

THE GLOBAL OGB ASSOCIATION (GO)

Held on Friday, 8 October 2020 at 10.30 am (IST)

Virtual Meeting held via Zoom Meeting

PRESENT : GO Management Committee

Anirban Bhattacharyya	Chair	Mumbai – India	10.30 am
Alfred Khan	Treasurer	Kolkata-India	10.30 am
Sushil Marda	Member	Kalimpong – India	10.30 am
Bernard Trench Lyngdoh	Member	Shillong – India	10.30 am
George Borthwick	Member	New Zealand	6.00 pm
Pauline Singh	Member	Delhi – India	10.30 am
Danny Khawas	Member	Delhi – India	10.30 am
Tenzing Norzang	Member	Minnesota, USA	12 midnight
Vanda Campbell	Member	Scotland, UK	6.00 am
Dawn Van Steensel	Minute Secretary	Sydney Australia	4.00 pm
Babita Chakraborty	New Members	Delhi – India	Joined at 12.00 noon

APOLOGIES :

Thuten Kesang	Member	New Zealand
Garth Mitchell	Member	Dubai

The meeting commenced at 10.30 am IST.

ITEM NO. 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The GO Management Team noted and received the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 25 September 2020.

ACTION: Dawn to forward Minutes to Ken and request that they be posted on the GO Website.

ITEM NO. 3 MATTERS ARISING – Action Items

The Matters Arising document was received and items updated.
Items were updated and other marked as Closed.

ITEM NO. 4.0 GO & IC Meeting with the Board off Dr. Grahams Homes (BOM)

General Meeting

Anirban gave a brief summary of the meeting with the BOM held on 29 September 2020.

There were 7 BOM Members and the Chairs from Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand and UK International Committees and GO represented by Anirban and Dawn.

This was a historic meeting with the BOM and very much appreciated by the 5 IC and GO representatives.

Following the resignation of Gillian Hart, the previous Chair, Shane Calvert has been appointed the Chair of the BOM.

Points detailed by Shane :

1. Current situation with the Teachers and their demand for a 6th Pay Commission Pay increase
2. The on-line Classes for the students – due to Covid-19.
3. Following 4 resignations from the BOM – the urgent need for a full Board to be appointed quickly.
4. Shane gave a list of 9 provisional nominees for the BOM – including a position for a representative from GO.

It was pleasing to note that an independent position on the BOM had been allocated to GO. While thanking Shane and the BOM present for this offer – an appeal was made to assign one seat to a candidate, representing the International Committees.

5. GO/ICs expressed their views on a couple of nominees that could have a potential conflict-of-interest in their role as a BOM Member.

In response to a query, a couple of suitable, alternate candidate names were advised by GO to the BOM

Shane and the BOM took our feedback on notice and indicated that our suggestions would be further deliberated by the BOM.

Following this meeting the BOM met on 5 Oct 2020.

Anirban advised that the BOM confirmed on 8 October 2020 that a position had also been made available to the International Committee representative. The ICs were to agree on a representative.

It was pleasing to note that there were 7 OGBs on the current BOM.

ITEM NO. 5.0 | GO POSITION ON THE BOM

Pauline Singh has been nominated and appointed as GO's representative on the BOM.

The position is for 3 years. At the end of the term – the position will be filled by another suitable GO Member.

It was also noted that if Pauline was unable to attend a BOM Meeting at any time – another member of GO would attend in her place or on a rotation basis.

It was proposed:

- any information relevant to the GO Team be shared with the GO Management Team via email or the Messenger Chat Board.
- as good governance practice, the terms of conduct for the person holding the GO position on the BOM be drawn – to include accountability/responsibility/terms etc.

Action – Anirban/Dawn to draft a copy

ITEM NO. 6.0 | UPDATE – NGO Application

Danny advised that the application for the NGO is being finalised.

- Anirban, Pauline, Danny and Alfie will be registered as the Trustees

- If required additional persons may be added as Trustees
- As an owner occupied residential address was required to be included in the Application – Babita Chakravorty agreed for her residential address in New Delhi to be used on the Application.
- The fee for registering the Application is approx.IndRs.5000
- Once NGO status is received – than GO will be able to open a Bank Account in India to collect funds

ITEM NO. 7.0 GO TOWN HALL SESSION

Anirban had been invited by Tenzing to attend a virtual meeting with the OGBs from North America on 26 Sept 2020. The meeting took the form of Q&A on the activities of GO and DGH.

It was proposed that GO take the opportunity to do more of these townhall meetings to reach out to the wider OGB base.

To be considered for future.

ITEM NO. 8.0 NEW MEMBER – Babita Chakravorty

12.12 pm IST Babita Chakravorty from New Delhi joined the meeting. As the newest member of the GO Management Team this was a good opportunity for Babita to meet the GO Team informally.

ITEM NO. 9.00

NEXT MEETING 17 October 2020

There being no further matters, the meeting closed at 1.00 pm IST