



# General Body Meeting

**Date:** 02 Sep 18

**Venue:** Marlboro Temple Hall

Sl. No	Category	Discussion Point	Decision	Due Date	Action Item Owner
1.1	General	One minute silence	Members observed one minute silence, mourning the demise of India's ex Prime Minister Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee and the people who lost life during recent floods in Kerala		<a href="#">Information</a>
1.2		Welcome Speech & Update	President greeted and extended a warm welcome to all the attendees to the 1st General Body Meeting of the Bengali Association of South Africa - 2017 and thanked everyone, for making time to attend the GBM in spite of their busy schedules. Also reinforced the values of BASA.		<a href="#">Information</a>
2.1	Pujo	Pujo Dates and Nirghonto	Gen. Secretary and Pujo Committee announced the dates of Durga Pujo, Lakshmi Pujo and Kali Pujo along with Durga Pujo Nirghonto [Refer Annexure - "Nirghonto"]		<a href="#">Information</a>
2.2		Pujo Procedure	Pujo Committee explained: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pushpanjali time is 11am - 12:30pm on 19 &amp; 20 Oct</li> <li>• To speed up Devi Boron, 2 small protimas would be kept</li> </ul>		<a href="#">Information</a>
2.3		Purohit Mosai Schedule	Tapas Mukherjee, Purohit Mosai, would reach Johannesburg on 15 October and return on 12 November		<a href="#">Information</a>
2.4			Email will be sent with Purohit Mosai's schedule available to individual members		Satadru Ghosh, Arnab Chattopadhyay
3.1	Finance	Expense Update	All events have been conducted within budget and is within 2% of last year's actual expenses		<a href="#">Information</a>
3.2		CSR for Kerala Floods	R 6 660 received towards Kerala flood donation		<a href="#">Information</a>
3.3		Fund Position	Last date of donation to be extended to provide more time to members for donation Total Fund available is R 275 000, including fixed deposits		Chandra Chakraborty
4.1	Donation	Individual Donation Commitment	Received commitment of almost R 100 000 from individual members- details of the contribution are attached as Annexure - "Individual Donation"		<a href="#">Information</a>
4.2		Temporary membership	Temporary membership fee is R 500. Temporary members can be part of all events on all 3 days, except for Cultural/On Stage performance		<a href="#">Information</a>
4.3		Corporate Donation	Commitment of R 59 000 has been received till date against last year's R 79 000. Projection is corporate donation would match last year's donations		<a href="#">Information</a>
4.4			Bank of India and Bank of Baroda to be approached for donation		Gaurish Chakraborty, Tapas Kumar Bhattacharya
4.5		TCS - MTN Account	Members of MTN account of TCS to be approached for donation/temporary membership		Subhradip Ghosal
5.1	Cost Contain	Food Token	Feasibility of token based Bhog Bitoron to non-members - to be discussed		ExCo
5.2		Souvenir	Non-coated pages for Souvenir to be explored for cost reduction		ExCo
6.1	Durga Pujo Event Management	Anandamela	Anandamela organising committee formation		Madhumita Sinha, Sanjukta Bonnie Mitra, Arijit Chandra
6.2			Anandamela organising committee to contact other organizations, if the turnout from BASA members is not sufficient to cater to the demand of 19th October		Madhumita Sinha, Sanjukta Bonnie Mitra, Arijit Chandra
6.6		General Durga Puja Photography	General Durga Puja Photography for all 3 days, would be managed separately from the cultural photography. Arijit would organize and manage photographers for general photography.		Arijit Chandra
7.1	CSR	Unity College	BASA contributed R 3 200 and raised additional R 6 800 from members		<a href="#">Information</a>
		RoleModels Foundation	BASA contributed R 3 000		<a href="#">Information</a>
7.2		Kerala Re-build	BASA contributed R 2 500 and raising additional contribution from members in progress		<a href="#">Information</a>
8.1	Miscellaneous	Storage	Storage will be evacuated from 31 Oct 2018 due to high cost. Instead, to save cost, garage loft of member Partha Pratim Ghosh would be used against an annual rental.		<a href="#">Information</a>
8.2		Member Database	Member database with email id, address, profession to be prepared		Partha Pratim Ghosh
8.3		BASA Assets rental	ExCo has done a feasibility study and based on that a decision has been taken that no BASA assets would be rented out, except the usual sound box.		<a href="#">Information</a>
8.4		Workshop	Proposal of planning workshop days on Yoga, Music, Dance, Afrikaans, Maths, etc. to be explored.		ExCo
8.5		Amader BASA	Members can make use of Amader BASA Whatsapp Group for selling their personal assets during relocation. Amader BASA not to be used for selling of friends'/colleagues' assets.		<a href="#">Decision</a>
8.6			Code of conduct to be updated and distributed		Rana Pratap Sinha
8.7		New Members kit	Preparation of New Member's Intro kit		Arijit Chatterjee