

AMUAAAGC Newsletter – May 2023

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Zafeer Ahmad, Ph.D.

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President's Message

As we are getting close to the end of this fiscal year, we have achieved so many things - this was only possible by EC and Board members working together and the extraordinary support we received from all of you. Here are some of our accomplishments for the year.

1. Recognition of Dr. Santosh Kumar and Mr. Shahid Ahmed for their Enormous Contributions
2. Initiation of Boys Residence for Hira Public School Project
3. Approval of Hira Public School Girls Hostel and Warden Residence Project

Aligarh Muslim University Alumni Association of greater Chicago (AMUAA-GC) organized a Sir Syed Iftar/Dinner event on March 25, 2023. The total fundraising target was \$65,000 to complete two projects from Hira Public School. We collected approximately \$43,000 at the end of this program, however, some people continued to donate. We have an opportunity to raise at least \$23,000.00 more to complete these projects with the help of two major donors and your support.

I am glad to report that EC/Board agreed to increase the funding from \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00 for **Sir Syed Global Scholar Award (SSGSA)**. All of us agree that this is an excellent program for AMUAA-GC to support.

The General Body (GB) meeting will take place online through Zoom on **June 18, 2023**. A picnic is scheduled at Century Park on **September 9, 2023**. Sir Syed Day Program is scheduled on **October 21, 2023**, at Falak Banquet, Villa Park.

We started with **\$72, 508.63** in our bank account on July 15, 2022, and ended with the balance of **\$105, 159.37** at the end of May 9, 2023, even though we had an expense of **\$10,000** for Hira Public School Education project.

In closing, I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your president. We started our term with a commitment to transparency and engagement, and I hope we met your expectations. I would like to thank the EC and Board for their high level of commitment to AMUAA-GC.

Recent Events

- * Sir Syed Iftar and Dinner March 25, 2023
- * Monthly EC/Board Meetings
 - Jan 3rd, 2023
 - Feb 7th, 2023
 - Mar 7th, 2023
 - Apr 8th, 2023
 - May 2nd, 2023
 - Jun 6th, 2023
 - Jul 4th, 2023

Highlights

- Aligarh Muslim University Alumni Association of greater Chicago (AMUAA-GC) organized a Sir Syed Iftar/Dinner event on March 25, 2023.
- The Hira Public School Boys Residence project started in February 2023, and the cost is \$10,000.
- The Hira Public School Girls Hostel and Warden Residence project is approved, and the cost is \$51,000.00. This project is anticipated to start in June 2023.
- Approval of additional \$11,000 from General Assembly for Funding of Hira Public School Education Project.
- AMUAAGC EC/Board and Standing committees Meetings were conducted regularly.

Financial Status

Date	Bank Balance		
	Total	General Fund	Education Fund
Jul 15 th 2022	\$72,508.63	\$10,808.31	\$61,700.32
Sep 12 th 2022	\$72,068.28	\$10,367.96	\$61,700.32
Dec 31 st , 2022	\$77,307.44	\$7,683.04	\$69,624.40
May 9, 2023	\$105,159.37	\$7,432.85*	\$97,726.52**

*\$1,500.00 used for the website update

**\$10,000 used for the Education Project

Membership Update

Summary of Membership 2022-2023	Total
Annual Members	73
Life Members	40
Total Members (As of May 22, 2023)	113

Membership Policy Update

1. \$25.00 annual membership fees for a student.
2. A single life membership with \$2000.00 and a couple life membership with \$3000.00 donation at once.

Shahid Ahmed, Mariam Ahmed and Masood Akhtar became life members with the new policy.

Welcome New Members

Mrs. Samira Ali—Life Member	Mustafa Iqbal Nasim Siddiqui—Annual Member	Tahira Haven Iqbal—Annual Member
Mohammad Fazle Alam—Annual Member	Arsalan Ahmad—Annual Member	Arsalan Ahmad Badar—Annual Member

Fazle Alam, Ph.D.

Fazle Alam completed his B.Sc., M.Sc., and Ph.D. from Aligarh Muslim University. Earlier this year, he got an offer from the University of Illinois at Chicago, Rockford, where he is leading the 3-D Bioprinting facility and developing new ways to generate complex tissue shapes and formulate new Bio Inks for future generation 3D Bioprinting. He is originally from Darbhanga, Bihar, and he can be reached at mdfazlealam@gmail.com or 779-771-4062.

