

**THE
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CENTRAL ASSOCIATION
(Inc.)**

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT
REPORT**

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held at
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Saturday – 18 April 1981**

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THE
**NEW ZEALAND CENTRAL
ASSOCIATION**
INC.

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MAGAN RANCHHOD (Pukekohe)	HARIBHAI NARAN (Manawatu)
CHANDU MAVJI (Rotorua)	RAMAN SUKHA (Tareneki)
NATUBHAI RAMA (Christchurch)	

DELEGATES PRESENT**CONFERENCE
DELEGATES 1981****Auckland**

1. Shantiben T. Parbu
2. Parbhu Kanji
3. Dinesh Tailor
4. Bipin Lakinwah
5. Shantilal Govind
6. RamanGanda
7. Jagdish C. Natali
8. Jayanti Vaidya
9. Ashokbhaj Darji
10. Ghelabhai Jivan

Christchurch

1. Dinesh Mehta
2. Naran Makan Patel
3. Raman Budhia
4. Dahya Budhia

Country Section

1. Santokh Singh Bhullar

2. Karam Singh
3. Piara Singh

Rotorua

1. Diyal Dheda
2. Manu Kalidas
3. Ramesh Keshav
4. Chandu Mavji
5. Shivlal Masters

Manawatu

Apologies

Pukekohe

1. UnkaChhiba
2. Raman Vallabh
3. Narindra Masters
4. Ganges Singh
5. Bhula Das
6. Ravjibhai Unka

Taranaki

1. RamanSukha
2. Chhotubhai C. Patel
3. Pravin C. Patel
4. Kiran Rama
5. Ramila G.Moral

Waikato

Apologies

Wellington

1. Amrit L.Vasan
2. Nanu Ranchhod

3. Chuni Dahya
4. Kanji Bhula
5. Vallabh Hira
6. Shantilal Parag
7. Kanji Parbhu
8. Shirish Harish
9. Balaben Thompson
10. NaginG.Patel

Attending Life Members

1. Karam Singh
2. Piara Singh
3. Shivlal Masters

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fellow Delegates and Members,

It gives me great pleasure to present the Annual Report of the New Zealand Indian Association.

The last general meeting held at The Sports Conference Centre, Rotorua was a great success. First of all the Historical Report and the work undertaken by various Associations in compiling it came into fruition, with Dr. Kapil Tiwari's assistance. The book "Idians in New Zealand" Studies of a Sub-Culture was launched public viewing on the 1st July 1980. Sir Guy Powles, a former High Commissioner in India spoke and Professor Lloyd Geering replied. Indian entertainment and food was served and the function was held at the conference room, Victoria University of Wellington. Many of us will not agree fully with the form of the book — many of us will not agree with the contents of the book. Nevertheless the book has come into being. At present I understand a thesis is being prepared by Jaqui Williams and that this will also be added as a record of our past in New Zealand. I thank all those who assisted in these publications.

Secondly I am happy to report that the long outstanding NZ Indian Telephone Directory has at last been printed and distributed to all our branch Association. The publication of the directory is somewhat out of date in some of the telephone numbers and in this respect has its shortfalls. However, this directory should provide a sound base to keep up to date for the future. In this respect assistance of all the Association is sought so that we can attend to this. May I have your total co-operation in preparing a supplement.

I was deeply honoured by the Taranaki Indian Association when they invited me to officially open the Silver Jubilee Celebrations. On this occasion members of various other Associations attended and TARANAKI put on a magnificent performance both in entertainment and the supper which followed. It is pleasing to see a small Association like Taranaki Building itself up. I wish them and all other

branches success in the future.

Not long ago we held an executive meeting. This was again held at Rotorua The principal question was one relating to life membership. It was felt that certain amendments should be made to enable the constitution to be made workable.

In the middle of last year there was a spate of reports via the news media, radio and television regarding Indian overstayers in New Zealand. The inference was made that the general Indian Community in New Zealand was involved in a smuggling ring. We lodged a strong protest on behalf of the Indian Community in New Zealand stating that we were possibly the most law abiding and hardworking of all ethnic groups in New Zealand. I strongly urge you all to be on guard for this type of attack on our honour especially when we are a minority, group. Remember what Hitler did to the Jewish people.

