

THE
NEW ZEALAND INDIAN
CENTRAL ASSOCIATION
INC

**GOLDEN JUBILEE CONFERENCE
1926 - 1976**

**REPORT
&
FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

—CONFERENCE—

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President:

KANTI L. VASAN (Wellington)

Vice President:

HARBANS SINGH RANDHAWA (Country Section)

General Secretary:

BHUKHAN LAL PARBHU (Wellington)

Under Secretary:

MAGAN RANHHOD (Pukekohe)

Auditor:

NARSINH VALLABH (Wellington)

Executive Commiteeee:

THAKOR PARBHU (Auckland)	BHANU PATEL (Waikato)
JAYANT H. PATEL (Wellington)	PIARA SINGH (Country Section)
RAMAN VALLABH (Pukekohe)	JANARDHAN J. PATEL (Manawatu)
CHANDU MAVJI (Rotorua)	GULAB V. MORAL (Taranaki)
MANU GOVIND (Christchurch)	SHIVLAL B. MASTERS (Immediate Past President)

CONFERENCE DELEGATES 1976

Auckland:

1. Jagdish Natali
2. Chhotubhai Sima
3. Ramanbhai Patel
4. Chhotubhai Mistry
5. Parbhubhai Kanji
6. Thakorbbhai Parbhu
7. Dayalbhai Kesry
8. Nanubhai Bhana
9. Kantibhai Bhikha
10. Shantiben Thakorbbhai

Christchurch:

1. Govindbhai Lallu
2. Ramanbhai M. Budhia

Country Section:

1. Harbans Singh Randhawa
2. Piara Singh
3. G.S. Belling
4. Sohan Singh

Wellington:

1. Jayant H. Patel
2. Thakorbbhai N. Vallabh
3. Chunibhai Dahya
4. Amrit L. Vasan
5. Govindbhai Kanji
6. Narsinhbhai Vallabh
7. Ramanbhai Ranchhod
8. Kantibhai Somabhai
9. Bhanabhai Naik
10. Chandanben Kantilal

Waikato:

1. Ramabhai Uka
2. Maganbhai Parbhu
3. Bhanubhai F. Patel
4. Jerambhai D. Keshav

Manawatu:

1. Janardhan J. Patel
2. Mansukhbhai Kubavat
3. Haribhai Naranbhai Patel
4. Ramanbhai Khandu

Bay of Plenty — Rotorua:

1. Chandubhai Mavji
2. Chhaganbhai M. Nathoo
3. Manubhai Kalidas
4. Ambubhai Ramji
5. Maganbhai Ranchhod
6. Jerambhai Bhana

Taranaki:

1. Gulabbhai V.S. Moral
2. Chhotubhai C. Patel
3. Ramanbhai Sukha
4. Parbhubhai Pema

Pukekohe:

1. Paragbhai Kanji
2. Bhikhubhai Jivan
3. Sakatar Singh
4. Ganges B. Singh
5. Maganbhai Ranchhod
6. Ukabhai Chhiba
7. Ravjibhai Uka
8. Parsotbhai Parag
9. Bhulabhai D. Bhakta
10. Dhanjibhai Govind

Attending Life Members:

1. RAVJI BHAI HIRA
2. KARAM SINGH
3. PARBHU BHAI KARSHANJI
4. J.K. NATALI
5. LALBHAI N. PATEL
6. RAMESHBHAI PATEL

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ladies and Gentlemen:

1976 is the 50th year of our Association.

As such it is in itself a memorable occasion.

In 1926 the first meeting of our Association was held in Taumarunui.

At that time the Central Association was formed by three branches – Auckland, Wellington, Taumarunui (now called Country Section).

The first President was S.N. Mahraj (Auckland) who was ably assisted by Vice President Ravjibhai Hira (Wellington) who is present here today. General Secretary Inder Singh Randhawa (Taumarunui), the late father of our current Vice President, Mr Harban Singh Randhawa.

The Executive Committee consisted of 13 members:

Taumarunui

Inder Singh Randhawa

Kahan Singh

Banta R. Singh

Bachint Singh

Karam Singh – who is present here today.