Ahmad Faraz Badar

Ahmad Faraz completed his Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering from Aligarh Muslim University and is currently pursuing his MS/PhD program in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Wisconsin – Madison, WI. He is also a recipient of the SSGSA scholarship. He can be reached at afarazbadar@gmail.com or 608-722-0728.

Arsalan Ahmad

Arsalan Ahmad completed his Bachelor of Engineering from Aligarh Muslim University and is currently enrolled as an MS/PhD student in the Industrial & Systems Engineering department at the University of Wisconsin – Madison. He takes great pride in his educational background as an ALIG and an OLFIAN (Our Lady of Fatima). He can be reached at arsalanahmad.amu@gmail.com or 608-733-7439.

Samira Ali

Samira Ali came to the USA from Hyderabad, India. She is a very humble person and has been serving IFN community since 2005 in various capacities. She has three children and all of them are dedicated to community service and helping the needy. She has been a huge supporter of AMUAAGC education projects and agreed to become a life member. She can be reached at samiraali786@gmail.com or 847-293-9930.

Iqbal Nasim

Iqbal Nasim completed Pre-University, BSc (Chemistry) and BSc Engineering from Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh and left AMU in 1976. He has been working in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and recently moved to Lindenhurst, Illinois because of his daughter. He is married and has four children. His wife, Tahira Iqbal is also an AMUAAGC member. He can be reached at mustafainasim@gmail.com or 262-748-9630.

Standing Committee Updates

Committee Name and Members	Updates
1. Bylaws Committee Mr. Mohammad Shahanshah Ansari (Chair) Mr. Ajmal Sufiyan Dr. Israrul Haque Ansari Dr. Shakil Khan Dr. Gulam Waris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting conducted by committee recently but have plan to meet in coming months.
2. Education Committee Dr. Israrul Haque Ansari (Chair) Dr. Saifuddin Sheikh Dr. Syed Shahabuddin Dr. Gulam Waris Dr. Mohammad Ahmadullah Siddiqi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new proposal being reviewed by the Education Committee for funding which is in the final stage. Education committee meeting consistently to review all the proposals submitted by members.

<p>3. Information Technology (IT) Committee Mr. Mohammad Shahanshah Ansari (Chair) Mr. Ajmal Sufiyan Mr. Shahbaz Alam Mr. Mohammad Irfan Khan Mr. Khalid Sayeed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New website development work in progress and in last stage of development. • Testing of the new website is expected to start in a week time. • IT Committee meeting will be scheduled in next two weeks
<p>4. Membership Committee Dr. Ahmadullah Siddiqi (Chair) Mr. Ajmal Sufyan Dr. Gulam Waris Mr. Jawed Aslam</p>	<p>The membership Committee and EC/Board members reached out to the annual members for renewal. Most members renewed their membership in a timely manner. However, 23 members did not renew. These members were approached by the Membership Committee Chair with an Eid Greetings message including a request to renew the membership.</p> <p>Membership Committee and the EC/Board welcomes the following new members: Mrs. Samira Ali—Life Member Mustafa Iqbal Nasim Siddiqui—Annual Member Tahira Haven Iqbal—Annual Member Mohammad Fazle Alam—Annual Member Arsalan Ahmad ---Annual Member Arsalan Ahmad Badar—Annual Member</p>
<p>5. Social & Cultural Committee Dr. Shakil Khan (Chair) Dr. Haris Jamil Dr. Asefa Ansari Dr. Syed Shahabuddin Mr. Ajmal Sufyan</p>	<p>Future AMUAA-GC events for 2023 are discussed and listed at the end. No date announced yet about the national Mushaira by Convenor Dr. Abdullah. AMUAA-GC Mushaira Convener is Dr. Ahmadullah Siddiqui.</p>

Sir Syed Day Iftar and Dinner, March 25, 2023

Report by: **Dr. Haris Jamil (Convenor of Sir Syed Iftar and Dinner)**

Aligarh Muslim University Alumni Association of greater Chicago (AMUAA-GC) organized a Sir Syed Iftar/Dinner event on March 25, 2023. This is the key event of AMUAA-GC to raise funds for Girls Education Projects. Dr. Haris Jamil was the Convener of the event. The program started after Iftar and dinner with the recitation of Holy Quran by Mariam Sheikh.

