

**THE
NEW ZEALAND
INDIAN CENTRAL
ASSOCIATION (Inc.)**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT
AND
ANNUAL REPORT**

**60th ANNUAL CONFERENCE
held at
GURDWARA (SIKH TEMPLE), TE RAPA,
HAMILTON ON
SATURDAY 29 MARCH 1986**

THE
***NEW ZEALAND INDIAN
CENTRAL ASSOCIATION***

INC

President:

SHANTIBEN THAKOR (Auckland)

Vice President:

MAGAN RANCHHOD (Wellington)

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Past President

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RAMON WALLABH (Pukekohe)
CHIMAN BHANA (Rotorua)
CHHOTUBHAI CHHIBA (Taranaki)
BHANUBHAI PATEL (Waikato)
KANTI SOMA RAMJI (Wellington)

CONFERENCE DELEGATES 1986

Auckland

1. Dinesh Tailor
2. Shantilal Prema
3. Dinesh Patel
4. Chhotubhai Mistry
5. Thakorbbhai Parbhu
6. Chhimabhai Vallabh
7. Dhirubhai Bhawan
8. Kanti Bhika
9. Mrs Paliben Ranchhod
10. Dhansukh Prema

Wellington

1. Kanti Soma Ramji
2. Raman Ranchhod
3. Rama K Ramanathan
4. Shantilal Parag
5. Kiran Nathoo
6. Maniben Naik
7. Gajendra Manilal
8. Ishwar R Nagar
9. Amrit Vasan

Waikato

1. Pravin Puna
2. Bhanubhai Patel
3. Ashwin Gulab

Taranaki

1. Girish Bhana
2. Gulab Moral
3. Gowardhan Lal Mehta
4. Dhirubhai Bhikha

Attending Life Members

1. Rameshbhai Patel
2. Khushal Madhu
3. Shivilal Masters
4. Karam Singh Basi

5. Piara Singh
6. Narsinh Vallabh
7. Chhiba Lala Patel
8. Paragbhai Kanji
9. Rambhai Unka

Pukekohe

1. Bhulabhai Das Bhakta
2. Ranchhodbbhai Kana
3. Ishwarbhai Rambhai
4. Miss Parvatiben Khusal
5. Narendrabhai Morar
6. Ganges Singh
7. Mrs Pritam Singh
8. Mohanbhai Parsot
9. Khusalbbhai Naran
10. Pema Manga

Country Section

1. Harkishan Singh Kung
2. Sardool Singh
3. Chain Singh
4. Santokh Singh Bhullar
5. Hardial Singh
6. Daulat Singh
7. Sarwan Singh

Bay of Plenty

1. Hasmmukh Chhagan
2. Thakor Gordhan
3. Chhagan Nathoo
4. Magan Dahya
5. Jeram Bhana

Manawatu

1. Haribhai Naran

Members Attended 15 Years and Over

1. Harbans Singh Randhawa
2. Haribhai Jagu

1986 YOUTH CONFERENCE DELEGATES

Parmjot Singh Jasbir Rana Harpreet Singh Rajibinder Rana Raju Bains Robin Bains S. Singh M. Randhana Taranpal Singh		—	COUNTRY SECTION
Mukesh Gordhan		—	WELLINGTON (Y.G. SUPPORTER)
Anita Dheda Neilar Dheda Sue Bhana		—	ROTORUA
Bharti Sukha Bharati Patel		—	TARANAKI

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

NAMASTE, SAT-SHRI-AKAL AND WELCOME DELEGATES, LIFE MEMBERS AND HONOURED GUESTS.

It is with much pleasure I present my annual report to the New Zealand Indian Central Association.

This year has been very interesting for our Association and our members have been involved in many activities throughout New Zealand.

Some of the more notable ones are:—

1. The Royal visit by the Queen and Duke.
2. Change of leadership in the National Party.
3. Formation of the Auckland Ethnic Council.
4. The Investiture of Mr J.K. Natali by the Queen for his Queen Service Medal.
5. Life Membership function in Auckland — where I took the opportunity to unofficially welcome Admiral Dawson.
6. World Day of Prayer for Peace.
7. Golden Jubilee Celebrations for the Wellington Sports Club.
8. Laying of Foundation Stone for the Gurdwara in Otahuhu.
9. The selection of Anup Nathu for the Canterbury Cricket team and Dipak Patel for the Auckland Cricket team, just to name a few.

We are all very sad at the passing of Govindbhai Kanji, our Life Member. On behalf of the New Zealand Indian Central Association, I offer our sympathy and condolences to his family. We all pray that his soul may rest in peace.

A very shameful action was the bombing of the Greenpeace flagship — Rainbow Warrior. This was a deliberate act of terrorism by a foreign country in our beautiful peaceful harbour.

This type of behaviour cannot and should not be tolerated by any person or country, especially with loss of life involved. We offer our condolences to Greenpeace and the family of the crew member who lost his life.

We also offer our sympathy to Mr and Mrs Nagin Patel who lost their only Son in such tragic circumstances. What was meant to be a joyous musical feast — the visit of Anup Jalota was marred by this unfortunate tragedy. We have no answers but we offer our prayers. Our condolences also to Unka Chibha and his family in the sad demise of his Mother.

