

MASI AGM - 11th March 2023

Minutes of Meeting

Meeting date/time	: 11th March 2023, @ 15:45
Meeting Venue	: Harry Todd Band Hall.
MASI EC Attendees	: Shridhar Bhagwat (President), Amit Thite (Vice President), Rasik Kulkarni (Secretary), Radhika Mogarkar (Communication Manager), Sanjivan Deshpande (Treasurer)
MASI EC Apology	: None
Public Officer	: Mandar Marathe
Minute Takers	: Dilip Kanitkar and Bhushan Mahajan
Returning Officer	: Mandar Marathe

- Housekeeping rules - Rasik Kulkarni updated on.
 - Acknowledge traditional owners.
 - In case of emergency, please contact MASI committee
- Quorum established and agreed to proceed with the meeting
- Sridhar Bhagwat Welcomes the members
- Appointment of :
 - Minute takers
 - Dilip Kanitkar and Bhushan Mahajan
 - Proposed by – Lalita Kanitkar, seconded – Vijay Joshi
 - Returning officer
 - Mandar Marathe
 - Propose – Lalita Kanitkar, seconded – Vijay Joshi
- **Approval of AGM-2021-22 MoM**

AGM Agenda & AGM 2021-2022 MoM were not sent to masi members prior to the masi AGM 2023.
Copies of the agenda were not given upon arrival of the masi members.

 - Sharad Kanitkar objected approval. As he requested MASI via email to share MoM and AGM agenda on 6th March but didn't receive from MASI EC.
 - Dilip Kanitkar suggested attendees must be provided 5 minutes to go through the MoM prior to approval.
 - Everyone one went through MoM.
 - MoM Approval was proposed by Suren Joshi and seconded by Vijay Karlekar.
- **Subcommittee** presented respective programs details:

- **Marathi Udyojika Galore** – Presented by Tanuja Kundap
 - Committee – Swati Bhagwat, Tanuja Kundap and Rashmi Heroor,
 - First time such program was organised in Sydney.
 - To encourage participants fees was kept too low. .
 - Australian MASI members were present.
 - Indian investors were given opportunity to host their stalls.
 - Income was \$2876 and Expenses \$2192
- **Ekankika** – Yogesh Pophale and Sachin Bhave
 - Maharashtra Day in Sydney was celebrated with cultural activities which included two one act plays.
 - ‘Khas Apalyasathi’ (Especially for you) and ‘Noopuri’ (Noopuri is a girl’s name).
 - These were presented at ‘VishvaMarathi Ekankika Spardha’ a global competition.
 - Our team successfully bagged 5 prizes in this competition.
 - Income was \$10,172.23 and Expenses \$10,333.15
- **CharChoughi** – Lalita Kanetkar
 - CharChoughi was three act play staged on 25th June
 - Lalita praised all the support provided by the MASI team and the Backstage team.
 - This was the most profitable MASI event for this year,
 - Income was \$23,062 and Expenses \$15,826.87
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- **VIC AKHIL AUSTRALIA MARATHI SAMMELAN 2022**– Shridhar Bhagwat and Nilima Berde.
 - MASI Sydney participated in the sammelan.
 - 1 hour slot was provided to Sydney team for their activities.
 - Nilima praised all the support provided by the MASI team in practices and also at Melbourne.
- **Diwali Program** – Amit Thite
 - Celebration was held on 29th Oct 2022 @Durga Auditorium,
 - Events: Dhol Tasha by Shiv Garjana, Acknowledgments of Ex- MASI EC, Musical and Dance performances were followed by dinner.
 - Income was \$5,850 and Expenses \$10,497.82
- **Review MASI Constitution** – Nitin Chaudhari
 - A committee of – Nitin Chaudhari, Sai Prasad Kulkarni, Bhushan Mahajan, Swati Bhagwat and Mandar Marathe is reviewing current constitution.
 - Update constitution to align with current time.
 - Feasibility of achieving DGR status and accordingly update constitution.