Dr. Zafeer Ahmad, President of AMUAA-GC gave an update about the organization and emphasized how AMUAA-GC is helping in many ways to uplift the socially, economically, and educationally deprived population of India. Education Projects update was given by Dr. Zafeer Ahmad who presented the Orphan Girls Hostel project that was completed in September 2022 with a cost of \$31,000.00. Two new projects presented were by Hira Public school at Answer, Ambedkar Nagar, UP. The first project was Residence

Area for Boys. The cost of this project was \$10,000 and construction was started. The second project included Girls Hostel and Warden Residence. The cost of this project presented was \$51,000.00. The total fundraising target was \$65,000 to complete these projects. We collected approximately \$43,000 at the end of this program, however, some people continued to donate.

The keynote Speaker, Imam M. Musa Azam-Ibrahimi was introduced by Dr. Ahmadullah Siddiqi. Imam Musa emphasized the importance of educating girls in society and how education helps in the overall development of a community and the nation. The program ended with the vote of thanks from Dr. Ahmadullah Siddiqi, chairman of Board of Directors.

Opportunity to Raise Additional Funds

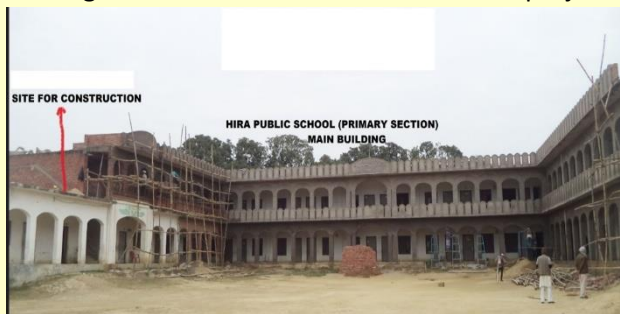
Two AMUAAGC life members provided an excellent opportunity to meet the funding requirement for Hira Public School Girls Education Project. For every \$1,000.00 donated by the members, Dr. Abdul Wase will match it up to \$10,000.00 and Dr. Munavvar Izhar will donate \$1,000.00 for every \$3,000.00 donated by the members. These offers are valid till July 22, 2023.

Educational Project, May 2023

Report by: **Dr. Israrul H. Ansari (Chair, Education Committee)**

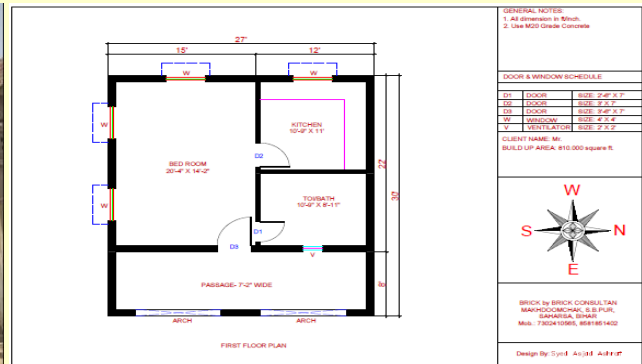
Hira Public School – First Project

The organization received a new education project from Hira Public School, Ambedkar Nagar, UP. As we



all know, the Hira Public was initially funded by AMUAA-GC well-wishers in 1988. Since then, the school has made good progress and expanded to hold classes up to 10+2 grade as per the CBSE course curriculum. As of now, the school has 1000 boy and 800 girl students and 90+ teaching and non-teaching staff. The school requested to build a big hall (~20 X 14 ft), a kitchen, and a bathroom to

provide residential accommodation to approximately 16 male students for an estimated cost of \$10,000.00. The project was sponsored by Mr. Wakil Ansari, Chicago, IL and the education committee unanimously approved this project. The proposed site of construction, construction map, and a few contraction images are listed below.



As evident from the images above, the project is almost getting to its completion. The AMUAA-GC EC/Board members thank the sponsor and donors.

This residential accommodation will house approximately 16 boys who have difficulty in commuting to school and make the best of this opportunity to prepare for their competitive exams. The AMUAA-GC also thanks the entire Hira Public School administration for their commitment to completing the project in time.

