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NEW ZEALAND INDIAN
CENTRAL ASSOCIATION
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1. Chhotu Sima
2. Ramesh Mehta
3. Parbhu Kanji
4. Raman A. Patel
5. Raman Ganda
6. Thakor Parbhu
7. Jagdish Natali
8. Shantilal Govan
9. Chhotu Mistry
10. Shantaben Parbhu

Christchurch:

Apology

Country Section:

1. Santokh Singh Bhullar

2. Sardoot Singh Bains
3. Harkishen Singh Kung
4. Daulat Singh
5. Kuldip Singh Thandi
6. Sarwan Singh
7. Hardayal Singh

Manawatu:

Apology

Pukekohe:

1. Uka Chhiba
2. Ishvar Rambhai
3. Magan Ranchhod
4. Khandu Parag
5. Raman Wallabh

6. Khusal Naran
7. Bhula Bhakta
8. Parag Kanji
9. Manu Bhaga

Youth Conference Delegates:

1. Jayanti Keshav (Auck)
2. Bipin Patel (Auck)
3. Nan Sima (Auck)
4. Dinesh Taylor (Auck)
5. Ashok Taylor (Auck)
6. Malkit Singh Randhawa (Cty Sec)
7. Robinder Singh (Cty Sec)
8. Janti Chhiba (Puke)
9. Harsad Bhula (Puke)
10. Ratilal Ranchhod (Puke)
11. Subbash Ranchhod (Puke)
12. Miss Surender Singh (Puke)
13. Miss Usha Mavji (Rot)
14. Miss Prabha G. Moral (Tar)
15. Miss Ramila G. Moral (Tar)
16. Miss Lalita P. Patel (Tar)
17. Bharti R. Sukha (Tar)

Rotorua:

1. Chandu Mavji
2. Avrind Gordhan
3. Magan Ranchhod

Attending Life Members:

1. Govind Kanji
2. Shivilal Masters
3. Karam Singh
4. Ramesh Patel
5. Jaylal K. Natali
6. Deoji Patel

4. Shivilal Masters
5. Magan Bala
6. Amrat Rama

Taranaki:

1. Raman Sukha
2. Chhotu C. Patel
3. Girish Bhana
4. Parbhu Pema
5. Chhiba Lala

Waikato:

1. Bhanu Patel
2. Rambhai Unka
3. Aswin Gulab
4. Raghuvir S. Rana

Wellington:

1. Bhana Naik
2. Maniben Naik
3. Amrat D. Parbhu
4. Jayanti D. Patel
5. Ratilal Champaneri
6. Gitaben A. Champaneri
7. Kanti L. Vasani
8. Manilal Bhana
9. Vallabh Hira
10. Nagin G. Patel

15 or More Conference Attenders:

1. Khushal Madhu (Auck)
2. Nanu Bhana (Auck)
3. Chhima Vallabh (Auck)
4. Piara Singh (Cty Sec)
5. Ravji C. Han (Puke)
6. Ravji Uka (Puke)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fellow Delegates and Members,

Once again it is my pleasure to present my Annual Report.

One of the most important features to my mind during the year was a draft copy of an Historical Report

produced by Dr Kapil Tiwari, Senior Lecturer in Religious Studies of Victoria University, Wellington.

I must extend to him my sincere congratulations in producing such a manuscript in so short a period.

There has been criticism, but that is only to be expected and as Dr Tiwari said it is only by such comments can this first draft be pruned changed and edited so as to be ready for eventual publication.

The proposal put forward to hold in conjunction with our meeting a similar one for the Youth of our Community must be commended. I trust this meeting eventuates and that it proves to be most successful one.

I would hope that a close study of the financial situation of the Association is made specially regarding the cost of the publishing the Annual Report.

My congratulations to Dayalbhai Kesry and Shivlal Masters on being elected life members of the Central Association. Their election was a just reward for the dedication to the affairs of the Indian Community over the years.

Also my sincere thanks to the Taranaki Association for hosting the executive committee meeting in December. The success of this meeting was in no small way due to the efforts expended by them to make our stay most enjoyable.

Air India has come forward with proposals for a cultural and educational tour of India and as yet I have had no indication as to the response made by the members of the Indian Community.

The controversy regarding film hirage between Auckland and Wellington has been satisfactorily resolved and I extend to them both my grateful thanks.

