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ISKCON GOVERNING BODY COMMISSION SOCIETY

Registration Number S/74662 under the West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961
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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SRI MAYAPUR DHAM, FEBRUARY 6 – 16, 2015

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Section 100: APPOINTMENTS

101. GBC Officers and Members

1. His Grace Praghosa Das is elected GBC Chairman.

2. His Grace Sesa Das is elected First Vice-Chairman.

3. His Holiness Bhakti Charu Swami is elected Second Vice-Chairman.

4. His Holiness Bhakti Purusottama Swami is elected GBC Secretary.

5. His Grace Candrasekhara Acarya Das is appointed as a full GBC member.

6. His Holiness Prahladananda Swami is appointed as an Acting GBC.

7. His Grace Revati Raman Das is appointed as an Assistant GBC.

8. His Grace Tirtharaj Das continues as a GBC Candidate.

102. Sannyasa Waiting List

The following are the candidates for sannyasa along with their respective waiting periods:

Adi Purusa Das (GGS) (Bhubaneswar)	1 year
Adwaitacharya Das (GGS) (Bhubaneswar)	2 years
Agnideva Das (ACBSP) (Trinidad)	2 years
Akincana Das (BSDS) (Odisha)	2 years
Amala Bhakta Das (ACBSP) (Los Angeles)	this year

Ambarish Das (GKG) (Russia)	1 year
Ananda Caitanya Das (BCAIS) (Baltics/Russia/US)	Accepted sannyasa in February
Ananda Vardhana Das (BVG) (Baltics/Finland/Europe)	3 years
Asit Krsna Das (GGS) (India/Hong Kong/China/Taiwan)	2 years
Bhaktipada Das (SRS) (Hungary/Romania/Turkey)	3 years
Carudesna Das (BTS) (Ivory Coast)	this year
Dayavan Das (BVG) (Russia)	1 year
Deva Deva Das (HDG) (South America)	3 years
Dhirasanta Das (ACBSP) (UK/Ukraine/Baltics)	Accepted sannyasa in February
Eklavya Das (LOK) (India/Middle East/North America)	3 years
Ganga Narayan Das (BCS) (India/South Africa)	Accepted sannyasa in March
Gaura Chandra Das (JPS) (Mayapur)	3 years
Gaura Krishna Das (RGDS) (India)	this year
Halayudha Das (GGS) (Odisha/India)	1 year
Hari Das (BSDS) (Manipur)	2 years
Hari Vilas Das (ACBSP) (North America)	2 years
Lilasuka Das (BCS) (UK, Europe)	this year
Madhu Sevita Das (ACBSP) (Italy, France, Benelux)	2 years
Mahadyuti Das (ACBSP) (Europe/Russia/South America)	2 years
Mahat Tattva Das (BVKS) (North America/Europe)	1 year
Mahaprabhu Das (SRS) (Hungary/Romania)	3 years
Markandeya Rsi Das (PVS) (Malaysia)	2 years
Nabadvip Dvija Gouranga Das (JPS) (Bangladesh)	2 years

Nitaidaya Das (JPS) (Bosnia/Europe)	4 years
Priti Vardhana Das (BVPS) (Mayapur)	4 years
Puspashila Shyam Das (JPS) (Bangladesh)	3 years
Raghava Pandit Das (GKG) (India)	2 years
Rupa Raghunatha Das (LOK) (Europe/South America/ India)	2 years
Sankirtana Das (LOK) (China)	this year
Uttamasloka Das (IDS) (Europe/North America/Australia/Russia)	1 year
Vasudeva Datta Das (JPS) (South America)	4 years
Venudhari Das (JPS) (India)	4 years
Vishvavasu Das (NRS) (Germany/Baltics/Russia)	3 years
Yamunacarya Das (HDG) (South America)	this year

103. Reaffirmation of Ministries and Standing Committees

The following are the Ministry and Standing Committees and their membership assignments for 2015-2016:

