



**ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS**

Heart of India

March 7, 2023 at 6:00 pm

In-person Meeting

**AGENDA**

**WELCOME:**

I. Call to order – Regina Pryor

**QUORUM ROLL CALL** (12 elected members are currently needed for a quorum.

\*Emeritus members do not count for this purpose.)

**PRESENT:**

NAME	Y	N	NAME	Y	N
Goh	X		McCormick	X	
Andrews		X	Park	X	
Besenfelder	X		Pryor	X	
Cha	X		Ramos	X	
Choi	X		Schlaerth	X	
delToro-Diaz	X		Singh	X	
Dillon	X		Sproul	X	
Fleisher	X		Stone	X	
He	X		Tamsi	X	
Hernandez	X		Verdugo	X	
Hungerford	X		*Park E	X	
Jhaj	X		*Park Y	X	
Kooner	X				

Guests:

**II. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:** Pryor.

Entertainment provided by Bakersfield Youth Symphony string quartet. Pryor welcomed everyone and the families of the Bakersfield Sister City Members who passed away in the past year. Pryor also made a presentation to Carole Martin, thanking her for 10 years of service as the BSCPC Secretary.

DRAWING FOR DOOR PRIZES (interspersed throughout meeting)

**III. SPECIAL TRIBUTE:** Stone.

Susan Stone prepared a touching presentation highlighting the spectacular contributions made by Leland Luttrell, Kazuko Skaer, and Dave Uner throughout their service to Bakersfield Sister City. They truly went above and beyond in the roles they played for the organization, and all three are dearly missed.

**IV. MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Goh - Thank you to everyone for coming, celebrating the spirit of friendship and creating connections across the world.

**V. SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Martin

Minutes March 2022 Annual Members Meeting.

Motion to approve: Stone/Kooner - All Approved.

**VI. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Schlaerth

2022 Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve: Verdugo/Fleisher - All approved

**VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Amritsar: Kooner

Trip being planned for fall, schedule pending.

B. Bucheon: Cha

Adult delegation visiting Bucheon May 4-7, traveling throughout Korea May 7-10, then moving on to Wakayama May 10-15. Zoom program with youth is still ongoing each month. In July 2022, Bucheon held a virtual summer camp that was attended by some Bakersfield students. July 27-August 2, 2023 Bucheon will be having in-person summer camp; 10 Bakersfield youth are invited to attend.

C. Queretaro: Ramos

Planning a small committee visit in fall/winter to reconnect and reestablish connection with Queretaro's current administration. Continuing collaboration with Hispanic Chamber of Commerce events, including the Posole Festival in May.

D. Cixi: Pryor

Hoping for a future visit. Last summer attended Dragon Boat Races in Long Beach in collaboration with the Bakersfield Chinese Women's Club.

E. Wakayama: Stone/Verdugo

Activities with Wakayama in 2022 were limited due to Covid restrictions. June 30<sup>th</sup>: held Zoom meeting with Wakayama and Bakersfield students where they were able to talk about their respective cities and daily lives. They also recorded messages, which were compiled into a presentation and translated for the meeting. In July the committee came together to create a video honoring Dr. Iwahashi's 88<sup>th</sup> birthday, which also featured a dedicated message from Dave Urner. Wakayama representatives sent condolences regarding the passing of Leland Luttrell, Kazuko Skaer, and Dave Urner, which were read during each of their memorials. Bakersfield also sent condolences to Wakayama upon news of former Mayor Kenichi Ohashi's passing.

Upcoming events include Wakayama Children's Choir visit, which also has an accompanying celebratory dinner on March 29. All members are invited to RSVP by Friday March 24.

Delegation will be visiting Wakayama May 10-15 as part of the joint trip with Bucheon delegation.

F. Saint-Jean-de-Luz: Pryor

Scott Andrews is the new designated contact. Hoping to plan for BYSO trip in 2024.

**VIII. BOARD ELECTIONS:** Mayor Goh

Board of Director Elections:

Paul Cha (Incumbent)

Bill Hungerford (Incumbent)

Rupinder Jhaj (Incumbent)

Esther Schlaerth (Incumbent)

Evan Sproul (Incumbent)

Susan Stone (Incumbent)

Deborah Verdugo (Incumbent)

Motion to accept new appointee to board as Secretary: Bethany Fleisher

No nominations from the floor.

Motion to accept all nominees for Board of Directors. Besenfelder/Ramos – All Approved

**IX. OTHER ITEMS**

Regina Pryor received a gift to congratulate her for her nomination for Remarkable Women of Kern County Award.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion: Johnson /Second: Hungerford**