



October 13, 2012

To: All Members of the Academy of Bangla Arts & Culture

From: The Advisory Council

Sub: General Meeting on Sunday, October 21, 2012 at 1:00 PM, Irving Arts Center (Room 200).

Dear members,

As you may already know, 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 will be elected by the general members in a General Meeting. Since the outgoing Board did not call a general meeting for the election before their departure, the Advisory Council now requests you, the general members, to nominate names of possible candidates that you would like to see in the Board of Directors for the year 2012-13. The Advisory Council will then review the nominations and prepare a slate of candidates for the election.

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.

A General meeting will be held on Sunday, October 21, 2012 at 1:00 PM in Room 200, Irving Arts Center, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd., Irving TX 75062.

The agenda items are as follows:

1. Introduction of the current General Members.
2. Welcome address by the Advisory Council.
3. Nomination & selection of the presiding officer and clerk for the General Meeting.
4. Proposal about number of members for the Board of Directors.
5. Advisory Council to explain the election procedures.
6. Advisory Council to propose the names of the candidates.
7. Election of the Board of Directors.
8. General discussions by the general members present regarding:
 - a. 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. Establishing goals and directions for current and next 4 years.
 - c. Re-establishing the Bangla School.



- d. How many and what kinds of cultural programs to be produced by ABAC in the upcoming year.
 - e. Establishing various performance workshops (for example, song, dance, art, etc.).
 - f. Establishing seminars, shows and exhibitions of cultural, performing, visual, and literary arts.
 - g. A management consultant to be hired to setup and formalize an administrative and financial process for ABAC.
 - h. A computer system to be installed at the ABAC office to maintain all ABAC resources, documents and Finances, as well as records.
9. Newly elected Board Members to elect President, Vice President, General Secretary and Treasurer from the Board of Directors just elected.
 10. The Advisory council may elect Additional members of their (Advisory) council if required.
 11. The newly elected President, Vice President, General Secretary and Treasurer to address the members.
 12. Miscellaneous questions and concerns.
 13. Date, Time and venue for the next General Meeting
 14. Adjournment

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 select individuals to fill the vacant position(s). The Advisory Council must consist of at least five (5) members at all times. Please refer to **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)**. 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 three (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:



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Excerpt from the By-Laws:

ARTICLE III

Advisory Council

Section 1. General Powers. *The Advisory Council's primary purpose is to insure that the corporation continuously strives to achieve its purpose of developing and enriching the multi-culture heritage of North America by introducing richness and vastness of Bangla Arts, Culture, and literature. The Advisory Council's responsibilities shall include, but shall not be limited to (i) mitigating the complaints and grievances of all members, (ii) conducting impartial elections and aiding in the smooth transition of power from one Board of Directors to the next and (iii) preparing the slate from the Board of Directors is elected.*

Section 2. Composition. *The Founder members shall be the initial members of the Advisory Council. If at any time there are less than five (5) members of the Advisory Council, the majority of the remaining members of the Advisory Council, even if less than a quorum, shall select additional members of the Advisory Council, such that there shall be at least five members of the Advisory Council. The members of the Advisory Council that are not Founder members shall serve for a term of 18 months. The members of the Advisory Council that are Founder members shall serve until they permanently resign.*

Sincerely

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On behalf of the Advisory Council & the Founder members