

GB Meeting 10-13-2013.

- GB meeting started around 2.00PM and more than 150 members were present.
- Bhaswati Bandyopadhyay, president of the BCS introduced her committee and thanked them for the excellent team work during the year and specially for hard work for staging successful Durga puja. Following topics were introduced by her.
- Introduction of new fee structure.
 1. One time yearly dues will be \$200 (approved during 2013 Saraswati Puja GBM).
 2. Fees for individual events will be increased as well.
 3. New fee structure will be posted on BCS website and if requested, will be emailed to the members.

Dr. Sadhan Jana brought the motion to the floor and Dr. Prabar Ghosh seconded it. The motion passed with the majority of the attending members approving it

- Next topic of discussion was about estimating number of guests per event. Several thoughts were put forward; common suggestion was to request for RSVP (Which is probably not feasible)
- BCS committee promised FICA to pay \$50,000 for ICC renovation in 2011. BCS has so far paid ~\$48,200. BCS owes approximately \$1800.00 to FICA.
- Dr Sunil Datta announced that Drs. Amiya and Sipra Banerjee would pay \$1000 towards the FICA payment. Executive committee and rest of the members appreciated their benevolence.
- Treasurers, Baiswali Biswal and Basabi Maita presented to the general body 2013 Treasurer's report with earnings and expenses incurred so far.
- Dr. Sunil Datta wanted to know the number of members who pay onetime fee versus the members who pay for the individual events. Suproakash suggested that he can provide a Microsoft Excel based software to simplify BCS accounting.
- Dr. Suva Pakrasi brought a proposal to the floor to set up a committee to acquire new Durga idol from India within next two years. She proposed Dr. Sadhan Jana to be the chairman of the committee and spearhead the effort. A motion was brought to the floor by Dr. Sunil Dutta, which was seconded by Dr. Prabar Ghosh. The motion was passed with majority of the attending members approving it.
- Several new families have become members of BCS family who introduced themselves and expressed their interest in the active participation in BCS events. Existing members welcomed them.
- President of BCS executive committee adjourned the meeting by thanking every member for their participation.