Hira Public School – Second Project

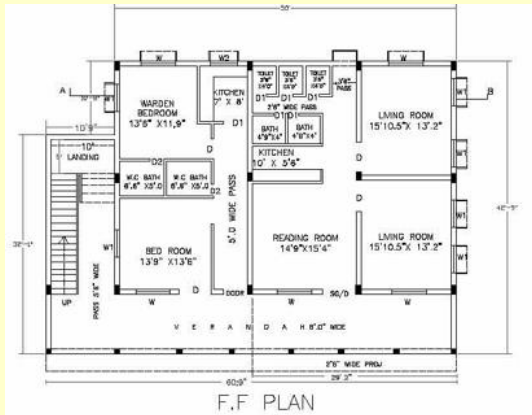


After the completion of the above project, another request came from the same Hira Public School to fund the construction of a girl’s hostel and Warden Residence for a total cost of about 50k USD. The EC and Board along with the education committee, decided to split the project into two phases and fund the first phase of construction of the Girls’ hostel by the end of this year 2023. After having a satisfactory response, the AMUAA-GC will fund the second phase of construction of Warden Residence probably in Early 2024.

Following are the proposed phases of construction and associated funding amounts:

- Phase I - Girls Hostel:** Estimate 2123131.00 INR (~25600 USD)
- Phase II - Warden Residence** Estimate: 2110535.00 INR (~25000 USD)

Dr. Masood Akhtar, Madison, WI, and AMUAA-GC president, Dr. Zafeer Ahmad agreed to jointly sponsor the first phase of the project (Masood Akhtar donated \$2,000.00 & Zafeer Ahmad donated \$560.00). The educational committee further reviewed the first phase of the project and approved it for funding. After getting approval from members of the general body, AMUAA-GC plans to transfer the funds soon. The proposed map, and construction site is listed below:

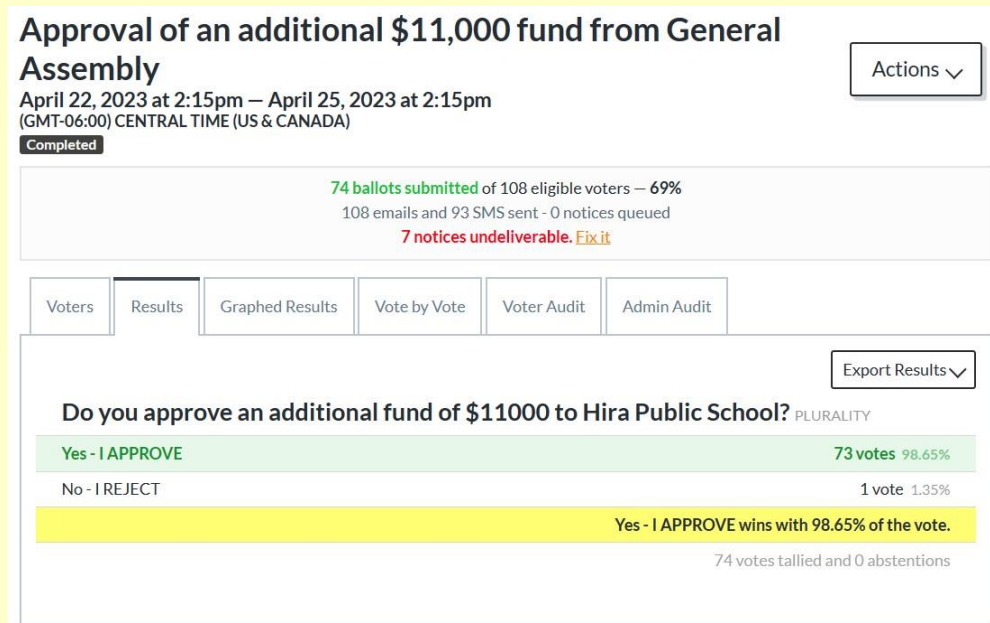


SCHEDULE OF AREA	SQUARE FOOT
WARDEN RESIDENCE AREA	1235.619 SQF.
GIRL HOSTEL AREA	1248.84 SQF.
TOTAL BUILDING AREA	2482.459 SQF.
SCHEDULE OF DOOR AND WINDOW	
S	DOOR 14" X 24"
D1	DOOR D1 3'3" X 8"
D2	DOOR D2 2'3" X 8"
S2/B	SLIDING GLASS DOOR 5'X7'
W	WINDOW 3' X 8"
W1	WINDOW W1 4' X 5"
W2	WINDOW W2 4' X 4.5"
V	VENTILATION 1.6' X 1.8"

