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CUSCAA Events

The Working Committee met four times during the year to discuss various CUSCAA activities. It was decided that we should make more efforts in bringing in new and younger members.

The last general meeting held on November 13, 1999 was a great success. The meeting ended with a cultural evening and a contributory dinner. Members were present with their family and friends and everybody had a good time.

The annual picnic was held at the Great Seneca Park on June 3, 2000. The weather was good, the food was good – dominated by our signature Bar be Que. It was a great day for the outing.

We met six CUSC Alumni in New York to discuss the possibility to open a chapter in New York. The meeting was a great success. We touched on many ideas which were also discussed at the meeting in Banga Sammelan.

CUSCAA Constitution

The constitution for CUSCAA-North America (NA) has been formally written and the articles of incorporation for CUSCAA has been registered in the state of Maryland. Now we are in the process of getting a Non-Profit status. We thank Asok Motayed to help us with the registration process.

WEB

After hosting our web site on free spaces for several years, we established our own web site www.cuscaa.org about a year ago. The site is quite informative.

To share your ideas with others please go to our home page. At the top area you will find two buttons labeled:

Write your comments here and

View comments from others

Please sign in and put your comments there so every can see your comments and everyone can write back. This way we will have good communications going.

Banga Sammelan

Approximately four and a half months ago on July 7th, 2000 we met at the New Jersey Banga Sammelan. We had a gathering of approximately 35 people including few people from the previous New York meeting. We started with a mini cultural event which included a few Rabindra Sangeets and other songs in chorus.

We talked about how some of the Science College graduates, residing in the Washington D.C. area, started CUSCAA in 1996 and pursued activities based on goals and objectives that seemed feasible with resources available to them. We had a lively discussion on the concept, and the feasibility

of expanding our organization to other states in the U.S. and Canada. Several other ideas, goals and objectives were also proposed.

Here are some of the highlights of the meeting (Compiled by Tapas Pradhan).

Subir Maitra urged CUSCAA to adopt the Constitution as soon as possible, to form a tax exempt organization and to pursue membership and fund raising drive aggressively. He also urged CUSCAA members to influence the younger generation to join CUSCAA.

Subal Dasgupta asked CUSCAA to form some sort of a central organization because of the fact that some states with few Science College Alumni might have difficulty to form any association and all members should contribute to the central organization (similar to Physics Societies here that he is a member of).

Papiya Banerjee from Boston vehemently disagreed with the current plan to provide \$100.00 scholarships to students; and urged instead that departments attended by the students be provided with lab instruments or books.

Prasun De from California, a 1940 alumnus, urged strong e-mail contacts, because he is so far away and unaware of CUSCAA activities.

Amar Mukherjee commented that the standard of education in Calcutta is not as good as many others in India, and suggested that we examine what we can do to change the existing standard. He also suggested we examine the establishment of an International Award in the name of Satyen Bose and Meghnad Saha.

Subhas Basu suggested the formation of a central organization for better communication among members.

Prabir Mukherjee criticized the current CUSCAA working committee for sending \$100.00 dollars to students because he felt the current examination system was not was not reflective of the worthiness of the students.

In the next Annual meeting on November 18, 2000 we hope to formulate some of the above ideas

and implement them in the near future.

Financial Report

Financial statement November 1, 2000

Balance before '99 Annual Meeting \$1627.14

INCOME

AT 1999 Annual Meeting
Membership (26X\$20) \$520.00
Donation \$830.00

AT 2000 Picnic
Membership (5X\$20) \$100.00
Donation \$200.00

Total Income \$3277.14

EXPENSES

AT 1999 Annual Meeting
Food (Haque) \$565.00
Hall/courier/coke/ice \$185.50
Cultural Program \$310.00
Utensil/postage/paper goods \$96.00

New York Trip \$60.00
Picnic Spot + Food \$246.05
Web Registration \$70.00
Web Subscription for the year \$60.00
2000 Banga Sammelan expenses \$40.00
Bank Service charge \$60.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$1692.55

Balance as of Nov 2, 2000 \$1584.59