

## **BAC EB Session - Minutes**

**September 1, 2010 - Time: 6:00 to 7:30**

Discussion:

- A digital recording system is in place to capture the minutes.
- Oli Mohammad stated that the Executive Board should identify dates and locations of at least 4 different regional meetings immediately. We all must remember the unique opportunity of the vision of BAC represent. We need to create a written script to be used for inviting members to these regional meeting - this will reduce confusion. It is the perfect time to create a serious campaign for BAC based on the proposed Master plan.
- Oli Mohammad also stated that Executive Board needs to create an agenda for the regional meetings and plan for the best attendance of donors and members. Since the first meeting for BAC, many years passed, we have grown older and many wiser. We need to communicate proper appreciation to all BAC donors and BAH members for their support to the first of its kind of center in North America, in these meetings. BAC Executive board members should remember the value of respect for differences of opinion. I also want to represent that all BAC related meetings should have a reminder of the core values.
- Oli Mohammad mentioned that he wants to propose this Wednesday meeting also as an EB meeting and continue on our last week's work. We will also need list of BAC donors and BAH members divided by zip code - it will be better to have the list in the meeting.
- Shah Haleem stated that the core values of Bangladesh American Center are clear about democracy and transparency. As a volunteer and member of the Executive Board, I would like to propose that EB should use the present energy among BAC volunteers to reach out to as many BAC donor member and BAH members as possible. I would strongly request all EB members to reach out to each and every member of BAH and every BAC donor member excepting anyone officially withdrawing support from BAC.
- Shah Haleem also stated that we will be able to create a process and a mutual working relationship only by working with a system of open participation of any interested volunteer with a properly established procedure and responsible follow-up.
- Shah Haleem - We must be open and transparent. At the same time we EB must know our own directions before giving directions to the donor members and that will require brainstorming and sharing of ideas.
- Question to EB: Do we know our directions? If we do then let's meet to discuss that we all are on the same page. They are looking at us to find a path of resolution. EB must have one voice, one direction and one vision to the final road map. Let's EB develop multiple road maps to the promise land and let's share those maps to the donor members.
- BAC-EB brought up a discussion to withdraw the proposal with other organization. The proposal was "to include in the BAC EB 2-additional positions for an organization to partnership with BAC",

which has created tension amongst the BAC volunteers. The withdrawal was requested because of no-response from the other organization.

- Saddam Ahmad stated that there are few issues we need to resolve ASAP as Executive Board members of BAC- most important of them would be" What should be our code of conduct starting immediately regarding the upcoming BAH election"

- Shah Haleem mentioned that I am with you and we need to discuss our code of conducts. I believe our code of conducts have already been set by the President of the United States and the House of Congress.

- "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances"

- We live in this country under the Fed and states rules of the United States of America. Our BAH and BAC falls under that rules and precedents. As an example, when a Senator runs for the White House, his/her party has the right to supports, actively work and elect. Even other Senators, members of the house can support openly, attends rally and raise money. At last President himself/herself attends campaign rallies and raises money for his/her candidates.

- Are we setting other rules and regulations other than the precedents set by our Presidents and the members of other congress and our first amendment? Even City elections, Mayor openly support certain candidates, raise money and attend rallies. Are you setting new rules over the precedents setup by our own City Council, state, feds and so forth?

Resolutions:

- BAC-EB passed a resolution unanimously to withdraw the proposal given to other organization because of non-response. BAC has withdrawn the earlier proposal "to include in the BAC-EB 2- additional positions for an organization to partnership with BAC".

- BAC-EB also resolved that the EB directors will not be restricted to participate in any BAH election campaign. It will be up to the BAC EB director to make their own choice even if a director wants to campaign or to participate in BAH election.

-- Meeting Adjourned – Rest will be discussed in the next week meeting.