

AMUAAAGC Newsletter - June 2024

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Recent Events

- * Sir Syed Iftar and Dinner on March 23, 2024
- * Monthly EC/Board Meetings
 - Jul10th, 2023
 - Aug 1st, 2023
 - Sep5th, 2023
 - Oct3rd, 2023
 - Nov7th, 2023
 - Dec5th, 2023
 - Jan 9th, 2024
 - Feb 6th, 2024
 - Mar 5th, 2024
 - Apr 16th, 2024
 - May 7th, 2024
 - Jun 4th, 2024

President's Message

Zafeer Ahmad, Ph.D.

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. Abdul Wase, and Dr. Munavvar Izhar, for their outstanding community services and supporting AMUAA-GC.
2. Completion of Hira Public School Girls Hostel and Warden Residence Project.
3. Initiation of Classrooms construction Project at Aligarh Modern School.

Aligarh Muslim University Alumni Association of greater Chicago (AMUAA-GC) organized a Sir Syed Iftar/Dinner event on March 23, 2024. The total fundraising target was \$50,000 to complete Girls Hostel project at Hira Public school and initiation of classrooms construction project at Aligarh Modern school. We collected approximately \$39,000 at the end of this program, however, some people continued to donate.

Next AMUAAAGC election will take place online starting on July 6th and ending on July 9th. The election will be conducted by the election officer, Mr. Mohammad Shahanshah Ansari. The General Body (GB) meeting will take place online through Zoom on **July 13, 2024**. A picnic is scheduled at Century Park on **August 11, 2024**. Sir Syed Day Program is scheduled on **October 19, 2024**, at Falak Banquet, Villa Park.

We started with **\$98, 162.87** in our bank account on June 15, 2023, and ended with the balance of **\$94, 352.16** at the end of May 31, 2024, even though we had an expense of **\$24,100** for Hira Public School and Aligarh Modern School Education projects.

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.

Highlights

- Aligarh Muslim University Alumni Association of greater Chicago (AMUAA-GC) organized a Sir Syed Iftar/Dinner event on March 23, 2024.
- We have raised \$43,625.00 for the education projects.
- Construction of the Hira Public School Girls Hostel and Warden Residence project is completed on May 20, 2024, and the cost was \$51,000.00.
- Construction of two classrooms at Aligarh Modern School is ongoing, and the cost is \$24,000.00. This project started on May 13, 2024.
- AMUAA-GC website has been revamped completely with a new look and feel with additional features and it is live now.

Financial Status

Date	Bank Balance		
	Total	General Fund	Education Fund
Nov 30, 2023	\$93,050.83	\$5,547.22	\$87,503.61
May 31, 2024	\$94,352.16	\$8,337.60	\$86,014.56*

*\$24,100 used for the Education Project

Membership Update

Summary of Membership 2024-2025	Total
Annual Members	57
Life Members	40
Honorary Membership	3
Total Members (As of May 31, 2024)	100

Welcome New Member: Mr. Ali Junaidi and Mrs. Soofia Junaidi

Standing Committee Updates

Committee Name and Members	Updates
1. Education Committee Dr. Israrul Haque Ansari (Chair) Dr. Saifuddin Sheikh Dr. Syed Shahabuddin Dr. Gulam Waris Dr. Mohammad Ahmadullah Siddiqi	• Construction of Hira Public School Girls Hostel and Warden Residence is completed on May 20, 2024 • Construction of the two classrooms at Aligarh Modern School started on May 13, 2024.
2. Technology Committee Mr. Mohammad Shahanshah Ansari (Chair) Mr. Ajmal Sufiyan	• Website project has completed successfully and live now.

Mr. Shahbaz Alam Mr. Mohammad Irfan Khan Mr. Khalid Sayeed	New website will be presented during the general body meeting on 13th July 2024.
3. Membership Committee Dr. Ahmadullah Siddiqi (Chair) Mr. Ajmal Sufiyan Dr. Gulam Waris Mr. Jawed Aslam	Two new members, Mr. Ali Junaidi and Mrs. Soofia Junaidi have joined
4. Social & Cultural Committee Dr. Shakil Khan (Chair) Dr. Haris Jamil Mr. Ajmal Sufiyan	Sir Syed Iftar and Dinner was held on March 23, 2024. See the report for details.