1986 is designated by the United Nations as the 'Year for Peace'. As Indians our heritage and inbred tolerance commits us to peace, so the Government stance on keeping New Zealand a 'Nuclear Free Zone' is very acceptable to our Indian thinking. We all know that knowledge once acquired cannot be unlearned but we must insist that it be used for the progress and betterment of mankind, and not allow knowledge in any form to destroy us, and our environment. Our Prime Minister was indeed a credit to New Zealand at the Oxford debate on the 'Nuclear Issue', where his skill was acclaimed by all present. We congratulate the Rt. Hon. David Lange on his excellent performance.

Since our last meeting we have farewelled Hiwi Tauroa, the Race Relations Conciliator. Hiwi was a good friend to our community and we thank him for putting Race Relations on the map and for making people aware of the existence and needs of Ethnic minorities in New Zealand.

It is with much pleasure I welcome the new Conciliator, Wally Hirsh, a very astute caring man, who I'm sure will continue to build on the work of the people before him.

Recently in Auckland we were very pleased to host the Kathakali dancers. I congratulate the Auckland Indian Association and the Fiji Association, especially Mr Satendra Singh for arranging this concert at such short notice. We can achieve so much more by working together.

We should all be pleased to note that the planned Rugby tour of South Africa did not go ahead. I would like to thank you all for your support and hope this cancellation will serve as yet another blow for 'Apartheid'. At least our efforts were not in vain.

Not so long ago we said farewell to Mr Kievom, the Acting High Commissioner for India and his family. His casual friendliness and beaming smile will be missed by us all.

I would like to welcome Admiral Dawson, the High Commissioner for India to the New Zealand Indian community. I have had the pleasure of meeting Admiral Dawson on many occasions and am most impressed with his approachable courteous manner. I'm sure he will continue and develop the meaningful relationship with the Indians in New Zealand as did his predecessor.

With so much unrest in the World today, I must stress the need for unity, unity within our family, our community and within our Association. The New Zealand Indian Central Association is only as strong as our branches, so I would like you to return to your various Branch Associations with renewed vigour and enthusiasm so that we may encourage our youth to take more interest in all our affairs. The only way to preserve our culture and customs is by having pride in ourselves and our identity. If we can engender this feeling of pride, love and care in our children, we will progress as people and as Indians.

I would like to thank my Executive Committee, all Branch Presidents and Officers for their support, and presence at the Executive meetings. A special 'thank you' to Dinesh Taylor of the Auckland Indian Association and Kanti Ramji of the Wellington Branch for their willingness to host our Executive meetings. There is a great deal of work and organisation involved and we are indeed grateful for your hospitality.

My work this year as your President, I found quite enjoyable and I'm sure my efficiency was greatly improved with constant advice and reminders from Mr Ganges Singh, our Past President. Thanks also to my Vice President Maganbhai whose total loyalty, support and time is always available to me, and my most grateful thanks to Jagdishbhai for his complete devotion to duty as General Secretary. His experience was invaluable to me and certainly much appreciated.

Finally, I would like to thank each and everyone of you for your presence and interest. Without you there would be no conference.

I look forward each year to seeing the familiar faces and meeting new friends who may also become familiar in time. It is here we renew friendships and faith in each other and the New Zealand Central Indian Association which we all serve.

Shanti Patel
President.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Host President Santokh Singh Bhullar welcomed the honoured guests, delegates and Life Members and wished them every success in their deliberations.

Prime Minister (Mr Lange), was to be the guest speaker, but because he was on an Overseas mission, a Video Recorded message was played to the delegates. In his message the Prime Minister stated that he has a long association with the Indian Community in N.Z. and Indians in India. He has made several trips to India and has met many Indian Dignitaries. He has also met and discussed with Rajiv Gandhi (Prime Minister of India), various matters dealing with economy, new technology, and trade between the two countries. The relationship between India and N.Z. was strengthened by the re-opening of the N.Z. High Commissions Office in New Delhi.

Mr Santokh Singh Bhullar then introduced the Indian High Commissioner to N.Z. Admiral Dawson, who addressed the Conference.

Admiral Dawson stated that he was indeed happy to see that the Indians in N.Z., through their hard work and effort, have become well settled in N.Z. and as an Ambassador he was delighted to hear and learn that Indians are well respected in N.Z.

He told the Conference that India has made great success in the field of Science and Technology, Farming, Business World and Foreign Policy. He stated that India's progress is marred at times by internal strife, fight for secular states and natural calamities. In spite of these problems, the harmony and co-existence that thrives in a vast country, with a multitude of languages, religious, traditions and customs, is a credit to its people and the country.

He told the delegates that Indians should assimilate in the N.Z. Society, but must retain the traditional culture, particularly amongst the younger generation.

In conclusion Admiral Dawson wished the Conference every success in the deliberations and declared the meeting open.

