

**AIMCAANA Executive Committee 2017- Teleconference**  
**Tuesday 04/18/2017 at 9:00 pm EST- MINUTES:**

**Attendance:**

- Present: Drs. Saad Usmani, Raza Khan, Shahzad Iqbal, Muhammad Shahram, Hafiz Imran

**Teleconference Minutes**

The teleconference started with welcome remarks by Dr. Usmani (AIMCAANA President 2017) discussed about successful Spring Alumni meeting.

- Iqbalian House support withdrawal. It was decided during EC committee meeting earlier to withdraw support for Iqbalian house. Drs Saad & Majeed visited Iqbalian house and met current resident. They heard concerns of residents and answered questions of residents to their satisfaction. AIMCAANA will withdraw support after paying dues for month of May 2017. Iqbalian house fund money will be diverted to Iqbal loan program. Number of scholarships will be increased from 5 in previous years to 8-10 this year. Committee will revisit criteria for Iqbal loan. Dr Shahram re-iterated the vision of president. It was discussed that deadline for application will be July 30<sup>th</sup>, decision to grant IQBAL loan will be made after last CS result reporting period prior to match application. Preliminary candidates will be selected and candidates with greater chances of getting will be awarded scholarships.
- Dr Shahzad brought very important issue of extending support towards young Iqbalians applying for US visa, both residency applicants and successful applicants waiting to start residency training. He suggested that AIMCAANA should come forward to offer 50% (maximum 500\$) immigration fee for candidates getting immigration consultation as loan. Dr Shahram recommended that check should be directly sent to immigration attorney. Dr Khan suggested that one year binding with beneficiaries to return loan money. Dr Usmani (President AIMCAANA) pledged to allocate 5000\$ for this new project. He initiated motion, seconded by Imran and all members of executive committee unanimously.
- Dr Imran updated executive committee members about return of Qarze Hasna from beneficiaries from past years.
- Dr Usmani expressed his ongoing commitment to work with Principal AIMC on ongoing projects as well as signing MoU to initiate projects ie research and faculty development with AIMC. He has made couple of attempts to contact new Principal AIMC Dr Rashid Zia. He will continue his efforts to engage Principal in projects.
- Dr Usmani discussed about AIMCAANA endowment fund and its unanimous support during spring meeting. It was pledged in the past to move 50,000\$

from AIMCAANA account into endowment fund, but it never happened. This year, 50,000\$ would be raised during annual meeting for this purpose. Dr Shahram inquired about management of Endowment fund. He suggested IMANA funds with slow and steady growth of funds, based on his personal experience and advice by financial adviser. Dr Khan suggested different approaches for fund management in general. Dr Usmani and Imran will inquire with different financial companies like fidelity and IMANA regarding investment options, fee and potential growth.

- Dr Khan talked with ongoing issues in delivery of equipment to JHL/AIMC. Few items in shipment have been recently banned from import by Govt Pakistan to support local industry and it is holding whole shipment. He has been working through his personal contacts to resolve issue. There are beaurocratic processes including signature from Ministry of Commerce Pakistan to release shipment.
- Dr Usmani brought forward idea of AIMCAANA Research Award/Grant to iqbalians in GME training program ie residency or fellowship training. AIMCAANA would award 5000\$ scholarship to 2 candidates, which would help to further engage Iqbalians with AIMCAANA.
- Dr Khan suggested to continued support towards previously started projects with AIMC instead of starting new projects at this time. Dr Shahram seconded the idea. He brought issue of Zakat fund disbursement after retirement of Prof. Zafar Iqbal. One of PG trainees, Dr Hassan, was working under his guidance and appropriating funds to deserving patients. It was accepted to continue to appropriate funds through incoming professor through same PG. Dr Khan asked Dr Imran to contact younger Iqbalians about interest of other professors, if in future, we have to appropriate funds to different unit.
- Dr Usmani spoke to V4 ideas Inc. regarding website update to connect Paypal account. Any member paying membership dues or donations through paypal account will receive direct email acknowledging their support for AIMCAANA and receipt of their contribution. It will cost 1200\$/year. While event registration would cost 399\$/event. He initiated commotion and dr khan seconded it. All others attendees also agreed.
- Dr Usmani asked about Alumni dinner tickets for Annual meeting. Dr Shahram suggested to be conservative with ~100 tickets. Dr Khan gave estimate of around 140 tickets. Last year there were more people to attend alumni dinner than our expectation and it was difficult to accommodate last minute attendees. Dr Usamani will be in touch with President APPNA and APNNA host committee to get idea about number of tickets sold, close to summer meeting and make further adjustments.

- Dr Usmani adjourned meeting with next meeting likely in mid-May.