

Navnat Vanik Association of the UK

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 2.15 PM on 27 April 2014 at Navnat Centre, Hayes

1. The meeting commenced with prayers and two minutes silence was observed for the peace of departed souls and world peace.
2. President, Bhupendra Shah, welcomed everyone, and with the approval of the majority of members, present proceeded with conducting the business relating to item 8 of the agenda, with respect to obtaining approval from members for the two attached resolutions to enable progress to be made towards the ultimate goal of the incorporation of the Association under the Charities and/or Company legislation, as recommended by the Executive Committee ('EC').

He confirmed that the required condition for a quorum of 300 members to be present for changes to the constitution was met and explained that a sub-committee of learned members, including our honorary solicitor, Mamtaben Parekh and led by Mr Sunil Sangani, had been appointed to guide the EC and had been issued with a budget for this exercise. They, in turn, had obtained independent legal advice and Mr Sangani was invited to summarise the pros and cons of incorporating our charity association, in support of their recommendation to transfer the association's activities to a company limited by guarantee.

A questions and answers session followed in which it was emphasised that an alternative route to incorporation as a 'charity incorporated company' under the Charity Commission rules was also available, giving similar advantages, including limited liability, asset protection, members liability limited to £1, protection for the elected and appointed trustees etc. However, the current resolutions were for approval for incorporation, rather than the actual route to be taken, which would finally be decided by the incoming 2014 EC.

At 3PM ballot papers were issued to members and both the resolutions were approved by a majority vote.

3. Bhupendra Shah then gave his President's report for the year after he had introduced the committee and their roles. He mentioned that his maximum term of office was ending and he highlighted the key achievements in this period. He thanked all the spouses and partners of all the Association's and affiliates' committees including the committees themselves for their efforts, not forgetting the volunteers who help out at various events and functions throughout the year.

He informed that there were approx. 1300 Navnat families in the UK and our aim is to provide a service to all from age 5-90.

He was given a standing ovation.

4. Minutes of the 2013 AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM had been uploaded on the website and taken as read.

The minutes were proposed for approval by Satish Panchamia and seconded by Harshad Mehta.

5. Secretary's Report

The General Secretary, Dhiru Galani, read his report, detailing the events held during the year, the main issues and highlights arising and future plans including a report on the special events held such as the Navnat Survey, Wedding Fair and progress on the weekend cultural classes; whose teachers and students hosted a spectacular end of term Cultural Show in July 2014. He thanked the EC, non-EC shadow coordinators and all the volunteers who were all appreciated at the Volunteers' Dinner event held in their honour earlier in the year.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Ramesh Shah, presented the approved and audited consolidated accounts for the year to 31 December 2013, explaining that an abridged version detailing the event results had been published in

Darpan. Members, who had requested, had been sent full accounts by email and further copies were made available at the meeting. He explained the main figures in the accounts, sources of income, main expenditure, profit arising and the funds on deposit with various banks, on various time deposits, so that access to funds is not unduly hindered, if required at short notice. Income had increased due to hall hire and modestly higher interest rates.

Matters Arising:

- a) It was explained that whilst repairs are usually the main expense due to the ongoing property maintenance, this year they included gable wall re-pointing and fencing.
- b) The make-up of sundry expenses was explained.
- c) Mr Nagin Khajuria informed that accounts should disclose gross income and expenses.

The accounts were proposed for adoption by Satish Panchamia seconded by Saroj Varia.

Ramesh Shah, Ketan Adani and their team were thanked for their efforts in the treasury function.

7. Jiv Daya/Building Fund Allocation

Members were informed that following the recommendation from the floor last year and following a review of the policy after the agreed five year period, the EC had decided that from henceforth, 100% of the Uchhavni income at Paryushan will be allocated to the Jiv Daya Fund.

8. Reports from representatives of affiliates.

The appointed representatives of BoT, NVBS, NVM, NYA, NBC and NGC gave a synopsis of their activities during the year and events planned for in the ensuing year. The BOT had played an active role in the Navnat Survey and Incorporation issues, whilst the Navnat Vadil Mandal with 307 members meet regularly on Fridays. The Bridge and Badminton clubs meet bi-weekly and NVBS, Youth and Golf meet frequently. All the affiliates are self-financing.