As it is not my intention to stand for re-election this year, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you all for making it possible for me to be President of Central Association for three years.

The experience has been a most rewarding one, especially that of making new and continuing with friendships of all members. My sincerest thanks and gratitude to Bhukhan Lal and the other officers of the Association for their co-operation and support over my period in office.

G.V. Moral
President

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 53rd Conference of the New Zealand Indian Central Association Incorporated was held in Pukekohe on the 14 April, 1979, under the auspices of the Pukekohe Indian Association. The venue was the Pukekohe Memorial Town Hall.

The conference commenced at 10a.m. The Host President, Ukabhai Chhiba welcomed the delegates

and the two Guests, His Worship the Mayor, Mr Short and Honourable Mr Bill Birch the Minister of Energy. Mr Short in his address praised the contribution made by the Indians to the New Zealand Economy and culture and outlined the local contribution made by Pukekohe Indians through the various service Clubs like Jaycees, Rotary, St Johns Ambulance, School Committee's etc. and praised the Indian community for being one of the best law abiding groups in our multi-racial society. He then awarded prizes sponsored by the Pukekohe Indian Association to Subhas Ranchhod for obtaining the highest mark in School Certificate and Chhiba Balu Memorial prize of \$100 cash and Trophy to Ratilal Ranchhod for obtaining the highest marks in University Bursary Examination.

Honourable Bill Birch in his address also endorsed the remarks made by Mr Short about the Indian Community and explained the Government's Immigration policy stating that there is a great demand internationally for people to come to New Zealand. These people have the Government's sympathy but it is impossible to have an open door policy in the interest of the country. The present policy is based on (a) humanitarian grounds. (b) Special skills and (c) Family re-unification.

This criteria is applied across the board. Often the rights to enter New Zealand has been abused but has not been jeopardised by the Indian Community.

Speaking on Universal Superannuation he informed that the reciprocal arrangement exists with the U.K. and Australia to draw benefit in either country as, there is an evenflow. However, no arrangement exists with any other country as the system will be too expensive to include them and is not justified on the number of applications. Government will consider inclusion of other countries when it is economically feasible. He then formerly opened the Conference.

The National President, Mr Gulab Moral in reply thanked the Host president for organ ising the venue for the Conference and the two guests for recognising contribution being made by the Indian Community and the clarification of Immigration and Superannuation Policy. He also welcomed the first youth delegation to the conference and expressed hope that their deliberation will be fruitful and that Youth Conference will become the regular feature of our annual conferences and left them in the capable hands of youth conference Chairman Raman Ganda (Ak) and Co-Chairman Mohan Parbhu (Puke) and adjourned the meeting for morning tea.

The meeting recommenced at 12 noon. Two minutes silence was observed by the conference as a mark of respect for those members who had passed away during the year and particularly victims of a car accident near Taupo that morning which included the grand-son of Mr Vallabh Hira of Wellington (a delegate to the Conference).

Apologies from Dayalbhai Kesry and Narsinh Vallabh both Life Members of our Association; Ishwar Bhana, Steven Bhana, the Christchurch and Manawatu delegations were received and accepted. Dr Kapil Tivari the Editor of the Historical Report was permitted to sit with the Wellington Delegation.

The minutes of the previous conference was read and adopted.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

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1st Prize Subhas Ranchhod	343 (Pukekohe)
2nd Prize Anita Hegde	341 (Wellington)
3rd Prize Pradip Bhula	335 (Auckland)

2. Telephone Directory:

The Secretary advised that the details for the printing of the Directory are in the hands of the Zodiac Print. The delay has been caused by many last minute amendments and printers strike, and that it would be published by the end of June. It was resolved that the Printer be given till 30th June 1979 to publish the directory.

J.K. NATALI (Auck) K.L. VASAN (Wgton)

3. Old Age Pension/Superannuation:

In spite of clarification made by Mr Bill Birch in his opening address earlier, the Conference felt that this matter should be pursued.

MAGAN N. RANCHHOD (Puke) VALLABH HIRA(Wgton)

4. Bronze Certificates:

The awarding of this Certificate has ceased since the change of Government in India. The matter is still being pursued through the Indian High Commissioner and Dayalbhai Kesry.

5. Air India:

A brief report on efforts being made by Air-India in seeking the competitive fares was reported by the Secretary and endorsed by Mr Chhugani the Manager of Air India. The Conference appreciated the personal effort of Mr Chhugani in this matter and the personal service and close relationship that he had maintained with the Community and various Associations and wished him well on his new appointment as Manager of the Lusaka Office.

