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BUFLA GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA) MEETING MINUTES SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2017, 5:00 PM -10:00 PM. Location: BUFLA office, 1133 S Vermont Ave, Suite 20, Losangeles, CA-90006

BUFLA Mission:

BUFLA is a Federation of many different Bangladeshi Organizations of Greater Los Angeles Area in California, USA. BUFLA is the symbol of Unity among the healthy diversity of our multi-talented community and beyond. BUFLA synergizes the mutual benefit of our great community through (1) Unity, (2) Charity, (3) Community development and (4) Bangladesh Day Parade, in order to lift up our motherland Bangladesh and our homeland USA.

General Assembly (GA) Attendees:

MEMBERS & GUEST PRESENT AT THE GA MEETING

#	Name	Position	Organization
1	Nazrul Alam	President	Jalalabad Association of California
2	Mourshed Islam	Vice President	BNP
3	Engr. Shahid Alam	General Secretary	AABEA
4	Mohammad Chunnou	Organizing Secretary	Greater Faridpur Association
5	Mohammad Haq	Finance Secretary	Bikrompur Association
6	Abdus Samad	Public Relation Sec	Jalalabad Association of California
7	Anjuman ara Sheuly	Cultural Secretary	Uttoron
8	Dr. Abul Hashem	Former President	Bikrompur Association
9	Major (Retd) Enamul Hamid	Former President	Taranga of California
10	Shiper Chowdhury	Former President	BUFLA Charity Coordinator
11	Jashim Ashrafi	Former President	Osmani Smriti Sangshad
12	Khandaker Alam	Former President	Dhaka Univ Alumni Association
13	Denny Tayyib	Former President	BWOC
14	Samsuddin Manik	Former President	
15	Abul H Rayhan	Executive Member	Osmani Smriti Sangshad



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16	Dr. Mahbub Khan	Founder	
17	Habib Ahmed Tia	Chair BOT	Sylhet World Council
18	Layek Ahmed	Executive Mmember	
19	Shahidul Islam	Executive Member	Uttron
20	Ali Akbar	Executive Member	MUNA
21	Yunus Zaman	Member	BOT
22	Nasir Uddin Syed		
23	Eng.Mourshad Haider	AC	AABEA
24	Mohammad Ali Khan	Executive Member	Boishakhi Mela
25	Anisur Rahman	Executive Member	Ideal School Of Los Angeles
26	Badrul Alam Chowdhury	Executive Member	BNP
27	Mohammed S Hoq Sentu	Executive Member	Dhaka Zilla Association
28	Illias Sikder	Executive Member	Chittagong Univ Alumnai
29	Siddikur Rahman	EXecutiv Member	
30	Ashraf Hossain Akbar	Executive Member	MUNA
31	Akhter Hossain	Executive Member	Manikgong Somity
32	Amzad Hossain	Executive Member	Manikgong Somity
33	Shahnag Bulbul	Executive Member	UTTORON
34	Quazi Moshoorul Huda		Media
35	Rehana Mollik		
36	Rafiqul Islam	Executive member	BCIE
37	Maruf Khan	Executive Member	
38	Habibur R Bhuyan	Executive Member	UTTORON
39	Noor Chowdhury		
40	Shazia Hoq Mimi		
41	Romana Sikder		
42	Lt (Retd) Zia Islam	Executive Member	BAVOA
43	Amirul Islam		
44	Ahsan Hafez Romy		



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Followings were the GA (General Assembly) Agendas:

- The President will call the meeting to order with Gavel.
- The General Secretary will open the meeting with welcome greetings, and then will introduce the President to preside over the meeting.
- National Anthems of (i) USA and (ii) Bangladesh, (iii) BUFLA Anthem
- Motion to approve the Agenda of the GA meeting
- State of the Federation Address by the President
- Open discussion on President's speech
- Discussion on upcoming Charity Fund Raising dinner on August 20, 2017
- EC meeting dates upto the Parade on March 31, 2018
- Miscellaneous
- Meeting Adjourn

At 6:30 PM President Nazrul Alam order the Gavel and request General Secretary to open the meeting with welcome greetings.

At 6:31 PM, the GS. Engr. Shahid Alam opens the Meeting with his welcome greeting by thanking all the EC members, all Associate Member, all current and former Cabinet members, all AC Member, all BOT member, all Media Personal and Honorary Guest.

Three anthems were played: US-Anthem, Bangladesh-Anthem, and BUFLA-Anthem.
GS requests President Nazrul Alam to Preside over the Meeting.

Agenda # 4. Proposed to approve the agenda of the GA meeting: Abud H Rayhan
2nd - Illias Sikder

In favour -all / Nay: none- GA meeting agendas were approved.



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Agenda # 5. State of the Federation Address by the President.

