

## **Minutes of the CUAA-DC 2010 Annual Meeting**

Minute's taker: Anjali Sarkar and Rita Mullick

CUAA general members and Board Members (BOD) were present.

Bidhan Bandyopadhyay, President of CUAA-DC took his chair. He welcomed all the Board Members and other members of the CUAA-DC. He discussed about the progress of the organization. He further discussed about the CU Scholarship program for which the initiative was started by CUAA BOD in 2009 and supported by most of the members.

Bidhan Bandyopadhyay then called all the Board Members on the stage and introduced them to the other general members. They were Rajat Suvra Biswas- Secretary, Kashinath Ghosh- Treasurer, Tapati Das – Cultural Co-organizer, Pampa Mondal- Cultural Co-organizer, Rita Mullick - Food-in-Charge, Keya Sarkar – Communication-in-Change.

President specifically mentioned that this year food has been prepared at home and thanked all the members who helped preparing it. He mentioned that Dilip Som needs some relive from CUAA website management since he is doing this for more than 10 years (from the time he created the CUSCAA website). He proposed Pampa Mondal to take charge of the web site and the proposal was accepted by the members. He then requested the Secretary, Rajat Suvra Biswas to discuss about the scholarship plan in details.

Rajat Suvra Biswas then said how the CUAA from its inception in 1996 helped the people coming abroad with its advice and publications, job searching, communications. He further stated that the philosophy of Calcutta University has changed over 150 years. There is no direct financial support from the University to the Master students. It is challenging for some of the students to keep up with the educational cost, hence they need financial aid. The Financial target is to raise \$10,000 from CUAA members which is to be donated to the University Estate and Trust Dept. They will keep this money in fixed deposit and give scholarship from the interest generated from the account. We will target to give 10 dept each one and a \$100 will be spent as scholarship to the needy students. He further had appealed that we should work together.

Next, Kashinath Ghosh, Treasurer of CUAA placed his Financial Report for the year 2009-2010.

President then welcomed the personal donations. He said we got our degree from Calcutta University with nominal or no cost so it is our duty to help current students. He told that Shantimoy and Sunanda Basu previously helped CUAA and recently donated \$15K to the radio physics department. They assure to donate a lump sum in addition to \$10,000 we are targeting. He further stated that CUAA are in the process of applying for 501(C). Before that we need to change it officially to CUAA from CUSCAA.

Sankar Ghosh, a senior member proposed to adopt 2 songs by Rabindranath Tagore as introductory song in the CUAA's Annual General Meeting. This proposal was accepted by the members. These 2 slogs are: 1. Chalo Jai chalo jai; 2. Subho Karmopathe Dharonirvaye Gaan.

Meeting was adjourned with the vote of thanks to the President and other members.