Amongst the many happenings on the overseas scene was the recent attempted assassination of president Heagan. It brings to mind the great risks involved in taking high office. It was very pleasing to hear that he is recovering.

On the home front the Springbok Ruby Tour problem is again rearing its ugly head. Unfortunately the New Zealand Rugby Union has decided to proceed with the invitation despite the Covenants Commitment to the Gleneagles Agreement.

It was an anticipated surprise to me that Avinash Deobhakta was appointed to the Bench as a District Court Judge. Our congratulations to him for bringing honour to our people.

Lastly but not the least, I would like to thank BHUKANLAL PARBHU our general secretary and the executive whose assistance and encouragement has made my office once again a pleasant and enjoyable one.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 55th Annual Conference of The New Zealand Indian Central Association Inc. was held in the Waverly Lounge, Waverly, Christchurch, on the Easter Saturday the 18th April, 1981, under the auspices of Christchurch Indian Association Inc.

The Conference commenced at 10.30 a.m. - The Host President, Dinesh Mehta welcomed the delegates and expressed hope that they will achieve the goals for which they have come and that their stay in Christchurch will be a pleasant one. He then introduced the Guest Speaker, Mr John Kirk, M.P. for Sydenham.

Mr Kirk in his speech expressed his delight at the conference being held in his electorate. He referred to his visit to India and the two memorable hours he had had with Mrs Indira Gandhi. He had great

praise for the Indian Community and considered them as the better members of the New Zealand Society. He said he was aware of the concern and the dissatisfaction our community has for the 13 weeks limitation on payment of superannuation whilst one is abroad and assured the conference that he will enlist the support of his colleagues in achieving a better deal for Superannuatants wishing to travel abroad for more than 13 weeks and declared the conference open.

The national president, Thakor Parbhu, in reply thanked the host association and Mr Kirk and said that the conference was honoured by Mr Kirk's presence as his late father Honourable Norman Kirk was a much respected figure in our community. He then presented him a copy of our book 'Indian In New Zealand — Studies of a Sub-Culture' and adjourned the meeting for morning tea and taking of group photograph.

The conference recommenced at 11 .30 a.m. Two minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect for those members who had passed away during the year.

Apologies from Manawatu and Waikato Associations for not sending any delegates; the following life members: Ramesh Patel, Dayal Kesry, J. K. Natali, Govind Kanji, Narsinh Vallabh, Ravji Hira and Deoji Patel; the following 15 or more conference attenders: Chhotu Sima, Chhima Vallabh and Khushal Madhav; Magan Ranchhod, Bhanu Patel and Aswin Gulai were received and accepted. Gulab Moral/Ganges Singh. Carried. Telegrams of good wishes from Kanti Vasan of Wellington and Jayanti D. Patel formerly of Wellington now resident of America were tabled.

The conference acknowledged the presence of Mr J. K. Power of Thames Valley Indian Association and a Mr Lionel Williams, an Indian Christian of Chatsworth, South Africa. Mr Williams was permitted to address the conference. He gave first hand information of the apartheid system in South Africa and how the Group Area Act came into being and the hardship the Blacks and the Indians were facing, economically, socially and morally. He said that the stand against the Springboks tour and other sporting contact with South Africa was having the desired effect on the South African Government and urged the conference to vigorously support anti South African sporting contacts.

The minutes of the 54th Annual Conference and the Executive meeting held in Rotorua on the 28th February 1981 were tabled and taken as read and adopted. Dinesh Mehta / Shantiben T. Parbhu. Carried.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES/CORRESPONDENCE

1980 School Certificate Prizes:-

1st Prize	Yogesh Ravji (Taranaki)	343
2nd Prize	Cheryl Devadhar (Taranaki)	334
3rd Prize	Manher L. Sukha (Wellington)	326

It was resolved that where the School Certificate marks are indicated by grade of pass A. B. or C, the mid marks of these grades should be used to arrive at the total of best four subjects i.e. A=90, B=72 and C57.

Supplementary Telephone Directory

Branches were requested to compile a list by the 31st August 1981 and forward it to the Secretary.

National Superannuation

It was resolved that the three major Political parties namely National, Labour and Social Credit be approached to state their position in the matter.

