

UNITED SRI LANKAN MUSLIM ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

12th Annual General Meeting

Date: Saturday 21st June 2003

Time: 7.10 p.m.

Venue: Mulgrave Community Centre, Mulgrave

1. The President of USMMAA, Mohamed Mohideen, chaired the meeting. The President informed that as secretary Rifka Naufal was studying for her exams, Ahamed Vajuhudeen, the Vice President would be acting as secretary for the day.
2. The meeting commenced with the recital from the Holy Quran by Adel Mohamed.
3. **Apologies:** Almaaz and Imrana Alavi, Mohamed & Fariya Haseeb, Mrs P Dole, Lakshman and Varneesha Doole, Dean Mohamed, and Rifka Naufal (who would be coming late due to pending exams)
4. **Adoption of Agenda:** The agenda was adopted with a minor deletion, since Isha prayers had already been conducted.
5. **AGM Minutes:** Minutes of the 11 AGM were tabled and duly adopted proposed by Noor Maharroof & seconded Jenoo Azoor
6. **Matters arising from minutes:** Clarification with regard to the Hatton National bank account was sought. Membership was informed that this account has now been closed.
7. **Annual Report:** The Annual Secretary's report 2002/2003 was tabled and duly adopted proposed by M Ashraff & seconded Farah Dole
8. **Financial Reports:** Treasurer's and the Auditor's reports were tabled by the treasurer Dhillhaam Fazil who went on to explain the details of the accounts as given in both reports Highlights of the report were:
 - Highest number of subscriptions collected (67 families, 27 singles and 9 pensioners)
 - Annual dinner brought in a net profit of over 1100.00
 - Costs of comprehensive insurance coverage of \$5 million.
 - High cost of hall charges
 - Costs of SGM

Both reports were subsequently adopted, proposed by Sithy Marikar & seconded by M Ashraff.

Dhillhaam also explained that due to the escalating costs involved with the hall charges the management committee had proposed that all subscription (except the pensioner category) to increase by \$5.00 for the coming year 2003/2004. Many members raised the issues of affordability in particular to the full time students.

After much discussion and debate the house unanimously approved the following rates for the coming year:

Family membership	40.00 (only children below 18 will be included in this category)
Single membership	25.00
Pensioner	15.00
Student membership	10.00 (only students following a full-time course in the university will be eligible for this category)

9. **Janaza Committee Report:** Haneef Mohinudeen (Chota) presented the report from Janaza committee. A letter of resignation from Alamaaz Alavi from the Janaza committee was also tabled. Chota informed the house about cost incurred in the current year and the purchase of a new gravesite at the Springvale cemetery. He also presented a document on the future workings of the Janaza fund, which would be discussed by the new committee and will be circulated to all members in due course.

The President congratulated the Janaza committee and placed on record the services rendered by Almaaz Alavi to the association and community during his time on the committee.

10. **Amendments to the constitution:** The President said that as promised at the last AGM and SGM he had wanted to table changes to the constitution but due to a procedural issue with regard to times lines, he had been unable to do so. He went on to state that all proposed changes have been attached with his message to the members and beseeched that the new committee take on board the suggested changes for approval during their tenure.
11. **Resolutions:** The management committee had proposed a resolution of setting up a youth committee for the current year which is to be subsequently incorporated into the constitution as part of its standing committees. After discussion and debate the resolution was unanimously approved with minor change to clause 2.

Youth Committee

1. All children of USMAA financial members between the age of 13 to 18 yrs and youth who are financial members between the ages of 18 – 30 are eligible to be part of the youth group.
 2. USMAA Management Committee will summon a meeting of the youth group in the month of July to elect the Youth Committee.
 3. A sum of AUS \$ 500.00 will be allocated towards youth activities each year.
 4. One Committee member of the USMAA Management Committee would be designated as the Youth Coordinator (this member should be one who fits into the clause 1) and would liaise between the main USMAA Committee and the Youth Committee.
 5. The youth Committee will comprise of a:
 - a) Team leader
 - b) Secretary
 - c) Treasurer
 6. The objectives of the youth committee is to provide an opportunity for the youth so as to:
 - a) to enhance the knowledge and skills that will assist them in personal development;
 - b) to develop professional and leadership skills;
 - c) to provide opportunities for personal and group activities;
 - d) to address the physical and social needs of their communities;
 - e) to develop knowledge and understanding of the needs, problems, and opportunities in the community; and
 - f) to promote better relations between people of all communities through a framework of friendship and service
 7. All activities will be governed by the main USMAA aims and objectives.
12. **Address by President 2002/2003:** Mohamed Mohideen thanked all members for their support and cooperation in making the year a success. He stated that the success of a year was due to all members contributing to its activities and that the organisation was not centred around the committee nor does it belong to a few individuals. Every member has a role to play in its development and progress and the togetherness and unity is what achieves this.

