

## **MEETING MINUTES – NEDATS 1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Following are the minutes of first Annual General Meeting of NEDATS held on Saturday, May 21, 2011 at Taj Palace, 220 St. Georges Road, Rahway, NJ at 12:30pm.

After meet and greet, Zohar prayers were offered and was followed by a formal meeting chaired by NEDATS President, Arshad Rizvi:

- ❖ The meeting started with recitation from Holy Quran by Anas Hashmi.
- ❖ Shakeel Ahmed, Vice President welcomed the members.
- ❖ Arshad Rizvi, President went over the Agenda for the meeting and then explained through power-point presentation regarding the activities of NEDATS organization in the last year and future programs. He also requested all the members to devote their sometime on regular basis to this organization so it can work for NEDians and their families in more effective way.
- ❖ Question and Answer session:
  - Asad Shamsi asked the President to update the members on the preparations for the annual convention in October 2011. Responding to the request, the members were told that convention preparation is going according to the schedule. He said that they are 90% sure that renowned artist Zia Mohiuddin will be there for the occasion along with some other artists from Pakistan whose name he do not want to disclose as they have not received a definite answer from them. Adding to that he said that NEDATS is also working on children programs for entertaining our young guests at convention.
  - Ali Mallick asked that if NEDATS is filing all its taxes on timely basis as required by the law. Arshad Rizvi responded that yes we are filing taxes as required by the law.
  - Tamiz Farooqi wanted to know that if requested, can members see the copy of the filing. The answer was yes, all our filings are open for members to see as also required by the law.
- ❖ Rashid Baig, Liaison Secretary took the floor and briefed the members with current activities going on with NEDIAN-NA, umbrella organization of NED Alumni in North America formed last year in July during the Convention at Chicago, IL. This organization is created to work as a coordinating organization helping achieve common goals of all the Alumni of NED and meantime the local alumni chapters will run independently according to their own By-Laws. The members were told that we are one of the eight alumni chapters who are members in this registered and elected organization. Meetings between the organizations are regularly held on phone and currently along with different organizational setup they are in progress of developing website for the organization.
- ❖ Before formally closing the meeting, members are reminded to mark their calendars for the dinner NEDATS is hosting in honor of visiting Vice Chancellor of NED University on June 10, 2011 at 7:30PM. It was also mentioned that NEDIAN-NA is also participating in welcoming Vice Chancellor in New Jersey and their Vice President, Aslam Siddiqui from New England Chapter and their Secretary, Tanweer Mallick from Chicago Chapter will be in attendance.
- ❖ Thanking members for attending the meeting, it was formally closed.