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THE
NEW ZEALAND CENTRAL
ASSOCIATION
 INC.

President:
 THAKOR PARBHU (Auckland)

Vice President:
 GANGES B. SINGH (Pukekohe)

General Secretary:

BHUKHAN LAL PARBHU (Wellington)

Under Secretary:

UKA CHHIBA (Pukekohe)

Auditor:

PARBHU BHAI KANJI (Auckland)

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SHANTIBEN T. PARBHU (Auckland)	BHANU PATEL (Waikato)
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NARENDRA MASTERS (Pukekohe)	HARIBHAI NARAN (Manawatu)
DIYAL DHEDA (Rotorua)	RAMAN SUKHA (Taranaki)
DINESH MEHTA (Christchurch)	

DELEGATES PRESENT

**CONFERENCE
DELEGATES 1982**

Auckland

1. Raman Ganda
2. Dinesh Tailor
3. Parbhu Kanji
4. Bipin Lekinwala
5. Ashok Darji
6. Shantiben T. Parbhu
7. Chhotubhai Sima
8. Jagdish C. Natali
9. Chhotu Mistry
10. Ghelabhai Jivan

Christchurch

Apologies only

Country Section

1. Santokh Singh Bhullar
2. Ravinder Powar
3. Daulat Singh
4. Harkirshan Singh Kung

5. Balwant Singh Nagra
6. Mohan Singh Ark
7. Sarwan Singh

Rotorua

1. Diyal Dheda
2. Arvind Gordhan
3. Magan Ranchhod
4. Raju Ramjee
5. Ishwar Bhana

Manawatu

1. Haribhai Naran

Pukekohe

1. UkaChhiba
2. David Kana
3. Ganges Singh
4. Khushal Naran
5. Ravji Uka

6. Ranchhod Kana
7. Narendra Masters
8. Raman Wallabh
9. Bhula Das Bhakta
10. Maganbhai Ranohod

Taranaki

1. Chhotubhai C. Patel
2. Girish Bhana
3. Parhubhai Pema
4. Harsadbhai Jeram
5. Chhibabhai Lala

Waikato

1. Bhanubhai F. Patel
2. Ashwin Gulab
3. Laxmanbhai Kesha
4. Raghuvir S. Rana

Wellington

1. Amrit L. Vasan
2. Maniben Naik
3. Nanubhai Ranchhod
4. Kanji Bhula
5. Kanti L. Vasan
6. Nagin G. Patel
7. Bhukhan Lal Parbhu
8. Kamla Parbhu
9. Ratilal Champaneri
10. Chhaganbhai Chhima

Youth Conference Delegates

1. Raman Ranchhod (Auckland)
2. Chandra Kant B. Patel (Auckland)
3. Hasmukh Vallabh (Auckland)
4. Ushaben Mavji (Auckland)
5. Prakash Prema (Auckland)

6. Manubhai K. Patel (Auckland)
7. Harish Kika (Auckland)
8. Surjeet Singh (Country)
9. Sukhdeep Singh Bains (Country)
10. Ahsa Bhana (Rotorua)
11. Dinesh Bhana (Rotorua)
12. Mina Dahya (Rotorua)
13. Mukesh Dahya (Rotorua)
14. Geeta Kana (Pukekohe)
15. Ratilal Ranchhod (Pukekohe)
16. Niru Wallabh (Pukekohe)
17. Anil Wallabh (rukekoh6)
18. Prabha Bhana (Taranaki)
19. Indira Patel (Taranaki)
20. Bharti Patel (Taranaki)
21. Kusum Ravji (Taranaki)
22. Bharti Sukha (Taranaki)
23. Pushpa B. Patel (Waikato)
24. Harjinder S. Rana (Waikato)
25. Kirti N. Puna (Waikato)
26. Ramila L. Kesha (Waikato)
27. Meena A. Jeram (Waikato)
28. Meena A. Bhikha (Waikato)

Attending Life Members

1. Rameshbhai Patel
2. Khushalbai Madhav
3. Dayalbai Kesry
4. Govind Kanji
5. Chhibabhai Lala Patel
6. Ramabhai Unka
7. Karam Singh Basi

15 or more Conference Attenders

1. Chhimabhai Vallabh
2. Haribhai Jagu
3. Harbans Singh Randhawa

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fellow Delegates and Members of the New Zealand Central Association. It is with pleasure that I present to

you my Annual Report.

