

CUAA Working Committee Meeting

11th Annual Meeting

November 15, 2009

Venue: Potomac community center, MD
Meeting Coordinator: Bidhan C. Bandyopadhyay

This 11th Annual meeting was a great success and was the best one we ever had in the recent times. Bidhan Bandyopadhyay starts the meeting with welcome address & mentions the Meeting Agenda. In the welcome address, he presented a summary of the present status of the association and appealed to the members to renew their support in fund raising effort to help the economically challenged meritorious students of the University of Calcutta.

Our senior member Nitya Nath requested Anirudha Bhattacharyya, husband of our alumni Anjali Bhattacharyya for opening of the 1st mini-magazine of CUAA "Praktoni". Lokesh Bhattacharyya as an editor of the magazine told the members about his experience in composing this magazine.

Bidhan Bandyopadhyay talked about his progress to overcome the logistic problem and revive the scholarship program for the incoming meritorious students to study at Calcutta University. He told about his meeting with the vice-chancellor, provice-chancellor, inspector of colleges and the Estate and Trust officer of the University of Calcutta during his recent visit to India. They assured him that there would be no logistic problem in implementing this program. Bidhan wanted to pursue the matter how to implement the program and ask our senior member Bratin Saha to propose a mechanism i.e. how to go for fund raising and implementation. Bratin Saha proposed to start with 10 scholarships in 10 major CU departments. These tentative departments are Physics, Applied Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Zoology, Botany, Physiology, Biochemistry, Statistics, and Economics. He said if we give \$100.00 per student for 10 students (1 students per department) that will cost \$1000.00 per year. We need to raise \$10,000 that will generate about \$1000 per year in fixed deposit Rupees Account operated by CU as per he understand from Bidhan. He sincerely requested the members for one time contribution of minimum \$100. He learned from Bidhan that we have about 150 names in our directory list and this amount should be raised. Most of the alumni members convinced and support the idea of helping economically challenged meritorious students. Tarak Bhar and Nitya Nath discussed about their past experience and present perspective in supporting the students of CU. Dhruba Chatteraj discussed about the future activities of

CUAA-DC and supported the young group to join the association. Significant message from the alumni at the meeting was that the Association should contribute to some worthy cause.

Mintu Pal discussed about a proposal for the condolences on death of CU Alumni. Everyone supported him in his proposal in sending flower etc. to the remembrance gathering.

Jayasree Nath open the discussion for a New Core Committee as some of the interim committee members did not wanted to continue. Tarak Bhar received the names from the members and proposed the names of seven people before the audience for their support. They are Bidhan Bandyopadhyay, Ranjan Pati, Bimal Sinha, Lokesh Bhattachryya, Kashinath Ghosh, Supratim Choudhury, Rajat Biswas. Ranjan Pati and Supratim Choudhury were not present in the meeting. There was a name of 8th member proposed by some members. They decided not to announce the name at that point since there is already seven members. Tarak Bhar took consent from the committee members present in the meeting. He mentioned that Bidhan Bandyopadhyay, coordinator of the previous committee would call a meeting among the new committee members for selection of President, Secretary and Treasurer. Everyone supports and welcome the new committee and this committee will continue for next two years.

People before the meeting enjoyed snacks and a great dinner after the meeting. The cultural program also was excellent and everyone enjoyed it. We thank all the interim committee members and other associates in making the meeting a success.

Bidhan Bandyopadhyay

On behalf of Calcutta University Alumni Association-DC Chapter