5. Immigration:

Word of appreciation and thanks were also recorded for His Excellency Mr B. Deva Rao The High Commissioner of India, for his perseverance in obtaining approval from the Government of India that "recruitment of skilled persons from India will not impede its development" and advising the-New Zealand Immigration Department of this to refrain from declining immigration applications from India on these grounds.

5. Historical Report:

Further to details in minutes of the Executive Committee, Kanti Bhai Vasani and Dr. Kapil Tivari reported that satisfactory progress has been made but required assistance from Auckland Association and particularly Dayalbhai Kesry to complete the Auckland section of the Historical report and it was resolved that Dayalbhai Kesry be requested to join the Historical report sub-Committee by Central Association.

SHANTIBEN T. PARBHU(Auck) PARBHU PEMA (Tar)

The retail price of hard cover reports would be \$20.95 and paper back will be \$13.95. The type written

manuscript is of 425 pages. Branches were requested to provide the following details as soon as possible.

- (a) The names of Presidents and Secretaries of their Association with the period they served.
- (b) The names of Indian Justices of the Peace and local Indian Councillors resident in their area.
- (c) Photographs of their Community Hall and or Property.
- (d) National achievement of their Members in Sporting field.

The following number of Historical reports were ordered/allocated to various branches; Auckland 200, Wellington 300, Pukekohe 50, Rotorua 20, Waikato 25, Country Section 30, Taranaki 25, Christchurch 40, Manawatu 20. Based on these figures it was resolved that Central Assn. proceed with the publication and order 800 books. Branches to forward their payment forthwith.

AMRIT VASAN (Wgton) THA K OR PARBHU (Auck)

Thames Valley Indian Association:

A letter requesting affiliation to Central Association from the Thames Valley Indian Assn. was tabled by the Secretary but as no representative of this organisation was present it was resolved that this matter be discussed at next conference.

Open Heart Surgery Appeal: Gurvinder Singh:

The Secretary advised that to date a contribution of \$50 from Wellington Association, \$25 from Rotorua Association, \$170 from Christchurch Association and \$410 from Pukekohe Association making a total of \$665 was received under this appeal and it was resolved that this amount be forwarded to Mr Sachde.

GANGES SINGH/SANTOKH SINGH.

Indian Degrees:

A brief report on the recognition of the Indian Degrees of the various Indian Universities by the New Zealand Universities was given by Dr. Kapil N. Tiwari. As this recognition varies according to the standing of the Indian University concerned and the type of Degree and the relative subjects, it was felt that no set guidance can be obtained. Those interested should write direct to the relative University for clarification.

Constitutional Changes: CLAUSE 13 LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Recommendation amending clause 13 received from the sub-committee appointed at the New Plymouth Executive Committee on the question of awarding Life Membership of Central Assn. was adopted and the clause now stands.

- (a) The Association may confer life membership upon any member in recognition of outstanding services to the Indian Community and the Association, but such member shall be proposed by an affiliated Association six months prior to the A..G.M. of the Association, have the unanimous approval of the Executive Committee of the N.Z.I.C.A. and be elected at a General Meeting of delegates to the Association. No more than 15 (fifteen) Life Memberships of the Association may be in existence at any one time.
- (b) The election shall be by ballot at which the nominee must at least receive 2/3rds of the votes cast.
- (c) Life membership shall only be considered for special services rendered and not for any monetary consideration.
- (d) Life members shall be entitled to the same privileges as the delegates at a general meeting of the Association, but at an Executive Committee meeting they are entitled to take part in deliberation

without voting right.

(e) Branches may confer life membership upon any of their members for outstanding services rendered to their Association. Such life membership must be reported to this Association for recording in the Annual Report of the N.Z.I.C.A.

(f) The N.Z.I.C.A. shall provide each life member with a suitable medallion.

MAGAN RANHHOD/UKA CHHIBA (Puke) CARRIED.

Clause 15a — Subscription:

This clause is now amended to read, “every member shall pay to the Branch of which he is a member an annual minimum subscription of \$2 or such sum as may be fixed by such Branch from time to time. Every Branch shall pay to the Central Association one dollar (\$1) per member or such sum as may be fixed at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

GULAB MORAL/K. L. VASAN — CARRIED.

