



## Annual General Body Meeting

Rajdhani Mandir Chantilly, Virginia

Sunday December 14, 2025

Time: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

### Meeting Minutes

#### AGENDA

- Meeting Begins at 4 PM
- Secretary Calls for Quorum
- Invocation Song
- Elections
  - Election Committee presents the Rules and Regulations for the election
  - Election Committee Presents the candidates
  - Each Presidential candidate gets 2 minutes to talk
  - Voting begins (4:30 PM – 6 PM)
  - Counting begins after 6 PM
- Presentations
  - Year 2025 President's presentation
  - Year 2025 Treasurer Presentation
  - Year 2025 BOT Presentation
- Question and Answers
- Resolutions:
  - General Body Discussions
  - Light Dinner
- Election Results
  - KEC 2026 Introduction and Speech by incoming President
- Vote of Thanks

Election Officers: Sucheta Managoli, Girish Vasudeva, Haridas Lahari

Presenters: Rohini Banavar, Prathima Murthy, Madesh Basavaraju

Moderator: Nagashankar

Minutes Prepared by: Srikanta, Joint Secretary KEC 2025

Attendees: 250 Kaveri members (List with the first 50 attendees to be attached)

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 PM by the secretary Jyothi Mandya, after verifying that a quorum was present. She welcomed the members and talked about the success of all the events this year. Meeting began with an invocation song. Medhani Rajat was invited to sing the invocation song.

Jyothi mentioned that two candidates had applied for 2026 President position and invited Girish Vasudeva, one of the election officers, to provide election details.

Girish Vasudeva introduced both candidates for the President position –

1. Mohan Venkobdas who said 'I have been serving in Kaveri Committee for the last 5 years. I have worked at the front desk, handled finances, food, event management, and have a great team. We have an experienced team, and we would like to bring quality programs. We want to introduce pickle ball and book clubs for both adults and kids. We also would like to involve the next generation of Kaveri kids. Please vote for me.'

2. Somshekar Nanjunda who said 'Good luck, Mohan. Ninnea monnea inda thumba talea bisi, appi tappi gedbuttre a en madodu antha. I want to thank my family, Renuka, Shruthi, Saritha, and Kanth. I am not a talker. My name is Somashekhar Nanjunda. Born and raised in Kollegal, did Engineering in Shivamogga. I have lived in this area for the last 18 years. I have been coming to Kaveri for the past 4 to 5 years. I love teaching Kannada. I have shared my manifesto. If I can win and change 5%, that would be awesome. Everyone needs status quo. My campaign manifesto - We need to get next generation of kids. I have been watching for the past 4 to 5 years. We need some change. First love is mother tongue, but we need to encourage kannadigas who speak English. I have seen this in Vietnamese community and adopted from them.'

Girish thanked the candidates and laid out the election rules and regulations according to the Kaveri Constitution and bylaws. Voting eligibility was clarified by the election committee. The elections were conducted for the President position only and explained the voting procedure and that the duration of voting would be for 90 minutes.

There was a break of 20 minutes when people lined up and voting started. After that, Jyothi requested everyone to come and sit down for this year's presentation which was started by the President Rohini Banavar.

Rohini welcomed everyone and said 'A picture speaks a thousand words' and presented the 2025 highlights reel. She said there were 10 events this year and over 3k attended these events. She also mentioned there were 226 total memberships for 2025. She said 'Consistent feedback from the community on events was on time start. We started GBM also on time. Thank you, Kaveri Kutumba for helping us with this today. We communicated events well in advance with "save the dates" and shared ticket links ahead of time. Since we started events on time, food was also served on time, and we had a lot of help from volunteers. We got 3 quotes for every event from different places in DMV area and went with the best one. The KEC and volunteers worked hard to organize and execute Bale ele oota. We truly value the appreciation we got from the community about this. We had lot of sponsorships this year from inside and outside Kaveri. We thank all the sponsors. KCL - 10 teams participated and matches were conducted very well. MGM helped us organize and execute this event well. We put in a lot of effort to get quality programs this year. We also organized zoom meetings about college counselling, literature programs and about NRI services. Charitable donations for this year - 1. Literacy program for women and children in Karnataka through Rotary International. 2. Ashadayaka trust in Mysuru- rehabilitate slum children. 3. Anna Sudha 4. Kannada Kaliyona. KYC events - bake sale at all events, Earth Day celebrations and indoor games. Thank you again to our 2025 sponsors. Key take aways- 1. Monitor children at Kaveri events - parents need to monitor 2. Food or drinks are not allowed in the auditorium 3. Booking schools - book it in advance - tried to book MD schools this year and it was not easy. Thank you Slide - Thank you, committee and family members. I also want to thank my Kutumba Pramod, Manya and Krisha - Thank you to KYC, KK Shale, 2025 sponsors, extended committee. Thank you to volunteers- 'there is no Kaveri without you guys.'

