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Zoroastrian Association of Victoria

HAS ZAV LOST ITS COLOUR?

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READ ON!!!

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ZAV AFFAIRS

REPORT ON AGM (July 2005) & EGM (Oct. 2005)

Arnavaz Chubb

The Extraordinary General Meeting called on 1 October 2005 to ratify the conflict resolution clause to be included in the ZAV constitution, was adjourned without any discussion of the agenda of the day.

Four days prior to the said EGM, the President Perviz Dubash received a notification from the ZAV Public Officer Khushroo Patel stating that as a quorum had not been reached at the Annual General Meeting of the ZAV held on 24 July 2005, the proceedings of that meeting were considered null and void in the eyes of the law. Under these circumstances, the President felt it prudent to defer any further discussions and decisions scheduled for the current EGM. The committee now operates as a caretaker committee as their election could also be considered null and void. Another EGM is required to be convened to address the agenda tabled at the AGM of 24 July 2005 and the EGM of 1 October 2005.

The Public Officer had pointed out the lack of quorum at the AGM, however, once the required quorum was obtained via the phone proxies, the AGM had proceeded with the consent and approval of those present and with no objection being raised by any member present including the Public Officer who himself participated in the proceedings of the AGM. (The Secretary duly received the promised proxy forms within the week following the AGM). All items on the AGM agenda were discussed and voted upon except the conflict resolution clause. Taking into account the gravity of the implications of this particular agenda item, the Chair held that this should be debated with a full quorum present in person as opposed to proxy votes, and thus this item was put off for discussion and ratification at a future EGM. As no other nominations for committee office bearers had been received, the committee of the day was voted in unopposed.

The Public Officer's volte-face just prior to the EGM regarding the validity of the AGM is astonishing. This unexpected and unprecedented situation has disrupted the working of the committee whose plans and projects for the year are in limbo. Many questions have been raised and many answers are required. Association members are entitled to have their say on the issues at hand and the caretaker committee urges all members to attend EGM 2 to exercise their right and fulfil their responsibility.

CARETAKER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ZAV, QUO VADIS?

ZAV community is an entity in it's own right.

Each member is akin to a cell in the body of ZAV.

And the health of its body is determined by the health of its cells.

This point appears to be missed by many members, who tend to think, "let's appoint a working committee and our job is done for the year.

Let the poor sods toil and we will enjoy the *tamasha*".

Unfortunately it does not work that way.

Even with the most dedicated committee, the results would be mediocre at best if the rest of the community did not feel involved. Unfortunately this 'aloofness' has been evident for some time now.

If we do not take proper action at this stage, the health of ZAV is the bound to deteriorate.

I'm sure, there is no member who would like this to happen.

So where do we go from here?

1. Make it a point to attend an AGM or EGM (after all it's the prime responsibility of all members) and vote for a responsible committee for the year.
2. Be an active part of the committee's envisioned direction.
3. Lets start paying our annual fees on time.
4. Demonstrate your full support. Attend all the functions.
5. Lets help the committee by doing small odd jobs during a function.
6. Lets respond to RSVP's conscientiously (after all the committee has to organize so many details).
7. Lets make an effort to raise small amounts individually to help the deserving Zoroastrians in India.

Nobody is asking for a 'Mother Teresa' kind of commitment. Sincere help in small ways will be enough to ensure a vibrant blood circulation to ZAV.

And who knows we ZAV might begin to shine as a bright star in the world Zoroastrian firmament.

ZAV, QUO VADIS? (ZAV, Whither Goest Thou?)

Do we know the answer? Will we all take the appropriate action?

Perviz Dubash

THIS MATTER OF:

APATHY

Dictionary describes '**apathy**' as "passionless existence" or "lack of interest".

Is this what we face, as a ZAV committee, from the general membership?

We think not.

We think it's the everyday run of the mill events which side track most of us from the 'Atash of Enthusiasm' for our noble Religion.

This committee has tons of enthusiasm. All we need is an ounce of genuine interest from each of you in the general membership.

Here's the plea: Can you oblige?

THIS MATTER OF:

RSVP

May we change '**RSVP**' to '**RAMP**'.

"REPLY A MUST PLEASE",

A DEFINITE 'YEA' OR A 'NAY' ON OR BEFORE THE DUE DATE BY
PHONE OR EMAIL.

This small action from your side will help us tremendously in organizing the events efficiently.

