah
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- Jaina Update – Kushal Baid and Minesh Shah
 - Jaina Convention in Atlanta in July 2-5, 2015. Members are requested to register, if attending.
 - Early bird reservations start in January. Have discounted hotel rates, upon availability.
 - They have Programs for all ages.
- Nipa Turakhia recognized Past BOT members from year 2013 – Mayuri Dalia, Sanket Doshi, and Nemi Jain and thanked for their service.
- Nipa Turakhia recognized “Adhaaryu” (partial Updhaan) done by Naliniben Shah and Hasmukhbhai Shah.
- Nipa Turakhia recognized Dr. Hukumchand Bharil who was honored by Indian Government for Sanskrit Seva Vritti Award on October 8th 2014.
- Nipa Turakhia thanked host families :
 - Hansaben and Vinodbhai Sutaria
 - Mayuriben and Mukundbhai Dalia
 - Tejal and Jagdishbhai Shah
 - Neha and Kalpesh Shah
 - Nipa and Ashwin Turakhia
- Nipa Turakhia urged parents to encourage their children to maintain cleanliness and avoid paper wastage to avoid Ashaatna in temple.
- Nipa Turakhia thanked all volunteers who helped throughout the year.
- Nipa Turakhia thanked everyone for attending General Body Meeting.
- Meeting adjourned.