Auckland

S.N. Mahraj

Morar Vallabh

Santa Singh

Dahyabhai Ratanji

Bhullabhai Morar

Wellington

Ravjibhai Hira

Parsottom Chhanna

Dayalbai Vallabh – who I had the great pleasure of meeting in the village of Pardi during my visit to India last year.

In 1935/36 the three foundation branches were joined by Pukekohe, Bay of Plenty – Rotorua, and Christchurch.

Ten years later Manawatu and Waikato added their strength to the Central Body.

The latest addition was as far back as 1956 when Taranaki became the ninth member of our Association.

As we all know, all things start with a small beginning and our Association was no exception in this regard.

The tireless efforts, unstinting service and sacrifices made by our pioneer members were instrumental in our being here today.

Fifty years have passed and our members have flourished financially and numerically as well as in social status and education.

We are today accepted as nationals of this country with full rights, privileges and responsibilities.

Such rights, however, were not acquired easily.

It is noteworthy to recall the numerous occasions when members of our Association had to virtually knock on the doors of Parliament to remedy unjust and restrictive immigration policies.

This year immigration limitations have been imposed by the Government. I am hopeful that these measures are temporary only and the applications will be fair and non-discriminatory.

Internationally, the African Continent is in a state of turmoil with political problems and military and guerilla warfare.

Whether such tactics will achieve their desired aims are yet to be seen, whilst in the meantime thousands of innocent people continue to be killed, thousands maimed and mutilated and thousands suffer from malnutrition and starvation.

India, fortunately, has a more stable outlook. The current policies of the Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi, and the Congress Party are far from the democracy you and I know.

Yet such policies are highly effective and we now hear from reliable sources that prices of essential commodities have been reduced substantially.

However, it would be enlightening if the Government extended some of its practical policies to overseas Indians who own land or property in India.

Such ownership should not be regarded as contrary to the well-being and progress of India.

Australasia saw one of the greatest political reversals in history.

In Australia the Government was dismissed by the Governor-General and subsequently defeated in a General Election by a massive majority.

New Zealand saw, for the first time ever, a Government majority of 23 turned into a deficit of 23.

The Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Robert Muldoon and the National Party have received a clear mandate to govern the country according to their manifesto.

The only disconcerting fact regarding a massive majority is that it could rapidly be turned into a massive loss.

This introduces stop-go policies with an inherent instability in economic and fiscal management.

It is evident that the diplomacy of politics has gone and perhaps this reflects the *wavering and uncertainty* of the average New Zealander.

During the year we were fortunate in being able to see and meet members of the Indian Hockey, Cricket and Davis Cup Tennis teams.

Their matches were well attended with keen interest by our members.

I would like to congratulate Rameshbhai Patel and Mohanbhai Patel of Auckland on their selection for the New Zealand Olympic Hockey Squad.

It is heartening to see another member of our community appointed a Justice of the Peace. I am sure Jagdishbhai C. Natali will perform his new role with credit.

My congratulations and best wishes.

In conclusion let us reflect upon and learn from the last 50 years and ensure that the coming 50 years will be of much greater benefit and reward to our members and to New Zealand.

The significance of the "ASHOKA EMBLEM" – Satyameva Jayte – TRUTH ALONE TRIUMPHS – should never be allowed to fade from our thoughts.

K.L. Vasan,
PRESIDENT

The Golden Jubilee Conference of the New Zealand Central Indian Association (Incorporated) was held in Wellington under the auspices of Wellington Branch.

The Conference was held in Wellington's Bharat Bhawan and commenced at 9.30 a.m. on Easter Saturday the 17th April, 1976.

Mr Jayant H. Patel, President of the host Branch welcomed the delegates and gave an historical background on the formation of the Wellington Branch which was also celebrating its Golden Jubilee and drew attention to the delegates to the hardship faced by our people 50 years ago.

His worship the mayor of Wellington, Mr Fowler in his opening speech stressed the respectability of the Indian community throughout New Zealand and to our community's desire to get ahead which has resulted in tremendous improvement in our Community's standard of living and well being with the consequent substantial contribution towards the well being of New Zealand generally. He then declared the conference open.

