

JAINA EC Meeting Minutes on Monday 07/16/2018 at 08:30 PM EST

Attendees: Gunvant Shah, Haresh Shah, Ashok Domadia, Hita Shah, Atul Shah, Dr. Pradeep Shah, Kamal Jain, Dharmi Shah, Rahul Dedhia, Dr. Kokila Doshi Siddharth Shah, Priyanka Mehta, Dilip V Shah, Dhimen Vora

Regrets: Mahesh Wadher, Komal Shah, Sagar Khona, Jayshree Shah, Purvin Vakharwala,

1. EC Meeting Minutes Approval: June 18, 2018 meeting minutes seconded by Kamal Jain and approved by all.

2. President's Message

- The Jain Center of Southern California (JCSC) and the University of California, Santa Barba signed Bhagwan Vimalnath Lectureship in Jain Studies at the JCSC.
- Recently, I attended 25th Anniversary celebration of Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago, and I am glad to be a part of special events like float procession and the bust statue inauguration of Gurudev Shri Chitrabhanuji. Around 4000 people from the US and outside attended the 25th Anniversary celebration of Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago at Bartlett, IL. Scholars, Speakers, Political Dignitaries and Leaders graced the event with their presence.
- Jain Center of Greater Phoenix celebrated its second phase of the Pratishta. More Than 800 people attend a two-day event. Pujya Jinchandraji Maharaj Saheb was on a Dharmik yatra to the USA. During this yatra, he got a fracture in the left hand. Maharaj Saheb has arrived safely in Mumbai and will be operated in Hinduja Hospital soon.
- International School for Jain Studies completed it's the first batch of 2018 summer program in Delhi, and more three baches arrive in the first week of July. The Program has participants from around the world.
- Recently, I attended the YJA Convention in Chicago and youth are full of energy for all the events. It's great to know that 750 people registered for the Convention. During the speech, I said JAINA has always encouraged the youth involvement by supporting and promoting various youth activities and described various youth activities.
- The Indian Government has canceled the proposed export of sheep and goats to UAE after worldwide protest from the Jain Community. This victory is for now and not the outcome. To avoid it in future, we should help the petition initiated by Puja Jhaveri to send to PM Mody.
- We are delighted to welcome twelve young Jains from India under the Jain Youth Exchange Program (JYEP). These young Jains were sponsored for this program by JAINA, Jain International Trade Organization (JITO), and BJS in India with the help of various Jain centers in the USA. During this visit, these students got an opportunity to meet people from other countries, to experience new cultures, and also to plant the seeds for a lifetime of international understanding.

- Jain Center of Connecticut (JCC) signed an MOU with Hindu Cultural Center of Connecticut to build a Jain Derasar within Hindu temple premise. JCC is planning to get the Derasar ready before Prayushan 2018.
- Maheshbhai is not present. JAINA Convention Committee recently had a Board meeting in which website, cultural programs, Daytime programs, and marketing discussed.
- Various Sanghs' Master schedule and various dignitaries' schedules are on JAINA website that provides main event details of various Jain Centers in North America.

3. YJA Update by Siddharth and Dharmi

- YJA Convention was a big success. All 37 board members put in tough work. Thanks to Guntant uncle for attending the Convention. Thank you to Sagar and Komal for representing YJP. We had over 130 speakers. Everyone enjoyed garba night, formal night and all sessions. Overall we made a good impact even on people who never attended the YJA Convention. We are sending out a survey to 750 attendees so that 2020 convention have feedback to work with and internally we are also talking about how we want to restructure the committee. We support all the help.
- Regional Co-ordinators are planning a second round of retreats; we are also working on other projects for next two months like Medicine webinar, Government law webinar, Paryushan, and Das Lakshana coming up so will be working on that along with Jain centers, college chapters, and elections.

4. Interfaith and Parliament of World Religion Committee Merger

Haresh Shah proposed to take out Parliament of World Religion Committee and to merge it with the Interfaith committee; new chairperson is Nikhil Bumb, seconded by Dr. Pradeep Shah and approved by all.

5. Constitution Committee Update by Dilip Shah

- Every ten years we undertake to review the constitution, to address new issues that may have come up, bring it up to date like the size of the organization, etc. I am the Chairperson, and other five people (Dr. Dhiraj Shah, Anup Vora, Lataben Chapter, Raj Kumar Jain, Hemant Shah) are in the committee. We have come up with 7-8 changes and have mailed it to Guntant Shah, which is forwarded to EC.
- Dilip Shah requested to have a meeting just for the constitution changes the committee has proposed, Than answers to all the questions which EC members may have. After that, the draft will be sent to JAINA Directors.
- Haresh Shah to send out an email to EC for setting a date for Constitution meeting.

6. 99 Yatra Discussion

According to bylaws, JAINA can not transfer money to anyone without the invoice.

(Message to be delivered: JAINA could lose its non-profit (5013) status. Hence treasurer need invoices.)

EC and BOD meeting Orlando August 3,4 and 5. Friday we will have EC meeting and Saturday and Sunday we will have BOD meeting. Request all EC members to be physically present at the meetings.