INWARD AND OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE

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A letter from Parag Kanji of Pukekohe was tabled by the Secretary in which Mr Kanji protested that the Pukekohe Association Mahila Mandar and the Gita Class were operating as independent bodies from the Pukekohe Indian Association and wanted to know how such Organisations were functioning in other Associations and requested that this issue be discussed at the Conference.

Both Auckland and Wellington Associations who have such organisations advise that they operated under the umbrella of the Association. No recommendation or action was taken by the Conference.

A letter received from Harish D. Patel of Wellington requesting the Association to make representation to the Immigration Department for making special provision for entry of British subjects now living in India who have special links with Indian people residing permanently in New Zealand. At the request of the Wellington Association it was resolved that the matter be investigated by them and a recommendation forwarded.

Inward and outward correspondence were adopted.

K.L. VASAN (Wgton) CHHOTU MISTRY (Auck)

YOUTH CONFERENCE

Youth Conference:

The first youth Conference was held concurrently with the Annual Conference in the adjoining Hall under the Chairmanship of Raman D. Ganda (Auck) and co-chairmanship of Mohan Parbhu (Puke).

Following topics were discussed:-

- (1) The role of a N.Z. Indian Youth in the Society;
- (2) Communication and generation gap;
- (3) Inter-caste and inter-racial marriages;

(4) General (Culture etc).

The following conclusions were arrived at:-

1. Language

Greater use of Indian languages should be encouraged at home. We should try to retain our mother language.

2. Integration

This was felt to be a greater problem in city areas. Integration into other community groups should be encouraged. However we must ensure that our identity is maintained.

3. Discrimination

Not a group problem but can occur on an individual basis. We will only experience discrimination at a national level if we become a threat to the security of another ethnic group. Discrimination against individuals will decrease with integration. We must maintain self confidence and a pride in our identity.

4. Generation Gap

This was seen by the group as the biggest single problem facing young people.

Greater understanding is required by both parties, but youth should show more tolerance towards adults as they have had better access to education etc.: Adults should take greater interest in the activities and interest of youth.

5. Inter Racial and Inter Caste Marriage

Culture can be lost through inter racial marriage.

The choice should be left to the individual and tolerance should be shown to it.

Inter caste marriage should be encouraged.

Greater tolerance is required, people should not be cut off from the Indian community because of inter racial or inter caste marriage.

6. Social Activities

Films, debates, opportunities to meet other people, cultural youth tours etc: should be encouraged.

7. Culture

Culture strengthens the family unit.

Books should be available to interested young people in English medium on culture, religion etc.

8. Sex Discrimination

Discrimination on the grounds of sex within the family groups should be discouraged.

9. Scholastic Prizes

These should not be of monetary value. Recognition should be given to all students who pass examinations e.g. School Certificate or University Entrance etc. in the form of a letter or certificate.

10. Future Conferences

The youth conference should be run again along the same lines as this one. Vote of Acclamation was accorded to youth delegates and the Chairman and Co-Chairman by the Conference.

Election of Officers

Word of thanks was accorded to the outgoing officers and Gulabbhai Moral was nominated the interim Chairman.

BHANA NAIK (Wgton) CHHOTUBHAI SIMA(Auck)

President

Two nominations were received for the office of President;
Thakorbhai Parbhu (Bhana Naik (Wgton)/Chhotubhai Sima (Auck)
Maganbhai Ranchhod Ishvarbhai Rambhai/Uka Chhiba (Puke). Thakorbhai Parbhu was elected the President.

Vice-President

Ganges Singh — Bhula Bhakta/Unka Chhiba (Puke).
Kuldip Singh Thandi — Sardool Singh Bainsl Sarvan Singh (Lty Sec.)
Ganges Singh was re-elected.

General Secretary:

Bhukhan Lal Parbhu (Wgton) unanimously re-elected.

AMRAT D. PARBHU/GITABEN CHAM PANERI(Wgton)

Under Secretary

Amrit L. Vasani (Wgton) unanimously re-elected.

Raghuvir S. Rana/Shivlal Masters

Auditor

Parbhubhai Kanji

GANGES SINGH/CHHOTU SIMA

EXECUTIVE:-

Auckland	Chhotubhai Sima
Wellington	Bhana Naik
Christchurch	Bhikhu Bhana
Country Section	Kuldip Singh Thandi
Manawatu	Haribhai Naran
Pukekohe	Uka Chhiba
Rotorua	Chandubhai Mavji
Taranaki	Raman Sukha
Waikato	Bhanu Patel
Immediate Past Pres.	Gulab Moral

REMITTS AND RESOLUTIONS

Auckland:

(1) That the number of delegates from each member association should be based on that Associations membership and that affiliation fee should be levied accordingly.

