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## ABAC General Meeting

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OCT 21, 2010

01:00PM

IRVING ARTS CENTER RM200

MEETING CALLED BY	Advisory Council
TYPE OF MEETING	General
FACILITATOR	Gulshana Andalib Hosain Juthi
NOTE TAKER	Tamanna Uddin
ATTENDEES	General Members of ABAC - reference to Attendance register

### Agenda Topics **Welcome by the Advisory Council members**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>38 members signed in and introduced themselves.</li> <li>Samujjal Majumdar proposed Gulshana Andalib Hossain to preside over today's general meeting, seconded by Mohsin Uddin.. Unanimously voted &amp; accepted by all.</li> <li>Mimi Zubaer proposed Tamanna Uddin for record keeping, Rashed Hussain seconded. Unanimously voted and accepted by all.</li> <li>Taamanna Uddin did the head count and reported the quorum is in order. 38 members present.</li> <li>Samujjal Majumder Introduced the Advisory council members, their composition and role and responsibilities.</li> <li>On behalf of the Advisory council , Rashed Hussain explained how and why this is called. In a recent email to the Advisory Council, Mr. Mohammad Kabir, on behalf of the Board of Directors 2011-12 notified that, the term of office for the 2011-12 Board of Directors came to an end on September 30, 2012 at 11:59pm. A new Board of Directors to be elected by the general members in today's General Meeting. Since the outgoing Board did not call a general meeting for the election before they dissolved themselves, the Advisory Council had to call for this meeting via the ABAC web page (<a href="http://www.abac-usa.org">www.abac-usa.org</a>) and requested the general members, to nominate names of possible candidate(s) that they would like to see in the Board of Directors for the year 2012-13. Accordingly the Advisory Council received and reviewed the nominations and prepared a slate of candidates eligible for the position of ABAC's Board of Directors. Per ABAC by-law, the Advisory Council is responsible to conduct the election of the Board of Directors and resolve any issue(s) and/or complaints any ABAC member might have or raised. The Advisory Council officially consists of the five permanent Founder Members as well as any additional members chosen by the Advisory Council for an 18 month term. The Founder Members are named specifically in the By Laws and they are Mr. Rashed Hussain, Mr. Samujjal Majumder, Mr. Shantanu Ghose, Mr. Quazi T. Islam, and Mr. Girin Roy. If and when one or more Advisory Council members officially resign, the remaining members of the Advisory Council may select individuals from the general membership to fill the vacant position(s). The Advisory Council must have of at least five (5) members at all times. Please refer to <i>ARTICLE III, Section 2 of the By Laws for information on the composition of the Advisory Council and Section 1 for general powers (excerpted below for your convenience)</i>. The complete Articles of Incorporation and By Laws which are registered with the Secretary of State of Texas are available to any member upon request. Please note that two (2) original Founder and Advisory Council members, Mr. Shantanu Ghose, and Mr. Girin Roy, have formally resigned recently therefore three (2) new members have been selected to fill the vacant positions. The names and contact information of all the official current Advisory Council members are as follows: (1) Samuzzal Majumder, (2) Rashed Hussain (3) Quazi T. Islam (4) Mohsin Uddin (5) Mehbuba Zubaer</li> <li>Mohsin Uddin proposed a 9 (nine) members board of directors for the year 2012-13, 5+ members from the City of Irving and 3 or 4 members from the surrounding cities. Rashed Hussain seconded. Unanimously voted &amp; accepted by all.</li> </ol>
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	<p><b>8. Samujjal Majumder proposed the names of following 9 (nine) members for the position of the Board of Directors. seconded by Mimi Zubaer.</b></p> <p><b>The names are:</b></p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr><td>(i)</td><td><b>Quamruzzaman Choudhury Runu,</b></td><td><b>Irving, TX</b></td></tr> <tr><td>(ii)</td><td><b>Nazneen Choudhury,</b></td><td><b>Irving, TX</b></td></tr> <tr><td>(iii)</td><td><b>Rahi Yahia</b></td><td><b>Irving, TX</b></td></tr> <tr><td>(iv)</td><td><b>Kaveri Sanyal</b></td><td><b>Irving, TX</b></td></tr> <tr><td>(v)</td><td><b>Mohammad Nazrul Islam</b></td><td><b>Irving, TX</b></td></tr> <tr><td>(vi)</td><td><b>Moinul Ahsan</b></td><td><b>Irving, TX</b></td></tr> <tr><td>(vii)</td><td><b>Rashed Hussain</b></td><td><b>Plano, TX</b></td></tr> <tr><td>(viii)</td><td><b>Gulshana Andalib Juthi</b></td><td><b>Lewisville, TX</b></td></tr> <tr><td>(ix)</td><td><b>Tamanna uddin</b></td><td><b>Lewisville, TX</b></td></tr> </table>	(i)	<b>Quamruzzaman Choudhury Runu,</b>	<b>Irving, TX</b>	(ii)	<b>Nazneen Choudhury,</b>	<b>Irving, TX</b>	(iii)	<b>Rahi Yahia</b>	<b>Irving, TX</b>	(iv)	<b>Kaveri Sanyal</b>	<b>Irving, TX</b>	(v)	<b>Mohammad Nazrul Islam</b>	<b>Irving, TX</b>	(vi)	<b>Moinul Ahsan</b>	<b>Irving, TX</b>	(vii)	<b>Rashed Hussain</b>	<b>Plano, TX</b>	(viii)	<b>Gulshana Andalib Juthi</b>	<b>Lewisville, TX</b>	(ix)	<b>Tamanna uddin</b>	<b>Lewisville, TX</b>
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	<p>The newly elected board of Directors have selected the Executive Committee from themselves, They are as follows:</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr><td><b>Rashed Hussain,</b></td><td><b>President</b></td></tr> <tr><td><b>Quamruzzaman Choudhury Runu,</b></td><td><b>Vice President</b></td></tr> <tr><td><b>Gulshana Andalib Hossain,</b></td><td><b>General Secretary and</b></td></tr> <tr><td><b>Tamanna uddin,</b></td><td><b>Treasurer</b></td></tr> </table> <p>The general members congratulated the new team to lead for the fiscal year 2012-13.</p>	<b>Rashed Hussain,</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>Quamruzzaman Choudhury Runu,</b>	<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Gulshana Andalib Hossain,</b>	<b>General Secretary and</b>	<b>Tamanna uddin,</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>																			
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### Break for 0:30 minutes

