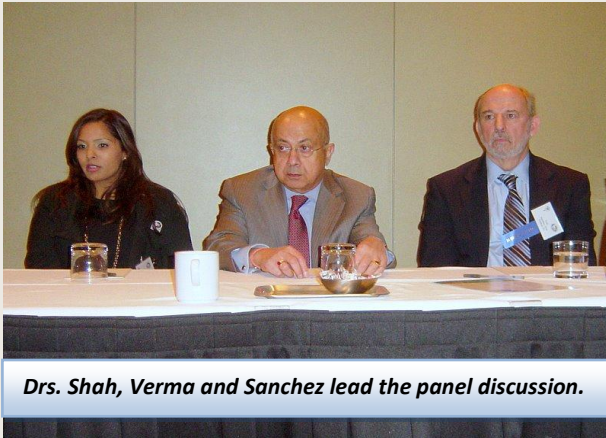




## INDIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW ENGLAND

April, 2009

### Message from the President



I am pleased to report that by all accounts, the Joint IMANE/AAPI Governing Body Meeting on April 10 – 12, 2009 at the Marriott Renaissance Boson Waterfront Hotel was a resounding success. IMANE and AAPI attendees all gave high marks for the format, content, ambience and food provided throughout the range of special events.

The weekend began with a very well-attended dinner Friday evening at the hotel. Dr. Passey and I joined over 50 AAPI guests from around the country for a delicious meal in a pleasant, modern décor setting.

The Saturday Continuing Medical Educational conference was also high class. The format of three speakers followed by a panel discussion was well-received by participants. In fact, attendees gave a combined average of 4.86 out of a possible 5 on their evaluation sheets, and 98 % stated that all objectives were met. Further, while IMANE participants attended the CME sessions (along with some AAPI members), the AAPI Governing Body members concurrently gathered for their formal meeting in the morning and afternoon.

Lunch was a combined IMANE/AAPI affair with over 90 members attending. Dr. Chander Kapasi was awarded the 2008 IMANE Community Service Award by Dr. Sanku Rao, President of AAPI.

The finale of the weekend was the Dinner Cruise with music on Saturday evening. We had exclusive use of the entire third level of the Spirit of Boston, which provided a wonderful opportunity for members of both IMANE and AAPI to mingle and get to know each other in this informal and very hospitable setting with no speeches!

While the entire weekend of activities came at a significant expense, I am happy to report that with income from a combination of advertisements, exhibitors, sponsors, and payment for CME credits, we incredibly may come out slightly ahead.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our IMANE members who attended for supporting this very special event. The active role of our membership is crucial to achieving our mission. I believe that IMANE's stature within our national body is significantly enhanced after two successful joint meetings within the past four months, and I look forward to continuing to partner with AAPI and other local and national organizations as we continue to be successful in all our efforts.

--Nasir A. Khan, MD

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2009

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## News Briefs

April, 2009

□ The **AAPI Elections** – The results were disappointing for the two IMANE endorsed candidates running for the position of Vice President and Board of Trustees. The new officers will assume duties at the AAPI Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida June 10 – 14, 2009. The official results have not yet been announced.

□ **Dr. Apurv Gupta** was a recipient of the **American Medical Association Foundation's 2009 Leadership Award**. The award provides medical students, residents/fellows and early career physicians from around the country special training to develop skills as future leaders in organized medicine and community affairs. The AMA Foundation honored 30 individuals at its Excellence in Medicine Awards Ceremony in March 2009 in Washington, DC in association with Pfizer, Inc.

□ I joined several EC members in attending a gathering at Dr. Gupta's home to hear about the **Akshaya Patra USA: Food for Education**. The mission of Akshaya Patra is to alleviate hunger and offer education by providing free school lunches to underserved children attending government schools and government-assisted schools. A talk by its US President Madhu Sridhas was most uplifting and reinforced the importance of this endeavor.

□ **Dr. Bhanu Gandhi** resigned as **Treasurer of IMANE** due to ill health. Dr. Geeta Trivedi, President-Elect and former Treasurer of IMANE has agreed to assume the Treasurer's responsibilities pro term, assisted by Dr. Manorama Mathur, also a former Treasurer.

□ I will appoint **Sucheta Doshi, Immediate past YPS Representative** to **IMANE's Executive Committee**. She had shown enthusiasm and drive with her YPS position and her talents will be welcome on the EC.

□ I have been working with **Dr. Arun Chaudhary, updating IMANE's website**. This is an ongoing project, and Dr. Chaudhary's skills are most welcome. We have several ideas which we will discuss at the next EC meeting to make the webpage more interactive and beneficial to IMANE members and nonmembers.

**REMINDER TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**  
***The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Wed., May 13 at 6 p.m. at MMS. Agenda to follow.***

April, 2009



## **Profile: Dr. Apurv Gupta, Board of Trustees Member**

Dr. Gupta has had an illustrative professional and personal career. He was graduated from Brown University, obtained his MPH from the Harvard School of Public Health and his MD from Brown University in 1994. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital and was the Associate Medical Director, Disease Management, for the BI Deaconess Physicians Organization. He subsequently became the Medical Director of the Hospitalist Program at Caritas Norwood Hospital for almost 7 years, before becoming Interim Vice President of Medical Affairs there.

Throughout his career, Dr. Gupta has shown an entrepreneurial spirit. He was Founder and CEO of MDplanet, a technology company working with health care organizations, Founder of Hospitalist Partners, LLC, and is currently Principle of Atria BPH, a health care consulting group.

Dr. Gupta has been involved in many social organizations. He is currently Co-Chair, Boston Chapter of Akshaya Patra; former President of IMANE, and currently a Trustee; and a patron member of AAPI. He has received many accolades, most recently the AMA Foundation Leadership Award in 2009. Dr. Gupta lives in Barrington, RI, with his wife and two children.

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## **Profile: Dr. Arun Chaudhary, Secretary of IMANE's Executive Committee**

Dr. Chaudhary graduated from King George Medical College, Lucknow, India. He came to the U.S. in 1997 and finished his residency in Internal Medicine from Flushing Hospital, NY, followed by a Fellowship in Geriatrics in Hawaii. He also obtained a Master's in Public Health from the University of Hawaii. He then returned to the East Coast and currently works as a Hospitalist at Youville Hospital and Rehabilitation Center in Cambridge. He is Board Certified in Internal Medicine.

Dr. Chaudhary has considerable computer programming skills and developed MDLog application ([www.mdlog.us](http://www.mdlog.us)). MDLog is a logical, intuitive, web-based unique HIPPA compliant medical charting system developed entirely for active clinical settings. It is cost-effective and user-friendly and is in use at Youville Hospital.

Dr. Chaudhary lives with his wife and three children in Andover, MA.

