

Zoroastrian Association of Western Australia, Inc. (ZAWA)

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Minutes of the 25th Annual General Meeting (AGM) | 2021-22

Location: AAA Hall - 275 Stirling Street, Perth, WA - 6000

Date: Sunday, 19 September, 2021

Time: 10:30 AM

Attendance (Committee Members)

- Hoshang Deboo
- Narius Irani
- Fhrad Mehta
- Porus Randeria (could not attend)
- Mehernosh Mistry
- Villie Mistry
- Nozer Irani



Attendance

- Darius Pavri
- Sanaea Irani
- Farzana Mistry
- Parizad Mehta
- Deric Tadiwala
- Behram Cooper
- Shernavaz Cooper
- Mehernosh Buhariwalla
- Dilshad Buhariwalla
- Homee Wadia
- Kuky Wadia
- Merzin Ghadiali
- Rohintan Bhangara
- Ronnie Mistry
- Armaiti Mistry
- Jehanbux Wadia
- Zenobia Mistry
- Anahita Fitter
- Khurshed Fitter
- Firoz Pestoji
- Firoz Khambatta
- Hutoksi Surty
- Noshir Buhariwalla
- Cyrus Mistry
- Zerophie Deboo

Total Attendance (incl. 7 Committee Members) - 31 Nos.

Proxies:

Proxy Received

- Cherag Minoo Daruwalla
- Shahpoor Kalantary
- Roshan Kalantary
- Fardoon Devlaliwalla
- Geive Nanavati
- Kermin Nanavati
- Ken Mazdeyasni
- Mehraab Patalwala
- Arzan K Patel
- Parinaz Irani
- Diana Patalwala
- Farzana Khambatta
- Porus Randeria
- Yasmin Pithawalla

Proxy Appointed To

- Hoshang Deboo
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- Narius Irani
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- Sanaea Irani
- Firoz Pestonji
- Mehernosh Buhariwalla
- Farzana Mistry

Total Proxies - 14 Nos.

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Agenda Items

1. Chairperson's Welcome

The Chairperson, Hoshang Deboo, advised the quorum had been met and the AGM could proceed. He thanked members for taking the time to attend. The meeting commenced after a minute's silence as a mark of respect for members that passed away in the year 2020-21. He appreciated and thanks was given to Aspi Madan for his selfless work for the community every year.

2. Adoption of the previous Annual General Meeting Minutes

The Secretary, Narius Irani read out the recorded minutes of the 2020-21 AGM. The minutes of the previous AGM were subsequently adopted (proposed by Shernavaz Cooper and seconded by Anahita Fitter).

3. Chairperson's Report

Hoshang Deboo gave a run down of the vision of the ZAWA committee 2020-21.

- Increase participation by making events attractive and frequent
- Attract youth participation and create adventure for kids
- Increase ZAWA's visibility & boost memberships

All 3 of these goals were met.

Hoshang Deboo demonstrated our 1st Goal of increasing participations was met by providing a short summary of activities carried out over the year viz.,

- Christmas Party
- Kurious Kids @ Scitech
- Amazing Race
- Jamshedi Naoroze Get-together
- Dae Mahina nu Jashan
- Quiz Night & Chaat Party (postponed)
- Khordad Saal/Bollywood Night Get-together

Hoshang Deboo also discussed the community's contributions towards worthy causes - totalling \$10,524

- Appeal for Ervad Zahaan Turel
- Wooroloo and Hills Bushfire Appeal
- Appeal for Parsi General Hospital

And other activities incl. the printing and distribution of Parsi Calendars.

Narius Irani detailed our committee's 2nd Goal - Increasing Youth Participation and what events were conducted by ZAWA's Sports Sub-Committee.