- **MASI Major Sponsors** – Kalyani Transport and Hari Om Foods
 - Kalyani Kulkarni from Kalyani transport thanked for the support till now.
 - Updated on the latest fleet of transport introduced.
 - Vineet Pasarnikar from Hari Om Foods, thanks for MASI's support.
 - Both sponsors promised for their continuous support.
- **MASI Overview and Key achievements** – Amit Thite
 - MASI organised 5 major programs this year,
 - Programs were attended by over 450 attendees.
 - 100+ participants along with volunteers supported these programs.
 - MASI sincerely thanked everyone for their support and encouragement.
 - Audience pointed, figures (in graph) on presentation mismatched with account statement.
 - As a result of diligent efforts from MASI EC, now MASI Sydney is 100% compliant with Fair Trading obligations.
 - MASI Sanvadika – An initiative by MASI to showcase the talent within our Marathi community here in Sydney.
 - Radhika Mogarkar updated - Digital platform is performing strongly with approx. 80% of RoI.
 - Radhika Mogarkar updated - Significant increase in the followers and subscribers of MASI digital initiatives.
 - MASI initiated collaboration across various organisations.
 - Successfully organised Bhondla with Gujrati Community. – Thanks to Dipesh and Sonal Parekh for coming together and entertaining communities from both organisations.
 - Rasik Kulkarni said, with popularity of MASI digital platforms and Website, reach to community and revenue has increased.
 - MASI is using advanced technologies and with increased up time and improved performance. AWS has proposed a credit of \$300 to MASI
- Dilip Kanitkar proposed to promote the APP as much, Radhika confirmed all programs are shared with members via Apps as well.
- Saiprasad Kulkarni proposed re-instantiating the e-committee to take up the good work. Shridhar Bhagwat responded, it's hard to get

- **MASI Financial Reviews** – Presented by Satish Mane
 - Presented financial updates – Income/Expenditure statement.
 - Raised concerns over low interest rate earned on various accounts.
 - Suggested finance committee must explore various options with better interest rates.
 - Explore more investment options.
 - All receipts must be collected and presented.
 - In case of cash transactions, hand written receipts/evidences must be obtained.
- Mandar Marathe appreciated the usage of pre-paid card, Shridhar confirmed that was primary requirement for seeking AWS account. Pre-paid card was alternative to use any personal CCD.
- Nitin Kundap raised concerns and suggested to identify alternate for PayPal due to it's huge fees. Shridhar responded, reconciliation for large programs from bank account or alternate sources becomes cumbersome whereas, PayPal provides handy reports/updates.
- Vijay Karlekar questioned, how to sustain expenses if everyone becomes life member. Anonymously it was agreed that programs and other activities should be promoted for securing funds.
 - **Akashwani Sydney Finances** – Presented by Sharad Kanitkar
 - Sharad Kanitkar raised concern, MASI isn't paying agreed expenditure funds since last 2 years.
 - Vijay Karlekar asked, why there's a gap of 2 years in payment.
 - Sucheta N asked why Marathi news isn't shown on SBS, Sharad informed currently Marathi doesn't meet the requirement criteria.
 - Later part of the day (Sequential occurrence captured on page 6) - Akashwani Finances were conditionally accepted. Proposed by Swati Bhagwat and Seconded by Nitin Kundap.
- **Akashwani Sydney key achievements** – presented by Suruchi Limaye
 - Akashwani successfully completed 25 years.
 - Thanks to MASI for their support.
 - Updated on the programs broadcasted in last year.
 - Maharashtrians received OAM - 11 recipients.
 - Jubilee year celebration journey.
 - Kiskey / Aathwani
 - Australian Program Series.
 - Indian program Series
 - Broadcasting on Tuesday is stopped, and Sunday will have 2 hours broadcast.
- **MASI Treasurer** – Presented by Sanjivan Deshpande.
 - Thanks to the current MASI EC team for teamwork and collaboration.
 - Congratulations to Akashwani on successful completion of 25 years.
 - Sanjivan raised following concerns,

