

**Calcutta University Alumni Association-DC (CUAA-DC) Annual Social
Potomac Community Center
Saturday, November 17, 2012**

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Summary:

The CUAA-DC Annual Meeting and Social began with a short business meeting, which was followed by a cultural program. About 60 people attended this event, not including all the performers on stage. At the onset, CUAA-DC Secretary Rita Mullick welcomed the attendees, provided an agenda for the evening functions and requested the President Bidhan Bandyopadhyay to discuss CUAA business matters. The business discussions included approval of new concepts, election of office bearers and release of a Newsletter and disclosure of budget. After the business meeting, Sankar Basu served as the Master of Ceremonies and coordinated the cultural functions. At the end of the evening, on behalf of CUAA-DC, Rita offered a vote of thanks to all guests and participants (performers, food preparers, and all those who worked behind-the-scenes to make the event a success). The event also included tea, snacks and dinner (prepared by member families) and several photo opportunities.

Proceedings from Business Meeting:

Bidhan Bandyopadhyay, President, led the business discussions.

Bylaws: Bidhan informed CUAA members that Committee member Tarak Bhar has outlined new Bylaws and these are posted on CUAA-DC website [<http://www.cuaa-dc.org/>].

Not-for-profit status and Tax-exempt status for CUAA-DC:

Bidhan explained that by expanding the scope of the organization from Science College alumni (CUSCAA) to all CU alumni (CUAA), the organization has been able to increase its membership. The organization is now formally registered as CUAA-DC in MD/DC/VA and this name change was the first step in obtaining a “not-for-profit” status. Bidhan also mentioned that CUAA-DC plans to file an application for the tax-exempt status in MD/DC/VA and hopefully, this will be completed by early 2013.

CUAA-DC Scholarship for Meritorious but Economically Challenged Students at CU:

Bidhan informed that CUAA-DC has raised \$2201 but still needs contributions to meet the target goal of \$10,000. This program will allow the CUAA to establish the scholarship program to fund 10 students per year in 10 different departments on a continuous basis. All the members agreed that CUAA will continuously persevere to make this happen.

CUAA-DC Newsletter

The CUAA-DC 2012 Newsletter was released by Nitya Nath, a senior member of CUAA. The Newsletter was designed and composed by Bidhan Bandyopadhyay, edited by Ranjan Gupta. It features the 150-year anniversary of Swami Vivekananda and the recently deceased Sunil Gangopadhyay.

Why should we continue CUAA?

Bidhan told that some past CUAA Board members asked the CUAA-DC present BODs whether there was any justification to continue CUAA as an organization – why should we continue CUAA? An open discussion was placed before the floor of the annual meeting. Tapas Pradhan, an ex-President of CUAA provided a brief history of CUAA and reminded members of the hard work and dedication that has brought this organization to where it is today. Everyone agreed that this provides nucleating point for all CU alumni and reminds them of their days back in India. Because other institutions such as Jadavpur Univ and IITs have their own alumni organizations, so should CU. The need for the continuation of CUAA-DC was supported by all members.

Tapas Pradhan requested CUAA office bearers to announce future CUAA events not only by email but also by sending flyers by postal mail.

Bidhan explained why that the present BOD cannot continue further and requested the election committee to conduct the election. Election committee members Debkumar Chatterjee, Dilip Som and Sankar Basu requested the floor to participate in this nomination and election.

Election of new members to the CUAA-DC Board of Directors (BOD)

With overwhelming support from the members, the following members joined the as new officials on the BOD:

1. Nitya Nath
2. Suman Mukhopadhyay
3. Bhabadeb Chaudhury
4. Sabarni Chatterjee

Debkumar Chatterjee, an Election committee member, and Dilip Som suggested that all BOD members should not exit all-together because this will result in loss of institutional memory. Others agreed, and at everyone's request, CUAA-DC treasurer Pampa Mondal agreed to continue to serve on the BOD for another year. All elected members on the BOD are expected to complete an obligatory two-year term.

Establishment of CUAA-DC Advisory Council and election of Council members

CUAA-DC President Bidhan introduced the concept of forming an Advisory Council to tap the experience of senior CUAA-DC members to provide advice and oversight on CUAA's operations. Bidhan explained that as described in our new Bylaws, the Advisory Council will be initially appointed for a two-year term and should be comprised of members who previously served at least two years on the CUAA Committee or BOD. The outgoing President would be on the Advisory Council by default. With overwhelming support of CUAA members approved the concept and the following Council members were elected through open nomination/selection process:

1. Dhruba Chattoraj
2. Tarak Bhar

3. Aparna Pradhan
4. Dilip Som
5. Bidhan Bandyopadhyay [will join as ex officio member; the most current past president]

Finalization of a three-member Election Committee

In the previous year CUAA-DC had already come up with the concept of an Election Committee. At this meeting, the interim three-member Election Committee was made permanent. This Committee is responsible for administering the nomination process and conducting elections for all elective positions of CUAA-DC. The present Committee members are:

1. Sankar Basu
2. Debkumar Chatterjee
3. Radheshyam Das

Bidhan requested CUAA-DC treasurer Pampa Mondal to give an overview of the budget. Pampa informed that the budget details were provided in the newsletter, which will be posted on CUAA-DC website. She highlighted the following:

Balance as of Jan 1, 2011	\$3829.62
Total income in 2011	\$3231.00
Total expenditure in 2011	\$1686.38
Balance as of Dec 31, 2011	\$5374.24

Sankar Basu started the program cultural program as Master of Ceremonies of CUAA's this year's social.

Cultural Program

The evening cultural program included the following:

“Udbodhani Sangeet” by CUAA group

Children's drama Sukumar Roy's Gondho Bichar played by Kids of CUAA family and directed by Mahua Mukhopadhyay

Kuchipudi dance by Ira Subramaniam.

Rabindra Geeti Alekhya by CUAA alumni and friends directed by Pramita Chatterjee

Modern (Adhunik) songs by Mitali Saha

MC Sankar basu provided interesting anecdotes about Swami Vivekananda – his influence on Jamshedji Tata for creating the Indian Institute of Science at Bangalore and his meeting with John Rockefeller, which laid the seeds of the Rockefeller Foundation. He also discussed briefly about Sunil Gangopadhyay, who passed away in October 2012.

Rita Mullick, at the end of the evening, on behalf of CUAA-DC, offered a vote of thanks to all guests and participants including the performers, food preparers, and all those who worked behind-the-scenes to make the event a success.

The event started around 6 PM and ended around 10 PM, after dinner.