



BUFLA

(BANGLADESH UNITY FEDERATION OF LOS ANGELES)

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BUFLA Executive Committee Meeting (EC-Meeting)

Minutes of the BUFLA-EC Meeting

October 18, 3 PM to 6 PM

Attendees:

The attendees of this BUFLA EC meeting on October 18, 2009, were:

Mr. Khandakar Alam (President),	Dhaka University Alumni Association
Mr. Quddus Khan (Vice President),	Sangbadik Union
Mr. Mushfiqur Chowdhury (Khasru)	General Secretary
Mr. Shafiul Alam (Friend Babu)	Public Relations Secretary

Dr. Mahbub Khan,	BUFLA-AC Chairman Elect
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Mr. Abdul Hakim,	Bangladesh Association of Greater valley, CA
Mr. Abdul Hamid,	Friend's Club of Valley, LA
Mr. Ali Akbar,	Ideal School
Mr. Anisur Rahman,	MUNA
	Ideal School of Los Angeles
Mr. Nazrul Alam ,	CA Jalalabad Assn (Organizational Secretary Elect)
Mr. Jashim Ahmed	CA Jalalabad Assn.

	CA Jalalabad Assn.
Denny Tayyib,	BWOC
Dr. Abul Hashem,	Uttoron
Dr. Shah Alam,	Jalshaghar
Dr. Rezaul Karim	BOT Member Elect
Dr. Rafiq Alam	BOT Member Elect
Mr. Abul Kashem Toha	BOT Member Elect
Mrs. Naz Karim	Guest
Mrs. Rafiq Alam	Guest

Mr. Khaleed Hossain,
Mr. Krishna Majumder,
Mr. Majib Siddiquee,
Mr. Maruf Hossain

Jalshaghar (Cultural Secretary Elect)
Bengal Heritage of CA
BAC
BNP

Lt. Col (Retd.) Omar Huda,
Mrs. Panna Khan,

Bangladeshi American Democratic Party of CA
BAVOA
Sangbadik Union

Mr. Saif Kutubi,
Mr. Saleh Kibria,

BDASEA
AABEA

Mr. Syed Modasser Hossain (Babu)
Mr. Snehasish Barua

Friend's Club of Valley, LA
Bangla Pathshala
Journalist

Attending Organizations:

1. ABEA
2. BAC
3. Bangladesh Association of Greater Valley
4. Bangladesh Mela
5. Bangladesh Mukti Joddha Sangsad
6. Bangladesh Shanbadik Association
7. BAVOA
8. BDASEA
9. Bengal Heritage of California
10. Bikrampur Samitee
11. BNP
12. BWOC
13. Dhaka university alumni association,
14. Friends club of valley

15. Ideal school of LA
16. Ideal School
17. Jalalabad Association of California .
18. Jalshaghar Entertainment
19. LA Bengal Sporting Club
20. LA Tiger Club
21. MUNA
22. Uttoron Los Angeles

The Agenda of the Meeting was as follows:

- Agenda 1. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of previous meeting.**
- Agenda2. BOT Selection/Election.**
- Agenda 3. Election/selection of 2 more Cabinet officers.**
- Agenda 4. Selection/Election of AC Chairman.**
- Agenda 5. Discussion about the apology letter from Zahid Hossain Pinto.**
- Agenda 6. Discussion on Bangladesh Academy registration issue.**
- Agenda 7. Miscellaneous.**
- Agenda 8. Next Meeting date/ Meeting adjournment by the President.**

Before the discussion on Agenda-1 Dr. M. A. Hashem, former President of BUFLA has read out the IRS notice of approval of BUFLA as a 501 (c) (3) Tax-exempt non profit corporation, a long waited dream for BUFLA. The meeting participants have made a big applause as they were listening to the IRS notice.

Lt. Col. (Retd.) Omar Huda, Major (Retd.) Saif Kutubi and Mr. Majib Siddiquee have expressed their disagreement on the agenda item and argued that the issues of Bangladesh Academy registration and Apology letter of Zahid Hossain should be on the agenda item, not just in the miscellaneous agenda. President Khandakar Alam as the chairman of the meeting approved that request and added the issues as separate agenda Item.

Agenda 1: Approval of the Meeting Minutes of previous meeting

Previous meeting minutes was approved by the meeting despite a solitary complaint by an EC member that he has not been notified about the last meeting minutes.

The following members participated in the discussion;

Mr Khandakar Alam, President

Mr. Quddus Khan, Vice President

Mr. Mushfiq Chowdhury Khosru, General Secretary

Mr. Shafiqul Alam Babu, Public Relations Officer

Dr. Mahbub Khan, Chairman Advisory Council

Dr. M A Hashem, Former President

Dr. Shah Alam, EC member

Mr Abul Kashem Toha, Former Vice-President

Lt. Col (Retd.) Omar Huda

Maj. (Retd) Saif Kutubi, Former Secretary

Mr Anisur Rahman, Former Treasurer

Mr. Majib Siddiquee, Former BOT Chairman

Mr. Samsuddin Manik Former BOT Member

Mr. Snehashish Barua, Journalist

The meeting started with National anthems of Bangladesh and of United States . Mr. Mushfiq Chowdhury Khosru, Secretary of BUFLA conducted the meeting and Mr. Khandakar Alam, President of BUFLA presided over the meeting.

