



## **MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)** **FOR THE YEAR OF 2010**

The Annual General Meeting of the Australia Bangladesh Business Council (ABBC) was held on Sunday 19 September 2010 in the Board Room at the Rowers on Cooks River 1 Levey Street, Wollli Creek NSW. The meeting commenced at 11.15 am.

### **1. Attendance**

The meeting was attended by 9 members plus 4 visitors.

### **2. Apologies**

Mizan Rahman Mazumder, Reaz Hyder.

### **3. Welcome**

The chairman, Mr Brian Armstrong welcomed members attending.

### **4. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 22 November 2009**

The minutes were confirmed as a correct record at the Executive Committee meeting of 17 January 2010.

**Resolved** that the minutes of the 2009 Annual General Meeting be adopted.

### **5. Annual Report**

The Chairman provided a full annual report for the year of 2009-2010.

He outlined the decision of the Executive Committee to hold the Annual General meeting within three months of the close of the financial year, resulting in a ten month term for the 2009/10 Executive Committee.

He highlighted the poor attendance by Executive Committee members at committee meetings. Unfortunately Delwar Hossain was injured at work and was only able to attend one committee meeting. Khurshed Alam was deemed to have vacated the office of Executive Committee member following non attendance at three consecutive committee meetings without leave of absence.



He highlighted the objectives set for the year and the achievements against those objectives.

- The earlier strategic business plan was reviewed and modified with the Strategic Business Plan 2010 – 2013 provides strategic guidance for future Executive

Committees and the associated Implementation Plan provides a detailed action plan for the next three years.

- The existing Australia Bangladesh Business Council web site, [www.abbc.org.au](http://www.abbc.org.au) was enhanced with additional and updated information and links to appropriate sites; and
- A database of investment opportunities in Bangladesh was prepared and will be added to our web site.

He identified the Council's continuing challenges as being the attraction and retention of Council members and the attraction of committed committee members.

## **Resolved**

That the annual Report be adopted.

## **6. Financial Report**

The Treasurer presented the financial statements.

Cash balance at 30 June 2010	\$1,692.18
Operating deficiency 09/10	\$ 829.50
Cash balance at 15 September 2010	\$1,879.18

## **Resolved**

That the financial statements be adopted.

## **7. Election of Office Bearers and Members of the Executive Committee**

The chairman declared all office bearer and executive committee member positions vacant



- **Election of Office Bearers**

Patron: Upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee the Hon John Dowd was again elected as Patron

The following office bearers were elected unopposed.

Chairman: Brian Armstrong  
Vice Chairman: Monirul Islam  
Secretary: Zahidul Islam  
Assistant Secretary: Sattar Khaja  
Treasurer: Kamrul Islam

- **Election of Executive Committee Members**

The following committee members were elected unopposed.

David Bitel  
Abdul Hoque  
Ashrafi Miah  
Rahmat Ullah

It was noted that, in accordance with the constitution, up to two additional committee members could be added to the above committee membership.

## 8. General Business

The chairman thanked all attendees for attending and for their contribution to the proceedings, and in particular Mr Mohammed Aslam Molla and Mr Pranab Kumar Das from the newspaper, The Bangla Barta. The views that there is much to be done to make ABBC a successful organisation were expressed and this can only be achieved with team work and the full cooperation and support of all members of the organisation.

The meeting closed at 12.05 pm.

Signed as a correct record

*Brian Armstrong*

19 September, 2010

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