He also thanked the youth for coming forward and accepting the challenge of organising the Qiraath contest in a very professional manner. He was very pleased that the youth committee had been set up and informed that apart from the fund set aside as per the resolution, funds for youth activities, seniors group had also been sort in the grant submission to the Victorian Multicultural Commission.

He also spoke of the senior group a project initiated by his late mother Mrs Farisha Mohideen and hoped that this would become part of USMAA's regular activities in the future.

He also thanked each of the committee members high lighting their achievements during the year. A special floral presentation was made to Pam Ashraff for her selfless service to USMAA.

13. **Nominations:** The rules pertaining to nominations was read and the meeting adjourned for 15 minutes to finalise nominations.
14. When the meeting resumed the President informed the house that there had been donations made towards youth activities to a sum of \$350.00.
15. **Elections:** Ahamed Vajuhudeen as election officer informed the house that there had only been one nomination each for the post of President and Vice President and five nominations for the post of Committee members. No nominations had been received for the post of secretary, treasurer and editor. In keeping with the constitution, which only stipulates for 4 committee members, one of nominated committee members was then nominated for the treasurer's post. The following members were therefore duly elected:

President: Ahamed Amirudin

Proposed by: Nisthar Buhary

Seconded by: Eddie Dole

Vice President: Jiffry Marikar

Proposed by: A. M. Vajuhudeen

Seconded by: A. Amirudin

Secretary: No Nomination

Treasurer: M. Ashraff

Proposed by: J. Marikar

Seconded by: H. Hafeel

Committee Members

Rifka Naufal (Youth Coordinator)

Proposed by: M. F. Mohideen

Seconded by: M. Shaffie

Mohamed Shaffie

Proposed by: M. F. Mohideen

Seconded by: Shyama Fuad

Halwan Sawdi

Proposed by: M. Muhuseen

Seconded by: M. Najeeb

Faiz Haniffa

Proposed by: A. Amirudin

Seconded by: A. M. Vajuhudeen

No nomination was received for the post of Editor.

It was decided that the new committee would fill in the vacancies at the 1st meeting and the membership duly informed.

16. **Address by President Elect 2003/2004:** The President Elect Ahamed Amirudin thanked all the members for placing their confidence in him in electing him President for the coming year. He assured the membership that he too believed in the cooperation of all members was needed for the success of any organisation. He spoke of the proud record that USMAA had, and promised to continue in the traditions. He also stated that USMA was organisation that followed a middle path and catered for moderate individuals.
17. **Any Other Business**
 1. The president informed and tabled a letter of resignation from Noor Maharooof from the post of Auditor. The President once again thanked Noor Maharooof for his unstinted support and service rendered to the organisation in his capacity as Auditor for the last 4 years.

According to section 30 of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 and Regulation 7 of the Associations Incorporation Regulations the auditor has to be:

- A registered company auditor; or
- A person who is a member of the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants or the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia; or
- Any person who is approved by the Registrar.

Accordingly it was decided to leave the appointment of suitable candidate as auditor to the new Management Committee instead of appointing some one from the floor. Noor Maharroof agreed to continue until such time a new person was appointed.

2. The President also informed that a member had to be appointed as the Public Officer, which had been held by Fahmi Haniffa for the past few years. As Fahmi was willing to serve in this position for a further term, he was duly elected proposed by Haneef Mohinudeen and seconded by Noor Maharroof.
3. Also due to resignation of Almaaz Alavi a vacancy was there in the Janaza Committee, After much discussion and deliberation it was proposed to include a woman in the Janaza committee. Fathaya Mohamed was duly elected proposed by Sithy Marikar and seconded by Fahmi Haniffa.
4. A motion was put forward that in future the Qiraath contest be always held in conjunction with Meelad and the management committee had no right to change it. The resolution was proposed by Jiffry Marikar and seconded by Sithy Marikar

As per meeting regulations the motion was debated. Nisthar Buhary and Sithy Marikar spoke for the motion and Haneef Mohiundeen and Nisra Haniffa spoke against the motion. During the discussion that ensued the president also informed the house the reasons why the Qiraath had been separated from the Meelad ie that no child should miss out and that this year the children were given the opportunity in taking part in two events solely established for them.

Subsequently a vote was taken and the motion was carried with 24 for, 21 against and 5 abstentions.

18. **Vote of thanks:** The vote of thanks was given by a member of the youth team Sakira Salahudeen who thanked the membership for placing their confidence in the youth and the outgoing committee for their achievements. She also wished the new team all success.
19. Fathiah was then recited by Bilal Haniffa
20. The meeting was terminated at 9.45 pm for dinner.

Ahamed Vajuhudeen
Acting Secretary

21st June 2003