The last general meeting was held in the Waverly Lounge, Christchurch with the Christchurch Indian Association acting as host. I noticed in Christchurch a great affinity between its members and this shows the advantage small areas have over the larger Associations. The purposes of the various Associations throughout New Zealand is to promote unity within the community, spread the Indian culture, retain our identity, to engender goodwill and cement ties with fellow New Zealanders.

Last year, the whole country was divided with the arrival of the South African Rugby team. The aftermath of that is still being recorded in our daily newspapers. With the Brisbane Games coming up shortly we hope that this unfortunate tragic invitation will not occur again in New Zealand under similar circumstances. Immediately after the last conference we noted our protest in Christchurch. On my arrival in Wellington the following day I was again approached by the media and I was happy to be given an opportunity to record our protest through the radio.

On the world scene, we have trouble in Tonga. Tonga is a peaceful place and I stayed there for 3 days earlier on this year. I was sad to read in the newspapers that the hurricane had caused so much devastation.

The closing of the New Zealand High Commission in India is a disaster. India is the largest democracy in the world and its importance on the Asian Continent is without doubt. One finds everyday politics very confusing when events like this take place.

Falkland Islands have been in the news recently. Claims by the United Kingdom and Argentina will have to be resolved. At this very moment both sides are geared for a confrontation. We hope that a peaceful solution is reached without conflict.

The appointment of Anand Satyanand as a District Court Judge deserves our congratulations. We wish Anand and his family well. I understand from Anand that he will be initially based in Palmerston North and I am sure that the local community will welcome him there

The committee meeting held at Pukekohe went off very well. We thank Pukekohe for arranging the meeting and take this opportunity to thank also Unkabhai Chhiba who organised the lunch and Ganges Singh who entertained us after the meeting.

I have been deeply honoured to have been your President for the last three years. It has been a great source of personal happiness to have been able to serve you during my term of office. I would like to thank you all for the hospitality and fellowship which I have been accorded from you, one and all, at different times. I will always treasure the mutual friendship and trust that we have built up together.

I thank the members of the executive and also Bhukhan Parbhu (our Secretary) and Ganges Singh (our vice-president) for their assistance to me throughout the year.

With these words I vacate my position and would like you to know that I will continue to be at the service of the Indian people in New Zealand.

THAKOR PARBHU
President

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 56th Annual Conference of the Association was held in St. John's Hall, Frankton, Hamilton under the auspices of Waikato Indian Association on Easter Saturday, the 10th April, 1982.

The opening ceremony of the Conference was held in Masonic Hall, Frankton. In his welcoming address, the Host President, Bhanubhai F. Patel welcome the Delegates, Life Members and the Youth Conference Delegates and wished the Conference every success in its deliberations. He also thanked his Committee and members without whose assistance and co-operation the organising of the Conference would not have been possible. He also thanked Dinesh Tailor, the proprietor of Indian Foodmarket, Auckland for providing the Conference Folders and supplying snacks for the delegates. He then introduced the Guest Speaker, Dr. G. S. D. Heather, Deputy Mayor of Hamilton City. Dr Heather in his address emphasised that whilst the statistic showed that the Indians in New Zealand numbered less than 11,000, they made substantial contribution towards the well-being of the New Zealand Multicultural Society; and the progress made by the members of Indian community in the fields of Agriculture, Commerce and Professions has not gone unnoticed by the Politicians. On the lighter note he commented that 'Indian babies were the most beautiful babies in New Zealand having delivered many over the years in his profession as a medical doctor.

The National President, Thakorbhahi Parbhu, thanked Dr. Heather for his kind Words and attributed the progress and contribution made by the Indian community to their desire to do well in their country of adoption which they have come to love and cherish as their own. He also thanked the Host Association for organising the venue and presentod Dr Hoathor with a copy of our "Indians In New Zealand — Studies of Sub-Culture". The Conference then adjourned for morning tea.

The main conference commenced at 11.00 a.m. in St John's Hall whilst the Youth Conference resumed in the Masonic Hall. Two minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect for those members who had passed away during the year.

