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I call the meeting to order and thank all of you for attending the conference call today.

I want to summarize things that we at OPEN Global have achieved over the last 2 years.

Conference calls

We now have regular conference calls with good attendance from most chapters. I believe that holding the calls on a regular interval like the last Sunday of the month from 11 to 12 has made a difference. We also send out the agenda of the call in advance to help prepare the attendees to the topics to be discussed.

Chapter dues

You may recall that one of our key challenges was that Global was not collecting any dues from any of the chapters. This was a difficult hurdle to cross for many reasons including dues calculation and the fact that chapters were not used to paying. I want to thank Kewan Khawaja for helping come up with the fair formula we use today that balances dues owed by small to large chapters in an equitable manner. We also had to work with each chapter to get over the hurdle of paying dues to Global.

So as of now everybody but New York has paid their dues for 2014.

Collaboration between chapters

From day one I have made collaboration my number one priority.

Without getting to know each other and leveraging that into future business opportunities, I believe we will not succeed in the long run.

I have heavily encouraged chapters to send their CMs to other chapter's events and the host chapter to receive and host them with open arms. We may not see results from this right away but I encourage the incoming board to stick with this practice for positive results. People need to get to know each other and build trust for future collaboration.

Travel expenses of president of each chapter.



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In order to encourage chapters to send their charter members to attend the annual event of other chapters I have requested and encouraged chapters to fund the travel of their presidents. I am happy to report that SV, Houston and DC have adopted this policy and I hope other chapters will build to this if they can as well.

Having charter members as keynote speakers.

Each chapter has the cream of the crop of the Pakistani American community amongst their charter members. While we have been inviting blue chip speakers from outside OPEN, I have encouraged chapters to consider other chapter's CM as keynote or fireside chat speakers.

It gave me great pleasure to see this come to reality in SV, Houston and DC.

I want to encourage all the chapters to explore this opportunity for your own events.

Opening up of new chapters:

OPEN needs fresh blood to continue growing as well as it can get new energy from the induction of new chapters.

I am pleased to say that three chapters in Pakistan have been inducted as well as one in London have been added to our fold over the last 2 years. I want to thank Imran Sayeed for his leadership in starting the chapter in London and supporting the formation of the other new chapters

We have also started dialog with a group in Toronto and it is possible that we may see another new chapter before December this year. We are also exploring the possibilities of starting a chapter in Dubai. Please check into your networks to see if other chapters can be initiated as well.

Bylaws

One of the early things pointed out by Global board members was that our bylaws were outdated and they needed to be brought up to date to the current realities of OPEN global.

After some unsuccessful forays, we set up a new team with Riaz karamali of SV, Syed Anwar Hussain from Houston and Saqib Rizavi, and Mushtaq Khan from DC to update the Global bylaws and make recommendations to the board. Their hard work and commitment to open is in front of you in the shape of a new set of

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bylaws which is being discussed at the board and should be approved before December this year.

Expenses for Global Board Secretary

After looking at the productivity and end result of the paid secretary, we have cancelled that arrangement saving the expense of \$2400 per year. We now utilize volunteer board members to take the notes from our monthly conference calls.

Web site

OPEN Global had spent over \$7000 dollars to set up a web site which no one used. I have tasked Mobasher Yazdani and Farrukh Malik to revamp the web site and make it more user friendly. They are working diligently free of charge to upgrade our website.

I have also tasked Moazzam and Hasan to supply them with all the necessary data.

General Counsel

For the longest time I felt that we needed a general council when issues have come up and I am thankful to the board for confirming Riaz Karamali as our first General Counsel. Riaz is a CM from both SV and Houston and he has done an admirable job with the by-laws project so far. I am confident that this will be viewed as a turning point for OPEN Global.

Open Speakers bureau

Every chapter had problems finding keynote speakers as stated before.

We now have a central directory from which we can get a list of keynote speakers. Please let us know if you need this list.

Thank You

Once again I want to thank all of you for your cooperation and for working with me to have quite a productive 2 years. I am looking forward to handing over the post to the incoming President. As you know, the election commission has been tasked to conduct this election and announce the results shor

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