His Excellency Mr L.N. Ray, The Indian High Commissioner congratulated the Association and expressed his joy at being able to attend our Golden Jubilee Conference. He then presented each branch with India's National flag, map and an information booklet on India. This gesture was greatly appreciated by the Branches and the delegates.

These two guest speakers were then presented with our Commemorative Medallions. The Conference then adjourned for morning tea and photographs.

The Conference commenced at 11.15. Two minute's silence was observed by the conference as a mark of respect for those members and patriots who had passed away during the year. The National President, Mr Kantilal L. Vasan in his address welcomed the delegates and life members making special reference to the newly elected life members and expressed hope that the conference would be a success and an enjoyable one. He then announced that to commemorate the Golden Jubilee, medallions will be presented to the delegates, past officers, life members and those delegates who have attended more than 15 or more conferences and out-lined the significance of the Ashoka Emblem on the Commemorative medallion.

He recorded a word of thanks to Babubhai Merai who was responsible for the preparation of the medallions. The Commemorative medallions were then presented to the attending life members on the stage by the President each of whom greatly appreciated this gesture with short complimentary speeches and outlined the historical aspects of the Association. The medallions were then presented to all the other recipients.

The minutes were then read and after amending the name of the 2nd prize winner of the School Certificate for 1974 to Manilal Hari the minutes were moved for adoption by Mr K. Soma (Wgtn), G.S. Belling (Cty. Sec.).

Mr Gulab Moral of Taranaki then moved a motion that in future minutes having been circulated be taken as read. Seconded by Sakatar Singh (Puke)
CARRIED.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

1. 1975 School Certificate Results

1st Prize Dilip Naik (Wellington) 334
2nd Prize Ganesh Nana (Wellington) 328
3rd Prize Hari Uka (Pukekohe) 323

Mr Ravji bhai Hira (Wellington) life and foundation member of both Wellington and Central Associations presented the prizes to Dilip Naik and Ganesh Nana who were present at the conference. Prize for Hari Uka was presented to Mr Ravji Uka on behalf of his son. It was then resolved that the Prize winners be presented with the Commemorative Medallion, J.C. Natali (Auckland)/Jayant H. Patel (Wellington). CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 1.30 p.m. for a luncheon provided by the National President at his residence.

2. Telephone and Address Directory

The Secretary informed the conference that Mr Ishwarbhai Bhana of Zodiac Print Ltd. has once again offered to print and distribute the Telephone and Address Directory free of charge. This offer was gratefully accepted and was unanimously agreed that the Branches should forward the requisite details to Zodiac Print Ltd no later than 31 December, 1976.

3. Air Indian – Re Ticketing Office – Navsari

Letter received from Air India advising of improved facilities in their Surat Office and the installation of Telex machine to facilitate handling of travel requirements of Navsari residents. It was also reported that the Manager of Air India, Surat was shortly visiting New Zealand and that the matter be discussed with him.

4. Old Age Pension

Reply received from the Director General of Department of Social Welfare stated that the Section 77 (1) of the Social Security Act specifically precludes payment of a Social Security benefit to a person residing outside New Zealand. However, the Social Security Commission has authority to pay arrears of benefit for limited periods of absence on the beneficiary's return to New Zealand. The present policy is to pay arrears' of age benefit for the full period of absence on return, provided the beneficiary returns to New Zealand within one year. If the beneficiary is absent for longer than one year but returns within two years, the policy is to pay arrears of benefit on return for six months of the absence. No benefits are payable if the beneficiary is away more than two years.

It was then resolved that we pursue this matter further by using a test case or making a General representation to the Minister of Social Welfare regarding the payment of old age benefit and superannuation in India to New Zealand Indians if they desire to reside in India for the remainder of their lives. J.C. Natali (Auckland)/Jerambhai (Rotorua). CARRIED.

5. Bronze Certificates

Mr Dayalbhai Kesry reported that he had ascertained the criteria required for the presentation of Bronze Certificates to Freedom Fighters of India. After some discussion it was resolved that this matter be delegated to Messrs Dayalbhai Kesry (Auckland) and Mr Harban Singh Randhawa (Cty. Sec.) who are to compile a list of individuals and pursue the matter with the appropriate authorities. Janardhan J. Patel (Manawatu)/Chhotubhai Sima (Auckland). CARRIED.