In reply the Vice President Manganbhai Ranchhod thanked Admiral Dawson for attending the opening session of the Conference and enlightening the delegates with India's progress, inspite of internal problems.

The President Shantiben Thakor presented Admiral Dawson with a copy of the Historial Book "Indians in N.Z." and adjourned the meeting at approximately 10.45 a.m. for tea break.

The main Conference commenced at 11.15 a.m. The Youth Conference also commenced about the same time at the Te Rapa Hall.

Two minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect for those members who had passed away during the year. In particular a special tribute was paid to one of our prominent Life Members, Mr Govindbhai Kanji (Wellington) who passed away recently.

The following apologies were recorded:

Life Members:

Messrs J.K. Natali, Diyalbhai Kesry.

AUCKLAND:

Parbhubhai Kangi

PUKEKOHE:

Messrs R.C. Hari, & Parbhubhai Bhikha.

DELEGATES:

Kantibhai Bhaga (Wn)

Ukabhai Chhiba (Asst. Gen. Secretary)

Chhotubhai Chhiba (Taranaki)

Nanubhai C. Patel (Manawatu)

Moved apologies be accepted:

Raman Ranchhod (Wn); Chhotubhai Mistry (Ak)

Minutes of the 59th Annual Conference held in Rotorua on 6 April 1986 were read and confirmed. (The General Secretary apologised for handing out the Delegates in error reports of Conference held in Auckland instead of Rotorua).

Matters arising out of minutes:

(1) Telephone Directory

Maganbhai Ranchhod was appointed to investigate the printing and cost factor of New directory. He briefly outlined his findings. The matter was discussed at great length and the following resolution was passed:-

“That the association organise printing of a new Directory and the preliminary information for Directory from all the branches be in the hands of the General Secretary by 30 August 1986.”

It was also passed that the Branches to obtain advertisements, to cover cost of printing, from members or non members, in their respective areas.

Concerning the advertisement charges, it was moved:

“That \$250 will be charged for inside ordinary pages and in respect of

- (i) Inside front page
- (ii) Inside back pages and
- (iii) Back page

the Branches are to call for tenders through their circulars to members, or by canvassing amongst the non-members for the highest tenderer (in excess of \$250) who will be given first preference.

Dhirubhai Patel/Gulab Moral
Taranaki

School Certificate Prizes:

The 1985 School Certificate Prizes were awarded as follows:	
1st Prize: Nathaneil A. Parbhu (Wellington)	366
2nd Prize: Nemisha M. Ranchhod (Taranaki)	361
3rd Prize: Aneela Pancha (Taranaki)	333

Inward and Outward Correspondence:

The following inward and outward letters were tabled:

1. Letter to N.Z. Press Council concerning an article in the N.Z. Herald which singled out Indian Landlords in the Auckland area. The Association raised an objection to this article.
2. Letter from the N.Z. Press Council stating that the complaint should first be referred to the Editor of N.Z. Herald.
3. Letter to N.Z. Herald expressing our concern to the article in the Herald which singled out Indian Landlords.
In their reply it was stated that the articles are "closely evaluated" before they are published.

As the reply was not wholly satisfactory, the matter has now been referred to the Ethnic Council in Auckland for their investigation.

4. Letter to the Minister of Internal Affairs (N.Z.) re Dual Citizenship. The reply from the Minister stated that as far as N.Z. is concerned, a person may simultaneously be a citizen of one or more other countries as well as N.Z.
5. Letter to the Minister of Broadcasting and the Director General, B.C.N.Z., requesting time to be allocated for presenting Indian programmes on Radio and Television.
Reply from the Minister stating the matter had been referred to the Broadcasting Corporation.

Reply from the Director General T.V.N.Z. states that there is a need to recognise many minority groups settled in N.Z. Possibility of including Indian programmes is being investigated.

Reply from the Director General Radio N.Z. states that the Indian Community is recognised as one of the, many minority groups that make up and contribute to the modern multi-cultural society. He stated that 2YB access already provides regular Sunday evening programmes by and for the Indian community. A similar access station will be established in Auckland in the near future.

6. Letters to and from the Indian High Commissions Office in Wellington re:—

(a) **Dual Citizenship**

Indian constitution does not permit dual nationality.

(b) **Visas for India**

All foreign nationals including N.Z. Passports holders need visa for India before they depart.

(c) **Indian Cultural Scholarship**

It was confirmed that scholarships' on various courses are available which are normally channelled through the recipient country.

7. National Superannuation:

A letter to Minister of Social Welfare enquiring about payment of National Superannuation to New Zealand Citizens/Residents wishing to retire overseas.

The Minister replied stating that the issue will be examined by the Royal Commission on Social Security.

8. A letter from Wellington Indian Sports Club inviting the President and Secretary to its Golden Jubilee (50th Anniversary) Celebration.

9. Q.S.M. and Q.S.O. Award

Mr Kantibhai Soma (Wellington) expressed his concern in the way the nominations for QSM and QSO awards were processed at previous meetings.

After a lengthy discussion on the subject, two nominations from Auckland Branch, that of Mr Rameshbhai Patel and Mr Shivlalbhai Masters were put to vote by secret ballot. They did not succeed in getting 2/3 majority of the votes, therefore the names were not forwarded to the N.Z. Government for consideration for Queen's Award.