Apologies for Christchurch Indian Association for not sending any delegates. Apologies from the following Life Members: J.K. Natali, Piara Singh Bains, Shivilal B. Masters, Ravji Chhana Han, Parbhubhai Bhikha, Narsinh Vallabh (His telegram was tabled), Ravjibhai Hira, and Deojibhai Patel; the following 15 or more Conferences attenders: Khandubhai Parag, Motiram Vallabh and Parag Kanji; and Ashok Unka Dhanji (Manawatu) were received and accepted. Jagdish Natali/Chhotu Sima. Carried
The minutes of the 55th Annual Conference held in Christchurch on 18 April 1981 were taken as read and the minutes of Executive Meeting held in Pukekohe on 24 January 1982 were read. After amending the word 'corrected' to "reviewed" on page five, the minutes of the Conference were adopted. Narendra Masters/Diyal Dheda. Carried.

The Executive Meeting minutes were adopted after the inclusion of the following "That the question of rumours of formation of the South Auckland Indian Association and the discontent in the South Auckland

area was raised by Amrit Vasan. The meeting was assured by Khushalbhair Madhav that when they last visited the area for collection of membership fees they had received support.” Chhotubhai C. Patel I Arvind Gordhan. Carried.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

Matters Arising out of Minutes

1981 School Certificate Prizes:

1st Prize — Kiran D. Nanu (Auckland)	350 marks
2nd Prize — Ashwin Chunilal (Auckland)	344 marks
3rd Prize — Niru Wallabh (Pukekohe)	328 marks

Presentation of Life Membership Badges

Mr Khushalbhair Madhav, Ramabhai Unka and Chhibabhai Lala Patel were officially presented the Life Membership Badges by the President. The recipients expressed their appreciation for the recognition of their services to the Community and promised to continue to serve the community with renewed vigour. Ravjibhai Chhana Han and Parhubhai Bhikha were presented with their badges at a function held in Pukekohe earlier in the year by the National President.

Telephone Directory

The Secretary reported that the new telephone directory was not printed as information sought from the Branches was not to hand. The following resolutions were passed:

1. That Branches should provide full details by 30 June 1982.
2. That members be given priority in placing advertisement in the Directory.
3. That the acceptance of advertisement should be left to the discretion of the Officers at the rates set by the Executive Meeting at: Front Inner Page \$200, Back Page \$175, Back Inner Page \$150, other full Page Advertisements at \$100. In all cases typesetting cost will be additional. Full information should be in the hands of the Secretary by 30 June, 1982.
4. Directory to be published by 30 September 1982.

Social Welfare — National Superannuation

In response to our enquiry we have been advised by the Department of Social Welfare that:

“In accordance with the Mandatory provision of Section 77(1) of the Social Security Act, a benefit shall not be payable in respect of any period during which the person in respect of whom the benefit is payable is absent from New Zealand, unless the period of absence is of 13 weeks or less. Under the proviso to Section 77(1) the commission has discretion to pay a benefit for a period of 13 weeks in respect of an absence of more than 13 weeks, if the absence for more than 13 weeks was due to circumstances beyond the beneficiary’s control, which arose while he or she was absent i.e. illness, strikes and any other similar reason which prevents a beneficiary returning to New Zealand on the date originally intended.”

In view of the present economic condition there is no likelihood of the Law being changed in the near future. However, on the Social Welfare front, our elderly people who have recently arrived in New Zealand will qualify for either sickness or unemployment benefit after 12 months residence in New Zealand and will also qualify for the National Superannuation after 10 years residence in New Zealand. Those falling under any of

the category above must apply to the Department of Social Welfare.

Proof of Age — Social Welfare Benefits

In reply to our letter outlining the difficulties some members face in obtaining Birth Certificates from India, we quote the Department's reply:

“The Department is aware that there can be considerable difficulties in obtaining birth certificates from India and that in some instances birth certificates are not actually available. For this reason, special procedures are established for applicants born in India who do not possess a birth certificate. Firstly, the date of birth shown in a passport issued by the Indian Ministry of External Affairs will be accepted as proof of an applicant's date of birth. Secondly, if an applicant does not hold an Indian passport, every effort will be made to verify the date of birth from secondary evidence such as Immigration or Naturalisation records, shipping records, family records, marriage certificates if the age of the bride and bridegroom are shown, and other sources.

Only if a date of birth cannot be satisfactorily verified from a passport or secondary evidence is it necessary to attempt to obtain a birth certificate from India.

This Department will assist in obtaining secondary evidence of birth, in particular details of Immigration or Naturalisation records.”