6. Dunedin Indian Association

As no replies were received to our letters to Dunedin Indian Association seeking detailed information it was resolved that this matter be closed. B.L. Parbhu/Amrit L. Vasan (Wellington). CARRIED.

7. Constitution and Standing Orders

Amendments:

Clause 13 (C) Insert work 'Branch' before life membership

Clause 23 Rule 21 to read '22'

Clause 24 Delete 'and the member of the Executive Committee'

Maganbhai Ranchhord (Puke) Bulab V. Mroal (Taranaki). CARRIED.

IT WAS THEN MOVED THAT THE CONSTITUTION and the standing orders be adopted and formally incorporated. Kanti L. Vasan (Wellington) Gulab V. Moral (Taranaki). CARRIED.

Attention of the Branches was drawn to Section 7 (C) of the New Constitution which requires that all Branches must be incorporated.

8. Branch Boundaries

Auckland — Papakura to Cape Reinga

Pukekohe — Pukekohe to Papakura but will discuss with Auckland the Papakura end of their boundry.

Wellington — 60 Mile radius of Wellington but does not include South Island.

The other branches agreed to advise of their boundaries after these have been defined.

9. Presentation of Life Membership

Mr Lalbhai N. Patel and Mr Rameshbhai Patel both of Auckland were presented with the Life Membership Badges by the President. They were both delighted with the honour bestowed on them and they greatly appreciated this as a mark of their past services and they both promised to continue to serve

our community for years to come. As Devji bhai Patel (Waikato), who was also made a Life Member at the last conference was overseas, it was decided that the presentation of the badge to him be made at the next conference.

The Conference then adjourned for the cocktail and dinner party hosted by Wellington Branch followed by an evening of entertainment to Wellington's Golden Jubilee Concert, which was held in Wellington Town Hall. Christchurch and Pukekohe Branches also presented items.

The Conference resumed at 9.20 a.m. on 18th April 1976. The Guest Speaker, Brahmakumari Dr. Nirmala, spoke on Religion and Science and emphasised that our younger generation was not made aware of our cultural and religious heritage due to the lack of proper facilities such as religious priest, temple etc. to impart these knowledge.

Formal business then started with Manawatu advising the apology of their President Haribhai Naran who was suddenly called back to Palmerston North.

INWARD AND OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE

Inward correspondence was received and outward endorsed.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF CORRESPONDENCE

Radio New Zealand's Religious Broadcasting Advisory Committee

Mr Narsinhbhai Vallabh of Wellington was nominated to represent Hinduism on this Committee. He reported that he attended a preliminary meeting with the General Secretary and was advised that he would be contacted at a later stage of their programming.

REGISTRATION OF INDIAN NATIONALS

A letter from the Indian High Commission requesting the names, addresses and phone numbers of Indian National in New Zealand was read and as all the branches had also received similar requests, it was resolved that the Branches circulate this letter to their members who could provide the information direct to the Indian High Commission if they so desired. Janardhan J. Patel (Manawatu) /Chhotubhai Mistry (Auckland). CARRIED.

TOURIST INTRODUCTION CARD

Letter from the Indian High Commission advising that the card helps in obtaining liquor permits, reservation of accommodation in Rest Houses, Dak Bungalows etc. through some Government of India Tourist Offices in India but does not entitle tourists to any special concession or privileges in respect of railway or transport authorities was read.

VISA – RE VISITS TO INDIA

In early September, 1975 The Indian High Commission, Wellington started stamping Visa for 3 months on the Passports of New Zealand Citizens of Indian descent. Consequent upon our timely protest this practice was ceased.