The meeting suggested that the names be re-nominated by the respective Branch Association and the General Secretary is to call for any other nominations from Branches.

Life Membership

(Discussion was chaired by Maganbhai Ranchhod).

A letter from Auckland Branch, nominating Mr Thakorbhai Parbhu for Life Membership, together with a resumé was tabled.

The President pointed out that the nomination was received and considered at the last Executive Committee meeting held in Wellington and it was recommended, unanimously, that the name be forwarded to the next Annual Conference for consideration.

Various members spoke on Mr Parbhu's contribution to the Association and the community.

On a secret ballot more than 2/3 of the delegates voted in favour of Mr Parbhu's nomination and hence he was duly made a Life Member and was presented with the Life Membership Badge.

Presentation of Merit Certificate for attending 15 or more Conferences:

The following members who have attended 15 or conferences were awarded Merit Certificate.

The honour of presenting Merit Certificates was given to two Life Members Messrs Karam Singh Basi and Piara Singh.

Auckland

Chhima Bhai Vallabh	16 years
Chhotubhai Sima	15 years
Diyalbai Kesry	20 years
Jagdish Natali	19 years
Khusalbai Madhav	19 years

Parbhubhai Kanji	17 years
Raman Ganda	15 years
Shivlal Masters	23 years
Thakorbhai Parbhu	19 years
J.K. Natali	16 years
Haribhai Jagu	16 years
Country Section	
Harbans Singh Randhawa	25 years
Karam Singh Basi	19 years
Piara Singh	24 years
Wellington Section	
Govan Bhaga Bhula	15 years
Kanti Vasan	15 years
Narsinhbhai Vallabh	21 years
Manawatu Hawkes Bay	
Haribhai Naran	19 years
Pukekohe	
Bhuladas Bhakta	17 years
Magan Ranchhod	16 years
Paragbhai Kanji	19 years
Ukabhai Chhiba	19 years
Waikato	
Bhanubhai Patel	16 years
Ramabhai Unka	15 years
Taranaki	
Chhiba Lala Patel	15 years

Financial Report:

In presenting the Financial Report, the General Secretary drew attention to the outstanding affiliation fees. Branches whose fees were in arrears were requested to update them.

Moved that the Financial Report be accepted as presented.

Bhanubhai Patel/Dinesh Tailor
Waikato / Auckland

Youth Conference Report

The newly elected Chairperson was asked to present a brief report of the Youth Conference. (Included in this report).

A grave concern was expressed by the Chairperson that Major Branches were not represented at the Youth Conference. Once again the Branches were reminded to revive and encourage youth members to participate in the Regional Youth activities.

The President congratulated the newly elected chairperson Miss Harpreet Kaur Singh and the Secretary Miss Rajbinder Rana and wished them well for the ensuing year.

This year, the presentation of President's cup was honoured by Mr Ganges Singh who presented it to the Rotorua Youth Group for taking greater participation in Regional Youth Activities and social achievements.

Branch Activities

Each Branch presented its report on the activities carried out through out the year.

Most Branches were involved in fund raising, Gita classes, Festive celebrations, social and cultural activities. Mahila Samaj also played active role in their respective Branch Associations.

President's Report

The President's Report was read and accepted by acclamation.

Election of Officers

A vote of thanks was accorded to outgoing officers.

Ganges Singh/Kanti Soma
(Pukekohe) / (Wellington)

The following were nominated and elected:

President:

Shantiben Thakor

Dinesh Tailor/Shantilal Prema

Vice President:

Magan Ranchhod

Ganges Singh/Ishwar Rambhai

Santokh Singh Bhullar

Gowerdhan Mehta/Raman Ranchhod

On a secret ballot voting Santokh Singh Bhullar was elected Vice President.

General Secretary

Jagdish C. Natali

Raman Ranchhod/Bhanubhai Patel

Assistant Secretary

Ukabhai Chhiba's name was nominated by Pukekohe delegate.

Because Ukabhai was not present at the Conference, due to unforeseen circumstances, members expressed their views for and against the nomination. After a lengthy discussion, the majority voted against the acceptance of his nomination.

Chhotubhai Mistry

Amrit Vasan/Raman Ranchhod

Dinesh Tailor

Harkishan Singh/Shivlal Masters

Mr Dinesh Tailor declined his nomination, so Chhotubhai Mistry was duly elected Assistant General Secretary.

Auditor
Amrit Vasan

Executive Committee
Dinesh Tailor

Auckland

Kanti Soma Ramji
Magan Ranchhod
Gulab Moral
Magan Daya
Haribhai Naran
Bhanubhai Patel
Sardool Singh
Govind Lallu

Wellington
Pukekohe
Taranaki
Bay of Plenty
Manawatu
Waikato
Country Section
Christchurch

Sub Committees

On Immigration: Amrit Vasan, Raman Ganda, Thakor Parbhu, Santokh Sing Bhullar, Ganges Singh.