In view of above and the fact that applications for National Superannuation are accepted six months prior to entitlement date, no one should have any difficulty or delay in obtaining their National Superannuation.

Illegal Immigrants

Reply received from the Minister of Immigration, Mr A. G. Malcolm stated that:

“Although we have not succeeded in gaining any prosecutions against New Zealanders we have, by liaison with authorities overseas, been able to take steps to discourage a repetition of this particular method of operation. We will be keeping a close eye on those in New Zealand whom we believe to have been involved.”

Historical Report

Refer Executive Meeting minutes. It was resolved that Dr. Kapil Tiwari be allowed to retain 16 copies of the reports for his own use.

Thames Valley Indian Association

Refer Executive Meeting minutes.

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

The Church Commission has not yet presented submission. Additional information has been obtained from the family concerned and submission will be made soon.

Constitutional Change

It was resolved that amendment to clause 13(a) passed at the last Conference be now registered. Raman Ganda/Amnit Vasan. Carried.

INWARD AND OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE

Inward and Outward Correspondence

The following letters were tabled:

1. Reply from the immigration Department in response to our request for consideration of permit application in Wellington rather than New Delhi. This letter stated that on account of the eminent closure of the New Delhi Office, until further notice all applications will be considered in Wellington.

2. A letter written by the Secretary to the Indian High Commissioner advising him of the financial difficulties the 1982 Women's World Cup Cricket Team of India were in on the eve of their departure. That they had no money to pay for their Airport Taxes and overnight accommodation at Sydney on their return journey home and that in the absence of Christchurch Indian Association, Wellington Indian Association, the Central Indian Association and The Indian High Commission being able to assist them financially, he had personally advanced NZ\$1100 to the team against the undertaking of the Officers of the team to reimburse him within 14 days from 8th February 1982. However, as at 10 April, reimbursement had not been made.

3. Letter written by Christchurch Indian Association to the Indian High Commissioner, The Foreign Affairs Department, New Delhi and the Cricket Council of India emphasising that the future visiting Indian National Team finances should be properly controlled to avoid embarrassment all round, and that under these circumstances the responsibility should be of the High Commission rather than Local Indian Associations on individuals.

4. Reply received from Indian High Commission by Christchurch Indian Association stating that the High Commission did not have allocation of funds for assisting visiting Indian teams placed under circumstances outlined above, and thought that the Christchurch's letter was defamatory. It was resolved that the Association reply to this letter placing on record that this Association endorses comments made by our Christchurch Association and feels that the Commission should be able to assist in such circumstances by requesting funds and instructions from Higher authorities in India if circumstances dictate.

South Auckland Indian Cultural Society

A letter received from the South Auckland Indian Cultural Society Inc. seeking affiliation to the Central Association was tabled. Diyal Kesry, the president of the Society was permitted to speak. He outlined the activities of the society as follows:

- “1. **Education Committee:** This committee is responsible for teaching Guarati and Punjabi to their children.
2. **Entertainment Committee:** Responsible for preparing and celebrating important Indian occasions, religious festivals and other functions.
3. **Religious Committee:** This committee is responsible for holding regular prayer and Bhajan classes, also Navratri Garba and other religious activities.
4. **Fund Committee:** To organise and collect funds to pay for the property.
5. **House Management Committee:** That is responsible for the maintenance, repairs and alterations being carried out on the house.

6., **Youth Committee:** Responsible for organising youth gatherings and activities for the youth of the community.

To carry on the above activities they have purchased a property at No. 25 Tui Road, Papatoetoe, about one hundred yards east of the Great South Road. They have collected funds to pay for the house, and are still collecting.

They have also organised a lottery sale to collect further funds, and are still in the process of finalising these matters. The property is worth \$50,000 and is now freehold.

That the Society was incorporated prior to the obtaining the approval of the neighbouring Association and the Central Association because once they had bought the property they had to comply with the Friendly Societies' requirements.

After some discussion, in terms of the Constitution the following resolution was passed:

“That the Central Association obtains full details in writing of the reasons for the formation of the South Auckland Indian Association from that Society and refer the details to Associations directly concerned namely, Auckland Indian Association and Pukekohe Indian Association for their opinion and comments. The Executive to look into the matter and bring appropriate recommendation to the Conference. Bhukhan Lal Parbhu/Kanti Vasan. Carried.