RAMAN GANDA / J.C. NATALI — LOST

(2) We are concerned, to see that the Report of the Conference held in Auckland has not yet been circulated to all the Branch members. It was passed a few years back that this should be circulated within 6 months of the conference held.

The Secretary advised that these reports were distributed to Branches at the Executive meeting held in New Plymouth on 9 December, 1978. However Auckland Executive had not collected theirs at the time. Owing to a misunderstanding between the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary reports for Auckland Association were not delivered till late March. Apologies from both the Secretary and Assistant Secretary was accepted.

Pukekohe

(1) That Central Association investigate the availability of 16mm Indian sound Films for Branch Association.

ISH VAR RAMBHAI/UKA CHHIBA

This remit was carried and Magan Ranchhod and Bhula Bhakta were authorised to investigate this matter on behalf of the Central Association.

(2) That the Central Association investigate the possibility of screening Indian films on television.

MAGAN RANCHHOD/UKA CHHIBA — CARRIED

During the course of deliberation Khushalbhai Madhav of Auckland referred to last year Wellington's request to share film hire between Auckland and Wellington on the basis of 55/45 as a "silly proposal." Wellington took exception to this and Mr Madhav was asked to withdraw the words.

BHANA NAIK/N.G. PATEL — CARRIED

The President then requested Mr Madhav to withdraw the offending words. Mr Madhav refused to do so, after considerable time and discussion the President stated there were two alternatives available to him, either to expel Mr Madhav from the meeting or to close the matter by leaving it on Mr Madhav's conscience. The President adopted the latter course.

General Business:

(1) All Branches were asked to circulate the letter received from the Indian High Commission regarding the renewal of their Indian Passports.

(2) **Life Membership.** Attention of the members was drawn to the new amendment regarding the awarding of life membership of the Central Association and to submit details in the stipulated time.

(3) **Travel to South Africa by Indian Nationals,** It was felt that the Indian High Commission should accept an affidavit sworn before a Solicitor, Justice of the Peace or Notary Public rather than require a person to travel to Wellington to have it signed in their offices.

(4) **Wellington Association.** Recorded their appreciation for the fine manner in which Mr Ramahbhai Patel of Auckland handled the film affairs and distribution.

(5) **Hurricane Meli Appeal.** The Secretary brought to the attention of the conference the recent disaster suffered by the people of Fiji at the hands of Hurricane Meli and requested that some donation to express our sympathies be forwarded to the Appeal. It was resolved that \$101 be forwarded to the Appeal immediately.

KANTIL. VASAN/BHANA NAIK.

(6) **Ishvariya Vishva Vidhyalaya.** Manilal Bhana of the Wellington delegation pointed out that the Minutes of the Conference has recorded that this organisation does not believe in the Sanatan Principle. This is not correct and the conference agreed to take note of this fact.

Activities of Branches:

Each Branch reported on their cultural, religious and sporting activities and related events.

Conference 1980

Rotorua branch extended an invitation to hold the 1980 Conference and this was accepted by acclamation.

The President in his closing address thanked the Host Association for organising the Venue, providing warm hospitality throughout the conference. He also thanked Mr Harish Bajaj the Principal of V.I.P. Travel for hosting the Cocktail Party for the delegates and concluded the meeting at 11:45pm.

BHUKHAN LAL PARBHU
GENERAL SECRETARY

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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An Executive Committee of the Association was held on 9th December, 1978 in the St. John's Hall, 316 St. Aubyn Street, New Plymouth under the auspices of Taranaki Indian Association.

The meeting commenced at 10.30am. The delegates were welcomed by the host President Ramanbhai Sukha who expressed hope that the discussions will be of great value to the Indian Community and any differences of opinion will be amicably settled.

Present:- Gulabbhai Moral, Ganges B. Singh, Bhukhan Lal Parbhu, Amrit Vasan, Magan Ranchhod, Uka Chhiba, Raman Wallabh, Bhula K. Bhakta, Raman M. Bubhia, Raman Sukha, Chhotubhai C. Patel, Shantilal Govan, Dayalbhai Kesry, Chhotubhai Sima, Khushalbai Madhav, Bhanubhai Patel, Santokh Singh Bhullar, Nagin G. Patel, and Bhana Naik.

