

AIMCAANA Meeting Minutes January 9, 2024

EC Members Present:

Saqib Sheik-President, Fazal Akbar- Secretary, Umar Khan-President Elect

Hasan Kaleem-Treasure, Nagma Malik- Immediate Past President

Asif Mahmood -Executive Director

Meeting Started 9:00 PM EST

Dr. Sheikh called the first EC meeting of the year to order. The meeting started with greetings and thanks for everyone's presence. Team decided to conduct the monthly EC meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 9 PM Eastern Standard Time.

A Brief overview of the Agenda items was provided including updates on projects for 2024.

-The first major project discussed was the implementation of ACLS and BLS training at AIMC for students and JHL providers. So far 2 meetings with the concerned Institute have already been held, BLS Equipment already delivered at AIMC Skills Lab. Help from Rokhsana Tahirkheli Foundation was appreciated.

-Payment for the Higher Education Commission (HEC) Digital Library access for students is already in progress. Dr. Sheikh along with Dr. Fazal Ali had presented the Check for Rs: 400,000 to the Director of Medical Education Dr. Alia Bashir at AIMC during a recent meeting in Pakistan.

-Team discussed a nursing excellence award program to be initiated

-Collaborations with institutions like Shaukat Khanum Hospital and PKLI for education and training of AIMC Nursing School Staff are in the works.

-Various healthcare improvement projects were discussed, including plans for improving living conditions for students, need for hostel renovation, pathology lab enhancements, and support for laparoscopic equipment at JHLI.

Dr. Fazal updated the team about recent AIMC Dinner and Gala event which was organized by EC members and other AIMCAANA members at the college and was attended by VCs from different health systems, college faculty and a large number of renowned physicians in Lahore.

Team discussed Loans and scholarship programs for AIMC graduates. Efforts are being made to make these programs more sustainable and emphasize the return of loans for future use.

Dr. Asif and Dr. Hassan updated the team about the current financial status of the AIMCAANA accounts, including the Endowment Fund and APPNA Scholarship fund for AIMC. Different ways to further grow these funds were discussed. The scholarship fund started with 150K in 2021, and due to market fluctuations, it stands around 143K with 3300 interest. Team decided to add funds to APPNA Scholarship which were previously generated from fund raising. A vote was conducted among the committee members and approved to transition these funds for scholarship after summer meeting and try to raise more funds for the purpose. Dr. Umer khan provided updates on Loan Return so far.

Dr. Asif updated everyone on the need to maintain a minimum balance in the general account. This is crucial for the organization's operational stability, covering day-to-day expenses and unforeseen costs.

Plans for the upcoming AIMCAANA/KEMCAANA Retreat in Dallas, TX on March 1 - March 3rd were discussed including expenses and sources of sponsorship.

Dr. Sheikh brought up the need for retaining an attorney in Lahore for much needed paperwork in efforts to reactivate PAIWS account for seamless transactions for projects at AIMC and JHL. Team agreed to proceed, Dr. Sheikh to check the expense for such contracts.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM EST.