On Social Welfare & Supperannuation: Same as above.

Remits and Resolutions:
From Country Section

1. "That the Indian High Commissioner be approached and requested that the Indian residents of N.Z. be issued visas for their Home State from High Commissions Office in Wellington before they depart for India.

(Carried)

2. "That full details of the new Immigration Policy be obtained from the Labour Department and made available to the Branches."
This matter discussed and dealt with earlier during the Conference.

From Pukekohe

1. That the N.Z. Indian Central Association consider increasing the school certificate prizes and Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Prize.

(Carried)

The following increase was suggested and accepted unanimously.

School Certificate Prizes: 1st: \$100.00

2nd: \$50.00

3rd: \$25.00

Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Prize: \$100.00

From Auckland

“Through the Indian High Commissions Office in N.Z., we enquire as to why can't people, travelling from India to N.Z., air cargo their unaccompanied baggage themselves, instead of going through an agent.”

(Carried)

General Business:

The following matters were raised by member from Waikato (Bhanubhai Patel):

1. Delays in issuing Visas for India from Indian High Commission's Office in Wellington.

After a brief discussion on the matter, it was suggested that the issue be referred to the High Commissioners Office for his attention.

2. Bhanubhai pointed out that unnecessary expenses involved in providing pre-wedding dinner and offering of gifts should be curtailed.

As this is part of a tradition and custom, the N.Z. Indian Central Association cannot interfere in individual rights.

3. Mr Ganges Singh advised that the following be recorded in the minutes:

- (a) Awarding of Queen's Honour, Q.S.M. to Mr J.K. Natali.
- (b) Appointment of Mr K. Vasan as a Justice of the Peace for N.Z.
- (c) Shantiben Thakor being elected Chairperson of Ethnic Council of Auckland.

Re Telephone Directory

Inclusion of Business Telephone Numbers:

Mr Shantilal Prema, (from Auckland) suggested that only residential and business telephone numbers be included in the directory. Employer's telephone number should not be shown.

After a brief discussion on the matter, it was resolved that the Central Association will compile and print the Telephone and Address Directory with the information supplied by the Branch Associations.

Conference 1987:

Taranaki Indian Assoc. extended an invitation to host the 1987 Conference at Easter at a venue to be advised later, which was accepted with acclamation.

The first Executive Committee Meeting to be held in Wellington and the 2nd in November in Auckland.

The President Mrs Shantiben Thakor in her closing address thanked the Host Association, Country Section, for their hospitality and for organising the Conference Venue.

The Conference concluded at approximately 7 p.m. with the National Anthem “Jan Gan Mah.”

J.C. Natali J.P.
General Secretary

NEW ZEALAND INDIAN YOUTH GROUP

1986 YOUTH CONFERENCE

On Saturday 29th March 1986 the New Zealand Youth Groups Annual forum was held in the Te Rapa Hall in Hamilton. Parmjot Singh, a country Section delegate opened the meeting with a speech welcoming all representatives. Tarnpal, chairperson introduced our guest speaker, Narinder Singh, a police constable in the Hamilton police force.

Narinder Singh, the guest speaker, addressed the meeting and gave a very interesting talk, which included his background and participation in the police force and he was very interested in our youth groups.

Branch Representatives gave their report on activities held throughout the year in their own communities, and any problems experienced.

Apologies were accepted from Auckland and Wellington. Disappointing to see two major branches not represented.

Rotorua, again were very active with activities such as:

- Indian barbeque held in early January 1986.
- Indian hockey teams for playing on Wednesday nights.
- Indian dances at the Pukekohe fundraising concerts.
- Indian dances held at the Rotorua Spring Festivals.

Country Section are presently working on establishing a Youth Group and we were pleased with the turnout at the forum. Taranaki are experiencing vast difference and distance problems, but a small function was held by Indian Associations for MRS BALABEN THOMSON on the 24/25th.

Elections of Officers

New Chairperson — HARPREET SINGH

New Secretary — RAJBINDER RANA

*Both of Country Section.

Discussion Topics

1. We discussed the future of the Youth Groups.
2. Discussion of "Point Of View" article by Columbo. This article was on Inter-caste and inter racial marriages. Many people tend to be against the idea.

The 1986 Youth forum in August was the next discussion topic. Where and when it will be held;

SUGGESTION: Auckland and Taranaki, still being decided.

DISCUSSION TOPICS FOR THE AUGUST FORUM: Building up of the YOUTH GROUPS.

The forum was closed by Harpreet Singh.

The forum overall was a success.

The Youth Group Award for 1985 went to Rotorua.

Thanks to all delegates who attended this conference and also TARNPAL SINGH and BHARTI PATEL for the wonderful job they have done.

Rajibinder Rana

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 27 JULY 1985

An Executive Committee meeting of the Association was held in Gandhi Hall, 156 Victoria Street on Saturday, 27 July 1985 at 4 p.m.

