



# Academy of Bangla Arts and Culture (ABAC)

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Saturday, October 22, 2016

2:00 - 5:00 PM

1) **Location of Meeting:**

ABAC Office  
The Sammons Center for the Arts  
3630 Harry Hines  
Dallas, Texas 75219

2) **Meeting Attendees:** General Members

3) The annual general meeting of ABAC was called to order by Rashed Hussain, President, at 2:30 PM on October 22, 2016 at ABAC's Registered Office located at the Sammons Center for the Arts. The following is the approved and discussed agenda of the meeting.

4) **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda for the meeting was distributed and unanimously approved.

5) **Review of Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

6) **Consideration of Open Issues:**

**a. Activity Report – Arka Adhya, General Secretary**

ABAC organized two workshops; the first one was for Nazrul Geeti led by Fatema Tuz Zohra, a celebrated vocalist from Bangladesh. It was attended by about ten artistes, leading to a 45 minutes of live performance at the City Performance Hall on Feb 27, 2016.

The second workshop was conducted by Shibly Mohammed and Shamim Ara Nipa, renowned choreographers from Bangladesh. The participants of the workshop performed a musical dance drama Mahua directed by Shamim Ara Nipa. Mahua is based on an epic folk story of a tragic love. There were more than 25 artistes and the program was attended by approximately 300 spectators.

**b. Financial Report By Treasurer:**

- i. On behalf of the Treasurer Sayeda Mohsin Uddin, the report was presented by Rashed Hussain.
- ii. The in-house accounting report shows a Total Revenue of **\$16,870** and an Expense of **\$17,037**. The Revenue consists of Contributions from City of Dallas, ABAC members, local businesses. The **Profit & Loss Statement** shows the program incurred a Net Loss of **\$167.00** for the FY2015-16



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## c. General Discussion and Q&A - All Members Present

- i. The meeting approved three **cultural programs/productions** for the next fiscal year (Oct 2016 - Sep 2017). The first two programs have already been scheduled and include
  - ‘An evening of Nostalgic Music’ scheduled for February 25, 2017 at 7pm, Arka Adhya will lead the musical team and Anyesha Putatunda will lead the Dance team. Rashed Hussain and Gulshan Hussain will be artistic directors for the entire program. Debroop Dasgupta will be responsible for publicity and marketing and Tasnima Afrose will coordinate the total project.
  - A musical program (not named yet) scheduled for July 30, 2017 by a few celebrated artistes from Bangla and/or Banglades.
  - The third program will be determined at a later date.

## d. Nomination and Election of The Board Of Directors for FY 2016-2017

The **Advisory Council** submitted a list of 12 member names All elected to be considered as candidates for the **Board of Directors for FY 2016-17**. These names include the following:

1. Arka Adhya
2. Debroop Dasgupta
3. Dr. Shuvra Mitra
4. Gulshana Andalib (Juthy)
5. Nusrat Roohi
6. Sayeda Mohsin Uddin (Tamanna)
7. Shahidur Chowdhury (Santoo)
8. Sharmistha Ganguli
9. Sulagna Sahu
10. Suprateem Ghosh
11. Tasnima Afrose (Soma)

Rashed Hussain, on behalf of the Advisory council proposed the above 11 names, Arka Adhya and Mimi Zubaer seconded. **All 11 members were elected unopposed. They are now the new Board of Directors.**

The newly elected 11 members of the Board of Directors unanimously elected the following four members for the **Executive Council**. They are the following:

- i. **Shahidur Chowdhury (Santoo), President**
- ii. **Sayeda Mohsin Uddin (Tamanna), Vice President**
- iii. **Arka Adhya, General Secretary**
- iv. **Tasnima Afrose (Soma), Finance Director/Treasurer**



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### 7) Advisory Council meeting:

8) The revised Advisory Council approved the general meeting as follows:

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| i. Rashed Hussain        | (Permanent member)                         |
| ii. Mimi Zubair          | (Exp. on 03/31/2017)                       |
| iii. Mohsin Uddin        | (Exp. on 03/31/2017)                       |
| iv. Helal Chowdhury      | (Exp. on 03/31/2017)                       |
| v. Gulshan Hussain Milly | (Exp. on 03/31/2017)                       |
| vi. Sambit Raha          | (Exp. on 03/31/2018)                       |
| vii. Muna Ahmad          | (Exp. on 03/31/2018)                       |
| viii. Samuzzal Majumder  | (Permanent member/Inactive by declaration) |
| ix. Kazi Taufiq Islam    | (Permanent member/by long time absence)    |

9) Agenda and Time of Next Meeting:

- a. The next ABAC General meeting will be held at 3:30 PM on January 14, 2017 at  
The Sammons Center for the Arts  
3630 Harry Hines  
Dallas, Texas 75025
- b. The agenda for the next general meeting is as follows:
  - i. To be decided/added at a later date.
- c. The next Advisory Council meeting will be held 2:00 PM on January 14, 2017 at  
  
The Sammons Center for the Arts  
3630 Harry Hines  
Dallas, Texas 75025
- d. The agenda for the next Advisory Council meeting is as follows:
  1. Elect new members to replace the outgoing members
  2. More to be decided/added at a later date.

10) This AGM was adjourned at 5:30 PM by Rashed Hussain, President.

11) Minutes submitted by: Arka Adhya, General Secretary

12) Minutes approved by: Members present

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