<b>AGENDA ITEM.</b>	<b>GENERAL DISCUSSION – VINSON &amp; ELKINS LLP</b>	<b>RASHED HUSSAIN</b>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Engagement of Vinson & Elkins LLP to represent ABAC in connection with attempting to revive ABAC's 501(c)(3) status and to assist ABAC with other general corporate matters. Vinson & Elkins practices in virtually all areas of civil law and some areas of white collar criminal law.	
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Unanimously voted & accepted by all.	
<b>ACTION ITEM</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>
	ABAC will prepare the Engagement letter for the above mentioned Law firm to represent ABAC in connection with attempting to revive ABAC's charitable organization (501(c)3) status and to assist ABAC with other general corporate matters.	Immediate



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**AGENDA ITEM**

**GOALS AND DIRECTION FOR CURRENT & NEXT 4 YEARS**

**QUAMRUZZAMAN CHOWDHURY RUNU**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	ABAC plans to have at least one presentation, one Musical production , one theatrical/drama and special program for Children, Recitation seminar/discussion on Bangla Literature, Arts & Culture, Non-profit management/issues/concern/fundraising etc or any special program that will help the cause and mission of ABAC both for short and long term.	
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	ABAC advisory Council will time to time evaluate the projects and activities of ABAC so that it does deviate from its primary goals and maintains a healthy and prosperous cultural environment with its community. Presentations may time to time include joint ventures and/or soft alliance with other similar organization(s).  Various ABAC members to be assigned to be primary responsible persons for various goals/directions.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>		<b>PERSON RESPONSIBL</b>
	Theatrical and stage programs and productions and projects	Quamruzzaman Chowdhury Runu
	Musical/dance performance productions & presentations	Gulshan Hussain Mily
	Literature/publications	Mimi Zubaer
	Exhibition/Seminar/Discussion/workshops etc.	Rashed Hussain

**AGENDA ITEM:**

**RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF ABAC BANGLA SCHOOL (SUNDAY COACHING CENTER FOR BANGLA LANGUAGE, PERFORMING & VISUAL ARTS**

**GULSHAN HUSSAIN MILY**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	ABAC had a such a coaching center for Bangla Language & Performing arts (songs, dance, instrumental etc) with about 58+ students of all ages, mostly kids of ages between 7 - 16. This coaching center was closed a few years ago due to lack funds and managements.  ABAC now feels that Dallas-Fort-worth area is blessed with many experts on various areas of Bangla arts, culture & literature as well as there is a large number of Bangla origin population hungry to learn and excel in those areas. we (abac) should re-establish the coaching center to serve these people again.	
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Unanimously voted & accepted by all.	
	<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>
	ABAC will initiate the process of establishing the coaching center as early as possible.	Gulshan Hussain Mily & Tamanna uddin
Conclusions		

**AGENDA ITEM**

**NUMBER OF VARIOUS PROGRAM, NUMBER OF PROGRAM & PERFORMANCES AND (D, E & F)**

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<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The topic in this agenda Item has already been discussed in previous agenda items.