Sir Syed Day Iftar and Dinner, March 23, 2024

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

The Aligarh Muslim University Alumni Association of greater Chicago (AMUAA-GC) organized Sir Syed Iftar/Dinner event on March 23, 2024. 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 Maaz 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 Hira Public School Boys Hostel project that was completed in June 2023 at a cost of \$10,100.00. An ongoing project was Girls Hostel and Warden Residence at Hira Public Schools. A newly approved project was the construction of two classrooms at Aligarh Modern School. The cost for this project was \$24,000.00. Total fundraising target to complete these projects was \$50,000. We collected approximately \$39,000 at the end of this program, however, some people continued to donate.

The keynote Speaker, Dr. Arif Husain, was introduced by Dr. Haris Jamil. Dr. Arif Husain emphasized the importance of educating girls in society and their role in the overall development of a community and the nation. The program ended with the vote of thanks from Dr. Jawed Aslam, chairperson of Board of Directors.

Educational Project, May 2024

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

Hira Public School – Construction of Girls' Hostel and Warden Residence

The AMUAAGC is pleased to report the construction of Girl's Hostel and Warden Residence project at Hira Public School completed on May 20, 2024. The project was completed ahead of time and under the approved budget. The total cost of \$50,100.00 and approved budget was \$51,000.00.



Before Construction



After Construction

Aligarh Modern School – Construction of Two Classrooms

AMUAAGC EC and Board approved a new project for the construction of two classrooms at Aligarh Modern School, Aligarh. The cost of this project is estimated at \$24,000.00. Construction of two classrooms will accommodate 80 students. Construction started on May 13, 2024.



AMUAA-GC Website is live with its new look and feel

Report by: **Mohammad Shahanshah Ansari (Chair, IT Committee)**

We are excited to announce that the development of the AMUAA-GC website is now complete, and the site is live with a fresh new look and enhanced features. Many improvements have been made compared to our previous website, offering a better experience for our users. Here are some of the noticeable enhancements:

Design: The website has an aesthetic design with a professional layout to match the standards in the online arena. The website has a responsive web design that would also help the majority of visitors to navigate through the website on a mobile device easily.

ACCESSIBILITY: The website is designed in such a fashion that its navigation is as much simpler and easy as it could be in order to make it convenient for the end user to navigate to the desired piece of content. The website is also provided with a Content Search option that would allow the end-users to lookup for related content on the website by doing a simple free-text search.

CONTENT MANAGEMENT: The website is developed on top of Drupal Content Management System. This would allow the admins of the website to manage the website and its contents in an effective and efficient manner. Content management has become much easy with the new website.

The admin users would be able to:

- a. Add new content (Banner Images, Pages, EC and Board Members, Committee Members, Projects, Events, News, Galleries, Photos, Members, Testimonials etc.) to the website
- b. Edit existing content
- c. Choose what needs to show up on website and where
- d. Create new albums in Image Gallery
- e. Add/Remove/Move Pictures in Image Galleries
- f. And much more...

STANDARDS: The website is developed as per the industry standards for SEO (Search Engine Optimization). This would help the website to rank better on search indices of various search engines. This would help the new audience to reach the AMUAA-GC's website and benefit from its content.

Website can be access through the below URL:

www.amuaachicago.org

Election Notification 2024

Dear AMUAA-GC Members,

You are invited to participate in the biennial election of AMUAA-GC 2024. The nominations are invited for the following open positions.

1. President
 2. Vice President
 3. Secretary
 4. Treasurer

 5. Five (5) Board Members
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- A. All AMUAA-GC members in good standing by **March 31st, 2024** shall be eligible to contest for EC or Board positions.
 - B. At least one (1) year membership shall be required to contest for Executive Council (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) or Board Member positions.
 - C. AMUAA-GC members can nominate any person who fulfils the above requirement.
 - D. Each nominated candidate must be seconded by another AMUAA-GC member.
 - E. **All officers will be elected for 2 years term.**

Members can send their nomination by email to shahanshah.java@gmail.com

Mr. Shahbaz Alam has kindly agreed to assist me in the election process. His email address is shahbaz2002@gmail.com and Mobile Number is +1 (224) 480-9106.