The following were present:—

Shantiben Thakor (President), Magan Ranchhod (Vice President), Jagdish Natali (General Secretary), Uka Chhiba (Asst. General Secretary), Ganges Singh (Past President), Chhotubhai Sima (Auckland), Santokh Singh Bhullar (Country Section), Ramon Vallabh (Pukekohe), Kanti R Soma (Wellington), Bhanubhai Patel (Waikato), Chhotubhai Chhiba (Taranaki), Taranpal Singh (NZ Indian Youth Group).

Life Members: Khushal Madhu, Shival B. Masters, Parbhu Kanji.

Apologies: Govind Lallu (Christchurch), Chiman Bhana (Rotorua), Haribhai Naran (Manawatu), J.K. Natali, Narsinh Vallabh, Karam Singh, R.C. Hari, Parbhubhai Bhikha, Piara Singh (Life Members). R. Ganda, A. Vasana (special Committee members on Immigration). Moved Apologies be accepted — Santokh S. Bhullar/Chhotubhai Sima.

Delegates were welcomed by the Host President, Chhotubhai Sima who wished the meeting every success.

Two minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect for those members who have passed away recently.

Draft of Annual Report

Draft of Annual Report was read and accepted.

Correspondence

1. **Immigration** — moved that Committee on Immigration be given power to arrange a meeting with the Minister to discuss matters pertaining to immigration affecting Indians.
2. **QSM or QSO Award** — General Secretary advised that our nomination for the above award has been acknowledged in February and that there has been no further communication. It was suggested that a follow up letter be sent to P P O'Shea.
3. **Letter from Nagin Patel concerning International Indian Association** — Mr Nagin Patel advised in his letter that he didn't have much information to put forward to the Association. He was to keep the Association informed with any new information on the matter.
4. **Dual Citizenship** — Letter from Mr Peter Tapsell (Minister of Internal Affairs) concerning dual citizenship was to be circulated to all branches.

Moved that Inward correspondence be received and outward be endorsed.

(Bhahubhai/Ganges B Singh)

Youth Forum

The Chairman of Youth Forum, Taranpal Singh, informed the meeting that the next Forum will be held in August in Wellington.

Because of lack of support coming from branches, he asked for parental support to youth at Branch level. Youth cannot actively progress unless they are encouraged and given support to become involved in branch matters, by the Branch Associations.

General Business

1. Mr Ganges Singh informed the meeting of Mrs Shantiben Thakor being appointed as a Justice of the Peace.

2. **Arts and Culture** — At the last Annual Conference, the Executive Officers were asked to follow up further regarding promotion of arts and culture.

Members at the Executive Committee meeting felt that as Ukabhai had done a fair amount of research and was more conversant with promotion of Indians arts and culture, he be authorised to continue with the good work.

3. **QSO or QSM award** — Kanti Soma from Wellington stated that he was rather concerned at the way in which nominations for above award were dealt with. He suggested that members should be made aware of the nomination and should be done in a democratic way.

Various members expressed their views on the matter and it was resolved that in future members should be fully informed of all businesses transacted at the Executive Committee Meeting.

Computerisation of Telephone Directory

Maganbhai Ranchhod gave a brief account of his findings on the computerisation of the telephone directory. After a brief discussion on the matter, it was left to Maganbhai to do more research on it.

The President, Mrs Shantiben Thakor thanked the Auckland Indian Association for hosting the meeting and providing afternoon tea and dinner in the evening.

The meeting concluded at approximately 7pm.

JAGDISH NATALI
(General Secretary)

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 17 NOVEMBER 1985

An Executive Committee Meeting of the Association was held in Bharat Bhawan, 90 Tasman Street, on Saturday 17 November 1985 at 2 p.m.

The following were present: — Shantiben Thakor (President), Magan Ranchhod (Vice President), Jagdish Natali (General Secretary), Uka Chhiba (Assistant General Secretary), Ganges Singh (Past President (Immediate)), Dinesh Tailor (Substitute for Chhotubhai Sima) (Auckland), Santokh Singh Bhullar (Country Section), Raman Ranchhod (Substitute for Kanti Soma Ramji) (Wellington), Ravji Unka (Substitute for Ramon Vallabh) (Pukekohe), Raman Sukha (Substitute for Chhotubhai Chhiba) (Taranaki), Harribhai Narran (Manawatu), Shivilal B Masters, Parhbu Kanji, Nar sinh Vallabh, Karam Singh Basi, (Life Members), Thakor Parbhu, Amrit Vasan, Raman Ganda, (Special Committee Members of Immigration).

Apologies: Jayanti Chhima (Rotorua), Bhanubhai Patel (Waikato), J. K. Natali, Parag Kanji, Parhbu Bhikha, R.C. Hari, Rameshbhai Patel, Diyal Kersry, Khushal Madhu, Piara Singh (Life Members), Taran Pal Singh (Chairman, NZ Indian Youth Group). Moved: That the apologies be accepted.

Santokh S Bhullar/Raman Ranchhod

Prior to commencement of the Meeting, Mr David Robinson, who is a Social Research Consultant, appointed by State Services Commission, was given an opportunity to address the meeting. He has been employed to do a research on "Provision of Government Services to Ethnic Minority Groups", and whether these services meet their needs.