- Table Tennis x 1
- Cricket x 2
- Soccer x 6
- Volleyball x 1
- Bowling x 1
- Badminton x 1

Upcoming Events

- Volleyball - September-26, 2021
- Table Tennis - October-10, 2021

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Other initiative targeted included;

- Using WhatsApp and Facebook for communication
- Adoption of Online forms for registrations opposed to paper-based forms
- Reduce cost of events by reaching out to sponsors, raffles, auctions and negotiating cost reductions

Narius Irani also discussed the committee's 3rd & final goal - Boost ZAWA Memberships

- Memberships were boosted by 30% in 2021-2022, which included 14 individual/family memberships who are new or haven't been with ZAWA for > 5 years
- Attendance in ZAWA events has generally been higher than previous years
- To meet growing event attendance, below items were purchased
 - A gazebo & accessories
 - Full soccer kit incl. goals, soccer gear and accessories
 - ZAWA asset registers currently being updated

Hoshang Deboo further,

- Thanked the departing Sports Sub-committee members Nozer Irani & Mehraab Patalwala.
The current committee consists of,
 - Sorab Bulsara
 - Narius Irani
 - Deric Tadiwala
 - Porus Patalwala
- The 2020 amendments to Rules of Incorporation are lodged with the ACNC.
- More collaboration with Zoroastrian Associations of Eastern States specifically around fund raising.
- ISWA Hall currently under construction. Anticipated completion; November-2021.

4. Treasurer's Report

Copies of the financial accounts for 2020-21 were available at the AGM. Porus Randeria was unavailable to attend the AGM, Hoshang Deboo presented the treasurer's report. He thanked Sorab Bulsara who has signed off as ZAWA's auditor. He then read out the financial report and its key points. The financial statement was accepted (proposed by Kuki Wadia and seconded by Anahita Fitter).

5. Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members

The Chairperson thanked all the committee members for their efforts and services to the ZAWA community.

- Hoshang Deboo continued as chairperson as his nomination was received.
- Mehernosh Mistry continued as vice-chairperson as his nomination was received.
- Porus Randeria continued as Treasurer as his nomination was received.
- Narius Irani continued as Secretary as his nomination was received.
- Fahrad Mehta continued as Committee Member as his nomination was received.
- 2 x Committee Members were stepping down due to time commitments;
 - Villie Mistry (Committee Member)
 - Nozer Irani (Committee Member)

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Zenobia Mistry and Deric Tadiwala were proposed by Hoshang Deboo and seconded by Narius Irani to be Committee Members. Since there was no other nomination, accepted the offer and was elected as Committee Member unopposed.

Hence, the Committee for 2020-21 was formed with the following:

- **Chairperson:** Hoshang Deboo
- **Vice Chairperson:** Mehernosh Mistry
- **Secretary:** Narius Irani
- **Treasurer:** Porus Randeria
- **Committee Members:** Farhad Mehta, Zenobia Mistry & Deric Tadiwala

6. General Business:

- ZAWA's 25th Anniversary Celebration
 - Sub-Committee put together Villie Mistry, Kuki Wadia & Rukhsana Mehta
 - M. McGowan, Y. Mubarakai, ISWA committee and council presidents
- Mehernosh Buhariwala talked about Hybrid Securities as an alternative to the low interest rates received on term deposits. ZAWA will have to call in an EGM to get this agreed upon and constitution amended.
- Attendees were generally not effected by events being held at either side of the river.
- Attendance of non-Zoroastrians in religious events was discussed. Mehernosh Buhariwala suggested that the constitution was kept silent on that matter to protect ZAWA from legal challenges. A statuesque was agreed was agreed upon. The priests would be politely advised that the Dae-mahina-nu-jashan and other religious events are open to all ZAWA members and respect their decision if they would not like to be involved.
- Mehernosh Buhariwala mentioned that Freny's charitable trust would like to donate \$1,000 in memory of Raymond.
- Firoz Pestonji advised us the FEZAO had been closed. He also mentioned about the 12th World Zoroastrian Congress '22 in New York and if ZAWA would consider co-sponsoring ambassadors to represent Perth/Australia at the event.

There being no further business, the AGM was called to a close at 12:20 PM.