



HTA BOD's Meeting Minutes held on January 6th, 2008 (2:05pm)

Present: Jagdish Sharma, Uma Ramchandra, Ashwani Bakshi, Varinder Narang, Mohini Ahuja, Anil Gupta, Deepak Malhotra, Ravinder Aggarwal

New Members Present: Desh Ahuja, Krishna Paliwal, Subhash Arora, Prakash Sahoo, Mina Bhagdev, Dilip Parekh

Other devotees Present: Jatendra Kabra

Agenda Item # 1: Board Transition

The Board Secretary asked the new board members if they would like the outgoing Board members to step outside the meeting room so that they can form the executive committee from the newly elected members. Subhash Arora then made the following motion and seconded by Desh Ahuja:

The entire Board (new & outgoing members) is to remain in the meeting room.
All present in the meeting agreed with the motion and the motion carried.

The Secretary asked the newly elected Board members if they would like to go with the formal process of electing their executive committee members or they would raise their hands for a particular portfolio while making sure that if there is a situation where there are two candidates willing to take the same portfolio then we can either go for secret voting process or flipping the coin. Mina Bhagdev requested that she needs to know what the formal process is. The Secretary and the Board President Ashwani Bakshi explained the entire formal process to all the present directors.

The outgoing Board Members did not participate in the election of new Executive Committee for the year 2008.

Nominations for the President: Krishna Paliwal nominated Ravinder Aggarwal which was seconded by Dr. Govind Satpathy. Ravi accepted the nomination for the position of President.

Mina Bhagdev nominated Asha Jain which was seconded by Subhash Arora and Asha Jain accepted the nomination.

The Board Secretary handed out papers to vote secretly for their favorite candidate for the position of President. After collecting the votes, the Secretary announced Ravinder Aggarwal to be the winner by majority votes.

Nominations for Vice-President: Subhash Arora nominated Asha Jain, but Asha Jain declined the nomination.

Uma Ramchandra nominated Subhash Arora seconded by Mina Bhagdev. Subhash accepted his nomination.

Deepak Malhotra nominated Dr. Govind Satpathy seconded by Krishna Paliwal but Dr. Satpathy declined the nomination.

Subhash Arora was declared as Vice President.

Nominations for Secretary: Krishna Paliwal nominated Deepak Malhotra seconded by Ravi Aggarwal but Deepak declined the nomination.

Subhash Arora nominated Mina Bhagdev seconded by Dilip Parekh but Mina declined the nomination.

At this point the newly elected Board members unanimously agreed to table the nominations for this Position until the next meeting.

Nominations for Treasurer: Subhash Arora nominated Anil Gupta seconded by Deepak Malhotra, and Anil accepted the nomination. Anil Gupta was elected as the Treasurer.

Nominations for Joint-Treasurer: Uma Ramchandra nominated Desh Ahuja and seconded by Krishna Paliwal.

Anil Gupta Nominated Deepak Malhotra seconded by Dr. Satpathy and Deepak accepted his nomination.

Desh Ahuja withdrew his name and supported Deepak Malhotra. Deepak Malhotra was elected as Joint Treasurer.

Nominations for Joint Secretary: Krishna Paliwal nominated Desh Ahuja seconded by Mina Bhagdev and Desh Ahuja accepted his nomination. All agreed and Desh Ahuja was elected as the Joint Secretary.

Nominations for Puja Committee Chairperson: Ravi nominated Uma Ramchandra seconded by Desh Ahuja, Uma Ji accepted it and all agreed. Uma Ramchandra was elected as the Puja Committee chairperson.

The Secretary requested all the outgoing members to make sure they all transfer their documents or any other HTA related property to the newly elected officials within 30 days from this day.

Ravinder Aggarwal and Subhash Arora expressed their sincere thanks towards the outgoing Board of Directors.

Agenda Item # 2: Approval of Meeting Minutes for July 29th, 2007, November 25th, 2007 and December 9th, 2007 (AGM Meeting Minutes)

(These minutes were approved by the existing/outgoing Board members)

Ravi made the motion to approve the minutes of July 29th, 2007 as presented, Ashwani seconded the motion, all agreed and the motion was carried.

Ravi made the motion to approve the minutes of the meetings held on November 25th, 2007 and Dec. 9th, 2007 as presented by the Secretary, Ashwani Bakshi seconded the motion, all agreed and the motion was carried.

Agenda Item # 3: HTA Priests' Division of Responsibilities:

This agenda item was tabled for the next Board meeting.

Agenda Item # 4: HTA website ISP:

Jagdish shared the information that the current ISP has not billed the HTA from last two and half years for hosting our Temple's website. He indicated that a letter to the ISP should be mailed for thanking them and also should mention the total amount that HTA would like the ISP to use as their donation or for other tax benefits for the ISP.

Agenda Item # 5: Asha Thakur:

The Secretary shared email from Asha Thakur in which she requested to resign from the Board. The email was received by Jagdish Sharma and was dated January 6th, 2008 (7:47am).

Subhash Arora made the motion seconded by Govind Satpathy that Ravi will call Asha Thakur and talk to her directly. All agreed with the motion and the motion was carried. The meeting ended at 5:25pm.