Video Cassettes

Wellington Association reported that the Customs Department has declined their request for Sales Tax and Duty exemption on imports of recorded cassettes of Indian movies. They have approached the Appeal Board in the matter but are not hopeful of success.

Youth Conference

The conference felt that it was not feasible to hold a Youth Conference in conjunction with the Hockey Tournament in June in Auckland. It was resolved that Youth Conference be held in conjunction with the Annual Conference. Unka Chhiba / Ganges Singh. Carried.

Illegal Immigrants

As this issue affected the whole of the Indian Community it was resolved that we write to the Minister of Immigration with copies of correspondence to date seeking names of those local people involved and whether they were prosecuted and expressing the grave concern of conference at the General Statement made by the Minister. Shival Masters / Diyal Dheda. Carried.

Historical Report

Cuttings of Press coverage of our 'Indian In New Zealand — Studies of a Sub—Culture' was circulated to the conference delegates for perusal. The sales of the book has been slow. Christchurch and Manawatu branches have not fully paid for the books allocated to them. Errors made in the book and those pointed out by Karam Singh in the section dealing with the Country Section Indian Association are to be corrected in the new addition. The Secretary also advised that he has now obtained the addresses of the Indian High Commissions abroad and will be writing to them to promote our book overseas.

Thames Valley Indian Association

In terms of the request made by the last conference and the Executive committee held on the 28th February, 1981 Mr Power had supplied the required information on the 10th April, 1981. Photocopies of the information were handed to all Branches at the conference and the affected Branches namely, Auckland, Pukekohe, Country Section, Waikato and Rotorua were requested to study the information provided and in terms of the constitution were required to forward their recommendation to the Secretary for consideration at the Executive meeting.

Supporting Immigration Application for Migrating to New Zealand of the Relatives of Indians Permanently Settled in New Zealand who are Temporarily Residing in India Awaiting Entry into England.

The Secretary advised that six families had provided details. Two of these have already gained entry into England, two had withdrawn their names and one did not meet the criteria. Accordingly one family has been recommended to the Inter-Church Commission on Immigration and Refugee Re-settlement

for approaching the Immigration Department.

Hindustani Programme Broadcast — Radio Fiji

The Secretary tabled correspondence he had with Radio Fiji and The Fiji High Commission, Wellington to boost the power of Hindustani Programme transmission on Radio Fiji. They are not in a position to do this for the high cost involved but suggest you try reception on the following medium wave Stations nearest to your area:— 711 kHz Suva, 891 kHz Lautoka, 810 kHz Lambasa, 927 kHz Singatoka and 1467 kHz Raki Raki. Constant daily programmes are transmitted from 1.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m. to 11 .00 p .m.

Supporters Tour Hockey Tournament Bombay Dec 1981/Jan 1982

Letter received from VIP World Travel Ltd organisers of the above tour was tabled. It was resolved that the letter be circulated to Branches for their action.

Remittance of Fund to India

The National Bank of New Zealand has now arranged facilities at Navsari and Surat for remittances to be made direct to these two cities.

Inward and outward Correspondence were endorsed. Gulab Moral/Raman Budhia. Carried.

President's Report and Financial Accounts were accepted as presented with a request from the auditor that inventory of our Books 'Indians In New Zealand — Studies of a Sub—Culture' be kept.

Election of Life Members

In terms of Executive Committee's recommendation~ life membership was bestowed on the following:— Khushalbhav Madhav (Auckland), Rambhai Unka (Waikato), Ravjibhai Chhana Han (Pukekohe), Parbhubhai Bhikha tPukekohe) and Chhibabhai Lala Patel (New Plymouth).

Election of Officers

President

Thakor ParbhuShivlall Master / Dinesh Tailor
 Bhukhan Parbhu Balaben Thompson / Shantilal Parag
 Thankor Parbhu was elected President.

Vice-President:

Ganges B. Singh Parbhu Kanji / Amnit Vasani

Secretary:

Bhukhan Parbhu Nanubhai Ranchhod / Diyal Dheda
 Jagdish Natali Unka Chhiba / Raman Ganda
 Election took place. There was a tie. Jagdish Natali withdrew his name.
 Bhaukhan Bhai was elected the Secretary.