Congregational Development Ministry	Co-Ministers – Jayapataka Swami, Kaunteya Das
ISKCON Deity Worship Ministry	Minister – Nrsimha Kavaca Das
ISKCON Youth Ministry	Minister – Manorama Das
Ministry of Book Distribution	Minister – Vijaya Das
Ministry of Communications	Minister – Anuttama Das
Ministry of Cow Protection and Agriculture	Co-Ministers – Kalakantha Das, Govindananda Das
Ministry of Education	Minister – Sesa Das
Ministry of Fund Development	Minister – Devakinandan Das
Ministry of Health and Welfare	Minister – Prahladananda Swami Other member – Bir Krishna Das Goswami
Ministry of Justice	Minister – Sesa Das
Ministry of Justice: ISKCON Dispute Resolution Committee (IDRC)	Minister of Justice, a representative of ISKCONResolve, the second Vice-Chairman of the GBC, and the Director of the ISKCON Dispute Resolution Office
Ministry of Justice: ISKCON Dispute Resolution Office	Director – Jagajivan Das
Ministry of Padayatra	Minister – Lokanath Swami

Ministry of Sannyasa Services	Minister – Prahladananda Swami Other members: Hridaya Caitanya Das, Sivarama Swami, Guru Prasad Swami, Bhaktivaibhava Swami, Bhakti Caitanya Swami
Vaisnavi Ministry	Co-Ministers – Malati Dasi, Dina Sharana Dasi, Prasanta Dasi
BBT Construction Grant Allocation Committee (BBTCG)	Members – Ramai Swami, Bhanu Swami, Devamrita Swami, Current GBC Chairman, Hridaya Caitanya Das (Convener)
GBC Appointment Committee	Members – Prahladananda Swami (Chairman), Praghosa Das, Madhu Sevita Das, Bhakti Vijnana Goswami, Bhakti Caitanya Swami, Anuttama Das, Laxmimoni Dasi, Tamohara Das
GBC-BBT Team	Members – Badrinarayan Swami (Coordinator), Gopal Krishna Goswami, Sivarama Swami, Madhu Sevita Das, Hrdaya Caitanya Das, Praghosa Das
GBC Vaisnava Calendar Committee	Members – Bhanu Swami, Gopalapriya Das, Sadasivananda Das, Bhaktarupa Das (Convener)
Guru Services Committee	Members – Prahladananda Swami (Chairman), Anuttama Das, Virabahu Das, Bhakti Caitanya Swami
ISKCON Central Office of Child Protection	Director – Champakalata Dasi
ISKCON Property Office	Members – Current GBC Executive Committee, Kuladri Das (Convener-Secretary), Bhaktarupa Das
Sastric Advisory Council	Members: Urmila Dasi (Acting Chair), Drutakarma Das, Madana-mohana Das, Narayani Dasi, Adi-purusa Das, Caitanya-carana Das, Sarvajna Das, Brijabasi Das, Vinoda-bihari Das
World Holy Name Week Committee	Global Coordination Team – Lokanath Swami, Jananda Goswami, Ekalavya Das
Vrindavan Samadhi Standing Committee	Gopal Krishna Goswami, Malati Devi Dasi, Satyanarayana Das, Naresvara Das, and Pancagauda Das (convener)

Section 200: FINANCES

201. GBC Budget

The GBC budget for 2015-16 is (in INR):

50th Anniversary Committee	240,000
Annual General Meetings	510,000
Community Relations Office	180,000
Congregational Development Ministry	150,000
Dandavats	359,100
Finance and Bank Charges	30,000
GBC Corresponding Secretary	396,000
GBC EC Secretary	396,000
GBC Emergency Fund	240,000

GBC Executive Committee Travel	180,000
GBC Strategic Planning Team	660,000
ISKCON Central Office of Child Protection	600,000
ISKCON Composite Website	60,000
ISKCON Deity Worship Ministry	840,000
ISKCON News	240,000
ISKCON Office of Dispute Resolution	180,000
ISKCON Resolve	480,000
ISKCON Temple Database	135,000
ISKCON Youth Ministry	150,000
Mayapur GBC Office	372,000
Ministry of Cow Protection and Agriculture	150,000
Ministry of Education	378,000
Ministry of Sannyasa Services	30,000
Vaisnava Calendar Web Site	30,000
Vaisnavi Ministry	27,060
TOTAL	**7,013,160**

202. Appointment of Auditor

Sri Nathmal Agarwal and Associates, F.C.A., Chartered Accountant, of 125 Netaji Subhash Road, Room No. 45, Kolkata 700 001, is appointed as statutory auditor for the year 2014-2015.