President Nazrul Alam delivered his speech to the audience with confidence and requested heartfelt support from all to make his and his Cabinet's twelve (12) milestones for the next two year (2017-2019) including (a) Bangladesh Day Parade (b) Organize BUFLA office (c) BUFLA Cabinet right (d) BUFLA standing committee (e) BUFLA Scouts (f) Job Fair/Seminar (g) Small Business Expo (h) Reform BUFLA BOT (i) Permanent BUFLA office (j) BUFLA Charity (k) Meet the Public & Organization and (l) Celebrate BUFLA 12 years Anniversary

There are thirty five (35) members and guests participated in open discussion on President's State of the Federation Address. Their valuable comments are follows:

Dr. Abud Hashem: He thanked the cabinet for installing new wall, cabinets, ceiling lights, and decorating the wall to organize the BUFLA office. He mentioned that Boy Scout was also his dream, but found that it was hard to implement. He proposed to have use of BUFLA office to do classes, music etc. The Small Business Expo idea was supported by him. However, he was demoralized with the target of only \$50,000.00 for Charity, rather by 2020, he visioned for 1 million.

Shiper Chowdhury: He thanked new Cabinet for showing enthusiasm for their motivation and commitments to act immediately upon taking the cabinet formation to organize the office. He requested more help from the Cabinet and community to work on Charity programs. He thinks that if an integrated plan is put together, then a permanent building of BUFLA is possible and a payment \$2500/\$2600 is manageable.

He supported the regional campaign concepts. He respectfully let all knows that Charity programs provided help to two freedom fighters in Bangladesh, purchased ten graveyard plots for \$25000.00 paying \$500 a month with \$5000 downpayment. He requested all to come forward for charity as if offered a heavenly return. From the Zakat money, doing Charity is even a default condition to do for muslims, he added. Since BUFLA is a non-profit organization (501 C3), tax deduction is available with IRS.

Quazi Moshoorul Huda: He thanked the new Cabinet on behalf of the Little Bangladesh Press Club. He suggested that Business Expo is a promising idea to move by BUFLA.

Samsuddin Manik: He congratulated the young and vibrant team to go forward. He will support as needed for the betterment of BUFLA.

Habib Ahmed Tia: He thanked to all to support the BUFLA doing positive activities for the community.

Jashim Ahmed: He thanked to all and mentioned that BUFLA is a concept, just not a Federation only. He energized the Cabinet saying that team members are young and energetic. They will take BUFLA to a next level in Independence Day Parade and Charity. With a sense of humor, he added that US president Donal Trump could not erect US-Mexico Border wall, but this Cabinet installed new wall with decoration.



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Layek Ahmed: He thanked the new Cabinet and believed that they could fulfill the milestones.

Shahidul Islam: He said, "morning shows the day". He appreciated the new Cabinet for their physical, financial, and inner strength to uphold BUFLA. He mentioned that President's speech has lots of energy and will take the parade and charity to the next level.

Dr. Mahbub Khan: He also added, "morning shows that day". He has found the cabinet is very strong and capable. The speech was beautiful to him and acknowledged that lots of good milestones in the plan. However, he suggested to delegate to specific people or group for better team work and management.

Amirul Islam: He thanked the new Cabinet and wish success.

Akther Hossain: He thanked the Cabinet for planning to meet new organizations. He hoped at least 2000 people be present at the Parade. He will support the BUFLA and its cabinet to do decent work for the community.

Amjad Hossain: He was very optimistic since Nazrul Alam is the youngest president of all. BUFLA will flourish under his leadership.

Akbor Hossain: He also appraised the new Cabinet that they have shown positive action to organize the BUFLA office as, "morning shows the day." However, he requested to be united to make BUFLA and its program successful. He prayed for BUFLA.

Habibur Rahman(Swaraz): He thanked the new cabinet for organizing BUFLA office with new wall and cabinets, specially led lights on ceiling. He hoped that this Cabinet will light up the community as they did for the BUFLA room.

Abul H Rayhan: He thanked the new Cabinet but wanted to do productive criticism as if a true respectful opposition party in a democratic office. He did not want to praise or thank unnecessarily. However, he is very hopeful for the innovative ideas, Business Expo etc. He showed his interest to work for the Charity and and would like work to raise the donation to 1 million by 2020.

Major (Retd) Enamul Hamid: He thanked the Cabinet for organizing the office so nicely with new wall, decoration, lights, and overhead cabinets. He thinks that this is one of the strongest Cabinet due to the presence of professional and experienced cabinet members. He emphasized that it is not acceptable that if anyone does not really put his/her challenging work but just want to put name in the standing committee. He also added that Boy Scout is a very good idea, but needs to be more flexible about the height requirements of 5 ft 9 inches and BOT should be 5 members team. He also dreamed about having a BUFLA building and suggested to act on it even start with an account with 500 dollars and keep raising money. He asked to redirect about sponsors exploration not limited to KPC, Dhaka Home or some repetitive persons, rather look for new prospective one.



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Shahnag Bulbul: She thanked the Cabinet for lighted up BUFLA office with new led lights. She appreciated the new event ideas, cultural classes in the BUFLA office for community development. She wished the success of BUFLA.

Badrul Alam: He was excited about this Cabinet as younger members in the team. He is ready to give his effort to make BUFLA successful. He hoped that this year Charity fund raising would reach \$100,000.00 limit.

