

NORTH AMERICAN P.A.U. ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Activities and Accounts from December 2005 to November 2006

ACTIVITIES

1. Annual Family Get-together

Annual family function and dinner of North American P.A.U. Alumni Association, Toronto Chapter, was held on Saturday, 3 December 2005 at National Banquet Hall, Mississauga, Ontario. Over 100 families attended the function. Children and family members of PAU alumni presented cultural programme including songs, poems and *gidha*. Dr. Balwinder Dhaliwal was Master of Ceremonies. The cultural programme was followed by dinner and dance.

2. Picnic at Heart Lake Conservation Area

We organized our picnic on 16 July 2006 at Heart Lake Conservation Area on Heart Lake Road, Brampton, Ont. It was attended by nearly 70 families of P.A.U. alumni. As usual, races and games were held for the children and adults, including tug-of-war games, which were extremely enjoyable. Barbequed and catered food was liked by all. At the closing, children and winners of various events were presented tee-shirts by our senior alumni.

3. Visits by P.A.U. Scientists

Like the previous years, several P.A.U. scientists and alumni visited Canada during the period under report and were invited to meet P.A.U. alumni. These visiting guests included Mrs Kiran Soni Gupta IAS from Harvard University, Jagtar Singh Sanghera, Deputy Director General, Punjab Mandi Board, Dr. Gurbhajan Singh Gill, Head of Communication Centre, PAU and Dr. Rajinderpal Grewal from Vancouver.

5. Adoption of constitution and election of executive committee

A committee constituted to draft constitution of the association in the general body meeting held on 23 October 2005 completed the work assigned and presented its recommendations to the general body in its meeting held on 25 June 2006 at 1332 Khalsa Drive, Unit # 4, Mississauga, Ontario. Please read minutes of this meeting printed after this report.

Constitution drafted by the above committee was approved by the general body and adopted for the association. The full text has been printed after this report. The following executive committee was elected for the term of two years i.e., from 1st of September 2006 to 31st of August 2008.

President: Iqbal Bhangu

Vice-President: Jora Brar

General Secretary: Kuldip Chahal

Treasurer: Manjit Dhindsa

Members: Kirpal Bodal, Jagtar Shergill, Tejpal Brar, Paramjit Birdi and Satwant Sidhu

6. Construction of website and registration of association

The executive committee, in a meeting held on 10 November 2006, decided to construct a website of the association and post all information on it instead of publishing in a souvenir. The duty of website construction was entrusted to Manjit Dhindsa and that of association registration to Kuldip Chahal and Beant Bhatti. The website, in addition to providing all information about our alumni and activities, will also post advertisements to generate revenue. Any person, organization or business, whether related to PAU or not, will be allowed to advertise on the website.

Suggestions from alumni to improve the functioning of our association are always welcome.

ACCOUNTS

1. Annual Function at National Banquet Hall, 3 December 2005

Funds collected:

Collection through dinner tickets	\$5,815.00
Collection through advertisements in souvenir	\$1,800.00 (600 due)

Total funds collected: **\$7,615.00**

Expenses:

Payment to National Banquet Hall	\$4,400.00
D.J. charges	\$ 300.00
Liquor & beer	\$1,286.30
Tickets, gift certificates, etc.	\$ 276.50
Liquor license	\$ 25.00
Ticket collector	\$ 70.00
Souvenir printing	\$ 600.00

Total expenses: **\$6,957.80**

Balance: **\$ 657.20**

2. Picnic at Heart Lake Conservation Area, 31 July 2006

Funds collected: **\$1,716.00**

Expenses:

Food, meat, snacks & soft drinks	\$1,072.74
Food catering	\$ 625.00
Tee-Shirts	\$ 318.00
Park reservation	\$ 374.50

Total expenses: **\$2,390.24**

Deficit **(\$ 674.24)**

Overall Deficit: **(\$ 17.04)**

3. Other Expenses (2005-2006)

No other expenses were incurred during the period under report.

Total other expenses	\$ 0.00
Total deficit (annual function, picnic, other expenses):	(\$ 17.04)
Balance forward from previous year	(\$ 549.22)
Total deficit at the end of reporting period	(\$ 566.26)