MMA ByLaws Revision

These are exciting times for the Maharashtra Mandal of Atlanta (MMA) community. We celebrated 25th Anniversary in 2010, a major milestone!

We all have great reasons to beam with pride on our past achievements and be optimistic about the opportunities. MMA is today a hallmark organization in the North American Maharashtrian diaspora as well as in the Atlanta Indian community. We anticipate a bright outlook for our organization and our future generations.

Strong leadership, community bonds, personal relations, trust, Maharashtrian values, and above all the continued support from all the members and well-wishers has helped us get to where we are today.

We find ourselves at a turning point in our journey. Our community and demographics have changed and our needs are in transition. Hence, as per the approval by the General Body on April 30th (Gudhi Padwa), the 2011 MMA Executive Committee and Trustees have revised the current MMA bylaws. Collectively, the team has spent over 600 hours in the past 3-4 months to accomplish this task. The revised document has also been reviewed by recognized attorney's.

We are happy to inform you that the revised bylaws were finally approved during the General Body meeting on September 10th, during the Sarvajanik Ganeshotsav.

The revised bylaws will serve the following purpose:

a) Help guide us through the coming years
b) To avoid potential risks/issues
c) Protect our community interest in the short and long-term

Link to the revised bylaws:

http://www.mmatlanta.org/MMA_By_Laws_Final.pdf

The following list summarizes the key highlights of the revised bylaws:

1) Added MMA Logo and Mission Statement
2) Defined long-term Strategic Initiatives
3) Improved Guidelines for Fiscal Responsibilities & Reporting
4) Clarity in Duties, Roles & Responsibilities for Executive Committee and Trustees
5) Clarity in Membership Categories
6) Data Privacy & Membership Confidentiality
7) Defined Communication Means & Standards
8) Risk Management & Mitigation
9) Defined Code of Conduct & Ethical Guidelines.
10) Defined Transition and Hand-off Processes.