Rafiqul Islam: He welcomed the new Cabinet. He has mentioned that the regional campaign program done last year was very helpful for BUFLA and its program marketing specially in the Inland Empire and Cerritos/Artesia Area. He wished such campaign should be continued even to new areas.

Denny Tayyib: She appreciated for installing new wall and decorate with frames of socio-economic & cultural scenes of Bangladesh. She welcomed new Cabinet and offered her hands to help.

Mr. Niru: He thanked new Cabinet. He also added that anyone work for the community, he appreciates.

Yunus Zaman: He welcomed new Cabinet. He added that BUFLA building idea is a very good approach and Charity Programs are very good for BUFLA image and for the community. However, he asked if BUFLA can donate funds to Dr. Suvo Rai's artificial kidney fund research. He also noted that the artificial kidney will recruit from 2018 on trial basis. BUFLA's involvement to donate for the noble cause will be acknowledged worldwide.

Ilias Sikder: He congratulated the new cabinet as they are experienced. He also would like to act like a good opposition leader to do productive criticism. He added that Business Expo idea is very brilliant and innovative for BUFLA and he wanted to offer his effort for the Expo. He had been talking about a BUFLA office and reemphasized to act on it. He proposed to create a separate subcommittee for this purpose. He valued BUFLA as a great Federation in Los Angeles to work for the development of the community.

Ahsan Hafez Romy: He thanked new Cabinet and wished for remarkable success in the next two years. He also would like work on achieving a new BUFLA building.

Mohammed S Hoq Sentu: He thanked the Cabinet, but added that without everyone's help and support Cabinet alone can not fulfill the milestones as mentioned in the President's speech. From individual level, all needs to provide their help for BUFLA. Even, we can talk to others what BUFLA is doing, can be helpful for BUFLA marketing.

Shazia Hoq Mimi: She congratulated the new Cabinet using poetic words "fuler jolsai nirob keno kobi". She added no great work can be done alone but together as a team and that BUFLA is doing. She also appreciated the Charity program and request to help flood victims in Bangladesh.



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Mrs. Rafiqul Islam: She thanked all previous Cabinet and new Cabinet. She liked the new wall, decorations, and led lights. She requested all to work together to make BUFLA great.

Syed Nasir: He thanked new Cabinet and all who worked hard to bring BUFLA at this high standard in the community and worldwide. He remarked that BUFLA is so huge then why only celebrate Independence Day Parade? He proposed that BUFLA should celebrate Victory Day and Mother Language Day (21st February) too. He is surprised to see that every year for the Cabinet, it is a financial challenge for the team to spend large amount of money to do inauguration ceremony by the Cabinet only, but request EC to find out any possible ways to create BUFLA fund for future. Charity program would help flood victims of Bangladesh, he added.

Ashraf Hossain: He thanked to all for bringing the BUFLA at this stage within last 11 years. All the innovative ideas, new hopes are the positive signs for BUFLA moving forward. He, however, did mention that BUFLA should run by the constitution and there will be no discrimination so that all can work together.

Maruf Khan: He was very excited to see BUFLA new office decoration will new wall, led lights, overhead cabinets etc. He thanked new cabinet of doing such an excellent job and wanted to offer support as always for BUFLA betterment.

Mr. Rana: He thanked to all and ready to help to take the BUFLA in the next level.

Anjuman ara Sheuly: She thanks to all for their support for the new Cabinet and wanted to work hard as a Cabinet member to uphold BUFLA.

Mohammad Haq: A Permanent BUFLA office is also his dream. He offered to start an account for BUFLA office and wanted to donate \$5000.00/\$10000.00. He visioned that if a project become a reality, then he along with all respectful donors will be remembered forever, even after their death.

Mohammad Chunno Mollik: He thanked to all EC for their dedication and helping hands for the improvement of BUFLA.

Abdus Samad: He appreciated all guests, EC, AC, BOT for their help to make BUFLA grow.

Mourshedul Islam: He requested all EC to come forward to help the Cabinet so that they can fulfill all milestones as mentioned in the President's speech. He requested all EC to bring their members. He added that Victory Day and 21st February program should be celebrated by BUFLA as well. As a mother organization, BUFLA needs to have its own fund, he emphasized.



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Engr. Shahid Alam: He thanked all for their productive comments on the speech. It will work as a directional guideline to make BUFLA as a one stop service center to fulfill the mission of BUFLA for Independence Day Parade, Charity, and Community Development.

Nazrul Alam: He offered a special thanks to all for their valuable comments, which will be helpful to pave the path for BUFLA development. He added that BUFLA fund is a great idea and thanked Cabinet members to work together and make projects successful.

Next EC meeting date

The next EC meeting is on Sunday, September 24, 2017, from 5:00 PM to 10 :00 PM at BUFLA Office.

Meeting Adjournment

Motion Moved by: The President, Propose by Jashim Ahmed and Seconded by: Akbor Hossain

Yes vote: Unanimous, No: 0, Abstention: 0

Motion passed. The Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully,

Nazrul Alam
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