Apologies:- Kanti Vasan, Dr. Kapil Tiwari, Narsinh Vallabh, Govind Kanji, Deojibhai Patel, Ravji Kira, Karam Singh, J.K. Natali and Harbans Singh Randhawa.

Correspondence:

1. Films:

The secretary tabled correspondence relating to holding of a meeting between Auckland and Wellington Associations to discuss the question of Film hire left unresolved from the last

Conference. Wellington Branch reported that they have now settled this problem with Auckland satisfactorily and to regularise the situation the following resolution was passed.

“That Auckland and Wellington Indian Association share the Film hirage on 50/50 basis.”

BHANA NAIK/CHHOTU SIMA.

2. Open Heart Surgery Appeal Gurvinder Singh:

3. Flood Relief Fund Northern India:-

4. Flood Relief Fund — Otago Southland:-

The following amounts were received for these appeals from branches:-

BRANCH	Indian Flood Surgery	N.Z. Flood	Open Heart
Auckland	3000		
Christchurch			
Country Section	777.00	50.00	
Manawatu			
New Plymouth	100.00		
Pukekohe			
Rotorua	1011.00	100.00	25.00
Waikato	530.25	209.81	
Wellington	2000.00	250.00	50.00
	\$7318.25	\$709.81	\$75.00

The following two motions were received in connection with the Open Heart Surgery Appeal:-

“That the Central Association writes to Dr. Barrett- Boys regarding the cost of operation before any payment of the donations received is made.”

UKA CHHIBA/CHHOTU SIMU — LOST

“That the Branches forward whatever amounts collected or allocated for this appeal to the Central Association for remittance to Mr. S.K. Sachde as soon as possible.”

SANTOK SINGH BHULLAR/RAMAN SUKHA — CARRIED

Branches were requested to complete the Flood Relief Fund for Northern India by 31st March 1979. Funds received to date were to be forwarded to India as soon as possible. The secretary also tabled a telegram that he had sent to Mr Morarji Desai, the Prime Minister of India ‘Accept New Zealand Indian Communities’ profound sympathies over flood havoc in Northern India.’

5. A letter received from Shanti Budhia of Christchurch, M.A. student at the Canterbury University, seeking our permission and assistance to do an extended essay on the History of Gujarati Community in New Zealand possibly with an emphasis on the Central Association. It was unanimously agreed that this permission and any assistance required be given to Shantiben and if need be write to the Canterbury University advising them of our approval.

AMRIT VASAN/RAMAN BUDHIA

6. Letter from Karam Singh, life member, regarding amendment to the rules relating to the awarding of the Life Membership of the Central Association was tabled. A committee of five consisting of Magan

Ranchhod (chairman), Dayal Kesry, Uka Chhiba, Ganges Singh and Chhotu Sima was formed to look into this question. Branches were requested to forward their recommendation and suggestions.

7. Telephone Directory:

It was resolved that the telephone directory be printed by Zodiac Print by 31 March failing this the Secretary be authorised to make arrangements to have it printed by other printers at his discretion.

BHANA NAIK/SANTOK SING H BHULLAR — CARRIED

8. Immigration

Recruitment of skilled personnel from India. The secretary tabled a letter received from the Indian High Commissioner, Mr B. Deva Rao advising that India was a party to the following Declaration of Principles and Programme of Action adopted at the Tripartite World Conference on Employment held in Geneva in June 1976. Para 43(g) of this states “Countries of employment should refrain from recruiting workers when there are recognised or potential shortages of such workers in the country of origin.”

He advised that he can certify that Electrical Engineers emigrating from India would not be affecting India’s requirement and that he was seeking further clarification in regards to other skills. Photocopy of this letter was circulated to the meeting.

9. Bronze Certificates

A letter from Indian High Commission, advising that the awarding of the Bronze Certificate had ceased, was tabled by the secretary. It was resolved that the question of Tamra Patra (Bronze Certificate) should be perused further with the Indian High Commissioner and some recognition by way of certificate in the names of the Bona Fide Freedom Fighters be obtained and the reasons for the cessation of the issue of the Bronze Certificate obtained: Dayalbhai Kesry was also requested to contact the secretary of the Janata Party in this matter.