- Akashwani didn't seek Finance committee approval for the Jubilee Celebration.
- Money was withdrawn from bank account without discussion or consent of MASI EC. Who is accountable for these expenses?
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- Sharad Kanitkar responded-
 - Amount below \$20K doesn't require finance committee approval.
 - Consulted with MASI to organise Jubilee celebration in Oct'22, MASI denied and suggested to schedule in Jul'22.
 - Due to time constrains, Akashwani wasn't able to present their plans to finance committee. However, the proposal was presented to MASI EC.
- Shridhar Bhagwat responded –
 - Akashwani never requested, rather informed MASI about the Jubilee celebration.
 - New dates were proposed, as the suggested dates were clashing with Sammelan 2022.
 - Proposal was never presented to MASI EC, in fact EC was told that Akashwani is independent and not answerable to MASI EC. We (Akashwani) will only respond in AGM.
- Surendra Joshi – Should Akashwani subcommittee be appointed in MASI AGM?
- Sharad Kanitkar – Akashwani has a process of uplifting EC members from initial stage to President.
- Sanjay Lele proposed to update the MoU.
- Shridhar Bhagwat – Doesn't accept the Akashwani finances.
- Sandeep Bidkar What are the options?
- Sandeep Nizampurkar – Suggested including one MASI member to Akashwani EC.
- MASI EC – 25th Anniversary expenses weren't consulted and cannot approve/accept.
- Vijay Karlekar – Set aside personal ego and accept what happened.
- Nitin Kundap – Though Akashwani is a different sub-committee however, according to MoU, they must consult with MASI.
- Ashish Gholkar – We tried bringing MASI and Akashwani together in 1998.
- Swati Bhagwat – How long this will repeat?
- Nitin Chaudhari – Publish Comms between MASI EC and Akashwani.
- Shridhar Bhagwat – MASI doesn't seem to be part of Akashwani.
- Saiprasad Kulkarni – Radio never consider them as sub-committee of MASI in any program.
- Dr. Savrikar – Draft a new MoU. Decide yearly expense funds \$1500. To be provided or not. We must come together and find ways to amend rather than breaking.
- Nilima Berde – Why approvals were not taken prior to the expenditures? Why Panel operators aren't MASI members, whereas in Sammelan, all volunteers are obliged to be MASI members.
- Shridhar Bhagwat- Why such discrepancy between 2 entities?
- Prajakta – Who deposited this money in account, Akashwani or Sydney? Then why proposal is required?
- Shridhar Bhagwat – We must have same conditions for sub-committees.
- Dilip Kanitkar /Vijay Joshi/ Vaiju Mone – Please come together and move forward.

- Ashirwad Athawale – Agree on radio accounts and discuss offline.
- Satish Mane – All programs MUST be organised under single ABN.
- Swati Bhagwat – Why special account is given to Akashwani, whereas Udyojika was denied for a separate account.
- Dilip Kanitkar - Akashwani works 52 weeks and require funds weekly. Hence, it in past AGM, it was approved to have their own account.
- Ashish Gholkar – Call for special AGM to discuss.
- Girija Jambhekar – We are sorry for any unknowing mistakes or shortcomings.
- Amit Thite proposed that Akashwani should be sub-committee of MASI, Saiprasad Kulkarni Seconded the proposal.
- Dilip K - Akashwani is already referred as sub-committee in constitution.
- Nitin Chaudhari and Amit Thite – What actions to be taken if Akashwani doesn't follow the constitution?
- Akashwani Finances were conditionally accepted. Proposed by Swati Bhagwat and Seconded by Nitin Kundap.