Assistant Secretary:

Unka Chhiba Raman Ganda /Jayanti Vaidya

Auditor:

Parbhu Kanji Ashok Darji / Ghelabhai Jivan

Executive:

Shantiben T. Parbhu	Auckland
Dinesh Mehta	Christchurch
Santokh Singh Bhullar	Country Section
Haribhai Naran	Manawatu
Chhotubhai C. Patel	Taranaki
Bhanubhai Patel	Waikato
Amrit Vasan	Wellington
Diyal Dheda	Rotorua
Narindra Masters	Pukekohe

Immediate Past President —. Definition

This term as it appears in our Constitution refers to the out going President who is to hold this office for the ensuing 12 months only on our Executive Committee.

REMITS AND RESOLUTIONS**Wellington**

1. Clauses 13 (A) of the Constitution be amended by deleting the words unanimous and inserting 2/3rd. Carried.
2. Each Branch can only nominate one member for Life Membership per year Carried.
3. To enable Central to be more active during the year, Branches be urged to approach the Secretary with any difficulties that can be dealt with more effectively by the Central Body. Carried.
4. That permits to enter New Zealand be issued from Wellington rather than New Delhi. Resolved that a letter be written to the Immigration Department requesting them to investigate to see if the procedure can be changed.

Pukekohe

1. That no amendments or alteration be made to clauses 13 (A) of the Constitution. Lost.
 2. That Financial Statement Report be published as per Associations posting list. Withdrawn.
- It was agreed that Branches will advise the Secretary of the number of copies required by them.

Christchurch

1. That affiliation fee be reviewed as under the present system the Branches which have efficient method of collecting membership fees are being penalised. Lost.
Agreed that all branches should make every effort to collect membership fees.
 2. That Associations who have established their own Video Clubs should hire out Video Cassettes to members of other Branches. Lost.
- Wellington Association who has such a club agreed to consider request from the Association but not

from individual members.

Auckland

1. That the Central Association condemn the action of the New Zealand Rugby Council in pursuing with the invitation to the Springboks. The Rugby Union must have regard for the Gleneagles Agreement, the Commonwealth, the stand taken by the government, the United Nations and consider the future of all sportsmen in New Zealand. Carried.
2. That the Constitution regarding Life Membership be changed from unanimous to majority vote at Executive level. Lost.
3. Telephone Directory be controlled by the General Secretary and not by a third party printer. Carried.

Waikato

1. That there be an unlimited number of Life Members with the provision that a life membership be given to that person or persons who have attended an AGM of the New Zealand Central Association twenty one times or more or to that person or persons who have been a Executive member of the New Zealand Indian Central Association 15 times or more. Lost.

GENERAL BUSINESS

It was resolved that the Executive give consideration to the Following.

1. Providing financial assistance to Branches like Christchurch to attend and hold Executive Meetings and Annual Conferences.
2. That the Presidents casting vote at the time of election of the officers of the Association be defined. It was also felt that the Executive meeting should be preferably held before the end of the year.

ACTIVITIES OF BRANCHES

Each Branch reported on their cultural, religious and sporting activities highlighted by the entertainment of the Indian Cricket Team and Chander Mohan a cyclist from India on a world tour. Wellington and Christchurch Branches have been involved in fundraising and finding alternative site for their halls. Taranaki has celebrated their 25th Anniversary. Wellington Association is presenting Indian Programme on Radio Access 2YA Station for 15 minutes between the hour of 9 - 12 commencing from 17th May for nine fortnightly programme. Balaben Thompson will be compare and she would welcome assistance and suggestion for the format of the programme from branches.

We note with great pride the achievements of the following:

1. Mr. Avinash Deobhakta of Auckland has been appointed a District Court Judge.
2. Mohan Parbhu of Pukekohe has been appointed the national president of the New Zealand Jayces.
3. Maganbhai Ranchhod of Pukekohe has been appointed a Justice of Peace.
4. Subhas Ranchhod of Pukekohe has been awarded the New Zealand Herald Scholarship and has gained admission in the Medical College.
5. Bharti Ranchhod Kana of Pukekohe has been awarded the Duke of Edinburgh award.
6. Vinod Naran of Manawatu has gained distinction in Business Studies and was one of the top 33 scholars at Massey University.

CONFERENCE 1981

Waikato Branch extended an invitation to hold the 1981 conference and this was accepted by acclamation.