The two main areas that his survey is concerned with are:

- a) The access to and use of Government Services that are provided for all New Zealanders.
- b) The needs of different ethnic groups that may require a special Government programme or other action.

The topics covered in his research are "Immigration, Employment, Housing, Education, Health, and Social Welfare.

He stated that he has met many groups and has discussed the above-mentioned topics — what effect it has; any improvement that could be made. He is hoping to submit a report on his findings to the Government.

With regards to Education, Mr Robinson was advised that we would like our children to learn our language and thus maintain some of our culture. The difficulty faced in this direction is that we do not have teachers who can satisfactorily provide this service. Therefore he was asked to make a representation on our behalf to the Government, of either providing funds or teachers whereby regular classes can be held to teach Hindi or Gujerati.

After a half hour talk and general discussion, the main meeting commenced at approximately 2.30 p.m.

Mr Raman Ranchhod, Vice President of Wellington Indian Association (the Host Association) welcomed the members and wished the meeting every success.

Two minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect for those members who had passed away recently. Particular mention was made of one of the long-standing Life Members, GOVINABHAI KANJI (Wellington) who passed away recently.

Minutes of Meeting held in Auckland.

It was moved that the Minutes of Meeting held in Auckland on 27 July 1985 be accepted as read. Magan Ranchhod/Ganges Singh

Matters Arising out of Minutes Immigration

Amrit Vasan (Chairman of the Immigration Committee) reported that as the Draft Bill on Immigration had not yet been published, there was very little to report. However, he stated that the Committee would meet the Minister of Immigration and discuss the Draft Bill yet to be published.

QSM or QSO Award

The President stated that she had communicated with the Prime Minister's Secretary re our nomination for the award. She was advised that the matter is under consideration.

Correspondence

From Television New Zealand.

As regards to supplying dates and titles of Indian programmes to be screened on Television, the Executive Assistant (Programming) of BCNZ advised that it is not possible to catalogue titles with ethnic content.

As for screening of Indian Programmes, the Director-General advised that because the majority of the audience are English speaking, they must cater for majority.

From Radio New Zealand.

In reply to our enquiry of providing Indian programmes on Radio New Zealand, the Director-General advised that the Indian Community is recognised as one of the many minority groups that make up and contribute to the modern multi-cultural society. In 1981 Radio NZ set up the 2YB Access Station in Wellington and through this station a regular Sunday Evening programme by and for the Indian Community is already broadcast. Radio NZ intends to establish a similar Access Station in Auckland to service the ethnic group in this area.

NZ Press Council

The Article which appeared in the NZ Herald on 26 January 1985 concerning Housing in NZ seemed to single out Indian Landlords.

Our objection to this article was made to the NZ Press Council and the NZ Herald. As the reply from NZ Herald was not very satisfactory, it was moved that the matter now be referred to the Ethnic Council.

Magan Ranchhod/Dinesh Tailor

National Superannuation

The Correspondence to and from the Minister of Social Welfare concerning portability of National Superannuation was tabled at the meeting. After a brief discussion it was resolved that the three people appointed to Committee on Immigration be authorised to prepare a submission to be forwarded to the Royal Commission on Social Security.

Life Membership

A letter from Auckland Branch together with Resumé on Mr Thakor-bhai Parbhu, whose name was nominated for Life Membership was tabled for discussion.

Thakor-bhai Parbhu who was present at the meeting was requested to absent himself during the discussion and Mrs Shantiben Thakor (President) handed over the Chairmanship to the Vice-President Manganbhai Ranchhod in the interim.

Various members expressed their views and opinions on Thakor-bhai's nomination and his service to the community. Majority was in favour of the nomination, so the Meeting decided that the name be forwarded to the next Conference for consideration.

Moved that Inward Correspondence be received and outward endorsed.

Uka Chhibba/Raman Ranchhod

General Business

Nominations for QSM and QSO

One of the members present stated that as there doesn't appear to be any limit on number of nominations and number of people awarded Queen's Honour, it was moved that the two names for QSM and QSO Awards which came before the meeting in Hamilton and were held back, be now forwarded to the Conference for their consideration to send them to the Government. This was officially moved by Uka Chibba and seconded by Raman Ganda.

It was also moved that:

The Branches be advised to submit names of members they consider worthy of receiving a Queen's Honour for outstanding service to community for consideration by the Executive Committee and endorsement by a General Meeting of the NZ Indian Central Association. Nominations must be accompanied by all relevant details of service and background information. Nominations will be considered on yearly basis.

Magan Ranchhod/Shivlal Masters

Mr Dinesh Tailor asked the meeting that when nominations for Life Membership are received by the Executive Committee meeting for consideration and do not meet favourable consideration, should they be automatically brought to the meeting by Central Association, whenever a vacancy occurs for life membership?

The Secretary advised that there is no provision in the constitution or in any standing orders for the unsuccessful names to be brought to the meeting automatically. Once the name has been unsuccessful, the onus is on the Branch Association to re-submit the name/s of the unsuccessful nomination.