- **Motions**

- **Motion 1 – Supposed to be presented by Sharad Kanitkar.**

**Sharad Kanitkar was not given opportunity to present his motion
Even though MASI Ec was reminded by some members.**

- **Motion 2** – presented by Saiprasad Kulkarni.
- Can finance committee member take another post in different committee?
 - Finance Committee members must be rotated.
 - Sharad Kanitkar mentioned, This is a personal attack on me and hence I resign.
 - Finance Committee must have 3 members supported by 2 additional MASI members. Amit Thite Proposed and Bhushan Mahajan Seconded.
- **Motion 3** – presented by Vineet Pasarnikar.
- Are MASI and Akashwani same entities?
 - Sponsors face issue when similar response isn't received from both teams.
 - Amit Thite – Akashwani is sub-committee of MASI, and MASI sponsors are applicable to Akashwani as well.
 - Surendra Joshi – Must have separate sponsors, otherwise we are restricting our sponsorship opportunities.
 - Sharad Kanitkar – Must have separate sponsors.
 - It was decided that EC can decide on sponsorship's behaviour. Proposed by Surendra Joshi and Seconded by Nitin Kundap.
- Sharad Kanitkar – Raised a concern that his Motion isn't presented.

- **Appointments:**

- **Public Office** – Mandar Marathe
 - Proposed Bhushan Mahajan, Seconded by Dilip Kanitkar.

- **Auditor** – Satish Mane
 - Proposed, Dilip Kanitkar Seconded by Bhushan Mahajan.
- **Finance Committee** – Nitin Chaudhari, Swati Bhagwat and Sunil Ranadive.
 - Sanjay Lele and Sharad Kanitkar resigned.
 - Swati Bhagwat and Sunil Ranadive to fill vacant positions.
 - Proposed, Rasik Kulkarni Seconded by Bhushan Mahajan.
- **Dissolve current MASI EC 2022** – committee is dissolved
- **Appointment of new MASI EC 2023** –
 - Radhika Mogarkar – Received 13 Nominations.
 - Kartik Kadam backed-off.
 - All 12 nominations were proposed to be on committee.
 - Public Office – Mandar Marathe to review and validate all Nominations.
 - **Nominations:**
 1. Shridhar Bhagwat
 2. Radhika Mogarkar
 3. Sanjivan Deshpande
 4. Abhay Deswandikar
 5. Vinit Bhat
 6. Preeti Patki
 7. Kalyani Kulkarni
 8. Apurva Athawale
 9. Vinaya Pasarnikar
 10. Nilima Berde
 11. Vaibhav Limaye

AGM closed at 7.30 pm with Tea, Coffee, Vada-Pav and Faraal for upwas.

- End of the AGM meeting
(without one motion was not presented and no approval/non approval)
- Request from MASI EC to add these details with our minutes sent out to MASI EC
- **Update from MASI EC Formation Meeting Held on – 04-Apr-2023.**
 - MASI EC formation and handover meeting was organised on 4th April 2023.

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- **Attendees** : Mandar Marathe (MASI PO), Shridhar Bhagwat, Sanjivan Deshpande, Radhika Mogarkar, Nilima Berde, Vinaya Pasarnikar, Kalyani Kulkarni, Apoorva Athawale
 - **Apologies**: Rasik Kulkarni, Amit Thite
- MASI EC 2023 Executive Committee for the year 2023 are as follows:
 - President - Mr Shridhar Bhagwat
 - Vice President - Mrs Nilima Berde
 - Secretary - Mr Sanjivan Deshpande
 - Treasurer - Mrs Vinaya Pasarnikar
 - Deputy Secretary/communication manager- Mrs Radhika Mogarkar
 - Executive Members: Mrs Kalyani Kulkarni & Mrs Apoorva Athawale
 - All other nominees withdrew their nominations resp. via email sent to MASI.
 - The handover from MASI EC 2022 to MASI EC 2023 was also completed on 4th April 2023.