Section 300: INTERNAL ISKCON

301. Midterm Meeting 2015

The Midterm Meeting of the ISKCON GBC Society shall take place from October 15-23, 2015, at Govardhan Eco-village, India.

302. Annual General Meeting 2016

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the ISKCON GBC Society shall take place from February 16-March 2, 2016, at ISKCON Mayapur, WB, India.

303: GBC College for Leadership Development

Whereas Srila Prabhupada repeatedly indicated the need for training qualified leaders:

> *"There is need for intelligent young men to train them up as future leaders and preachers to go all over the world for spreading the message of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu." (Letter, 9 January 1973)*
>
> *"If we simply go on expanding and there are no qualified men to lead, then everything will be spoiled eventually." (Letter, 5 January 1973)*

Whereas the GBC wishes to promote high standards of spiritual leadership and management throughout the Society

RESOLVED:

A. The GBC College for Leadership Development is hereby established.

The College's primary focus shall be on contributing to prepare devotees to serve in crucial leadership roles within ISKCON.

The GBC College shall be managed by a Board of Trustees (minimum seven, maximum nine). Trustees shall be appointed by the GBC through a simple majority vote for a renewable three-year term (or when needed to fill vacancies, etc.). Future trustees shall be added or reaffirmed through a simple majority vote by the GBC.

The Board of Trustees shall be supported by a Board of Advisors (minimum fifteen, maximum thirty), appointed by the Board of Trustees.

B. The first Board of Trustees of the GBC College for Leadership Development shall be composed of Romapada Swami, Radhanath Swami, Bhakti Charu Swami, Tamohara Das, Laxmimoni Dasi, Bhakti Vijnana Goswami, Rupanuga Das (BCS), Kaunteya Das (JPS) and Gauranga Das (RNS).

By October 2015 the Trustees shall submit for the edification of the GBC a draft of the parameters for the legal document delineating the functioning of the College. The final Trust document shall be approved by the GBC.

304: Zonal Configuration Russia

Whereas ISKCON Russia has expressed readiness to formally ratify its zones.

RESOLVED:

Russia shall include nineteen zones:

1. Moscow
2. North-West
3. North
4. Central
5. Golden Ring
6. Tatarstan
7. Volga
8. South 1
9. South 2
10. South 3
11. Bashkortostan
12. Ural
13. West Siberia
14. South Siberia
15. East Siberia
16. Baikal
17. Far East 1
18. Far East 2
19. Far East 3

305: Appointing Zonal Supervisors

Whereas the GBC has established the position of Zonal Supervisor, who assists the GBC Zonal Secretary/ies in managing a zone, and their process of appointment needs to be clarified

RESOLVED:

After successfully graduating from the GBC College of Leadership Development with the appropriate degree, a person can be appointed as Zonal Supervisor by the GBC Zonal Secretary/ies responsible for that zone.

The GBC Zonal Secretary/ies shall consult relevant leaders connected with the zone (including national or continental councils, etc. where present) before appointing the Zonal Supervisor.

The appointment shall be ratified by the GBC Body through a simple majority vote. The GBC's ratification is only required at the first appointment, not for every subsequent zonal appointment, even if in different places.

In rare cases, the GBC Body may ratify as Zonal Supervisors devotees who have not completed the standard course, but who are otherwise qualified for the service, by a two-thirds majority.

The appointment shall be on a probation basis for a year. After the probation period the GBC Zonal Secretary/ies shall retain the option of suspension or removal in case of non-performance or malfeasance. In case the Zonal Supervisor believes that there are grounds for appeal, he or she can approach the GBC EC for consideration.

306: Sastric Advisory Council Bylaws

Whereas, resolution 604/2002: Sastric Advisory Council (SAC) reads, in part:

"There shall be no term limit for SAC members, but as part of its self-regulation, the SAC will review the character, behavior, and performance of its members to ensure that they continue to uphold its ideals. The procedure for doing this will be established by the SAC itself during its first year of operation."

Whereas this procedure has never been established;

Whereas, in addition, there is a need to have a protocol and bylaws more precisely regulating the internal operation of the Sastric Advisory Council and its interaction with the GBC Body and EC;

Whereas, the SAC members in collaboration with the GBC EC have produced such a document

RESOLVED:

The attached document entitled "SAC Bylaws" hereby replaces the corresponding regulatory part of Resolution 604/2002.

