



**ICCC Special General Body Meeting Held on Saturday - June 23, 2018 at  
East India Restaurant - 1993 Robertson Road, Ottawa, between 2 PM to 4.15PM**

**Minutes of Meeting**

Kanwal Talwar, President presided. Chan Chandramouli, Secretary scribed the proceedings. 18 Members present & 32 proxies counted. Quorum criteria met & president called the meeting to order. He mentioned that amendment to existing by-laws via Resolutions 2a to 2f (which were tabled at the AGM of April 2018, sent again to members in advance of this meeting) will be dealt with. Then Karunakar will present the options conceptualized for the physical hub project. The associated Resolutions (1a to 1c and 3) to be voted thereafter.

1. Resolutions 2a to 2f

Ken read out the proposed text of Resolution 2a (connected to Article 21) & mentioned that the emphasis was transparency. Nitya suggested that the amendment should reflect that such a request should be received in written manner and include a reasonable period for the Board's response. It was also noted that the Board's response need not be the annual financial statement. The last sentence of the resolution will be tweaked as “ **upon receipt of a written request from any member, all books shall be made available for examination within 10 business days**”. The amended by-law was moved by Nitya and seconded by Vasudev Aggarwal. Motion carried.

Ken read out the proposed text of Resolution 2b (connected to Article 22). He explained that following consultation with Mr.K.E. Koshy (reputed chartered accountant) the board understands that it is not mandatory to prepare an audited financial statement for the general body; however, if a situation arise (e.g. CRA audit) then the board should be authorized to seek professional support recognizing that such undertaking could lead to significant cost. The members present appreciated the above explanations & were aligned with the amendment. Nand Tandon moved that the amended article be adopted & it was seconded by Vasudev Aggarwal. Motion carried.

Next Resolution 2c (connected to Article 23) was addressed. Prabir explained the first part namely that the phrase “**Membership fee must be paid from the member's own funds or by immediate family**” was included to avoid a scenario of buying memberships from accumulated or bulk donation & pursuing own agenda; the second part dealt with proxy wherein limiting to 2 per member was introduced; Nitya Varma expressed concern that such a step is unfavorable to him as his family has more than 3 membership; members recognized the need for a control mechanism and at the same time concerned about possible inconveniences/backlash; finally it was agreed that the criteria of 2 proxies will be waived when a member carries them from his own family; with this further amendment, the clause was moved by Nitya as accepted and seconded by Rakesh; motion carried & amended resolution adopted; Naveen Patni

wanted to know if the constitution sub-committee considered a recommendation that Sucha Mann & him put forth regarding annual / associate membership type with some limitation; Anil Agrawal & Prabir Neogi responded by saying that membership type & other complex items could be handled in Phase 2 of the by-laws revamping initiative.

Resolutions 2d to 2f (linked to Article 26,30, 39 respectively) were adopted – 2d was moved by Nand Tandon & seconded by Jack Uppal, 2e was moved by Vasdev Aggarwal & seconded by Rakesh Dogra, 2f was moved by Naveen Patni & seconded by Beant Barewal; in each case, motion carried 100%;

### 3. Physical Hub Proposals & associated resolutions 1 a to 1c

Ken requested Karunakar to present the proposals which are being considered. Karunakar began with an opening remark that though several options are being studied, they share a common theme namely leading to a physical community centre solution. He discussed the details of each option as a project & identified significant needs and deliverables of each phase within the project. Beant Barewal and other members congratulated Karunakar and the board for a very informative presentation. The majority view was that the options considered are indeed worthwhile but were concerned that the main challenge is securing funds for the chosen option. Ken remarked that the board should develop strategies that would generate lots of enthusiasm among the community and lead to tangible results.

Resuming meeting chair role, Ken suggested that he would present the following special resolution for the approval of the membership. Members hesitated on the voting. They felt that the options should be investigated thoroughly and at the earliest a solution should be recommended with its business case. In view of this, Nitya moved that the special resolution be “approved in principle” – i.e. study the options, update membership on the findings and seek approval for proceeding further. It was seconded by Anil Agrawal and all carried. Motion carried.

### 4. Prabir Neogi moved that the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Karunakar Papala & formally closed at 4.30pm.