**AGENDA ITEM: RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF ABAC THEATERS** **QUAMRUZZAMAN CHOWDHURY RUNU**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	ABAC Theaters has pioneered the Bangla theater arts in the Dallas Fort-worth area but due to internal conflicts and personal interests it slowly collapsed	
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Unanimously voted & accepted by all.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>

**AGENDA ITEM: MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT** **RASHED HUSSAIN**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	ABAC general members feels that ABAC needs help from a management consultant to streamline the process and procedures of ABAC management and administration so that in future people taking charge of ABAC follows the its charter, by-laws, as well as the laws and regulations of Federal, State, and local governments.	
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Unanimously voted & accepted by all.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
	Rashed Hssain	Immediate

**AGENDA ITEM: A COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR EXCLUSIVE USE OF ABAC** **GULSHANA ANDALIB HOSSAIN JUTHI**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	ABAC would like to maintain all its records, book keeping, meeting notices, minutes online for ready availability and safe keeping. Over the years since 2002 ABAC does not have any such document maintained. We may have a donor for this purpose. Once the computer system obtained, it will kept/maintained and used at the ABAC's registered/official office. Rashed Hussain stated that we already have a donor who has confirmed to donate the required funds for a computer and related hard and software.	
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Unanimously voted & accepted by all.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
	Rashed Hssain	Immediate

**AGENDA ITEM: ABAC BANK ACCOUNT** **TAMANNA UDDIN**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	ABAC needs to open a checking account in the name of ACADEMY OF BANGLA ARTS & CULTURE(abac). Any 2 from The president, Vice-President, General Secretary and the Treasurer elected for the year 2012-13 may operate the account jointly. The bank account can be opened in any Bank in operation in the State of Texas. The Executive committee can decide the particular bank of their choice.	
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Unanimously voted & accepted by all.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>



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### AGENDA ITEM:

#### THE NEWLY ELECTED BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2012-13

**GULSHANA ANDALIB HOSSAIN JUTHI**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The newly elected General Secretary introduced all the members of the Board of Directors to General members.	
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	The primary responsibility of the new Board of Directors will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Restoration of the Charitable status (501(c)(3)) of ABAC.</li> <li>ii. Restoration of the Founding member status of ABAC with IAC.</li> <li>iii. Organize great events in conformance with ABAC mission &amp; goals.</li> <li>iv. Nurture and develop artists, donors, supporter and a larger audience base in the Irving and the surrounding areas.</li> </ul> Unanimously voted & accepted by all.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>

### AGENDA ITEM Miscellaneous

#### PROMOTE CULTURAL ALLIANCE & EXCHANGES IN THE GREATER DALLAS-FORT-WORTH METROPLEX.

**MOHIDDIN**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Mohiuddin proposed that ABAC initiates a soft cultural alliance between all similar cultural/socio-cultural organizations in the area to help promote Bangla Arts and culture in the Bangla community across the Dallas-Fort-worth metroplex. Seconded by Zia.	
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Unanimously voted & accepted by all.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>

### AGENDA ITEM Miscellaneous

#### HONORING MUHAMMAD ZUBAER, A WRITER, POET & ABAC VOLUNTEER/CONTRIBUTOR

**HELAL CHOWDHURY**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Mohiuddin proposed to condemn previous ABAC Board members responsible for failing to hold the memorial services in honor of Muhammad Zubaer, a writer, poet, social worker and an active member of ABAC since the late eighties. Seconded by Quamruzzaman Chowdhury Runu	
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Unanimously voted & accepted by all.	
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**AGENDA ITEM** **FAILURE TO IRS COMPLIANCE OF 501(C)(3) AND GENERAL ACCOUNTING/ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICES.**

**MOHIDDIN**

**Miscellaneous**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Proposed to initiate an investigation as to the cause find why ABAC lost its 501(c)(3) (charitable status), its historical documents like 1023 etc and 990N form and all previous meeting minutes, financial statements, bank records etc. Seconded by Mimi Zubaer	
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	The new Board of Directors 2012-13 to take steps to initiate an investigative process into the matters leading to this fatal failure resulting in suspension of founding organization status with Irving Arts Center, the loss of ABAC's reputation, pride & Prestige, legal status as a Charitable organization and its 25+ years of historical documents. Unanimously voted & accepted by all.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Follow up previos Boards of Director/Executive committee responsible for this fatal failure.	Rashed Hussain & Gulshana Andalib Hosain Juthi	Immediate

**Advisory Council**

**IN A SEPARATE MEETING ON THE SAME DAY AT THE SAME PLACE, ABAC ADVISORY COUNCIL MET.**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Due to the fact that Rashed Hussain became member of the ABAC Board of Directors and elected the President of ABAC for the fiscal year 2012-13, The number of Advisory council members cane down to 4. As a result, Mohsin Uddin Proposed the name of Helal Choudhury to be the 5<sup>th</sup> member of the council for next 18 months. Mimi Zubaer seconded and all approved. Mimi Zubaer also proposed for Mrs Gulshan Hussain Mily to be another member in the Advisory council. Samujjal Mojumder seconded and approved.</p> <p>The 2 new members are Helal Choudhury and Gulshan Choudhury.</p> <p><b>The new Advisory council now consists of 6 members.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Samujjal Majumder (permanent member)</b></li> <li>• <b>Quazi T Islam (permanent member)</b></li> <li>• <b>Mimi Zubaer (member for 18 months)</b></li> <li>• <b>Mohsin Uddin 1Member for 18 months)</b></li> <li>• <b>Helal Choudhury 1Member for 18 months)</b></li> <li>• <b>Gulshan Hussain Mily (Member for 18 months)</b></li> </ul>
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