The following are the timelines:

1. **Nominations:** All nominations must be received by email no later than **June 26, 2024** (midnight)
2. Nomination Acceptance Date with a Vision Statement (~250 words): **June 29, 2024**
3. A candidate may withdraw their nomination by July 1, 2024.
4. **The online voting window is between July 6th 7 am CST to July 9th 11:00 pm CST**
5. **Election Result** will be announced during the Annual General Body Meeting which is scheduled on Saturday, 13th July 2024 through Zoom.

We are using an Online Election System this year too. AMUAA-GC members in good standing by **March 31st, 2024** shall be eligible to vote. Your voting choices will remain anonymous and voting will be conducted through a secret ballot.

Sincerely,

Mohammad Shahanshah Ansari

Election Officer,

Aligarh Muslim University Alumni Association (AMUAA)

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NOTES FROM THE BYLAWS:

- a) All Life and Regular Members in good standing shall be eligible to seek election and hold office.
- b) All Life and Regular Members in good standing who have served on the Council or Board for at least one (1) year shall be eligible to seek the office of Chairperson of the Board.
- c) All Life and Regular Members in good standing who have served on the Council or Board for at least one (1) year shall be eligible to seek the office of President.
- d) A candidate for Chairperson of the Board must be an alumnus (for the purposes of this bylaws alumnus includes both students and staff) of Aligarh Muslim University.
- e) All Life and Regular members in good standing who are not alumni of Aligarh Muslim University shall be eligible to seek election for a position on the Board, except for the Chairperson. However, the number of non-alumnus members elected to the Board may not exceed more than one (1) on each of the above body.

ARTICLE X: ELECTIONS OF THE BOARD AND THE COUNCIL

Section 3: Nominations

- a) Each nomination paper, signed by one voting member and seconded by another voting member, shall be submitted to the Election Officer at least one week prior to the election date.
- b) The voting members nominated for the election shall provide an acceptance of nomination and a vision statement in writing one week before the election to the Election Officer.
- c) After accepting the nomination for a specific post, a candidate will not be allowed to change his or her post by accepting a new nomination for a different post.
- d) After accepting a nomination for office, a candidate may withdraw their acceptance until the ten (10) days prior to the election date.

Section 4: Election Procedure

- b. Each Life and Regular Member in good standing shall have the right to vote.

Health Corner:

Report by: **Dr. Mohammad Masood Athar**

Adult Vaccination: Protects From Many Deadly diseases

Shingles

Almost 1 in 3 gets shingles in lifetime, 500,000 over age 60 gets each year & 98% those had chicken pox would likely to have.



Seasonal Flu

Around 1 in 5 get flu each year, may cause debilitating illness and kills around 36,000-40,000

Human Papilloma Virus (HPV)

Most common sexually transmitted infection (STI), about 80% of women will get at least one type of HPV at some point in their lifetime. Usually spread through vaginal, oral, or anal sex. Many women do not know they have HPV, because it usually has no symptoms and usually goes away on its own. Some types of HPV can cause illnesses such as genital warts or cervical cancer. There is a vaccine to help you prevent HPV.

Pneumococcal

Is a very serious infection can cause lifelong complications, about 1 million adults get every year and 5 to 7 percent will die

Hepatitis B virus (HBV)

Can lead to serious health problems in the liver, which include liver cirrhosis and liver cancer. Transmission of the HBV occurs when an individual comes into contact with the blood, semen, or other body fluid of an infected person. Many people that are infected with the HBV don't have any symptoms, so it is important that high-risk individuals get screened and vaccinated.

Please consult your health care professional about the adult vaccination

Mohammad Masood Athar, MD, MPH

Upcoming Event:

AMUAAGC Election:

Date: July 6-9, 2024

Election Officer: Mr. Mohammad Shahanshah Ansari

Asst. Election Officer: Mr. Shahbaz Alam

Venue: Online

General Body Meeting:

Date: July 13, 2024

Venue: Online

Annual Picnic:

- **Convener:** Dr. Gulam Waris
- **Date:** Sunday, August 11, 2024
- **Venue:** Century Park
- **Address:** 1001 Lakeview Parkway, Vernon Hills, IL 60061

Sir Syed Day:

- **Convener:** Dr. Ahmadullah Siddiqi
- **Date:** Saturday, October 19, 2024

- **Venue:** Falak Restaurant and Banquets
- **Address:** 233 E Roosevelt Rd, Lombard, IL 60148



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(Our target is \$50,000 for the year 2024-2025)

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