

India Association of Tallahassee

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2008; 6:05 PM, Books-A-Million Coffee Shop

I. Call to order

President of IATLH called to order the regular meeting of the **IATLH Executive Committee** at **6:05 PM** on **June 8, 2008** in **Books-A-Million (BAM) Coffee Shop**.

II. Roll call

General Secretary conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Subhasis Das, President; Somnath Chatterjee, Vice-President; Thayumana Somasundaram, General Secretary; Raja Sekhar, Treasurer; and Priya Ashok, Joint Secretary.

III. Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting was e-mailed to the members earlier and were approved as submitted.

IV. Open issues

- a) IATLH is becoming a non-profit organization. The Treasurer informed the Committee that the process of getting a non-profit organizational status is on-going and it is informally known that it is being approved. Formal approval will be coming soon.
- b) IATLH will not endorse any one political organization, candidate or party. Our role will be purely informational like, letting members know how to register to vote and where the polling stations are located.
- c) IATLH Treasurer brought up the issue of slowly moving toward accepting the membership dues electronically, like PayPal. He will explore the issue more and inform us.
- d) IATLH President wanted us to prepare a comprehensive mailer that will address the upcoming events like, Utsav, Glimpses, and Annual/Diwali Dinner. Other items that will be included in the mailer will be 2008 and 2009 membership forms, proposed increase in dues for 2009, committee assignments for Glimpses.
- e) Art Contest: Treasurer will send an Evite, once General Secretary finalizes the site reservation for R.A. Gray building for Saturday, August 16, 2008 between 3-6 PM. The due date for Art Contest will be August 1, 2008. There will be three or four age categories. The entries will be on A4 size paper, hand delivered to EC members or sent via USPS Mail by August 1, 2008. The winners will be announced during Utsav. The judges will not know the names of the contestants.

- f) One of the items proposed for this year's Utsav will include an adult drama. Former President and his friends are interested in submitting a script that will be perused by the Committee and actors/actresses sought.
- g) Those who attended the IATLH sponsored Financial Planning Seminar felt Mr. Dexter Baker did a good job of covering issues that are relevant to the members. The EC was encouraged to plan more such meetings/seminars.
- h) The EC approved payment for www.iatlh.org domain name for another nine years.

V. New business

- a) The President informed us that he is updating the membership directory and the committee will check them just before the Utsav program so that we can urge members to pay their dues before Glimpses program.
- b) The Treasurer wanted to bring up the issue of increased amount for check writing privileges. It was decided that the issue will be brought during the next General Body Meeting scheduled for January 2009.
- c) We have discussed about boxed dinner for Glimpses. Joint Secretary will find out from various sources what the possibilities are for boxed dinner.
- d) It was decided that we will appoint one EC Member and one interested person per committee to pick other members of the committee to deal with myriad of functions that need to be done for Glimpses.
- e) The next EC Meeting will take place on Sunday, July 20, 2008 at BAM Coffee shop.
- f) The General Secretary will find out from the City of Tallahassee about what types of fireworks are allowed with and with-out permit for Diwali celebrations.
- g) It has been decided that IATLH will NOT route donations to other organizations. If donations are received they will be used for the sole purpose of IATLH activities.
- h) The General Secretary mentioned that he will start updating <http://www.iatlh.info> website during the Summer Break.

VI. Adjournment

President adjourned the meeting at **7:05 PM**.

Minutes submitted by: Thayumanasamy Somasundaram, General Secretary of IATLH

Minutes approved by: To be approved on Sunday, July 20, 2008 IATLH EC Meeting at BAM Coffee shop.