



President's Report 2010/2011

Dear Members and Devotees,

It is with great pleasure that I present the 2010–2011 Annual Report of the Sri Murugan Society of Alberta. With the influx of Hindu devotees from the other provinces and countries into Calgary, the need for a Murugan Temple has become even greater. We welcome all newcomers and with their participation we hope to achieve our goals in the near future. This is our seventeenth year as a registered society and the committee would like to thank you all for your continued support, attendance and/or volunteer assistance at various Society functions. Also, the Board of Trustees would like to thank those members who took turns hosting Ganesha at their homes for the past twelve months.

Our attempts to find a temporary home for our beloved Ganesha, met major obstacles and we are back in the same position we were twelve months ago. This has not been an easy task as we are constrained by several factors including rental costs, size of available properties, parking and accessibility. For the last twelve months, the committee worked very hard and signed a three year lease for a warehouse in Northeast Calgary as a temporary home for our Ganesha. But our permit application to use this premise as a prayer room was refused by the City due to lack of parking stalls. We are now negotiating with the Owner of the warehouse to cancel the lease and then look for other alternatives. In the meantime we have arranged to have our monthly bhajans at the Varsity Community Centre in northwest Calgary. Please check our website for the dates, time and other information.

As you all know, our main objective is to build a Murugan temple for Albertans, specifically for the devotees living in Calgary and the surrounding areas. In this respect the Board of Trustees are in contact with some Real Estate Developers for a church zoned property or used building with parking facilities within Calgary city limits. The Land committee is hoping to sell the jointly owned land within next few months which will provide us with some money and bring us closer to achieving our goal.

We are continuing with our regular activities such as Bhajans, Saraswathy Pooja, Kantha Shasti and the anniversary pooja of our loving Ganesha's arrival in Calgary. Once again, we sincerely thank all of the participants, volunteers and sponsors of these events. In addition the Board of Trustees would like to thank all the volunteers who have signed up for our next Casino fundraiser in July, 2011.

Finally, I would like to thank the Board of Trustees and their families for all of their encouragement and guidance during the past year. We look forward to your continued support and participation in the activities of the Society.

Thank You,

**Raj Pillai
President
Sri Murugan Society of Alberta**


SRI MURUGAN SOCIETY OF ALBERTA

(Registration Number: 89227-3442-RR0001)

MINUTES OF THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SRI MURUGAN SOCIETY Held on June 19, 2010 at 2225 – 24 Avenue NE Calgary at 6:35 PM

Present: Raj Pillai – President, in Chair
Kuralenthi Narayanan – Vice President
A. Paramanathan – Secretary
Vernie Balakumar – Treasurer
Ravi Selvarajah – Trustee
Terry Meiyeppen – Trustee
Suresh Kumar – Trustee

- 1) The meeting commenced at 6:35 PM with the chanting of three Aums.
- 2) The President confirmed that with the attendance of 47 members (39 in attendance and 8 proxies), a quorum was present and that the meeting would proceed.
- 3) President's Address - The president welcomed the members to the 16th annual general meeting. Even though the President's report had been made available to members beforehand, it was read at the meeting. There being no questions on the report, the President's Address was accepted as presented.
- 4) Adoption of the Minutes - The minutes of the last annual general meeting held on June 20, 2009, had been made available to members prior to the meeting. On a motion proposed by Mr. P. Panchalingam and seconded by Mr. C. Chockalingam, the minutes of the last annual general meeting were adopted without amendments.
- 5) Adoption of the auditor's report - The treasurer presented the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2010. There were no questions raised. On a motion proposed by Mr. R. Sharma and seconded by Mrs. S. Kuralenthi, the financial statements were adopted as presented.
- 6) Mr. Terry Meiyappan, Chairman of the Nomination Committee, presented his report to the members. He noted that the term had expired for Mr. Raj Pillai, Mrs. Verni Balakumar and Mr. Ravi Selvarajan. Along with the resignation of Mr. Suresh Kumar, there were four vacancies on the Board of Trustees and that the committee had received four nominations. As such, no election was required. Mr. Raj Pillai, Mr. Chocku Chockalingam, Mr. Subramanian Annamalai and Mr. Chockalingam Sathappan were accepted as Trustees.
- 7) Any other business –
The following Resolutions were tabled by the Secretary:
Resolution AGM 16:01 - Accepted by unanimous vote.
Resolution AGM 16:02 – 1 voted against, upon clarification on his point of concern the member withdrew his objection and the resolution was accepted unanimously.
A member raised a question regarding the need for a priest at the proposed temporary worship site. The trustees believe that a part time priest would be best to reduce costs.
- 8) There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM, with the chanting of 3 Aums.


A. Paramanathan
Secretary