Prakash Banavar suggested thanking committee on stage during Deepavali by BOT. Prathima Murthy - Treasurer - 2025 - presented 2025 financials. Madesh presented BOT financials - \$47K capital gains this year. Please see the AGM presentation slides for details.

Nagashankar was the moderator and provided floor rules.

Sanjay: Congratulations to KEC 2025 for an amazing year. 1. AKKA, RKS and Kaveri did AKKA in 2024. I looked at the Kaveri website and couldn't find any information. The memorandum had 40% of the revenue attributed to Kaveri. I also shared this with Rohini this week.

Rohini: I shared it with BOT chair and AKKA convener. AKKA Convener has forwarded the information to AKKA committee.' Sanjay said 'First, this is not good. It's been more than a year. BOT needs to follow up with AKKA. I request BOT to check with AKKA.

Madesh: Sanjay has not noticed but we don't upload financial statements to the website for the last 52 years. AKKA Financials are with an auditor, and we have requested an extension. We will upload as soon as it's available.

Sanjay: I want financials to be updated to GBM.' Madesh: We have uploaded the AKKA event details on Kaveri website. Sanjay: We don't have what Kaveri contributed in terms of registration, donations etc. Nothing has been shared with Kaveri. Please share how much Kaveri's contribution is. As per MOU, 40% of profits, Kaveri should get it.

Nagashankar: We submitted 6K lines to audit and got 80 questions. It's in audit.

Madesh: Kaveri needs to get 40% of the amount left.

NagaShankar: As per MOU, surplus amount should be donated to Charity. Please communicate with Kaveri BOT and AKKA BOT. Sanjay: Dissolve convention general body. BOT needs to follow up.

Ravi D- Simple question to President- Please explain how you managed the events on time and were able to manage the budget so well. Please explain to the next President. Girish: Please vote, 10 mins left for voting.

Sanjay: IRS showing 304K and here it is showing 298K for BOT. Please fix the issue. Prathima said will check and fix. Sanjay: India transactions are not in Schedule F. I am cautioning the treasurer. BOT and KEC are doing charities.

Nagashankar: Money is coming out of BOT funds.

Madesh: 25% of BOT gain should be donated. We had gained 40K, so we donated 10K. We are giving all the money within US.

Rohini: 2 charities in US, 1 in India. We want to help our town. Namma Ooru and namma deshakke madbeku.

Madesh said we are not aware of KEC charity.

Nagashankar: There is some confusion and BOT and KEC are not on same page.

Varada: You are cornering the president. Every president and committee wants to donate to whatever charity they believe in. We should focus and donate. There should be more charity work done.

Nagashankar: Please note KEC and BOT encouraged to discuss charity donations.

Srinivas Rao: I have been part of this committee. Thank you Rohini for the amazing job she did. She always stayed on the top of everything and motivates us to do great. Thank you Rohini, you should be proud.

Sunil Shambulingaigh: I don't know Kaveri by laws. The election officers should vote before all the others so there is no bias.

Madesh put in a floor resolution: At this Kaveri Annual General Body meeting, I hereby request that, going forward, any member intending to run for an office bearer position must have served as a KEC member for at least one year within the immediate past three years. To enforce this requirement, the constitution bylaws will need to be amended. Therefore, I request the AGM to approve formation of a constitution review committee to study the feasibility, impact, and the benefits of the proposed change. If found feasible, the amendment may be presented for approval at a special general body meeting by next Yugadi. Nagashankar: This is a bylaw amendment. If General body approves it, BOT will form a committee to explore this.

Rohini: Just to understand, a committee will be formed to amend the constitution?

Somashekhar: It will become very difficult for new ideas. It won't be democratic. I am against this one.

Subodh: I am thinking about this question. If you want the same thing to continue, they could have added in the constitution. We need openness and that's how the American constitution works.

Pramod: I agree on contesting elections - Every year they are sending a nomination for president. It's good idea to serve on the committee first. It's ok for someone to contest. However, it is not a bad suggestion to serve in the committee before applying for office bearer. You won't be able to make changes in one year. There are basic requirements even for US president.

