

Assam Foundation of North America

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Annual Report Presentation 2013 General Body Meeting

President: Satyajit Nath

Treasurer: Pallav Saikia



July 5, 2013

Moment of silence in honor of late Sri Kaushik Das

- Achievements - last 12 months
- Focus Project
- Financials
- Founders Circle Resolution
- Election - new officers and directors
- Guidelines for Projects/Volunteers
- Q&A



Support A Child

Increased number of children in Assam whose education we supported (~\$100/child, total 100+ students).

Support A Rickshaw Puller

Continued to help rickshaw pullers in Assam break the cycle of poverty with loans for technologically advanced rickshaws (\$250/puller). Raised and provided financial support to add 10 more rickshaws to the bank (~\$2450).

Support A Disabled Worker

Added support for more workers at Atma Nirbhar Ek Challenge to provide employment to disabled adults in Guwahati (\$500/worker, 10 workers).

Spreading Sunshine

Sustained support to the project started by Late Kaushik Das, Atma Nirbhar to bring smiles to the lives of hundreds of orphans in and around Guwahati with gifts on festivals (\$800).



Where Brahmaputra Meets the Mississippi

Supported this Fund Raising initiative held in Minneapolis to raise funds for income generation schemes to artisans in Assam. Provided grants to Rashtriya Gramin Vikas Nigam (RGVN, Dhemaji) an amount \$5000 to train and procure tools to self help groups.

Red Cross Disaster Relief

Donated for the Red Cross for relief effort after Hurricane Sandy and other tornadoes (\$3000)

Solar Lamp -Power to the People

Ran very successful campaign with Global Giving to raise \$6000+ to provide alternative energy resources to rural students whose studies suffer from constant power cuts in Assam.

Institutional Grants to NGOs in Assam

Granted \$1500 to Asha Deep (surplus fund from Assam Convention 2010), Guwahati.
Raised and granted fund from individual donors to the tune of \$7200 to Sanjiwani in Tezpur, Pragyalaya in Titabar, P Dutta Bidyapith in Jorhat and sStep in Guwahati.
Raised \$6000+ funds for building new school building for SHED in Sonapur near Guwahati.



Focus Project - SHED

Integrated school by SHED

- School started in Sonapur
- Provides hostel facilities for children in crisis
- Provides education for disabled children
- Interaction of the two groups helps integrate both sets of children in society



SHED needs to raise \$13,000 for the next phase (scaling)
APPEALING TO ALL TO DONATE GENEROUSLY!



Financials - 2012 Balance Sheet

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If you are interested, please reach out to treasurer@assamfoundation.net for a copy of this portion.

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Financials - 2013 Balance Sheet (Half year)

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Founders Circle Resolution

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- AFNA would like to recognize and honor the contribution of the individuals who played an important role in forming and establishing the organization in the early 1980s
- Towards that end, the officers and directors are proposing a resolution to form a **Founders Circle** for AFNA consisting of ten members identified in the next 2 slides
- Members of the Founders Circle are subject to all provisions of the constitution, including Article IV (Membership), and designated as Regular Members, **except that they will not have to pay any membership fee to AFNA, starting in 2014**
- The Founders Circle will be a valuable asset, in addition to the board, to provide guidance and advice to the AFNA team, whenever necessary, for example in legal and compliance related matters



Founders Circle Members

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- 1. Aroona B. Borpujari and Late Jitendra Gopal Borpujari:** Since the earliest part both of them were very active in encouraging to have this organization. Aroona was the treasurer. During drafting the Constitution & Bye Laws, they were there all the time, when late Nani (Arabinda Borthakur -- a chartered accountant) assisted in it. Without them, possibly the idea would not have borne fruit
- 2. Manoranjan Bezboruah** has been with AFNA since the very first day as attorney without taking any fee. On two occasions, two individuals sued or were about to sue AFNA for frivolous reasons. Mr. Bezboruah defended successfully to clear AFNA of bad reputation.
- 3. Dr. Dilip Kumar Dutta** joined in later. He put AFNA in community map by utilizing AFNA's identity to celebrate the Bronson Memorial event. He was also a president at that time. He donates a significant amount of money for school and college in Assam etc.
- 4. Mr. Barada Charan & Mrs. Nandita Sarma** were with AFNA since its very inception. They were active executives and board members for a long time. They also donated money to India.
- 5. Mrs. Rita Das (along with Amiya Kumar Das)** was treasurer of AFNA. Amiya Das helped in drafting the AFNA's Constitution & Bye Laws.



Founders Circle Members

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6. Mr. Anis Ahmed was treasurer earlier and shaped up accounting and reporting AFNA financial matters. He is an accountant.

7. Dr. Deba Kanta Borah was secretary and treasurer of AFNA during earlier days; and did an excellent job like Anis Ahmed.

8. Dr. Debabrata Sarma has been a solid contributors to the AFNA fund. In addition, he contributed with his constructive ideas to stabilize AFNA's status.

9. Dr. Binoy Bordoloi joined first among the new group -- holding office, collected funds and donating charitable fund to Assam. He does good work all along.

10. Dr. Atul Sarma: Last but not the least is Dr. Atul Sarma, who has been the backbone of AFNA since its inception. The registered official address of the organization is his home address in Louisville, KY. In addition to serving in different official capacities throughout the years, he has been the Registered Agent of AFNA since it was formed.



Election of Officers

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The current officers have 1 more year of their 2 year term. But, the General Secretary (Pinky Pradhan) had to resign due to her move back to India. The other officers will continue till the end of their 2 year term.

1. **President – Satyajit Nath**
2. **Treasurer – Pallav Saikia**
3. **Assistant Secretary - Hitesh Kalita**

The new nominations for officers are unanimous. They are:

4. **Secretary – PALLAV SAIKIA** (per Article VI of the AFNA constitution which allows multiple roles)
5. **Assistant Treasurer – RITESH CHAKRAVARTY**
6. **Webmaster - CHIRANJIT BORDOLOI**

The President, Secretary, and Treasurer will also be members of the Board of Directors due to their office.

Introduction of new nominees:

Ritesh Chakravarty: An IT specialist by profession, Ritesh lives in Troy, MI with his wife Rumi and two year old son Kishu. He is originally from Guwahati, Assam and enjoys photography as a hobby. As a volunteer of AFNA, he has been helping the treasurer in the past few months to keep the financial records updated.

Chiranjit Bordoloi: An IT specialist by profession, Chiranjit lives in Rochester Hills, MI with his wife Anjori. Chiranjit is originally from Guwahati, Assam and he is a music enthusiast, who plays the guitar and keyboard very well. As a volunteer of AFNA, he has been helping out with maintaining the website for the past year.



As recommended by the Nominating Committee, 4 of the 5 current directors, are being renominated for the next term. **Dina Ahmed** has requested not to be re-nominated, as she has other obligations this year. We thank her for her service last year.

The current directors being re-nominated for the next term are:

1. **Enakshi Baruah**
2. **Anu Borah**
3. **Binoy Bordoloi**
4. **Krishanu Kaushik (continue as Chairman of the Board)**

The following are being nominated as new directors for the next term:

5. **Nripen Barua**
6. **Ankur Bora**
7. **Jibeswar Talukdar**



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