

## Executive Council Meeting Minutes Meeting #1

**November 19, 2011 – Saturday**

**Venue: Jimmie B Keel Library 2:00-4:00 PM**

**Agenda:** Overall Plan for the upcoming Year.

**Members Present:** Dr. Ram Reddy, Mr. Ravi Subramanian, Mr. Manish Kharod, Dr. Janaki Narayan, Dr. Kotha Sekharam, Mr. Satish Sharma, Mr. Ravi Narayanan, Mrs. Jayanthi Reddy, Dr. Madhavi Sekharam, Dr. Shyam Mohapatra.

**Members Absent:** Dr. Krishna Batra, Dr. G. Ramappa, Dr. Rao Emandi, Mrs. Rashmi Jakhotia, Dr. Renuka Ramappa, Dr. Ram Pai, Dr. Sathyavathi Prakash, Mrs. Chand Batra, Mr. Vijayan Nair, Dr. Swarna Lokesh, Dr. Ananthakrishna Pillai

Meeting was called to order at 2.15pm.

Dr. Madhavi Sekharam, President–EC, expressed her vision to take FIA to next level in the upcoming year as follows:

1. **Setting up a Community help line.** For health issues, for students at university, for visiting parents, marital issues, immigration issues etc. Dr. Ram Reddy made a motion and Ravi Narayanan Seconded to entertain this idea further. Unanimously approved.
2. **Under youth activity, arranging summer internships for freshly graduated High School youth.** Internships could be in Health Care, Science & Technology, Humanitarian etc. Mr. Manish Kharod moved the Motion and Dr. Janaki Narayan seconded. Committee decided that Dr. Sekharam & Madhavi are to come up with a plan and identify organizations both here and in India who are willing to take interns. Unanimously approved.
3. **Formal Black Tie event** (Name to be decided – India-Ball?) Tentative dates are May 19<sup>th</sup> or June 16<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Ram Reddy made a Motion and Satish Sharma Seconded. Committee decided that EC to explore theatre style venues – USF, Performing arts Center, Ala-carte Pavillion or Theatre in Brandon.
4. **Health Fair.** September 9<sup>th</sup> has been blocked at ICC tentatively. Dr. Ram Reddy made a Motion and Dr. Janaki Narayan seconded to explore how this can be done differently than other health fairs by not just doing health screening but to include participation from Insurance companies, Hospitals, Nursing homes and Nutritionists etc. Motion was tabled and Dr. Ram Reddy is to collect more information and revisit this idea at next meeting.
5. **Health Resource Book** – Dr. Ram Pai is to come and present the concept details in next meeting.
6. **Community Directory.** Dr. Sekharam is to compile a directory with help from Jaya Reddy .
7. **Republic day.** January 22<sup>nd</sup> has been blocked at ICC. Dr. Swarna Lokesh will be Even Chair. Idea of having competition for cultural programs from each Member Organization has been presented.
8. **Independence day program.** August 12<sup>th</sup> has been blocked at ICC tentatively. Need to explore other venues.
9. Sign up sheet for Volunteering at Metro Ministries – First Saturday of every month – has been circulated requesting every committee member to sign up to take the lead one Saturday.

Dr. Shyam Mahopatra, President, BOD supported overall plans for upcoming Year.

Next Executive committee meeting has been scheduled for Dec 4<sup>th</sup> tentatively.

Meeting adjourned at 4pm.