The President in his closing address thanked the Host Association for organising such a fine venue and providing opportunity for some of the delegates to visit the South Island for the first time and providing the excellent hospitality. These sentiments were also endorsed by the other Branch representatives. The Conference concluded at 7.30 p.m. with the singing of Jana Gana Mana.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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An executive committee meeting of the Association was held on the 28th February in the Sports and Conference Centre, Government Gardens, Rotorua under the auspices of Bay of Plenty (Rotorua) Indian Association.

The host President Diyal Dheda, welcomed the delegates. The meeting commenced at 5.45 p.m.

Present

Thakor Parbhu (President), Ganges B. Singh (Vice- President), Gulab V. Moral (Past President), Bhukhan Lal Parbhu (Secretary), Amrit Vasani (Assistant Secretary), Shantiben T. Parbhu (Auckland), Diyalbhai Dheda (Rotorua), Santokh Singh Bhullar (Country Section), Bhanubhai Patel (Waikato), Chhotubhai Patel & Raman Sukha (Taranaki), Amrit L. Vasani also attended the meeting as the delegate of Wellington Association. Attending Life Members: Karam Singh, Shivalal B. Masters and Piara Singh.

Apologies:

Natubhai Rama (Christchurch), Haribhai Naran (Manawatu), and Maganbhai Ranchhod (Pukekohe).

Apologies of Life Members

Govind Kanji, Narsinh Vallabh, Ravji Hira, J. K. Natail, Dayalbhai Kesry, Ramesh Patel.

The President called the meeting to order and observed two minutes silence in memories of those members who had passed away.

Correspondence

1. Reserve Bank Of India Press Release No.197980 /114

Dated 31.12.1979 — Properties Held By Foreign National of Indian Origin

The Secretary tabled extensive correspondence and a replied paid telegram costing \$35 he had forwarded to The Reserve Bank of India Bombay in his efforts to seek clarification of the Reserve

Bank requirement and the extension of time for filing declaration. Reply refusing blanket extension of time beyond 30th June, 1980 for the registration of the declarations but agreeing to consider individual case on its merits was received and circulated to branches.

2. Telephone Directory

Correspondence from branches to the secretary and the Association's pressure on the Printers to publish and distribute the Telephone Directory were tabled. The Telephone Directories were finally distributed in late August. It was resolved that branches should provide their list of amendments at the Conference to issue a Supplementary Directory.

3. Illegal Immigrants — Overstayers

Adverse publicity received in the National Radio and Papers was counteracted by consultation with the Officers of the Association and a letter written by the President to Mr. Malcolm, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of Labour voicing our protest at inference that the General Indian Community was involved in the Illegal Immigrants. Our letter and the reply received from Mr. Malcolm were distributed to the branches.

4. Air India

The Secretary advised that he had written to Air India regarding the Excursion and the Directional imbalance in Airfares and that the matter was being taken up by their head office

5. Immigration to New Zealand — Application on Occupation grounds

Upon reading an article in the 'Manufacturer' the Secretary had contacted the Immigration Department and obtained copies of the Booklet "Immigration to New Zealand — Application on Occupational Ground" and distributed them to the branches for information of their members to assist them in bringing in their relations to New Zealand on occupational grounds provided they have skills which are needed in New Zealand and if the skills they possess are not in demand in the country of origin, and if it is not possible to obtain the skills from a traditional source country — such as U.K. Canada and the European Countries.

6. Superannuation Payment in India

Reply received from the Minister of Social Welfare outlining the Government's current policy and their inability to extend the payment of superannuation beyond 13 weeks absence from New Zealand in the near future was tabled. As the Minister had also indicated that there would be no value at this stage in meeting a delegation from our Association, the proposed delegation was abandoned. The Secretary suggested that the branches request their members to express their concern in this matter to their local Member of Parliament so that constant pressure is brought to bear on this issue. Other migrant groups were also keen in having the superannuation paid in their home country. He also tabled letters he had written to The British, The Canadian The Australian High Commissions seeking the procedure followed by them in their own countries. Encouraging replies received from Australian and British High Commission will be utilised in preparing submissions at future date.