FILMS:

Auckland and Wellington Branches reported extensively on the supply of film situation and the harsh and unacceptable terms put forward by Sharan and Damodar Brothers for supplying the films. Initially they had asked for 50% of the Gross taking and when this was rejected they came up with an offer of \$500, \$400 and \$300 per film according to A.B.C. gradings with a compulsory hireage of 40 films with Mr Madhubhai Ranchhod being their New Zealand Agent. Counter Offers were made by Auckland Branch to which no official reply was received and since then they have started screening films in almost all centres through a local Film Distributor. Auckland and Wellington are endeavouring now to obtain supplies from Australia, Singapore, India, Fiji, England etc. and some measure of success is being achieved. In view of the higher import price now being paid for supply of films it was felt that price charged to the branches be reviewed. The following motions were passed.

(1) It was resolved that the Central outline the work done by it in the past in the form of a circular to the branches who in turn are to add their own achievements and circulate to their members stressing the need for corporation and unity in Film matter. Jayant H. Patel/K. Soma (Wellington). CARRIED.

(2) THAT NO BRANCH SHALL HIRE FILMS FOR SCREENING FROM ANY UNAUTHORISED third parties J.C. Natali (Auckland/Bhanubhai Patel (Waikato). CARRIED.

(3) That all office bearers of Central and Branches who support the screening of films by any unauthorised third party be suspended. J.C. Natali (Auckland)/Chhotubhai Chhiba (Taranaki). CARRIED.

PUKEKOHE'S FILM HIRAGE APPEAL

An appeal was lodged by Pukekohe Association in respect of a resolution passed at the Hamilton Conference resolving that Pukekohe's Film hireage be \$25 retrospective to 21 April 1973. Pukekohe Association stated their reasons for the appeal. The matter was fully debated at great length and the following resolution was passed "The Pukekohe Association's request for an appeal against a prior resolution of the General Meeting passed on the issue of films on the 29 March 1975 be declined reasons being (a) Decisions made by the General Meetings are final and conclusive (b) the right of appeal exists in exceptional circumstances when totally new and important material is presented, this is lacking in this instance.

Amrit L. Vasan (Wellington)/Gulab V. Moral (Taranaki). CARRIED. Majority Decision.

Pukekohe recorded a negative vote.

COMMEMORATIVE GOLDED JUBILEE MEDALLIONS

The Auckland delegates expressed their concern at the manner in which the Commemorative Medallions were ordered. The Secretary reported that at an executive meeting held on the 16th April at Wellington noted this concern and appropriate motion was passed. It was felt that the Golden Jubilee Conference was not given appropriate promotion.

Following these discussions a motion was passed 'A booklet of 50 year history of the Central Association be published by the incoming Executive.' Ukabhai Chhiba (Puke)/Bulab V. Moral (Taranaki). CARRIED.

PRESIDENT REPORT

That the report be adopted. Gulab V. Moral (Taranaki)/Nanubhai Bhana (Auckland). CARRIED.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

That the Audited Financial Statement of Account to 31 December 1975 be adopted. Parhubhai Kanji (Auckland)/Rambhai Uka (Waikato). CARRIED.

It was noted that Auckland had deducted \$463 in respect of Kirk Memorial Fund from the amount of film hireage held in trust pending Pukekohe's Appeal. It was resolved that Auckland pay the balance of Kirk Memorial fund of \$463 within 14 days. Ukabhai/Ganges Singh (Pukekohe). CARRIED.

ELECTION

Vote of thanks was accorded to the outgoing Officers. Mr Kanti L. Vasan was nominated interim Chairman. Ukabhai Chhiba (Puke)/Parbhu Kanji (Auckland). CARRIED.

PRESIDENT

The following nominations were received:

Maganbhai Ranchhod (Puke): Paragbhai Kanji/Ukabhai Chhiba (Puke). Gulabbhai V. Moral (Tar.): Parhubhai Kanji (Auckland)/Ramanbhai Sukha (Tar.).

On ballot Gulabbhai was elected.

VICE-PRESIDENT

Piara Singh (Cty. Sec.): Sakatar Singh (Puke)/Ramanbhai Ranchhod (Wgtn.) Unanimously elected.

GENERAL SECRETARY

Bhukhan Lal Parbhu (Wgtn.): Bhanubhai Patel (Waik.)/Chhotubhai Chhiba (Tar.)

Ukabhai Chhiba (Puke): Ganges Singh/D. Govind (Puke.)

On ballot Bhukhan Lal was elected.

