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Please read carefully and members are encouraged to communicate with the EC committee president Debabrata Ghosh at ghoshdebabrata@hotmail.com to voice any specific objection/s.

Minutes of the GB meeting:

- 1) BCS Executive committee expressed their gratitude to all BCS members for having faith in them in running the society for the year 2009.
- 2) The starting balance for the budget year 2009 was displayed. It was emphasized that it is very difficult to efficiently run and organize multiple events all year round with the current annual fee. But considering the global financial situation the committee decided not to increase the yearly fee this year.
- 3) Members were requested to pay their annual pre-paid membership fee during Saraswati Puja. They were reminded that after Saraswati Puja there will be no discount for annual pre-paid membership fee and the membership fee would have to be paid by the end of Durga Puja for inclusion of their name/s in the membership directory.
- 4) As some members do not check e-mail regularly, it was decided to send our BCS communications through postal mail to those families. They were encouraged to give their names and addresses to our treasurer. All other members will be notified through e-mail.
- 5) To make sure that e-mails reach each family, members were encouraged to provide second e-mail address to our treasurer.
- 6) Our members were encouraged to visit our website www.bcscl.org more frequently to update themselves with different upcoming events and view recent photographs etc.
- 7) All members were requested to cooperate with the current executive committee's goal to hold the programs on time for all events throughout the year.

The following points were raised for discussion for the next GB meeting:

- 1) Whether we should amend a line in our constitution Article IV – Section 6: the line states “Any member of the Association may attend the Executive Committee meeting, but shall have no voting right”.
- 2) Whether any member of our organization can use our BCS assets for personal purpose.
- 3) Whether it is useful to hold the BCS Health Fair every year.
- 4) What is the end point of fund raising for our BCS Scholarship Committee?

We have discussed these issues at our Executive Committee meeting and we are sharing our unanimous opinion with all members to help reach a consensus quickly at the next GB meeting:

Point 1: To form a committee of three members to rule on amending Article IV-Section 6 of the BCS constitution.

Point 2: The committee members felt that BCS assets could be used by our members for personal events, as long as the event was held at the ICC building. The executive members also agreed to

charge a security deposit of \$ 150 per use to cover for any damage. The security deposit will be refunded minus any damage and cost of repair. BCS will also charge a nominal rental fee of \$ 15.

Point 3: The committee felt it was important to have the health fair every year and to encourage more people to participate.

Point 4: It was decided at the meeting that question 4 should be addressed by members of the scholarship committee. This will be further discussed at the next GB meeting.

Thank you,

Debabrata Ghosh
President, BCS.