307: Improving Sanskrit Pronunciation in ISKCON:

[Statement]

The GBC hereby recognizes the importance of improving Sanskrit pronunciation in ISKCON and encourages all ISKCON devotees to improve their Sanskrit pronunciation. The book, Samskrtoccaranam: A Complete Guide to Sanskrit Pronunciation, by Lokanath Swami, is a good resource and we encourage devotees to take advantage of it.

308: Proposal From The Temple of Vedic Planetarium (TOVP) Team

Whereas the GBC Body, recognizing the special priority personally expressed and emphasized by Srila Prabhupada in his words and writings to construct the TOVP, provided for the entire BBT Construction Fund to be contributed to the TOVP for a period of five years, which is now ending;

Whereas notwithstanding the launching of a full-time, world-wide Fund Raising Campaign, the TOVP's very nature and magnitude is unprecedented in size and quality of materials and works—as specified by Srila Prabhupada—and in spite of the frugality of expenditure as evidenced by its accounts, remains in critical need of further funding to keep the construction going without interruption to prohibit any further increase in budget and delay, especially as it now enters the crucial finishing stages;

Whereas the following quotation is pertinent in this regard:

"Those who are trying their best to keep intact the flow of service to Sri Mayapur will be considered the benefactors of the future world of Vaishnavas."
(Bhaktivinoda Thakur from Sajjana-Toshani 12/1)

RESOLVED:

That the GBC Body will ensure that 75% of the BBT Construction Fund goes to the TOVP for a further period of five years beyond 2015.

309: Daivi-varnasrama Research Committee

Whereas Srila Prabhupada had said that 50% of his mission—establishing Daivi-varnasrama—remained unfulfilled

RESOLVED:

That the GBC recognizes the need to establish Daivi-varnasrama and to that end it shall establish a research committee to study how to fulfill Srila Prabhupada's desire in that regard.

310: Guru Related Research

[Statement]

Based on the sacred siddhanta of *guru-tattva*, and with a positive and enthusiastic spirit, the GBC undertakes the responsibility to provide for present and future generations of devotees, a comprehensive and inclusive understanding that delineates how *diksa-* and *siksa-gurus* unitedly work within the framework of ISKCON.

In the meantime the existing resolutions and proposals concerning (a) Vaisnavi *diksa-gurus* and (b) disciples initiating in the physical presence of their initiating guru, are held in abeyance until these roles are defined within the above-mentioned comprehensive research. The progress of that effort as regards these resolutions will be reviewed annually until its conclusion, to which the GBC is steadfastly dedicated to accomplish.

311: GBC Deputies' Membership

Whereas the current term of the GBC Deputies expires with the conclusion of this 2015 AGM;

And whereas the GBC Body is satisfied with the work of the Deputies and desires that their term be renewed for an additional three years

Resolved:

That the following devotees are appointed as GBC Deputies to serve through the AGM of 2018:

1. Acintya Rupa Dasi
2. Acyuta Priya Das
3. Akrura Das
4. Aniruddha Das
5. Bhaktarupa Das
6. Bhakti Vinoda Swami
7. Devaki Nandan Das (Botswana)
8. Eklavya Das
9. Hanuman Das
10. Jagajivana Das
11. Kalasamvara Das
12. Krsnadasa Kaviraja Das
13. Laxmimoni Dasi
14. Madana-mohana Das
15. Mathuresh Das
16. Praharana Dasi
17. Prasanta Dasi
18. Rasaraja Das
19. Srivas Das
20. Srivasa Pandit Das
21. Tukaram Das
22. Vedavyasa Priya Swami

312: Mayapur Retirement Village as an International GBC Project

Whereas the desire of the international GBC is that a retirement village be created in Sridham Mayapur that would operate under the direction of the international GBC

Resolved:

That the Retirement Village/Elders' Enclave is under the exclusive direction of the international GBC Body. There is no direction or control from any other ISKCON entity.

A committee will be formed to oversee the operation of the Retirement Village once the construction phase has been completed. Badrinarayan Swami will work with the Mayapur GBCom to select that committee and to establish the guidelines under which the management committee and the Retirement Village project will operate.

Badrinarayan Swami is appointed as the GBC Body's agent for this project. Badrinarayan Swami will report to the Mayapur GBC committee as needed and will seek their prior approval for major decisions.