Inward and Outward Correspondence were endorsed. Jagdish Natali/Chhotu Mistry. Carried.

YOUTH CONFERENCE

Youth Conference

The following report was tabled by the Youth Conference Chairman, Mohanbhai Parbhu of Pukekohe:

The history and background of the Youth Conference was discussed in relation to the decisions made in the past and the results achieved.

It was found that the Conferences had been of good value but little progress had been made in the implementation of specific recommendations. It was appreciated that implementation had to be effected at Branch level and that the Central body was in no way responsible.

Most of the discussions revolved around Involvement and Communication. It was felt that there is a real need for youth to become involved in Association activities and for activities to be arranged that are more attractive to young people.

The recommendations of the 1980 Conference were considered and in the main it was felt that they were still relevant. It was felt that in order to achieve greater involvement it is important to establish more activities that are of interest to youth and also to have more meetings such as the one at this conference to ensure an interchange of ideas and to stimulate enthusiasm.

It was therefore resolved that the delegates would endeavour to engender enthusiasm and to promote some activities in their local area. They would also encourage as many young people as possible to attend the Meeting to be held in Rotorua on 14 August. It was decided that another such meeting should be held in late November at a venue to be chosen at Rotorua.

The following liaison officers were appointed to represent their local area:

Auckland, Hareesh Kika, 7 Bristol Road, Whenuapai

South Auckland, Raman Ranchhod, 588 Great South Road, Otahuhu

Pukekohe, Gita Kana, 222 Kitchener Road, Pukekohe

Waikato, Ramila Kesha, P.O. Box 96, Huntly

Bay of Plenty, Mina Dahya, 62 Lisa Crescent, Rotorua

Taranaki, Bharti Sukha, 70 Bridge Street, Eltham

Mina Dahya was appointed to convene the meeting in Rotorua on 14 August.

Ramila Kesha was appointed Secretary for the group to liaise with local officers and to communicate arrangements.

It has been a pleasure to have been associated with this conference for a third time as chairman. Our young people are our greatest asset and heritage.

Mohan Parbhu
Chairman

Word of thanks was unanimously accorded to Mohanbhai Parbhu by the Conference.

It was resolved that the Conference gives its blessing to the Youth holding their meeting on 14 August, 1982 in Rotorua and that all branches encourage their youth to attend the meeting. Uka Chhiba/Maniben Naik. Carried.

Rotorua Association also agreed to provide full support to their Youth in organising the meeting.

President's Report

President's Report was read and accepted by acclamation.

Financial Report

In presenting the report the Secretary drew the attention of the Conference to the increasing cost of printing, postage and telephones and the declining affiliation fees being received from Auckland Indian Association who had submitted their cheque for \$110 for 1980/81 and \$390 for 1981/82. In response Auckland Association advised that owing to change of officers collection of membership fees for 1980/81 was not completed and forgone.

At the Conference's insistence, Auckland Indian Association agreed to pay a further sum of \$511 towards their contribution of 1980/81 Affiliation fees.

Uka Chhiba suggested that advertisement be accepted for our Annual Report to reduce the cost of Printing and he undertook to obtain at least one advertisement worth \$200.

The Secretary also advised that he has bill for tolls, postages etc. amounting to \$339.91 to pay. The Financial

report was accepted as presented. Parbhu Kanji/Kanti. Vasani. Carried.

Election of Officers

Words of thanks to the outgoing Officers was proposed by Nagin Patel and accepted by acclamation. It was resolved that the Standing Orders be amended so that the Interim Chairman appointed to elect the President of the Association be given a deliberative as well as a casting vote. Magan Ranchhod/Raman Ganda. Carried.

Thakorbhai Parbhu was elected the Interim Chairman.

President

Ganges B. Singh Ravji Unka/Chhotu Sima

Vice-President

Bhukhan Lal Parbhu Amrit Vasani/Ratilal Champaneri
Shantaben Thakor Parbhu Chhotu Mistry/Parbhu Kanji
Bhukhan Lal Parbhu was elected Vice-President.