Mr Bhullar from Country Section stated that they would like the next conference, to be hosted by his Association, to start at 9.30 a.m. The Meeting agreed to his suggestion of starting at 9.30 a.m.

The President Shantiben Thakor, thanked the Wellington Association for hosting the meeting and providing afternoon tea and dinner in the evening.

The meeting concluded at approximately 5.30 p.m.

JAGDISH NATALI (JP)
General Secretary

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS JANUARY — DECEMBER 1985

Receipts

Opening Balance		3,150.78
Interest		
Current Account March	32.90	
April	3.64	
September	<u>100.00</u>	
		137.20

Affiliation Fees

Pukekohe (1983/84)	200.00	
Wellington (1983/84)	592.00	
Auckland (1983/84 Balance)	167.00	
Auckland (1984/85)	335.00	
Taranaki (1984/85)	52.00	
Manawatu (1984/85)	42.50	
Country Section (1984/85)	<u>70.00</u>	
		1,458.50

Advertising

Turners & Growers	125.00	
Produce Market	125.00	
Bank of New Zealand	125.00	
New Zealand Insurance	125.00	
Maharajah Restaurant	100.00	
V.I.P. Travel	100.00	
K. Ramanathan		
(Final Payment)	<u>115.00</u>	
		865.00
		<u>\$5,611.48</u>

Payments

Waitemata Press Ltd		
1984 Conference Report		1,602.96
PO Box Rental		35.00
Gandhi Memorial Prize		50.00
Postage		49.00
Telegrams		28.68
School Certificate Prizes		
1st Deepak N Lala	50.00	
2nd Sudesh K Chhita	20.00	
3rd (equal) Usha A Narsai	10.00	
3rd (equal) Nina A Patel	<u>10.00</u>	90.00
Toll Calls		128.59
Balance		\$3,627.25

\$5,611.48

LIFE MEMBERS

1971

J.K. Natali (Auckland)
Ravjibhai Hira (Wellington) deceased.
Karam Singh Basi (Country Section)
Inder Singh (Country Section) deceased.

1972

Parbhubhai Kasanji (Auckland) deceased.

1975

Lalbhai N. Patel (Auckland) deceased.
Rameshbhai Patel (Auckland).
Devjibhai Patel (Auckland) deceased.

1977

Narsinhbhai Vallabh (Wellington)
Govindbhai Kanji (Wellington) deceased.

1978

Dayalbhai Kesry (Auckland)
Shivlal B. Masters (Rotorua)

1980

Piara Singh (Country Section)

1982

Khushalbhai Madhav (Auckland)
Ramabhai Unka (Waikato)
Chhibabhai Lala Patel (Taranaki)
Ravjibhai C. Hari (Pukekohe)
Parbhubhai Bhikha (Pukekohe)

1983

Paragbhai Kanji (Pukekohe)

1985

Parbhubhai Kanji (Auckland)

1986

Thakorbhai Parbhu (Auckland)

LIST OF SECRETARIES

The Secretary,
The New Zealand Indian Central Association (Inc.),
P.O. Box 1941,
Wellington

The Secretary,
Auckland Indian Association Inc.,
P.O. Box 2622,
Auckland

The Secretary,
Wellington Indian Association Inc.,
90 Tasman Street,
Wellington

The Secretary,
Bay of Plenty (Rotorua) Indian Association Inc.,
P.O. Box 294,
Rotorua

The Secretary,
Waikato Indian Association,
34 Gilbas Ave
Hamilton

The Secretary,
Pukekohe Indian Association Inc.,
P.O. Box 149,
Pukekohe

The Secretary,
Manawatu-Hawke's Bay Indian Association,
43 The Square
Palmerston North

The Secretary,
Taranaki Indian Association,
4 Vogel Street,
Hawera

The Secretary,
Christchurch Indian Association Inc.,
P.O. Box 22423,
Christchurch

The Secretary,
Country Section Indian Association,
c/- Mr H.S. Kung
Piako Road,
Gordonton

Indian National Anthem

JANA GANA MANA ADHI
NAYAK JAY HE
BHARAT BHAGYA VIDHATA,
PUNJAB SINDH GUJARAT MARATHA
DARAVID UCHKAL BANGA,
VINDHYA HIMACHAL YAMUNA GANGA
UTCHHAL JALDHI TARANGA
TAV SHUBH NAME JAGE
TAV SHUBH ASHISH MANGE
GAHE TAV JAY GATHA
JANA GANA MANGAL DAYAK JAY HE
BHARAT BHAGYA VIDHATA,
JAYA HE, JAYA HE, JAYA HE,
JAYA, JAYA, JAYA, JAYA HE.

Translation:

Thou art the ruler of the minds of all people,
Thou Dispenser of India's destiny.
Thy name rouses the hearts
of the Punjab, Sind, Gujarat and Maratha,
of Dravid, Orissa and Bengal.
It echoes in the hills of the Vindhyas and Himalayas,
mingles in the music of Jumna and Ganges,
and is chanted by the waves of the Indian Sea.
They pray for Thy blessing and sing Thy praise,
Thou Dispenser of India's destiny,
Victory, Victory, Victory to Thee.

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