Inward and outward correspondence were endorsed.

Historical Report:

A meeting of the Historical Sub-Committee was held on Sunday the 19th November, 1978 at 22 Kelburn Parade, in the office of Dr. K.N. Tiwari.

Present:- Kanti Vasan (Chairman), Dr. Tiwari (Editor), Harbans Singh Randhawa (Committee), Bhana Naik (Executive), Amrit Vasan (Assistant Secretary), Bhukhan Lal Parbhu (Secretary), Narshinh Vallabh (Life Member), Nagin G. Patel (Wellington).

Chairman, Kanti Vasan welcomed all the delegates and acknowledged the tremendous amount of effort and time put in by Dr. Tiwari in the preparation of the first draft of the Historical Report and expressed his disappointment at the absence of delegate from Auckland.

The following resolutions were passed:

1. That in view of the fact that the Auckland Indian Association is a major Branch and has been actively involved in preparing the Historical report, the committee strongly feels that a member should be nominated from Auckland Association to help Dr. Tiwari to make the report a success.

DR. K.N. TIWARI/KANTI VASAN — CARRIED

2. That reimbursement of Travelling Expenses of the members of the Historical Report Publishing Committee be made by the Central Association.

KANTI VASAN/HARBANS SINGH RANDHAWA — CARRIED

3. That Travelling Expenses incurred by Dr. Kapil N. Tiwari of \$264.84 plus typing expenses of \$160 be reimbursed to him.

HARBANS SINGH/RAMAN VALLABH — CARRIED

4. That after considerable discussion about the problem of publishing of the book and the cost involved, the committee came to the conclusion that we should employ local publishers to do the job and give a guarantee of selling at least 1,000 copies which should be supplied to us for sale to our members at a discounted price which will be around \$10 to \$11 in hardcover series with jacket and good quality paper. The Book in its printed form will consist of about 260 pages and any Royalties received will be distributed amongst the contributors at a maximum rate of \$100 to each contributor with any surplus to go to the Central Association.

RAMAN VALLABH/HARBANS SINGH — CARRIED

5. That the report should include:-

- a. The names of the Secretaries and the Presidents of the Central and Local Branches.
- b. The names of Indian Justices of Peace and Local Indian Councillors.
- c. Photographs of only Indian Community Halls throughout New Zealand be included.
- d. National achievement of members in the sporting field and a brief History of the New Zealand Indian Sports Association be included and the necessary information and report to be obtained from - Maganbhai Ranchhod the president of the Association.

RAMAN VALLABH/BHUKHAN LAL PARBHU — CARRIED

Estimate of the book sales were arrived at as follows:-

Country Section/Waikato 70, Christchurch 60, Pukekohe 80, Wellington 350, Taranaki 70, Rotorua 60, Auckland 400 and Manawatu 20.

Corrections that were received from Pukekohe, Christchurch, Taranaki, and Country Section were taken note of and a meeting with Dr. Tiwari was set for Tuesday the 21 St to incorporate the Wellington amendments.

The meeting concluded at 2.30 with a words of thanks being recorded for Kanti Vasan for providing the lunch for the delegates and it was resolved that the next meeting should be held in Auckland. After the lengthy discussion, the minutes and the resolutions of the Historical Report Publishing Committee were adopted by the Executive meeting and Auckland Indian Association was requested to send the names of their delegates on this committee and forward any amendments and additions to the report as soon as possible.

Youth tour of India:

Mr Preetam Chhugani, the manager of Air India was given an opportunity to address the meeting. He reported his efforts in organising Youth Tour of India and the itinerary was presented. However as very little time was left before the tour began and response from the Branches was not forthcoming, it was decided that this tour be postponed and one for the August and December Holidays be organised when the excursion fare of \$939 will apply. He also emphasised the fact that unless greater patronage of Air India was achieved, his efforts to obtain all year round comparable excursion fares will not be successful.

Formation of New Indian Association by members of Ravidas Sabha

A letter received from Mr J.K. Powar wanting to form a new Association called Thames Valley Indian

Association to include region not previously represented at Central Association. Mr Powar was invited to attend the meeting or send suitable representative to plea for his course. However, as Mr Powar was departing for overseas, he could not attend the meeting personally or send a representative. This subject did receive full attention of the meeting. Lengthy discussion took place. It was unanimously agreed that both the Pukekohe and the Country Section Associations were adequately covering the needs of the Indian Community in the area envisaged to be represented by the New Association and the meeting endorsed the findings of the General Meeting.