PROPOSED F.F BUILDING PLAN CONST. FOR GIRLS HOSTEL&WARDEN RESIDENCE.HIRA PUBLIC SCHOOL HANSWAR AMBEDKAR NAGAR.(U.P) MANAGER:- MR. MAULANA KALIMULLA RESIDENCE:- HANSWAR

Additional approval of \$11,000 for Hira public school

- Approval of an additional \$11,000 fund required from the General Assembly after meeting the maximum limit of \$25,000 for Hira Public School projects.
- We had sent a ballot to all 108 eligible voters at AMUAA-GC that includes life members and annual members.
- Ballots were sent on their personal email ids and mobile numbers. Ballot has unique Ids which cannot be transferred to anyone else, and it is for the only members who are eligible to vote.
- The ballot was 100% delivered to all voters in their email. However, some 7 members' mobile numbers were incorrect and therefore were not delivered as shown in the screenshot below.
- The election was conducted through a secret ballot that means even administrators cannot see who voted whom or what was selected while voting.
- 74 members out of 108 general assembly members (i.e., 69% of total votes) participated in this approval process where 73 members approved this additional fund of \$11,000 to Hira Public School. Only 1 member rejected this, which is 1.35% of the total voters.
- Therefore, based on the above result it is concluded that an additional fund of \$11,000 is granted to Hira Public School which has been approved by AMUAA-GC's general assembly with 98.65% votes in favor.



We thank everyone from the general assembly who took part in this approval process and strengthened this democratic process.

Health Corner:

Article By: Dr. Mohammad Athar

On Mother's Day, Make it Mother's Health Day!

Women have unique health issues including pregnancy, menopause, and conditions of the female organs. And some of the health issues that affect both men and women can affect women differently, for example

- Women are more likely to die following a heart attack than men
- Women are more likely to show signs of depression and anxiety than men
- Osteoarthritis affects more women than men
- Women are more likely to have urinary tract problems

Mother's Day

Is here and everyone loves mother. What could be the best gift to your mother is the gift of a health check and preventive screenings? Mothers often spend so much time raising family that they don't take time for themselves. Take this opportunity to show your love and affection to her, more so, it is your duty to focus on your mother's health.



Regular health exams and tests can help find problems before they start. They also can help find problems early, when their chances for treatment are better. Women need some special exams and screenings. Examination the health care provider will usually do include:

- A pelvic exam - an exam to check if internal female organs are normal by feeling their shape and size.
- A Pap test - a test to check for cancer of the cervix, the opening to a woman's uterus. Cells from the cervix are examined under a microscope for cancer cells.
- A clinical breast exam and recommended mammogram - to check for breast cancer
- Women should also get recommended bone density screenings test.

If your mother's last appointment with doctor was more than a year ago and she did not have the basic screening tests, please make an appointment with her health care provider and get her medical checkup!

Mohammad Masood Athar, MD, MF

"And We have enjoined on you to be dutiful and kind to your parents. In pain did your mother bear you, And in pain did she give birth to you." Quran 46:15

Upcoming Events:

General Body Meeting:

- **Date:** Sunday, June 18, 2023
- Online meeting through Zoom.
- Agenda of the meeting has already been shared with General Body.

Annual Picnic:

- **Date:** Saturday, September 9, 2023. **Time:** 12:00 PM.
- **Convenor:** Dr. Gulam Waris
- **Venue:** Century Park Boat Dock, 1001 Lakeview Parkway. Vernon Hills, IL 60061.

Sir Syed Day Program:

- **Date:** Saturday, October 21, 2023. **Time:** 7:00 PM-11:00 PM.
- **Convenor:** Mr. Ajmal Sufiyan
- **Venue:** Falak Banquet, 233 E. Roosevelt Rd., Lombard, IL 60148.

Annual Mushaira: Watch for date and venue

- **Convenor:** Dr. Ahmadullah Siddiqui

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Fikr o Fun & Aalami Mushairah!

MONDAY JULY 03, 2023 | 5:30 PM
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