9. Any Other Business, recommendations and Questions and Answers from the Floor

1. Tarlika Mehta was informed that religious books ordered with Pujya Tejsahib had arrived and were awaiting distribution.
2. Kishore Mehta enquired as to when NVA would look into building a children's play area and if the EC had any plans for the use of the grounds.
3. Mr Kothari requested a detailed review of the rules and regulations of NVM. He was informed that they would be looked into during the incorporation issue.
4. Mr Chandrakant Shah enquired about the criteria for web announcements.
5. Mr Kirit Wadher enquired into benefits of membership subscription.
6. Mr Subhash Bakhai was informed that there were no retiring trustees in the BoT this year.
7. Jasuben Sheth praised the efforts of the EC and hoped that they would continue the excellent work.
8. Mr Dinesh Bajaria raised a question on the merits of nomination to the EC of a member who had threatened NVA with legal action in the past.
9. Mr Bachubhai informed that mere accusations against a member were not sufficient to bar any one from nominating themselves to the EC.
10. Mr Chandrakant Shah recommended that the due process of election; as managed by the EC should be followed.
11. Paresh Mehta, Vice President, announced that in keeping with tradition, the EC had decided to honour the outgoing President, Bhupendrabhai Shah, with a momento in the form of a trophy in appreciation of his long and outstanding service to the Association. Bhupendra Shah thanked everyone for this gesture and said that like Hetal Shah and other ex-committee members he would always be available to serve the community.

10. Re-appointment of Honorary Auditors and Solicitors

The proposals to re-appoint PSJ Alexander as Auditors and Mrs Mamta Parekh as honorary solicitor were duly approved and a vote of thanks proposed unanimously to appreciate their donated services.

11. Appointment of Independent Chairperson for Election of incoming EC

Harshadbhai Mehta proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring EC, prior to the President announcing that the committee was now being dissolved and there being no further business, he invited Mayurbhai Sanghvi, chairman of the BoT, to chair and conduct the proceedings for the election of the following year's executive committee.

12. Dissolution of 2013 EC and Election of 2014 EC

Mr Mayur Sanghvi declared the 2012 EC as dissolved and proceeded with the election process to elect a new committee for 2013/14.

He announced that two valid nominations had been received for the post of president, these being from Dhirendra Galani and Ramesh Shah. He allowed both candidates to address the floor for five minutes each and following the ballot, declared Dhirendra Galani as the newly elected president.

Other candidates having withdrawn their names, he then declared Subhash Bakhai as being the vice president; Dipak Shah as the general secretary; Nitin Parekh as membership secretary and Hasmita Doshi as the hall secretary, based on the valid uncontested nominations received.

The post of joint secretary was contested by Amit Lathia and Kirit Batavia and after the ballot; Amit Lathia was announced as the newly elected joint secretary.

He announced that as there were no nominations for the Treasurer's post he would open the nominations to the floor. Jitendra Sheth, Jaswant Doshi and Ramesh Shah were nominated, and after a ballot Jaswant Doshi was duly elected.

There being no other contestants, he announced Ketan Adani as being the new assistant treasurer.

There was a ballot for the election of seven committee members as eight nominations had been received, Following the results of the ballot, Bharat Parekh was not successful, and the complete list of the 2014/15 executive committee is as follows: -

President	Dhiru Galani
Vice-President	Subhash Bakhai
General Secretary	Dipak Shah
Joint-Secretary	Amit Lathia
Treasurer	Jaswant Doshi
Assistant-Treasurer	Ketan Adani
Hall Secretary	Hasmita Doshi
Membership Secretary	Nitin Parekh
Committee members:	Kirit Batavia
	Sangeeta Bavisha
	David Holden
	Bharat Mehta
	Harshad Mehta
	Usha Shah
	Shakuntla Sheth

The meeting was concluded at 6.30 PM and the independent chairperson, Mayur Sanghvi and his colleagues were thanked for their assistance.

Dhiru Galani
President

Dipak Shah
General Secretary