



Minutes of the 2017 ZAWA Annual General Meeting

Topic: Annual General Meeting
 Date: Sunday, 10 September 2017
 Time: 10.30am
 Venue: Australian Asian Association Hall, Stirling Street, Perth
 Committee Members Present:
 Shahpoor Kalantary, Cyrus Mistry, Homee Wadia, Anahita Fitter, Firoze Khambatta, Mehraab Patalwala
 Apologies: Nil

ATTENDANCE:

See Annexe 1, attached.

PROXIES:

1	Armin Ghaswala	Homee Wadia
2	Jimmy Ghaswala	Homee Wadia
3	Rukshana Mehta	Homee Wadia
4	Farhad Mehta	Homee Wadia
5	Aspi Wadia	Homee Wadia
6	Vinifer Wadia	Homee Wadia
7	Tanyushka Fitter	Anahita Fitter
8	Hanosh Fitter	Anahita Fitter
9	Gool Chapkhana	Anahita Fitter
10	Shalayne Khambatta	Villie Khambatta
11	Zyrus Khambatta	Villie Khambatta
12	Zahan Mistry	Cyrus Mistry
13	Monaz Mistry	Vil Mistry
14	Yohann Buhariwalla	Mehernosh Buhariwalla
15	Roshan Kalantary	Shahpoor Kalantary
16	Goolbanoo Rostami	Shahpoor Kalantary
17	Geive Nanavati	Shahpoor Kalantary
18	Kermin Nanavati	Shahpoor Kalantary
19	Diana Patalwala	Mehraab Patalwala

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1. Chairman's Address: The Chairman, Shahpoor Kalantary, advised the quorum had been met and the AGM could proceed. He thanked members for taking the time to attend and asked for respectful discussion and debate. A minute's silence was held for Darayes Divecha, ZAWA's treasurer, who sadly passed away on 2 August 2017. The meeting commenced after an Ashem Vohu and Yatha Ahu Vairyo.

2. Adoption of the previous Annual General Meeting Minutes: The Secretary, Homee Wadia read out the recorded minutes of the 2016 AGM.

Matters raised in relation to the minutes of the last AGM:

- **Clarification 1:** Vizak Irani advised he did not suggest at the last AGM that U Bank cannot be considered as an investment option. The minutes will be corrected to reflect that 'it was suggested by a member present'.

The minutes of the previous AGM were subsequently adopted (proposed by Vizak Irani and seconded by Hoshang Deboo).

3. Chairperson's Report: The Chairperson discussed ZAWA's activities in the previous 12 months – the Pateti Navroze Function in August, the Jamshedi Navroze function in March, a documentary evening followed by dinner in April and a Deh Mahino Jashan in May. Due to several members and committee members being away for an extended period of time, there were no functions held from October 2016 to March 2017, which ZAWA hopes to address this year. He also appealed to the community to support the committee by attending in larger numbers and responding to deadlines and cut – off dates in time. The new website has been created by Farita Khambatta and will be available by the end of September for all to view and peruse. A donation of \$250 was made to the Food Scheme 2017 in Bombay, for aging Zoroastrian elders and another donation of \$2500 was made to Divecha family to assist the family for the funeral, in relation to Darayes Divecha's untimely demise.

4. Adoption of the Financial Accounts for 2016-2017:

Copies of the financial accounts for 2016-2017 were sent to all members, as well as having copies available at the AGM. The Chairperson on behalf of the vacant Treasurer's position read out the financial accounts and discussed it item wise. Queries on the statement of accounts which were asked by members were addressed with no amendments to the statement of accounts. He thanked Sorab Bulsara ZAWA's independent auditor, who was present to answer any further queries. The key points remain:

- An acute drop in membership subscriptions in spite of several new members signing up.
- Several ordinary family members are now in the seniors category.
- The fixed deposit rate has gone down substantially to 1.8%

The 2016-2017 Financial Report and Accounts were then adopted (Proposed by Porus Randeria and seconded by Persis Billimoria).

5. Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members:

As per the notice of the AGM as there were no nominations for the position of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and committee members, Shahpoor Kalantary was elected Chairperson, Cyrus Mistry was elected Vice Chairperson, Homee Wadia was elected Secretary and Anahita Fitter, Mehraab Patalwala and Firoz Khambatta were the elected 3 committee members. A nomination for Treasurer was received from Keykhoshro Mazdayasni and as there were no other nominations he was elected unopposed as the new Treasurer. There was a robust discussion about conflict of interest as Keykhoshro is also Treasurer of BAWAZ/ 11th WZCC. The chairperson advised he was also going to be heavily involved in the 11 WZCC in his individual capacity and not represent ZAWA on that committee but would not allow any conflict of interest between his role as Chairperson ZAWA and his role on the Congress committee. Nazneen Randeria advised as long as there is no direct financial gain to a committee member, there should be no conflict of interest. The assembled membership unanimously agreed.

6. Resolutions:

Resolution 1

The membership fee of \$20 should only be applied to all members who qualify for a WA senior citizenship card as per the required eligibility defined on the Government of WA, Department of Communities website <https://www.seniorcard.wa.gov.au/eligibility> from the financial year 2018/19. Discussion ensued on how the committee could police this and it was suggested we amend the membership form to include the WA Senior Card Number. This resolution was passed unanimously that only those seniors who provide their WA seniors card number will be eligible to claim the reduced fee for seniors .

Resolution 2

- *Open a trust fund to collect donations for families that find themselves in a very unfortunate occasion similar to Divecha family and donate towards the education of their school going children.* This was opened for discussion. It was determined that under our constitution, the committee has discretionary powers to assist with any needy Zoroastrian member in Perth up to \$3000. The committee is already authorised to go by circumstantial eligibility criteria. There is no need to create a separate trust fund. The item was not passed as a resolution and was considered as void

Resolution 3

- *Consider a 20% increase in fees to accommodate an increase in all costs. i.e. revised fees are as follows:*

Ordinary - Individual -	\$ 35.00 p.a.	[Ordinary – Family -	\$ 60.00 p.a.
Senior Citizen – Individual -	\$ 15.00 p.a.	[Senior Citizen - Family -	\$ 25.00 p.a.
Life – Individual -	\$ 1000.00	[Life – Family -	\$ 1,500.00

The increase in fees was passed unanimously. The membership forms would be amended to reflect the new fees from the financial year 2018/19 onwards

Resolution 4

- *Amend rule 2 (g) to increase the invest figure from \$3000 to \$5000 to read as follows.*

“To invest and deal with the money of the Association not immediately required in such manner as may be permitted by law for the investment of trust funds, more specifically in either Treasury Notes or Fixed Interest Deposits with any of the four major banks or Bankwest. Provided, however, that prior approval from members at a general meeting shall be required for any such investment in excess of \$ 5,000 in any quarter. Provided also that no such investments be in any form of shares or derivative instruments”. This resolution was discussed and it was decided that the committee has the authority to invest up to \$5000 in any quarter instead of the old limit of \$3000. However, the spending limit still remains at \$3000 per quarter. The resolution was unanimously passed by a show of hands.

Resolution 5

- *Consider a certificate of merit and a cash donation of \$100 to any ZAWA members' child for achieving outstanding results in the ATAR for the year as recognition of their achievement as an incentive for good performance by other school going kids.* Mehraab proposed the above. There was robust discussion about the pros and cons of such a scheme. After much debate, it was decided that the committee will reward excellence each year in the fields of academia, sport, music, religious studies, etc. The majority agreed, there were 3 'no' votes to this resolution.

7. General Business

Mehernosh Buhariwalla suggested that aged care and home bound elderly Zoroastrians in Perth should be invited and taken to ZAWA events and functions at no cost to them.

Anahita Fitter suggested that 2 members from the committee each year should be looking after procedures for Zoroastrian bereavements. She will provide the committee with a process and a list of required items.

Porus Randeria proposed that ZAWA should have a blood donation drive and he is happy to research the process and inform the committee.

The Chairperson thanked the members present for attending and contributing to the proceedings. There being no further business, the AGM was called to a close at 12.15pm.

Signed:
Shahpoor Kalantary
Chairperson

Signed:
Homee Wadia
Secretary