Agenda 2: BOT Selection/Election

Three of five BOT nominees were present in the meeting. They made brief personal introductions before the meeting. Mr. Majib Siddiquee raised his concern about the discrepancy in the constitution and the amendment regarding the BOT election. A resolution as in the following paragraph was passed;

“The five nominees for BOT are selected as the members of Advisory Council”

Following respected personalities have been unanimously elected as BOT members by the EC members. No official ballot vote casting took place;

1. Dr. Rezaul Karim
2. Dr. Rafiq Alam
3. Mr. Badiul Alam
4. Mr. Abul Kashem Toha
5. Mrs. Tahmina Morshed

Agenda 3. Election/selection of 2 more Cabinet officers

Following EC members of 2 BUFLA member organizations have been unanimously elected as the 2 additional Cabinet members by the of EC members. No official ballot vote casting took place. Both of the additional Cabinet member nominees were present in the meeting. They made brief personal introductions before the meeting participants.

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| 1. | Mr. Nazrul Alam | Jalalabad Association of CA | Organizing Secretary |
| 2. | Mr. Khaleed Hossain | Jalshaghar Entertainment | Cultural Secretary |

Agenda 4. Selection/Election of AC Chairman

Despite criticisms of Dr. Mahbub Khan by Mr. Majib Siddiquee and Lt. Col. (Retd.) Omar Huda for his alleged faulty handling of Advisory Council during his previous term and alleged mishandling of Little Bangladesh, Dr. M. A. Hashem, Mr. Anisur Rahman and Dr. Shah Alam made sensational statements about Dr. Mahbub Khan's contribution to BUFLA. Mr. Majib Siddiquee also alleged Dr. Mahbub Khan for deceiving the community as a person pretending to be low-profile but essentially maintaining a very high profile.

M. A. Hashem, Mr. Anisur Rahman and Dr. Shah Alam reminded everybody present in the meeting about his dedication and selfless hard work for BUFLA from its inception to the present date. They also mentioned about his going extra miles for the effort to move BUFLA forward. Everybody recognizes that Dr. Mahbub Khan is the founder of BUFLA but BUFLA EC members need to consider a respectable position in BUFLA for him so he can have room to operate rather than just recognizing him as the founder.

Dr. Mahbub Khan, Chairman, Advisory Council, has been unanimously elected by the of EC members. No official ballot vote casting took place.

Agenda 5. Discussion for the apology letter from Zahid Hossain Pintu.

A discussion on so-called **Apology letter** from Mr. Zahid Hossain Pintu was carried out. Following members participated in the discussion;

Mr Khandakar Alam, President

Mr. Quddus Khan, Vice President

Mr. Mushfiq Chowdhury Khosru, General Secretary

Mr. Shafiqul Alam Babu, Public Relations Officer

Dr. Mahbub Khan, Chairman Advisory Council

Dr. M A Hashem, Former President

Dr. Shah Alam, EC member

Mr. Abul Kashem Toha, Former Vice-President

Lt. Col (Retd.) Omar Huda

Maj (Retd) Saif Kutubi, Former Secretary

Mr. Anisur Rahman, Former Treasurer

Mr. Mr. Majib Siddiquee, Former BOT Chairman

Mr. Snehashish Barua, Journalist

Some of members were in opinion that the apology letter should be accepted while most others argued it can not be considered as an apology letter because it does not conform with the standards of apology because of the following;

- The apology was directed only to BUFLA President, though Mr. Zahid Hossain Pintu has harmed and humiliated BUFLA and the community in general as much as he could.
- His apology has to be in a General Assembly meeting in front of all BUFLA EC members.
- The apology particularly should be directed to BUFLA EC members who have suffered most because of his malicious actions.
- It is not an unconditional apology.
- He did not mention that he was wrong; instead he tried to sugar coat his wrong-doings.

- He did not promise that he will not do such wrongs in future.
- He did not promise that he would try to compensate losses incurred due to his malicious actions.
- He did not mention even at the least about his fraudulent activities that has badly stained Bangladeshi-American community's honor and prestige.

BUFLA Cabinet (CabinetPlus) team was asked by EC to discuss it further.

Agenda 6: Discussion on Bangladesh Academy registration issue

A discussion was scheduled in this agenda as per request of Maj (Retd) Saif Kutuby. No discussion took place on Bangladesh Academy registration issue. President promised to have discussion carried out in the next Cabinet (CabinetPlus) meeting and/or EC meeting due to time-constraint.

Agenda 7: Miscellaneous.

There was not any significant discussion took place in this agenda.

Agenda 8: Next Meeting date/ Meeting adjournment by the President.

Next meeting date has been posted on BUFLA website on November 22, 2009.

Meeting was adjourned by the President at 6:30 PM.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mushfiqur Chowdhury Khosru.
Secretary
BUFLA