UNDER-SECRETARY

Amrit L. Vasan (Wgtn.): Jayant H. Patel/Bhanabhai Naik (Wgtn.)

Chhotubhai Mistry (Ak.): Shantiben T. Patel/Raman Patel(Ak.)

On ballot Amrit Vasan was elected.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. Jagdish Natli (Auckland)
2. Ramanbhai Budhia (Christchurch)
3. Harban Singh Randhawa (Country Sec.)
4. Ramanbhai Khandu (Manawatu)
5. Maganbhai Ranchhod (Pukekohe)
6. Chandubhai Mavji (Rotorua)
7. Parbhubhai Pema (Taranaki)
8. Jayant H. Patel (Wellington)
9. Bhanubhai Patel (Waikato)
10. Kanti L. Vasan (Immediate Past President).

AUDITOR

Parbhubhai Kanji (Auckland).

REMITTS AND RESOLUTIONS

WELLINGTON:

That Wellington Branch volunteer to handle the film matters for 1976-77 period: Jayant H. Patel/Thakorbbhai N. Vallabh (Wellington). CARRIED.

Auckland requested that they be also allowed to select some films and have copies of correspondence relating to film matter. AGREED.

AUCKLAND:

That Central Association should make representation to Air New Zealand, Air India and other Airlines regarding reduced or concession fares from New Zealand to India and return. Shantiben T. Patel (Auckland)/Harban Singh Randhawa (Cty. Sec.). CARRIED.

Lalbhaj Patel offered his assistance in this matter as he has personal contacts and experience in this matter.

THAT Central Association pay the travelling expenses of LIFE MEMBERS attending the Conference. Shantiben T. Patel/Chhotubhai Mistry (Auckland). After some discussion this remit was withdrawn.

ACTIVITIES OF BRANCHES

Branches reported that they all have continued their various Social and Cultural activities and this year was highlighted by the entertainment of the Indian Hockey and Cricket teams in various centres and good advantage was taken of the religious preaching of Brahamakuman Dr. Nirmala Devi. Country Section were pleased to report that they have now obtained approval to proceed with the construction of their Guru-Dwara on the disputed site and that they were starting the construction soon. Plans were also displayed at the Conference.

GENERAL BUSINESS

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE PASSED IN GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. That the constitution be amended to permit the retiring Officers to retain the status of the delegates at the Annual Conference. Sakatar Singh (Puke)/Chhobtubhai Mistry (Auckland). CARRIED.
2. Parbhubhai Karshanji brought to the Conference attention that the number of Annual Reports stated on our reports conflicted with the actual number of meetings held by our Association and it was unanimously resolved that the incoming Executive look into this matter.
3. Paragbhai Kanji (Puke) suggested that the next Executive Committee meeting be held in TAUMARUNUI as our foundation meeting was held there in 1926 and that all the life members be invited to attend. This was unanimously agreed.

CONFERENCE 1977

Mr Harbansingh Randhawa on behalf of the Country Section invited the Central to hold its 1977 conference in their area. This offer was gratefully accepted.

In his closing address the President, Gulabbhai Moral said that he will endeavour to work for the betterment of our community and would keep the Branches informed of the activities of the Association at all times and expressed his hopes to see all the delegates at the next conference.

The Golden Jubilee Conference was concluded at 6.30 p.m. with the singing of the JAN GAN MAN.

Bhukhan Lal Parbhu
GENERAL SECRETARY

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING

An Executive Committee meeting of the Association was held on 16th April, 1976 at 9.00 p.m. at 75 Rotherham Terrace, Wellington.

PRESENT:

Kanti L. Vasani	(President)
Harban Singh Randhawa	(Vice-President)
Bhukhan Lal Parbhu	(General Secretary)
Maganbhai Ranchhod	(Assistant Secretary)
Jayant H. Patel	(Wellington)
Ramanbhai Khandu	(Manawatu)
Ramanbhai Budhia	(Christchurch)
Gulabbhai V. Moral	(Taranaki)
Bhanubhai Patel	(Waikato)
G.S. Belling	(Country Section)
Ramabhai Vallabh	(Pukekohe)
Chandu Bhai Mavji	(Rotorua)

The meeting was called at the instigation of Auckland Branch who expressed their concern at the manner in which the approval for the Commemorative Medallions to mark the Golden Jubilee of the Association was sought and the order placed for them.