Secretary

Jagdish Natali Arvind Gordhan/Ashok Darji

Assistant Secretary

Uka Chhiba Narendra Masters/Nanu Ranchhod

Auditor

Kanti Vasani Nanu Ranchhod/Ratilal Champaneri

Executive

Raman Ganda	Auckland
Raman Budhia	Christchurch
Santokh Singh Bhuhlar	Country Section
Haribhai Naran	Manawatu
Narendra Masters	Pukekohe
Diyal Dheda	Rotorua
Chhotubhai C. Patel	Taranaki
Bhanubhai F. Patel	Waikato
Amrit Vasani	Wellington

Raman Ganda pointed out that the Secretary had indicated in advance that he would not be seeking re-election to this post. He felt that this could tantamount to electioneering and in future Officers should avoid this.

REMITTS AND RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Association express concern over the closure of the New Zealand High Commission Office in New Delhi — AUCKLAND.

2. That the Central Association convey the disapproval of members at the closure of the N.Z. High Commission in New Delhi and request the Government to reverse this decision. — WELLINGTON.

Remits 1 and 2 were carried with a press release to be made of this resolution.

3. That positive steps be taken to promote and preserve Indian culture. — AUCKLAND.
Carried, with a resolution that the Indian High commission be approached to ascertain the procedure and assistance available from the Indian Government in setting up an Indian Cultural Centre similar to one in Fiji and the likely expenses the Association will have to bear.
4. We note with grave concern and disappointment that a group of members have, against the rules of our Central Association's Constitution and existing principals attempted or are attempting to form Associations. Unless the correct procedure is followed and the interest of the existing Association fully considered, approval should not be given for their affiliation to our Central Association. — WELLINGTON.
Withdrawn in light of resolution passed seeking further information from the South Auckland Cultural Society.
5. That the Central Association will make a financial contribution towards the travel cost of the Christchurch Indian Association delegates to travel to future Annual General Meetings and Special Meetings of the Central Association. — CHRISTCHURCH.
Carried with a resolution that a sum of \$50 per each meeting be paid to Christchurch Indian Association for sending delegates to the meetings.
6. That the Central Association look into the matter of the recent tour by the Indian Women Cricket Team's request for financial assistance (i.e. their and the attitude of the Indian High Commission) and that some policy be formulated on this type of matter with regard to future Indian Sports Team touring New Zealand. — CHRISTCHURCH.
Carried with a resolution that the Indian High Commission should be responsible for all Indian Nationals and particularly National Teams. Refer resolution under Inward and Outward Correspondence.
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GENERAL BUSINESS

Films

Auckland Indian Association reported that film screening was no longer profitable. Wellington reported that there was still reasonable demand and provided the hirage was lowered by the film suppliers, they would like to continue for further six months. At the suggestion of Bhukhan Lal Parbhu, it was felt that the possibility of obtaining the supply of films on commission basis from Fiji should be explored. Auckland Association who have been managing the film affairs were requested to look into this matter.

Activities of Branches

Each branch presented their report of activities carried out throughout the year. Whilst the cultural and religious activities were receiving support from the members, film screening was a disaster. Video clubs established by the Branches are receiving good patronage but they have undoubtedly been the death knell of film screening.

We note with great pride the achievement of the following:

1. Mr Anand Satyanand of Auckland who has been appointed District Court Judge.

Conference 1982

Wellington Branch extended an invitation to hold the 1982 Conference in the Capital City. This was accepted with acclamation.

The President, Ganges B. Singh in his closing address thanked the Host Association for the hospitality and organising the conference venue and expressed hope that 1982 year will strengthen ties amongst the branches and that the Indian community will make greater strides in the fields of Commerce, Agriculture and professions and that the Youth of our Community will make concrete progress in their forth coming meeting in Rotorua.

The Conference concluded at 7.30 p.m. with the singing of Jana Mana Gana.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

**MINUTES OF
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING**

An Executive Committee meeting of the Association was held in Nehru Hall, Pukekohe on Sunday the 24th January, 1982 under the auspices of Pukekohe Indian Association. The meeting commenced at 10.30 a.m.

