



Bangladesh Unity Federation of Los Angeles

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Minutes of the BUFLA General Assembly (GA) Meeting August 18, 2013, Sunday

Date: Sunday, August 18, 2013
Time: 1:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Location: Star of India
Address: 7212 Melrose Ave, Los Angeles.

Note: These Minutes of the GA Meeting will remain open for any feedbacks, comments or corrections that deem necessary. All feedbacks, comments and corrections will be discussed in the next EC meeting, which will be the first EC meeting by this Cabinet.

ATTENDEES: (Present in the GA Meeting)

Name of the Attendees: Position Title in BUFLA Organization

1) Shiper Chowdhury	President	Taranga of California
2) Abul Hasnath Rayhan	Vice President	Valley Association
3) Anjuman Ara Sheulee	General Secretary	Uttoron
4) Layek Ahmed	Finance Secretary	Osmani Smiriti Shangsod
5) Faruqu Howlader	PR Secretary	BNP
6) Denny Tayyib	EC Member	BWOC
7) Nazrul Alam	EC Member	Osmani Smiriti Shangsod
8) Ilias Sikder	EC Member	Greater Faridpur Association
9) Mohammed Ali	EC Member	Boishaki Mela
10) Shahidul Islam	EC Member	Dhaka Club
11) Col Omar Huda	EC Member	BAVOA
12) Dr. M. A. Hashem	EC Member	Uttoron
13) Shamsuddin Manik	EC Member	Mukti Chetona
14) Abul Kashem Toha	EC Member	Jolsha Ghar
15) Qazi Moshoorul Huda	EC Member	Dhaka University Alumni
16) Khandakar Alam	EC Member	Dhaka University Alumni
17) Enamul Hamid	EC Member	Taranga of California
18) Jashim Ahmed	EC Member	Osmani Smiriti Shangsod
19) Mahbub Khan	BUFLA	AC Member
20) Ferdous Khan	EC Member	Friends Club
21) Mohammed Hamid	EC Member	Friends Club
22) Mohammad Hossain	EC Member	Osmani Smiriti Shangsod
23) Habibur Bhuyian Shoraj	EC Member	Uttoron
24) Karim Chowdhury	Community Member	



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25) Ahmed Kabir	Community Member
26) Abul Hannan	Community Member
27) Shamsur Rahman Khan	Community Member
28) Nantu Khan	Community Member
29) Saif Kutubi	Community member
30) Jahan Hasan	Media
31) Alima	Community Member youth
32) Jamal Khan	Community member youth

Opening of the Genarel Assembly (GA) Meeting:

- 1) The General Secretary Anjuman Ara Sheulee opened the GA meeting.
- 2) The Meeting started with QURAN Telawath, National Anthems of United States and of Bangladesh, followed by BUFLA Theme Song. All 3 anthems were pre-recorded.
- 3) The General Secretary Anjuman Ara Sheulee mentioned the names with thanks for all Cabinet Members, EC, GA, AC, Media personnel and also respectable community members. She also requested everybody to put their cell phones on silent mode for a quality meeting. The General Secretary Anjuman Ara Sheulee requested the President Shiper Chowdhury to preside over the General Assembly Meeting and also to deliver the "State of the Federation" Address.
- 4) The President Mr Shiper Chowdhury addressed the Cabinet, EC, GA, AC, and the respectable community members with few words of welcome, and then the President started his "State of the Federation Address.

Highlights of the President's State of the Federation Address:

- 1) It is clear that BUFLA is getting stronger and united
- 2) Next is to lead BUFLA towards a broader platform of Unity and harmony in the community.
- 3) To lead BUFLA to unify the LA County, Ventura county, Orange county, San Bernardino County, Riverside county and other neighboring counties to join the spectacular Bangladesh day Parade on March 29-30, 2014 in the Little Bangladesh area of Los Angeles, CA, USA.
- 4) My dear fellow Angelinos – don't you feel proud that we are the only Bangladeshi's who celebrate our Bangladesh day, holding the flag on the main streets of Los Angeles to show the world how proud we are about our motherland.
- 5) Establish an office for BUFLA, which can be used by all BUFLA member organizations as their official address and for their organizational meetings.



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- 6) Continue the Health Fair and requests all Bangladeshi doctors to please volunteer for this event, and will try to include Child specialist, Family Medicine Doctor, Gynecologist, Cardiologist, Cancer specialist, Chiropractor, Dentist, Anesthesiologist, Cigna health care, Blue cross, Free flu shot etc.
- 7) To form a youth group so that all the youths of our greater community can come together and can promote and exercise unity through the BUFLA platform
- 8) Financial transactions will be very transparent with periodic reports to the EC.
- 9) As the President, I would like to request all of you to please forget everything that has happened in the past and help us with your advice, strong cooperation and friendship for the sake of our proud nation. I, on behalf of our cabinet are extremely sorry and apologize to any individual member or groups if your feelings were hurt during any of our BUFLA events. We are all in one family and proud to be a Bangladeshi. Let's work together
- 10) I am cordially inviting all of you to please come forward and give your cooperation and help to transform our community into a distinguished community through the sincere steps and honest efforts of BUFLA.
- 11) At the end let's say "YES WE CAN", "UNITED WE STAND" and "TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE BUFLA BETTER AND STRONGER" MAY ALLAH HELP US.

Comments by the EC/GA/AC members and respected Community members

- 1) BUFLA Job/Business Fair for the community: EC member Ilias Sikder proposed a business fair; his full support would be part of this activity
- 2) Mrs. Danny Tayyib proposed a local charity by BUFLA to collect food from amongst our community members and then to distribute those food at least once a year to the needy at the food-and-shelter place in downtown Los Angeles
- 3) Mr. Tarek Babu proposed that anyone without an organization can join the parade without a fee.
- 4) Mr. Shahidul Islam also will support to find an office for BUFLA
- 5) Mr. Saif Kutubi supported the proposal for BUFLA office
- 6) Mr. Jabul stated that he would financially help with the BUFLA office.
- 7) Mr. AKM Toha suggested to bring local singers and performers to be more involved in the parade to save money.



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- 8) Mr. Enamul Hamid supported the plan to establish the BUFLA office.
- 9) Mr. Khondoker Alam states that there should not be any personal problems involved in BUFLA, and the other groups who are not currently in BUFLA are welcome to come back.
- 10) Mr. Omar Huda wants to target the people who dislike BUFLA with incorrect information, and suggested to find ways to improve. He requested BUFLA to make regular and periodic announcements to the greater community through YouTube Videos and other means to give the correct image of BUFLA to the community.
- 11) Mr. Moazzam Hossain Chowdhury discussed the health fair and how it is a great opportunity to help people without health insurance, and he offered his help to make it better next time.
- 12) Dr. Abul Hashem reminded that he started the BUFLA Scout to carry the big flag of Bangladesh to lead the parade, and he expressed that it has not been followed up properly. He also proposed that the parade route be expanded. He supported the BUFLA Office idea, and offered his help to have our next EC meeting in a BUFLA office.
- 13) Mr. Karim Chowdhury mentioned that he will make any necessary donation.
- 14) Mr. Ahmed Kabir requested that if there any comments or concerns from him or from anyone else on how to improve the unity of BUFLA, we should really take those comments and concerns into genuine consideration.
- 15) Youth attendee Alima stated that she likes the Bangladesh Day Parade and she expressed interest in a BUFLA youth group.

The meeting was adjourned by the President at about 7:30 PM.

Respectfully,

Anjuman Ara Sheulee

General Secretary

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