Besides it will save our committee members a lot of extra phone bills, which are incurred personally when we have to phone the membership to get the RSVP's.

Here's the plea: Can you oblige?

TO DREAM THE POSSIBLE DREAM

To dream the possible dream
To reach the attainable goal
To go where our Prophet pointed
To set in Ahura Mazda's Mould.

To teach all our children to pray
To learn about our culture with pride
To share each others joy and sorrow
To co-exist with different minds.

Let this be our ZAV's dream
Let this be the current committee's quest
Let's all play our parts in this venture
Let ZAV be none but the 'Best of the best'.

THE CARETAKER COMMITTEE OF 05/06
WISHES ALL ZAV MEMBERS

**A NEW YEAR FULL OF
GOODWILL, HARMONY AND PEACE.**

ZAV NOTICEBOARD

Births (Congratulations)

Persia, baby girl, born to Ruby and Zarir Buhariwala on 25th October 2005.
Isabella, baby girl, born to Roxanne and David Kight on 19th May 2005.

Marriages (Congratulations)

Farnoush Noushi to **Navaz Hiranek** in Melbourne on 3rd December 2005.

Deaths (Condolences)

Tehmi Burjor Bode mother of Veera Madon passed away on 4th October 2005 in Mumbai, India.

The Zoroastrian Association of Victoria Inc.

Reg. No. A14369Y

Notice of Extra Ordinary General Meeting

NOTICE is hereby given as per Clause 9© of the ZAV Constitution dated 20-08-03.

The EGM-2 will be held on Sunday, 22 January 2006 at 2.30 pm at Rentoul Hall, 16 Livingstone Close, Burwood, 3125, to conduct the business of the Association as detailed below:-

1. Call to order and welcome by the President.
2. Read and confirm the Minutes of the XVIII AGM held on 24th July 2005.
3. Read and confirm the Minutes of the EGM-I held on 1st October 2005.
4. Other Matters:
 - (a) This matter of 'Spirit of The Law'.
 - (b) This matter of 'Apathy'.
 - (c) This matter of 'RSVP'.
 - (d) The ZAV dream.
5. Re-elections for the year 2005-2006.
Committee: President, Vice President, Hon. Secretary,
Hon. Treasurer and five Committee Members.
6. Address by the President of the New Committee 2005-2006

As per the Constitution, Rule 11(j) only Financial Members, Concessional Members over the age of 18 years and Life Members shall be entitled to vote at the AGM.

**The Zoroastrian Association of Victoria Inc.
Nomination Paper**

Nergish Dubash
Hon. Secretary
ZAV. Inc.
P.O. Box 807
Kew, Vic. 3101

Re: Nomination of Committee Members for the ZAV Inc. for the year 2005-2006 for election at the Extra Ordinary General Meeting 2, to be held on Sunday 22 January 2006.

I hereby nominate.....
For the office of.....

Signature of Nominee.....Date.....

Proposed by.....Date.....
Seconded by.....Date.....

Note: As per clause 14 © of the constitution, the duly completed Nomination Form must be returned to the Hon. Secretary one week before the EGM.

**The Zoroastrian Association of Victoria Inc.
Proxy Form**

Nergish Dubash
Hon. Secretary,
Z.A.V. Inc.
P.O. Box 807
Kew, Vic. 3101

I,.....of.....
being a Financial Member of the Zoroastrian Association of Victoria Inc.,
hereby appoint
.....of.....
as my proxy, to vote on my behalf at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Zoroastrian Association of Victoria, Inc. to be held on Sunday 22nd January 2006, and at any adjournment or amendment thereof.

Signed.....this day.....of.....

- Note: 1. In the event of the Member desiring to vote for or against any resolution he/she shall instruct his/her proxy accordingly. Unless otherwise instructed, the proxy may vote as he thinks fit.
2. This proxy form may be mailed to be received prior to the meeting or may be handed in at the meeting.*

THE ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA INC.
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EGM-2

