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Part - II Date & Time: Jan. 21, 2012 6.35 PM 895 Edgewater Drive, Lexington KY 40502-3159

Chair: The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Dr. Desai.

Attendance: Chair, Dr. N. Desai, Directors Dr. S. Saha, Dr. D. Sudharshan, Dr. N. Vengu & Dr. M. S. Viji Invited Guests: Mrs. Nalini Sudharshan, Mrs. Jayanthy Venguswamy, Mrs. Kanaka Venugopal and Mrs. Sowmya Vijayaraghavan participated in the discussions.

New Board Member: Dr. N. Venguswamy was welcomed to the Board and his acceptance letter was received.

Last Meeting: Minutes of the last Board Meting was circulated, discussed and passed unanimously without any alterations or corrections.

Structure: The current set up of the Foundation, the various councils, committees, etc. were presented and also the registered vounteers, institutional partners, beneficiary memebrs, etc. reviewed.

**2011 Financial Reports:** The unaudited financial report as of Dec. 31, 2011 was presented and discussed. The same was accepted by the Board without any changes. Future funding will be based on sp-ecific projects and appropriate planning will be undertaken to raise required funds, per project design.

**Reaching Out:** Several charitable foundations, generous individuals, and organizations will be contacted, with suitable proposals, based on the demand and the availability of funds from organizations who focus on those areas. (i.e. Healthcare. Education, Poverty alleviation, Rural development, Veterans' care, etc.)

**Endowment:** The offer to set up the 'M R Srinivasan Education Endowment; with a pledge of \$ 100,000 was reviewed asnd accepted by the Board. Already about \$ 10,300 of this has been received in 2011 and the funds are being used ins etting up several Tele-Ed network in a number of p-oor and rural schools and orphanages in India. With additional funds coming in this year, shall plan about 40 to 50 locations set up in 2012 itself.

Active programs: Current programs such as (i) OPERATION: IGNITING MINDS (ii) Tele-Med network for AAPI, etc. (iii) possible ways to expand, implement these and (iv) some of the practical difficulties in executing and maintaining them were discussed. Importance of setting up a few pilot programs – about 10 locations for Tele-Ed network was considered suitable. Possible course content (K-12 curriculam based), skill development and knowledge programs along with sharing readily available open-source programs were considered. Will gain further info and experience in several practical aspects once the first ones are set up.

**Five year plan:** The goal is to set up a wide Tele-Ed network inb over 50,000 locations in several countries, within the next five years, based on suitable funding. Several vendors of hardware are being contacted to offer free or subsidized rates for the required items. Many more will be contacted as we move forward.

**Digital Library:** An online library of large amount of course materials and interactive, multi-media based learning programs were considered. Will contact other free online education providers to collaborate, if mutually acceptable. Will also hope to bring out programs in as many languages as possible, to reach out to every part of the world. May seek the help of several vounteers who are proficient in a number of languages to achieve this.

**Next Borad meeting:** Tentatively planned for July, 20, 2012. Will confirm the date, venue, time, etc. after contacting the Board members closer to the date.

With no further items for discussion, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7.15 PM.

Submitted for review by:	)
M S Viji MD, President	Jan. 22, 2012
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Dr. Nirmala Desai, Chair, Board of Directors	