7. Video Tape Recorders/Cassettes

At the request of Taranaki Branch the Secretary had written to branches to ascertain whether they would want him to apply for an import licence for a video tape recorder. By the time replies were received from all the Branches Video Tape Recorders were delicensed and no further action were

taken. He also advised that from inquiries made, our Associations cannot be classified/ registered as Educational Users and consequently duty and sales tax exemption cannot be obtained.

8. Remittance of Money to India

A letter written to the National Bank of New Zealand Ltd., requesting them to arrange direct money transfer facilities in both Navsari and Surat to cut out lengthy delays and unnecessary expenses was tabled. The Bank has agreed to provide this facilities and arrangements are being made.

9. Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Prize

A letter of thanks from the 1980 winner Miss Ingrid Chetteburg thanking the Association was tabled.

10. A congratulatory letter written to Vinod Naran (son of our Executive member Mr Haribhai Naran of Manawatu Association) for gaining distinction in his Business Studies at Massey University and being one of the top 33 Scholar of the University was tabled.

11. The following Telegrams Were Tabled:

1. To Mrs Indira Gandhi on untimely death of her son Sanjay Gandhi.
2. To Sir Keith Holyoake on his retirement as Governor General.
3. To Sir David Beattie on his taking the office of Governor General.
4. To Mohan Parbhu (Chairman of Our Youth Conference) on his being elected the National President of New Zealand Jaycees.

12. New High Commissioner of India

Upon receipt of an intimation of the arrival of the new Indian High Commissioner Mr. Arun Kumar Budhiraja, a welcoming delegation consisting of the Secretary, Jayanti D. Patel (Wellington Association President), Amrat D. Parbhu (Wellington Association Secretary) and their families went to receive him at the Wellington Airport Mrs Budhiraja was presented with a bouquet of flowers by Reena Parbhu.

13. Chander Mohan — Indian Cyclist

The Secretary advised that he had given a testimonial to Chander Mohan, a student of Delhi University who was on a cycling tour of the World with an avowed object of breaking the current world record held by the German of cycling through 50 countries over a 5 year period; and that he provided him hospitality at his residence for 5 days. The Wellington, Auckland, Pukekohe and Rotorua Associations also reported that they had raised funds to assist him with the payment of his onward passage to Fiji U.S.A. etc.

14. Shirdi Sal Mandir — Suva

A letter received from the Trustees of Shirdi Sal Mandir, Suva requesting donation was tabled. It was resolved that the letter be circulated to Branches for their action.

15. Annual Report

A letter received from Wellington Association expressing concern at the delay in the circulating the report was tabled. The Secretary advised that the delay was partly due to his pressure of work and the delay in printing by Zodiac Print and expressed his grateful thanks to Ishvarbhai Bhana, the Proprietor of Zodiac Print for printing the reports at a considerable savings to the Association.

INWARD AND OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE were endorsed. Ramanbhai Sukha / Bhanubhai Patel.

Life Membership

It was resolved that the Branches be allowed to resubmit the Nominees for Life Membership previously considered for reconsideration Ganges Singh/ Bhanubhai Patel. Carried.

The following nominees were reconsidered:— Khushalbhai Madhav (Auckland), Rambhai Unka (Waikato), Ravjibhai Chhana Han (Pukekohe) Parbhu Bhikha (Pukekohe) and Chhibabhai Lalabhai Patel (Taranaki); and it was unanimously resolved that they be recommended to the Annual Conference for awarding of the Life Membership. Ganges Singh / Bhanubhai Patek Carried

This decision eventuated as a direct result of the untimely death of one of the nominee Late Keshav Parshot of Pukekohe.

It was also resolved that in view of the arbitrary clause requiring unanimous decision of the executive to endorse a nominee for Life Membership to the Annual Conference, the committee recommends that clause 13 A be amended by inserting the word 'majority' and deleting the word 'unanimous'. Shantiben T. Parbhu / Diyalbhai Dehda. Carried.

Youth Conference

After considerable discussion it was resolved that the Youth Conference be deferred this year in Christchurch and should the need be felt one such conference may be organised in conjunction with the Hockey Tournament in Auckland to be held in June. The Branches are to be requested to put the Youth Conference recommendations into practice and report at the next Executive meeting. Amrit Vasan / Santokh Singh Bhuliar. Carried.