Extra Ordinary General Meeting - 2

DATE: SUNDAY 22ND JAN. 2006 AT 2.30PM

**PLACE: RENTOUL HALL, 16 LIVINGSTONE CLOSE, BURWOOD
(MEL: 60 K3)**

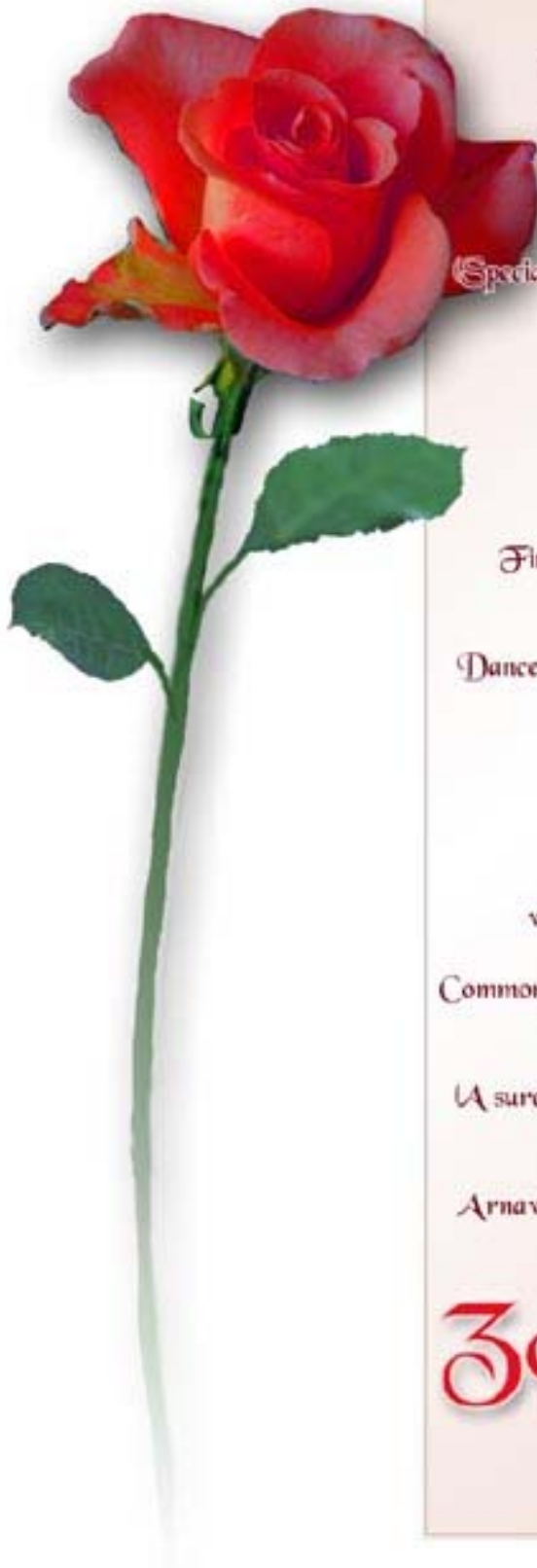
**A MUST ATTEND EVENT TO THRASH OUT SOME
VERY IMPORTANT ISSUES**
(REFER EGM NOTICE FOR DETAILS)

(If for some reason you are not able to attend, please ensure your proxy forms
are in by the due date.)

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Definitely Not

Never, Never Forget Nite



Romantic Valentine Five-Piece Band
'Surprise' Sumptuous Valentine Fare
Sweetheart Games, Gifts, Gimmicks Galore

Date: Saturday, 18th Feb 2006, Time 7.30pm

Place: Good Shepherd's Parish Hall

34 Academy Ave, Wheelers Hill (Mel, 71 C9)

Dress: Matching dress by couples preferred

Special prize for the couple with the outstanding matching dress!

Menu:

Start of the nite with a cool glass of
"Smoochie Coochie" Cocktail

For Kiddies "Futty Fruity" Mocktail!

Follow it up with a Roistering Course of

"Surprise Valentine Fare"

Finally the last jolt with "A Bolt of Chocolatey Bliss"

BYO Drinks

Dance the Nite away to the romantic tunes of a five-piece band

Cost:

Members \$25

NonMembers \$50

Kids (5-12 yrs.) \$12

Payment prior to function by 7th Feb 2006
via cheque or internet transfer or direct deposit only

Banking Details:

Commonwealth Bank BSB: 065128 Account No.: 00902506

The Zoroastrian Association of Victoria Inc.

P.O. Box 807, Kew (Victoria)

(A surcharge of \$ 5.00 per person will apply after the due date.)

RAMD: Reply a must by 7th Feb 2006

Arnavaz 95603750

Nergish 97285811

Zoroastrian Valentine Gala