

## **Minutes of 2013 VPA General Body Meeting**

### **13th VPA National Convention, Chicago, IL**

Secretary Mrs. Renu Nagaraj opened the meeting with quorum at 11:20.

VPA President Mr. Shiva Shankar spoke to the General Body. He mentioned that there was no proposal for any constitutional amendments.

VPA Treasurer Mr. Lakshman Mittur reported on the VPA Financial status. He mentioned that there is \$96000 in VPA holdings which includes revenue from 14 new life memberships. He also mentioned that he has consolidated the Merrill Lynch and Edward Jones account to just Merrill Lynch. There was \$950 in donations to Endosulfan pesticide sufferers in Karnataka from VPA South.

There were no questions for Mr. Mittur on financial report. Motion to accept the financial report was passed.

The floor was open for discussion:

Meena Gowda brought up the issue of a minimum number of women trustees on the VPA Board. Floor was not in favor of that, majority of them suggested on encouraging women to contest at national level.

Dr. Balu Chandra brought up the issue of magazine publication delays. He initiated motion to include in guidelines to publish the magazine by the end of the term. Mr. M.P. Divakar and Mr. Govindaraju discussed the difficulties of getting the articles for magazines and defended the work on magazine from Baltimore convention. Motion to publish magazine by the end of the term was seconded by Dr. Shanthamurthy and it was passed.

Mr. Sreenivas Gowda of New Jersey questioned why the 2011 convention financial report was not sent to the National committee. It was suggested by Mr. Babu Keelara that the convention accounts should be closed within 60 days of the convention date.

**Action Item:** Follow up with past VPA President and Secretary regarding 2011 Convention financial report

**Elections:** Election Committee Chair Dr. Sreekanth presented the list of candidates for EC and BOT. Candidates were unopposed and were elected. The list of Office Bearers is as follows:-

**VPA National Executive Committee:**

President and Trustee-Mr.Ravishankar Byrappagowda, Fremont , CA

Secretary and Trustee-Mr. Ramesh Gowda, San Jose, CA

Treasurer and Trustee-Mr. Vijay Lakshman, Fremont, CA

Joint Secretary-Mr, Deepak Budaguppe, Plainsboro, NJ

Joint Treasurer-Mr. Ravi Somanahally, Lincolnshire, IL

VP and a Trustee positions are open and to be appointed by the President-Elect

**Board of Trustees:**

**VPA-Midwest**

Mr. Shiva Shankar-Naperville, IL (Trustee-Past President)

Mr. Kulle Gowda, Darien, IL

Mrs. Anitha Dasappa, Bolingbrook, IL

**VPA-East**

Mr. Srinivas Gowda, Cherry Hill, NJ

Dr. Channe Gowda, Rockwell, Maryland

**VPA- South**

Dr. Balu Chandra M.D., Colleyville, TX

Mrs. Roopa Gowda-Flowermound, TX

**Motion was passed to adjourn the meeting**