The following were present:

Thakor Parbhu (President), Ganges B. Singh (Vice-President), Bhukhan Lal Parbhu (General Secretary), Unka Chhiba (Asst. Secretary), Shantiben T. Parbhu (AK), Arvind Gordhan (BOP), Santokh Singh Bhullar (Cty Sec.), Narindra Masters (Puke), Chhotubhai C. Patel (Tar), Bhanubhai Patel (Waik), Amrit Vasan (Wel); **Life Members:** J.K. Natali, Ramesh Patel, Dayal Kesry, Khushal Madhav, Parbhu Bhikha, Shivilal B. Masters and Rambhai Unka. **Observers:** Gulabbhai Moral, Ramam Sukha, Harbans Singh Raridhawa and J.K. Powar (Thames Valley Indian Assoc.). **Apologies:** Life Members: Piara Singh, Karam Singh, Narsinh Vallabh, Govind Kanji, Ravji Hira, Ravji C. Han, Deojibhai Patel, Chhibabhai Lala; Christchurch Association — Dinesh Mehta, Manawatu — Hanibhai Naran.

Delegates were welcomed by the Host President, Unkabhai Chhiba whn wisharl the meeting every success in its deliberations

Inward and Outward Correspondence

Letters of Congratulations written to Avinash Deobhakta – Auckland, Maganbhai Ranchhod J.P. (Puke), Subhas Ranchhod (Puke), Bhanti Ranchhod Kana (Puke) were tabled.

A letter outlining the difficulties the intending temporary visitors and Permanent Residents are facing in having to go to New Delhi to obtain the necessary Visas, addressed to the Immigration Department was tabled. A brief report on the meeting of the Secretary with Mr Ainsey and Miss L.J. Connor of permanent and temporary sections of the Immigration division was also presented. It is unlikely that the department will

change the present policy of issuing visas from New Delhi to Wellington. However, the Department is investigating the complaints of members in having to travel to New Delhi to uplift either temporary or permanent visas. The outcome will be advised in due course.

A letter enquiring the entitlement to Social Security Benefits for the elderly parents who have arrived as permanent residents in recent years under the family re-unification or Humanitarian ground addressed to the Director of Social Welfare and his reply were tabled. It would seem that elderly parents would qualify for either Unemployment or Sickness Benefit after residing in New Zealand for 12 months and the National Superannuation after residing in New Zealand for 10 years.

It was resolved that both letters be circulated to Branches for information of their members with a request that those affected should apply to Social Welfare Department for the appropriate benefit. The procedure in the past of signing of Deed of Covenant for the maintenance etc of the dependants has also been abolished.

At the suggestion of Diyalbhai Kesry it was resolved that the Department of Social Welfare be approached to ascertain what other form of evidence is acceptable by them in lieu of Birth Certificate for those applying for National Superannuation or other benefits where proof of age is required, as records of Birth of our elderly members are difficult and some time impossible to obtain from India.

A letter from Indian High Commission advising the change of their Address as follows was also tabled: "Princes Towers, 10th Floor, 180 Molesworth Street, Wellington. Phone Nos 736-901 and 736-391."

A letter received from a Mr A. R. Marshall, Barrister & Solicitor, Wellington, in respect of altering the present procedure for the granting of permanent status to the intending Son or Daughter-in-laws was discussed in 'committee' and a suitable reply favouring status quo was approved.

A nomination for life membership of the Central Association for Mr Parag Kanji received from the Pukekohe Association was tabled

As the available 15 positions for the life members are currently filled, it was resolved that Mr Kanji's name be held on file; a copy of his profile be circulated to Branches and when a vacancy occurs, discuss the nomination and forward the recommendation to the Conference.

The Secretary also reported that the question of the Ugandan Asian with British Passport was still being followed and a meeting is being arranged to bring this matter to conclusion.

Inward and Outward Correspondence were endorsed. Santok Singh _Bhuflar/Chhotubhai C. Patel.

Telephone Directory

At the suggestion of the Secretary that rather than prepare the supplementary Directory a new Directory be printed. It was resolved that Branches should provide type or hand written list of the names and addresses and phone numbers of their members in the form that they are to be printed. This information to be supplied to the Secretary by 28th February, 1982. Each Association was requested to endeavour to obtain and forward advertisements from the businesses in their areas to cover the printing cost. The Advertisement rates were set at: Front Inner Page \$200, Back Page \$175, Back Inner Page \$150, other full page ads at \$100; where

applicable typesetting cost will be additional.

Historical Report

The Secretary reported that there was little response from the Indian High commissions abroad for our "Indians in New Zealand Studies of a Sub-Culture".. His suggestion that a few selected Indian High Commissions be sent a free copy to attain our objective of bringing the History of the Indians in New Zealand to people of other countries was accepted. It was also agreed that Branches who have surplus unsold stocks supply them to Libraries and schools in their areas. Some copies from the Stocks held by the Central Association could also be utilised for this purpose if necessary.

