



INDIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW ENGLAND

Message from the President: Dr. Nasir Khan

December, 2009

IMANE's 31st Annual Meeting was held at the Newton Marriott on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009 and I am pleased to say it was a great success. Our honored guest was **His Excellency Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.**

The Governor spoke about his desire to implement long-range goals, which will benefit Massachusetts and its citizens. His speech was enthusiastically received by our members and their families, and many of you took this unique opportunity to pose for photographs.



On behalf of IMANE, I presented the Governor with a book on India and a plaque, which recognized him "for his leadership, vision and passion, and his commitment to provide health care for all citizens of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

We were also honored with the presence of Dr. Fauzia Wali Khan, President of the Massachusetts Chapter of the Association of Physicians of Pakistani Descent of North America and also Syed Ali Rizvi, President of the Federation of Aligarh Alumni Associations.

I also presented a plaque to Dr. Sadhev Passey in honor of his five years of service to our Board of Trustees (with the last year serving as its Chairman). Further, I presented the 2009 IMANE Community Service Award to Dr. Onaly Kapasi for his dedicated service to the New Hope Center, Waltham and his contributions to medical education and health care in both the U.S. and India. Finally, our incoming President, Dr. Geeta Trivedi honored me with a plaque for my commitment and accomplishments over the past year.

Our attendees enjoyed a delicious dinner provided by the Bombay Club/Masala Art and were entertained by DJ Yogz and the Bhangra team of dancers. Overall, the meeting was a perfect way to wrap up a highly successful year.

Finally, I want to say that I've enjoyed sending you the monthly newsletters over the past year, detailing some of our activities. They are available on the IMANE website. This will be my last newsletter. I wish you all the best for the coming year.

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Web-Based Survey

I recently conducted a web-based survey to solicit your views about our organization's leadership, direction and vision for the future. A total of 31 anonymous responses were collected. I thank those of you who took the time to provide your input. There were a total of eight questions, all of which had a default requiring a response in order to move to the next section. Overall, your comments were extremely encouraging. Here is a summary of your responses.

1.) Have you attended an IMANE function this year?

Yes: 67 %

2.) What do you think of the leadership?

Excellent or Satisfactory: 89 %

3.) What do you think of the monthly newsletter?

Very helpful or somewhat helpful: 100 %

4.) Attendees feelings about the following:

Spring Meeting and Evening Out Meeting: Satisfactory: 100 %

Summer Meeting, Desire for new alliances, free health clinics, use of media: Satisfactory: 90 %

Not Necessary: 4 %

5, and 6.) What would improve IMANE/desired changes?

The responses were diverse, including: "the need for more political involvement," "more younger members, including a task force to formulate their needs," "evening meetings closer to Boston," "longer presidency terms," "more CMEs," "more interest on needs in US and less on India."

7.) Have you visited the website this year?

Yes: 67 %

8.) Overall, how do you feel about IMANE?

The responses were mostly positive, including: "Dr. Khan has done an excellent job," "feel very good about IMANE," "very proud of IMANE," "it's more vibrant," "good organization and getting better." On the flip side, respondents said, "Meetings are expensive," "EC & senior members aren't friendly to new and junior members, causing them to stop attending."

These responses will be shared with the 2010 Executive Committee.

PHOTOS of 2009 ANNUAL MEETING

We hired a professional photographer, Tessa Gordon, to capture the highlights of our Annual Meeting. She has put together a website with 71 photos of our members to enjoy. Here is a sampling of them. You can view the rest and also order copies at <http://frugorfoto.smugmug.com/>. (Go to galleries and click on IMANE.)



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ONALY KAPASI, MD

Recipient: 2009 IMANE Community Service Award

Dr. Onaly Kapasi received the 2009 IMANE Community Service Award, which was presented by Dr. Nasir Khan at IMANE's Annual Meeting

Dr. Kapasi was selected for this honor because of his distinguished personal and professional career. Born in Kenya, he attended Grant Medical College, Bombay, graduating Number 1 in his class. He then completed his Orthopedic Residency at Tufts University, followed by a Pediatric Orthopedic Fellowship at Children's Hospital Medical Center.

He is Board Certified in Orthopedic Surgery and has offices in Brookline, Dedham and Haverhill where he practices his interest in sports medicine.



He has traveled as a Visiting Surgeon at Massina Hospital, Mumbai, Sancheti Hospital for Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation, and Lilavati Hospital in India. He's also a co-sponsor of the Mandi Charitable Clinic in the Himalayas.

Dr. Kapasi has written extensively on his research; has been on the Executive Committee at Faulkner Hospital; and was Chairman of Licensing, Massachusetts Board of Registration and Medicine. He has also been on several AAPI committees and is a member of the Ethics Committee of the American Board of Orthopedic Surgeons.

He is a Past President of IMANE and has also been a volunteer at the New Hope Free Health Clinic in Waltham. He's been named as a recipient of the Humanitarian Award from the International Himalayan Institute. He is also a nominee for the 2010 AAOS (American Academy of Orthopedic Surgery) Humanitarian Service Award and was selected for the AAPI Dedicated Service Award.

Dr. Kapasi is a poet and has been asked to read his poetry on many occasions and has been an invited member of the American Poet Laureate Society.

He lives in Newton and is married to Dr. Chander Kapasi. They have two children: a son Sameer, who is a physician living in Boston and a daughter Sameera, who is an attorney in Houston. He also has three grandsons.