

FUTURE OF AMDAANA Task Force (TF I)
Executive Summary
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The FUTURE OF AMDAANA Task Force (TF I) believes that a **master plan**, which includes the following element and is executed with sincerity and perseverance, will revitalize AMDAANA into a progressive organization, which will have a strong impact on the future graduates of Medical and Dental Colleges, Amritsar, India.

1. Make a concerted effort to **recruit new members**, especially those who graduated in the 1980s, 1990s and later.
2. **Minimize/eliminate politics** and improve the atmosphere of annual general body meetings by **attempting to avoid elections through consensus**.
3. Establish immediately a **task force to work aggressively with Medical and Dental Colleges**, Amritsar, India for their betterment through a well thought out master plan.
4. Improve communications with the membership through establishing an **interactive web site** and frequent **e-mail** communications.
5. **Improve attendance at annual general body meeting** through **reducing the cost** of meals and negotiation with resorts well ahead of the meeting, **inviting residents/fellows and younger physicians to attend AMDAANA meetings cost-free or at subsidized rates** and **acknowledge** and actively **welcome** first time attendees/ younger graduates.

Appendix

The Task Force recognizes that all of above recommendations cannot be executed by the Executive Council alone since it is also responsible for day to day running of the organization. We, therefore, recommend the following structure/plan to accomplish the variegated tasks recommended here in.

- I. The following tasks would be best handled by the Executive Council:
 1. Invitation and selection of residents/young physicians to attend annual AMDAANA meeting free/at subsidized rates.
 2. Development of the web page.
 3. Appointing a class reunion director from within its ranks to supervise and sponsor class reunions and facilitate interactions between AMDAANA Executive Council and the classes celebrating reunion that year.

II. The following tasks would be best handled by special committees/task force:

1. A task force to deal with Medical and Dental Colleges, Amritsar, India. Recommend 5 members with a tenure of 3-5 years.
2. A membership committee to focus on enrolling younger members. Recommend 3 members with a tenure of 2-3 years. One member of Executive Council will be its ex-officio member.
3. A welcome and reception committee to welcome and recognize youngsters, and first time and overseas attendees at the annual AMDAANA meetings. Recommend 3 members with a tenure of 2-3 years. One member of Executive Council will be its ex-officio member.

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