Affiliation Fees:

Wellington Branch suggestion to amend the Constitution to make affiliation fees 10% of the Branch Membership fee or a maximum of 30c per member effective 1978/79 was discussed. It was also reported by the Secretary that the cost of printing the Annual Report was in excess of 40c a copy. The present affiliation fee paid per member by Branch amounts to a mere 20c. In view of this and other escalating costs the meeting recommends the amount to be contributed by the Branches by way of affiliation fee to be \$1 per member.

General Business:**Rhodesian Situation:**

The secretary drew the attention of the meeting to the worsening situation of the Indians residing in Rhodesia and sought the permission of the Executive, should any emergency arise to act in this matter on the basis as that was adopted for the Ugandan Asian Refugees. This course of action was agreed to.

Pukekohe Conference:

It was resolved that this conference should be a one day Conference

GULAB MORAL/GANGES SINGH — CARRIED

It was also resolved that a Youth Conference be held concurrently with the Annual Conference with 5 delegates from the major branches and 3 from the minor branches. Ramanbhai Ganda of Auckland was selected to be the Chairman. The following topics were selected:-

1. The role of a New Zealand Indian youth in the Society.
2. Communication and Generation gap.
3. Inter-caste and Inter-racial Marriages.
4. General (Culture etc)

The meeting concluded at 5.30pm with a word of thanks being accorded to the Host Branch.

BHUKHAN LAL PARBHU
GENERAL SECRETARY

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RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Balance BNZ Term Deposit	\$3125.00	School Certificate Prizes	
Balance BNZ Current A/c	1286.84	1st Prize – Mahendra Singh	
		Randhawa	50.00
INTEREST:—		2nd Prize – Hitesh Patel	20.00
Term Deposit	\$226.56	3rd Prize – Anshu Dixit	10.00
Current A/c	<u>43.11</u>		\$80.00
	269.67	Gandhi Memorial Prize	
AFFILIATION FEES		1976 – Miss K. Alexandra	20.00
Auckland 1977/78	183.00	1977 – Miss S.A. Williamson	<u>20.00</u>
Cty Sect. 1976/77	12.00	Zodiac	40.00
Manawatu 1976/77	11.00	Zodiac Print 76/77 Report	494.22
Manawatu 1977/78	10.60	Browning's Secretarial Service	
ChCh 1976/77	22.50	Intrim report 76/ 77	34.50
Pukekohe 1977/78	21.00		
Rotorua 1976/77	10.00	Historical Report	
Rotorua 1977/78	15.00	Dr. Tiwari – Auckland Trip	70.00
Taranaki 1977/78	10.00	Dr. Tiwari – Christchurch Trip	71.95
Wellington 1976/77	<u>202.00</u>	Dr. Tiwari – Rotorua/Hamilton	122.89
	497.10	Typing – First Draft	160.00
Kirk Memorial Fund		Photocopying Draft	<u>41.02</u>
Christchurch	34.70		465.86
Sale of Land Prospectus	3.57	Rykenberg Photographers –	
		Auckland Conference	25.00
Golden Jubilee Photographs		Indian High Comm Postage re	
Auckland	97.00	Newsletters/Prospectus	9.14
Christchurch	15.00		
Manawatu	22.50	Post Box Rental 1976/77/78	60.00
Pukekohe	67.50		
Rotorua	30.00	Toll Calls 1975/78	140.24
Taranaki	<u>30.00</u>	Telegrams 1975/78	25.62
	262.00		
Open Heart Surgery Appeal		Postages	37.43
Rotorua	25.00	Photocopying	26.07
Wellington	<u>50.00</u>	Stationery	10.57
	75.00		
Flood Relief Fund – India			
Auckland	300000		
Country Section	777.00		
Rotorua	101 1 .00		\$1448.65
Waikato	530.25		
Wellington	2000.00	BANK BALANCES:—	
Otago Southland Relief Fund		Term Deposit	3125.00
Country Section	50.00	Current Account	<u>9008.29</u>
Taranaki	100.00		12133.29
Waikato	209.81		
Wellington	250.00		
Rotorua	<u>100.00</u>		
	<u>709.81</u>		
	<u>13581.94</u>		<u>13581.94</u>

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

Parbhu Kanji,
Auditor.

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