Majority of the executive felt that an executive meeting should have been called earlier in the year to discuss the planning and the celebration of the occasion. They also felt that the Ashoka Emblem on the Medallion would be found objectionable by the Indian Government. However, the President clarified that the design was approved by the First Secretary of the Indian High Commission, Wellington and rang Mr Ray the Indian High Commissioner whilst the meeting was in progress to confirm this. Mr Ray confirmed that the medallion was acceptable in the form it was and that he was pleased that the Emblem was used by our Association to mark our Golden Jubilee.

After lengthy discussion the following resolutions were passed:

1. The Executive disapproves the way in which the medallion question was handled by the President and Secretary but approves the presentation to avoid embarrassment to the officers concerned.

Jayant H. Patel (Wellington)/Gulabbhai V. Moral (Taranaki). CARRIED
Majority decision.

2. That the medallions also be presented to the past officers of the Association. Bhukhan Lal Parbhu (Wellington)/G.S. Belling (Cty. Sec.). CARRIED.

The meeting concluded at 10.20 p.m.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS (JANUARY-DECEMBER 1975)

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RECEIPTS			
Balance in B.N.Z. Term Deposit			\$3125.00
Balance in B.N.Z. Current A/c			\$1469.90
Affiliation Fees:			
Taranaki	1973/74	6.60	
	1974/75	6.80	
Manawatu	74/75	10.40	
Rotorua	71/72 72/73 73/74	48.00	
Waikato	73/74	8.00	
Auckland	74/74 (part)	42.00	
Pukekohe	73/74 74/75	12.00	
Country Section	74/75		214.80
Anti-Apartheid Fund:			
Taranaki		15.00	
Rotorua		10.00	25.00
Fiji Hurricane Relief Fund:			
Rotorua			3.00
Kirk Memorial Fund:			
Wellington		727.48	
Auckland		301.75	
Pukekohe		135.00	
Rotorua		102.82	
Manawatu		64.27	
Taranaki		42.42	1373.74
Film Hirage from Pukekohe			
For Auckland & Wellington 'Held in Trust'			
			603.00
Interest:			
B.N.Z. C/A		38.79	
B.N.Z. Term Deposit		226.56	265.35
New Plymouth Conference Photographs			
Wellington		74.50	
Country Section		8.00	
		<u>82.50</u>	
			<u>\$7162.29</u>

PAYMENTS			
School Certificate Prizes			
1st Prize Vipod H. Naran (Manawatu)		50.00	
2nd Prize Manilal Hari (Pukekohe)		20.00	
3rd Prize Bharat Ramji (Auckland)		<u>10.00</u>	80.00
Kirk Memorial Fund			2000.00
Floral Tribute Late Norman Kirk			8.00
Zodiac Print			
48 Annual Report		160.00	
49 Annual & Conference Report		<u>230.00</u>	390.00
Charter & Guthries Associates			
(New Plymouth Conference Photographs)			323.50
Postage, Stationery, Photocopying			16.00
Post Box Rental			7.00
Typing of Constitution Amendments			11.50
Toll Calls & Telegrams			<u>19.95</u>
			\$2655.95
Balance:			
B.N.Z. A/c			1181.34
B.N.Z. Term Deposit			<u>3125.00</u>
			<u>\$7162.29</u>

I certify that the accounts have been audited and found to be correct -

NARSINHBHAI VALLABH (Auditor)

Fiji Hurricane Relief Fund:

LIST OF SECRETARIES

The Secretary,
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The Secretary,
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Auckland

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90 Tasman Street,
Wellington

The Secretary,
Bay of Plenty (Rotorua) Indian Association Inc.,
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Rotorua

The Secretary,
Waikato Indian Association,
52 Avalon Drive,
Frankton

The Secretary,
Pukekohe Indian Association Inc.
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Pukekohe

The Secretary,
Country Section Indian Association Inc.,
P.O. Box 142,
Morrinsville

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