Kumar: I disagree with the resolution. We need new ideas. I was on the executive committee for 5 years. Last 3 years only should not be the criteria. My opinion: case by case basis we need to evaluate. There are only 20 families serving on the committee for the last 10 years.

Madesh: Form a committee and discuss all these issues with the committee. I request general body to form a committee.'

Varada: Madesh, we have discussed this 5 times. My first year was 2001. From 2001 to 2025 Kaveri is running well. A new person must garner support to win elections, and it is not easy. The fact is that we have open forum and we must respect it. There is a process to change the bylaws. I can come and share my thoughts but it's all about hard work. Every time we talk about elections vs serving the community. Please vote yes or no for the committee formation.

Ravi: All ideas are good. Logic question - It's easy to suggest ideas to the committee and you need not be on the committee.

Nagashankar: Yes, you can email president.

Prakash – When there is contest for president, they must wait till they win the elections, they should not put committee members in their campaign.

Naga Shankar: There are no other contestants for other positions and they can use it.

Meena Rao: Please repeat the resolution.

Nagashankar: There is a wish that Madesh has expressed. We will consider the purpose. Please make an amendment to the bylaws of the constitution.

There was voting by raising hands for yes and no.

Nagashankar: 56 yes; No - 15 - resolution has been passed. Madesh proposed resolution has been approved and Mahesh Mahadev seconded it.

Madesh: 2 people go out of BOT, every year and 2 people will come in. This is my last year. Savitha Rao will go out. Thank you to BOT team. KEC has requested nominations. Two past presidents are the new BOT members for 2026. Satish Belagutti and Mani Srinivas. Please support the new members.

Satish: I accept this position. We will work together. Thank you.

Mahesh: One observation – Every event started on time this year which has not happened in the past. KEC and BOT donation - It's all one team. Why does KEC have to donate 4K. Event fees could have been reduced.

Rohini: For a few years we follow this for event fees-Local artist is \$20 and international artist is \$25. The only difference was VIP tickets for Ganesha and Yugadi. Rahul Vellal and Chandru are international artists. We received complaints about noise from kids (talking and watching videos on phone or iPad without headphones) and we kept VIP as an option for people who want to enjoy the program without any disturbances.

Prathima: If we reduce prices, it will be difficult for future events

Sanjay: Deepavali event fees was same for member and nonmember this year. People ask Why do I need to become a member.

Sri: It is very difficult to manage the money.

Madesh: Why KEC has not communicated to BOT on charity

Rohini: It felt like one voice of President against 6 in the BOT meetings.

Nagashankar: Take this as a suggestion for next year's committee

Mahesh: Please be clear the communication on life members/annual members voting.

Varada: Please share the constitution committee updates with the community (regular updates). The subcommittee also needs to discuss charity donations.

Rohini: I will call election officers to announce results. No questions are allowed once they introduce 2026 committee

Haridas: 197 people have voted. We need two executive committee members to volunteer for next year. Any floor nomination. Chandrika Puranik. Congratulations. Majority vote yes. Second executive committee member - Harish Kulkarni. GBM approved both.

Sucheta: Thank you to all Kaveri members for voting. Both the candidates did a good job in campaigning. Thank you, everyone. One must win and one must lose. Please take it in good spirits. Mohan Venkobdas won the election. Girish will announce the slate. I request 2026 committee to come on stage.

Girish: Shekar, I really appreciate your vision. Please continue to support KEC and volunteer for KK Shale

I am introducing 2026 committee –

Auditor- Ramakrishna Bhatta

KYC coordinators- Divya Krupakar and Mamatha Rao

KEC MEMBERS- Chandrika Puranik, Harish Kulkarni, Kota Gopalkrishna, Deepak Potdar, Srinivas Anand Rao, Subbu Karanth

Joint Treasurer- Bindu Gururaj

Treasurer - Kiran Chinivar

Joint Secretary- Sowmya Vinay

Secretary- Prathima Murthy

Vice President -Jyothi Mandya

President - Mohan Venkobdas

Haridas: We will support you.

Sucheta: Good mix of men and women

Mohan Venkobdas: Thank you for supporting me and our team. Congratulations to Shekar. You gave us good ideas. Kaveri will be enriched with your suggestions. Thank you everyone for your support. We will bring good programs. The team has good experience. They all have Seva manobhavane. We need your support. Thank you.

Jyothi thanked everyone for coming in this cold and voting. Please drive safely. Good night

AGM 2025 was adjourned at 6 50 PM.