Branch Allocation		Amount Payable	Amount Received	Amount Owing
Auckland	200	2500.00	2500.00	—
Country Sec	30	375.00	37.500	—
Christchurch	40	500.00	50.00	450.00 (36)
Manawatu	20	250.00	125.00	125.00 (10)
Pukekohe	50	625.00	625.00	—
Rotorua	20	250.00	250.00	—
Taranaki	25	312.50	312.50	—
Waikato	15	187.50	187.50	—
Wellington	300	3750.00	3750.00	—
Sundry Sales	3	37.50	40.00	—
	703	8787.50	8215.00	575.00 (46)

Books given for
publicity and
reviews 61
Gifts 2
Kapil Tiwari 16
Stock on hand 218
1000

Cost of Compiling &
Printing 1000 Copies 12694.00
Less
Sales 8215.00
Donations 1701.00 9910.00
Net Expenditure 2778.00

Conference 1982

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Thames Valley Indian Association

This matter was extensively discussed. Mr J. K. Powar was permitted to express his views for the formation of the proposed Association. There was a full and frank discussion and after establishing that the interest of Indians resident in the areas proposed to be covered by the New Association were currently adequately catered by the existing Associations, Mr Powar withdrew his application for affiliation. Mr J. K. Natali congratulated Mr Powar for his well considered and wise decision in resolving this matter to the satisfaction of all concerned.

General Business

Mr Harbans Singh Randhawa brought to the meeting's attention report on page 4 of the Christchurch Conference Report where it stated that the errors outlined by Mr Karam Singh will be corrected in the new report. It was unanimously agreed that this should read that the errors outlined by Mr Karam Singh shall be reviewed in the New Report.

Grave concern was expressed by Diyalbhai Kesry at the continued absence of Manawatu Association from both the Annual Conferences and Executive meetings. It was resolved that Gulabbhai Moral, Chhotubhai C. Patel, Bhukhan Lal Parbhu and Amrit Vasan discuss their absence with the residents at the forthcoming wedding in Palmerston North as a starting point to canvass the feelings of the residents of the area.

Ganges Singh stressed the importance of providing service to the members to retain their interest and loyalty to the Association.

In his closing address, the National President, Thakorbhai Parbhu thanked Unkabhai Chhiba and his wife Deviben for permitting the use of their home for hosting the barbecue lunch organised by the Pukekohe Indian Association and also thanked Narindra Morar for his barbecue prowess. He also thanked Ganges Singh and his wife Preetam for extending an invitation to all the delegates to attend a cocktail party at his residence. The meeting concluded at 3.30 p.m.

Bhukhan Lal Parbhu
General Secretary

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS - (JANUARY — DECEMBER 1981)**FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
JANUARY-DECEMBER 1981****RECEIPTS**

Opening Balance		1294.53
Interest Received		
Current Account		28.69
Affiliation Fees		
Manawatu 1977/78	15.00	
1978/79	15.00	
1979/80	20.00	
1980/81	20.00	
Auckland 1979/80	527.00	
Taranaki 1980/81	60.00	
Cty Sec 1980/81	50.00	
Pukekohe 1979/80	169.00	
Wellington 1979/80	495.00	
Waikato 1980/81	37.00	1408.00

Historical Report Donations

Thakor Parbhu		100.00
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Auckland Photograph

Manawatu		20.00
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Historical Report

Waikato — 15	187.50	
Manawatu — 10	125.00	
Christchurch — 3	37.50	
City Sec — 30	375.00	<u>725.00</u>
		<u>3576.22</u>

PAYMENTS

Zodiac Print		
1979/80 Reports	1041.39	
1980/81 Reports	1251.60	2292.99
School Certificate Prizes		
1st Yogesh Ravji		50.00
2nd Cheryl Devadhar	20.00	
3rd Manhar L. Sukha	10.00	80.00
Gandhi Memorial Prizes		
Ingrid Chetteburgh		50.00

Bank Balance

current Account	153.23	
Term Deposit	1000.00	<u>1153.23</u>
		<u>3576.22</u>

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

Parbhu Kanji
Auditor

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The Secretary,
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Wellington.

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

The Secretary,
Waikato Indian Association,
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Hamilton

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