

# Washington Association of Physicians of Indian Origin

## 2021 1stQ Minutes

Meeting Date & Time: 1/16/2021 5:00 PM,

Place: : e mail

Meeting noted by Executive Director WAPI, Usha M Reddy (425)301-6317 -

### MEETING

#### 1 Minutes of meeting:

##### Topic

##### **New Governing body for 2021:**

The following members were approved as Governing body members.

President: Sanjiv Parikh: (206) 794-2024

Treasurer: Ashish Trivedi: (425) 688-7805

Board of Trustees

Sekhar Laligam MD: (206) 790-2035

Sunil Ummat MD: (425) 242-0208

Govbody Members:

Sekhar Laligam MD: (206) 790-2035

Sunil Ummat MD: (425) 242-0208

Samira Ummat MD: (206) 849-2553

Sanjiv Parikh MD: (206) 794-2024

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Happy Walia MD: (253) 631-4789

Dhanvanth Madhani MD: (425) 455-5439

Jyotsana Walia MD: (206) 930-2722

Arti Tayade MD: (425) 246-7798

Rekha Sood MD: (325) 985-3579

Narender Sood MD: (425) 985-3637

Raksha Trivedi MD: (206) 778-9799

Amish Dave MD: (206) 708-9917

Jyotsana Walia MD: (206) 930-2722

**Transfer of WAPI Financial assets to new team ( President and Treasurer ): approved.**

##### **KEY BANK**

##### **Account Type -liquid**

Checking A/C - 472571009662

PayPal

Key Business Gold Money Market Savings

KB Gold Money Market Savings-471763004432

Credit card

##### **Account Type -Fixed**

##### **Mutual Funds**

Franklin Income Fund Class A

Franklin Adjustable US Gov SECS

Franklin Rising Dividends FD

Templeton Global Bond Fund Class A

**PAY PAL:** WAPI Account

**Transfer of Financial duties Paying taxes and dues** to maintain nonprofit status to Ashish Trivedi.

**Transfer of all project management of CME activities to Amish Dave.**

- o Assessment of educational needs
- o Marketing and promotion of CME activities
- o Faculty liaison
- o Monitor compliance.
- o Evaluation of CME activities and overall program.
- o Administrative management of CME program
- o Mail
- o Maintain and update Webpage.
- o Survey
- o Organize Volunteers at all Events.
- o Communicate concerns and issues to president & Gov body.
- o Fundraising and resource development;
- o Community relations, including outreach,

**Follow up Letter President: Sanjiv Parikh:**

Dear WAPI Gov. Body Team :

Hope you are all doing well and probably have already gotten your vaccines. We are getting ready for our first non-CME Webinar on COVID-19, thanks to the work put in by a team led by Amish Dave and supported by Usha, Subbu, Ashish and myself.

The program is all set. This program will be a community partnership with IAWW. We are looking forward to a long-term relationship with them. We are planning 2 more community events like this for 2021 year along with our flagship CME event.

There are a few very important things we need to talk about transparently as we move forward as an organization:.

1. TRANSITION PLAN: Dr Usha Reddy has expressed a keen desire to start a transition plan for somebody to take over her responsibilities as Executive Director , given her evolving health issues. Usha and I have been talking about this in the past few weeks and I do understand where she is coming from and we need to support her with this process. Until we can find a suitable replacement ( Usha it will be very hard to find one like you) we need to divide and conquer all the duties. Usha will help with the mentorship process for this individual and for that matter anybody who wants to help the greater good of WAPI, she will be happy to help. I BELIEVE THE BEST THING IN THE INTERIM IS TO DIVIDE AND CONQUER.

2. WAPI SECRETARY AND TREASURER: We do not have a designated WAPI secretary and a Treasurer. This is the first order of business. I would recommend Ashish for becoming our Treasurer who has an amazing home support from Dhara Trivedi, who is also excellent in record keeping with finances. I would also recommend Jyotsana Walia as the secretary position. Both of them know the nuances of our organization.

3. FINANCES: From a finances standpoint, based on Usha's excellent 2020 yearend report covers all important elements of where our finances are. Currently, at KeyBank the assigned names are of Dr Usha Reddy and Dr Samira Ummat. I think we should move this to Dr Ashish Trivedi and have Dr Reddy as back up. Dr Trivedi has agreed to take this on. I think he and Dhara will be very good. The Mutual Fund Account which is where there is a substantial component of our monies, we also have Dr Ashish Trivedi who can access and manage the account. I believe it was set up by Dr Sunil Ummat. ! This whole process may take some paperwork but let us clean this up so that Usha does not have to deal with this part. Samira and Sunil, would you be kind enough to help with this part?

4. COMMUNITY EVENTS LEADERSHIP: We are fortunate to have Dr Amish Dave who has taken a lead role in getting us connected to IAWW for community events. Amish's enthusiasm and passion in regard in exemplary and he has shown that he can deliver. I propose that we make him WAPI's Community Events Lead. Having one person who is actively engaged would be a great idea for our organization. Moreover, he has so many connections with the younger physicians of the Indian and Greater Asian community that he will be a great resource for the future of this organization. Eventually I see him involved in more activities besides just community events. We have an ambitious plan for doing a total of 3 events with IAWW with the first event coming up on February 6 the, Saturday. Usha will be sending out emails regarding this event.

I request a vote from the Governing Body to move this forward :

1. WE APPOINT DR ASHISH TRIVEDI AS TREASURER FOR WAPI : Y/N
2. WE APPOINT DR AMISH DAVE AS WAPI COMMUNITY EVENTS LEADER. Y/N.

On one hand I am very sad to hear about Usha's decision, but on the other hand I am supportive because she is going through challenging health issues and I would like to be supportive of her decision. Usha you have done a tremendous job for WAPI, you are the 'PILLAR' that keeps so many things going : Membership, CME events, Grants, Finances, Budgeting, Accounting, Taxes, Website, Non for-profit Compliance Issues, all these with an amazing sense of transparency, dedication, hardwork and great attitude. Your work needs to be applauded. Personally, as a President, I have worked so closely with you back in 2007 and 2008 and now and it has been a joy to work with you. I would love to host an event to celebrate your contributions to WAPI when we are all 'Covidized' so to speak with vaccines.

Thankyou,

Sanjiv,  
President, WAPI.

**Approved by governing body by email vote.**

Ashish Trivedi for Treasurer  
Amish Patel for WAPI community Outreach chairman  
Amish Patel to take the role of Executive Director CME, WAPI