

JHCA Canada TSA Team Meeting – Friday, September 22, 2023

Attendees

Kugathan Sarangapani
Raveendra Kandasamy
Buva Thirunavukarasu
Sutharsan Sirinivasan
Saba Guru
N. Ramesh
Murale Periampillai
Sathiyarayanan Saravanapavananthan
R. Mathialagan
Sutha Subramaniam

Absentees

J. Shanthypoosan
T. Subosan
M. Wakisan

Minutes Prepared by: Sutha Subramaniam

Meeting discussion outcomes are given in blue text.
Discussions were continued with the below given sequence

1. Welcome

TSA chair welcome the team members and started the meeting.

Then the chair said TSA Annual Update meeting is coming in two days and the annual update meeting preparation is the main topic today

2. Agenda for Annual Update Meeting

First the chair Sutha presented the prepared agenda and described the agenda sequence

- Canadian National Anthem/Tamil Thai Vaalththu/JHC School Song
- President JHCA Canada – Speech
- TSA Over view & Update
- Introducing and thanking Ooruni TSA Coordinators
- Presentations
- Questions & discussions
- Vote of thanks by JHCA Canada Secretary

Then he said

- this year meeting MC is Krishna like last time.
- Only 3 presentations, 2 from Sri Lanka and 1 from Canada.

Presenters

Dr. Vithuran: Medical Officer in Charge Divisional Hospital, Alampil, Mullaitivu

Topic: Ooruni TSA Services and challenges & obstacles

Mr. Alaguraj: Child Rights Promoting Officer Koralaipattu & Batticaloa

Topic: Importance of Family Environment for Children mental health and its' effect on children's studies

Miss. S. Niruthiha, completed first degree at University of Toronto and starting Masters at Northeastern University Boston

Topic: Reviewing My Journey with TSA - A Retrospective Perspective

Then team had an extensive discussion on all agenda topics and everyone gave their input. Especially on details and timing. Based on team members' input Annual Update meeting agenda was finalized. The decision was made that secretary will do the Ooruni – TSA Coordinators introductions. Also, team insisted the we need to tell in the meeting that all these coordinators are working as 100% volunteers and we don't pay anything for them.

President Kugathan asked chair Sutha to contact Sayon for Facebook live streaming.

3. Zoom Meeting – How to conduct

Team talked about

- Ground Rules
- How to admit the meeting attendees
- Mute and unmute proper process
- Using raise hand option for asking questions
- How to answer the questions in the right order.

Then a team decision was made for how to conduct the meeting.

4. Are we going to talk about our charity registration initiative – Arunmozhi

Chair Sutha answered to Arunmozhi's questions as below

Yes, we are planning to say that we started exploring the possibility of getting charity status for TSA. It's in early stage. Need to do lots of team level discussions at different levels. Also, we want to say by doing this we could help our donors to save some money.

Then all team members gave their inputs and thoughts. Especially on the summary page of the charitable status initiative. Team members had different views on who need to bring this to general members. Finally, all team members accepted to have the summary page as below.

- Still in early stage, exploring the possibility.
- Started discussions with JHCA Canada Executive Committee.
- TSA Donor engagement meeting to discuss this opportunity.
- JHCA Canada member engagement & Approval Process.

5. Other matters

Sutha said to all members that Arunmozhi is helping us on writing the TSA article for Kalaiarasi magazine in Tamil and he thanked Arunmozhi. Team members also thanked him.

Meeting ended with that discussion.