Film / Video

Wellington branch reported that they have established a Video Club which is operating successfully. The film screening has been affected. However, it is still feasible to screen films provided lower prices are paid for film hire. The Auckland Association expressed similar sentiments. Wellington Branch also reported that they have made submissions to Customs Department seeking duty and sales tax exemption on recorded video cassettes. Wellington Branch was required to liaise with the Central Association in the matter. If exemption was allowed, the committee felt that the Video Cassettes may be handled on the same basis as the films by the major Branches.

Historical Report

Apart from Wellington and Auckland, branches were successful in selling their quota of reports. Overall the book has received favourable comments from the press and public. Members have appreciated that a burdensome task of compiling such a book must result in some discrepancies and omissions. Country Section stated that some of the amendments made to the draft were not fully incorporated in the report. A letter received from Mr Karam Singh was discussed in Committee and resolved. Branches were issued with a summary of the book to circulate to their members to encourage purchase. The Secretary was required to write to all the Indian High Commissions abroad to promote

the sale of the balance of the books.

Thames Valley Indian Association

As the information requested was not supplied in writing by Mr. Power, the President ruled that this matter be not discussed any further. Mr. Power who was present at the meeting was once again requested to provide the required information and he agreed to do so.

General Business

The Secretary was directed to make arrangements to obtain travel discount with Air New Zealand and advise the booking details etc.

The Committee felt that the Executive Committee meeting should be held earlier in the year preferably in December.

The meeting concluded at 8:50 p.m. with word of thanks expressed to the Host Association by the National President and Branch delegates.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS - (JANUARY — DECEMBER 1980)**FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
JANUARY - DECEMBER 1980**

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
Opening Balance		2691.00	Postages		20.50
Interest Received			Telegrams		9.14
Term Deposit	326.95		Photocopying		17.70
Current Account	<u>16.78</u>	343.73	Stationary		6.75
			Tolls		88.23
			Post Box Rentals		28.00
Affiliation Fees					
Auckland 1979/80	94.00		School Certificate Prizes		
Country Section			1 st Robert Pancha	50.00	
1978/79	14.00		2 nd Raghu Vamanmurthy	20.00	
1979/80	<u>60.00</u>	74.00	3 rd Rina Mehrotra	<u>10.00</u>	80.00
Pukekohe 1979/80		39.60			
Rotorua 1979/80		60.00	Historical Reports		
			Expenses		
1976/77, 77/78,			Proof Reading etc	100.00	
78/79	58.50		Cover Design	629.34	
1979/80	<u>125.00</u>	183.50	Printing – 1000	10534.00	
Taranaki 1979/80		51.00	Freights	<u>114.54</u>	11377.88
Waikato 19/80		38.00			
Wellington 1978/79		<u>550.00</u>	Zodiac Print 1978/79		
		1090.10	Conference Reports		606.39
Historical Report					
Donations			Bank Charges		9.21
Wellington					
Parbhu Family	100.00				
Nagin G. Patel	100.00				
Dahiben Lakhu					
Vasan	100.00				
Moror Ganda	100.00				
Nathu					
Bhana Naik	100.00				
Kanji and Raghu					
Bhula	<u>100.00</u>	600.00			
Pukekohe					
Ganges B. Singh	100.00				
Karam Kaur Singh	<u>100.00</u>	200.00			

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Country Section			
Piara Singh	100.00		
Karam Singh	100.00	200.00	
Auckland			
Chhotu Sima	100.00		
J. K Natali	100.00		
Chhotu L Mistry	<u>101.00</u>	301.00	
Taranaki Association		<u>100.00</u>	1401.00
Auckland Conference			
Photograph			
Pukekohe		120.00	
Taranaki		50.00	
Rotorua		50.00	
Wellington		100.00	
Auckland		140.00	460.00
Historical Report Sales			
Pukekohe	50	625.00	
Wellington	300	3750.00	
Taranaki	30	375.00	
Rotorua	20	250.00	
Auckland	200	2500.00	
Christchurch	1	12.50	
Sundry	3	<u>40.00</u>	7552.50
			Bank Balance
			1294.53
		<u>13538.33</u>	<u>13538.33</u>

I certify that the accounts have been audited and found correct.

Parbhu Kanji,
Auditor.

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