



Seattle Maharashtra Mandal

# Annual General Body Meeting 2021

DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

# Agenda

- ▶ Reflecting on the year gone by
- ▶ SMM Board of Trustee Updates
- ▶ Finance Updates
- ▶ 2022 Board of Trustees Nominations
- ▶ 2022 Executive Committee Nominations
- ▶ By-laws Amendment Proposals
- ▶ Questions & Answers



# Executive Committee 2021



Shrikant Patil  
President



Savita More  
Vice President



Trupti Raut  
Treasurer



Radhika Sadistap  
Secretary



Manasi Upasani,  
Membership



Gayatri Kashelkar-  
Hardikar, Programming



Varsha Salgaonkar  
Food



Prachi Joshi  
Decorations



Rakesh Joshi,  
Webmaster/Audio



Anant Misal  
Programming



January 2021

SMM संक्रांत वाण



Drive-through Sankrant Vaan  
distribution

Photo-booth

Ordered Kalhiraay from  
Chirmule aajoba in Pune





January 2021



दर्जेदार Online event

Partnership with Kallol Entertainment

1<sup>st</sup> paid online event since Covid

Telecast live from Mumbai studio

Very good feedback from participants





**Seattle Maharashtra  
Mandal**

## ONLINE KITE MAKING EVENT

चला, सारे एकत्र मिळून तयार करूया  
संक्रांतीसाठी खास पतंग.

तारीख- ३० जानेवारी, २०२१  
वेळ- संध्याकाळी ६ ते ७ (PST)

फक्त सभासदांसाठी.

**Please register here**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfoW9gI5PisHnLiVtWo2p-sVIOoY5aC39IIB8nXdu8i9IPBww/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfoW9gI5PisHnLiVtWo2p-sVIOoY5aC39IIB8nXdu8i9IPBww/viewform?usp=sf_link)



Online kite-making

Families joined the event

Cultural connection, through  
online event and fun activity

Conducted by Radhika  
Sadistap

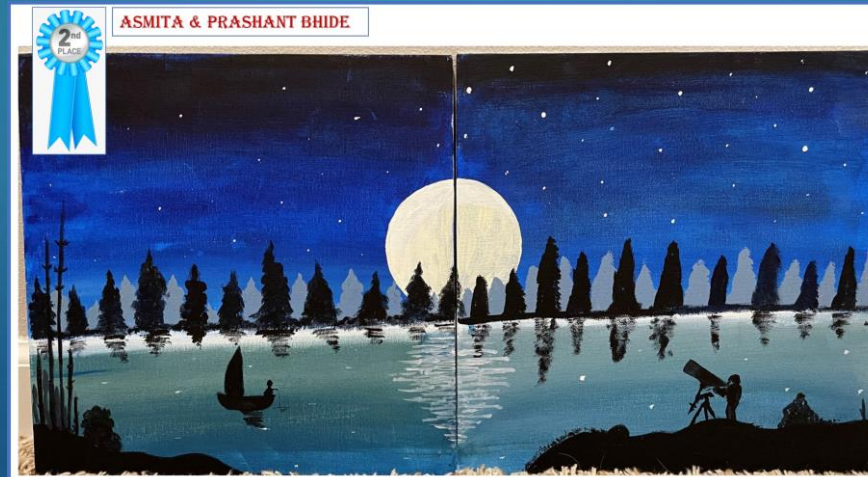
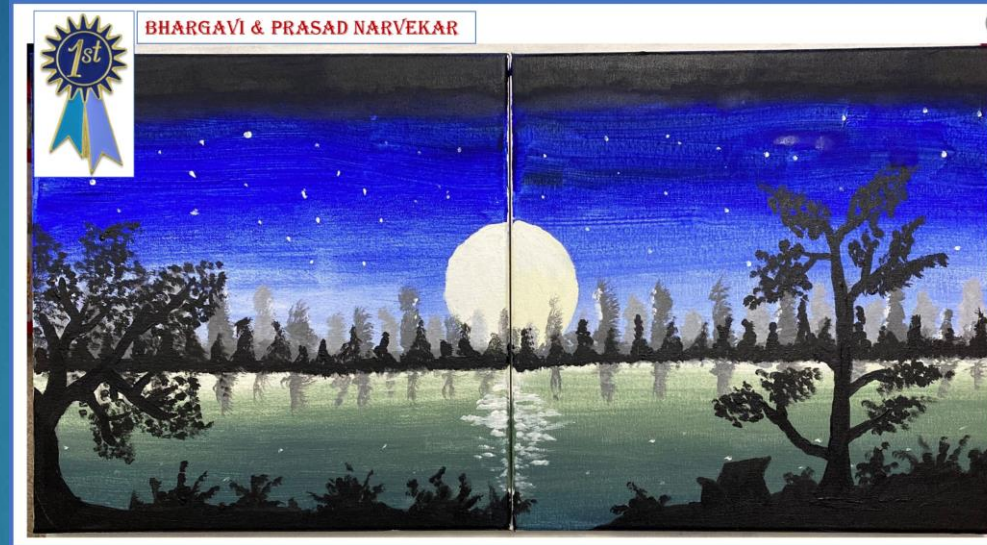


February 2021

## Online Painting

Event conducted by  
**Mayur Kadu**, Seattle  
resident now moved to  
Atlanta

Innovative event, where  
couples paint following  
instructions from Mayur





March 2021



लवकरच चालू  
होत आहे ...

'मराठी भाषा दिनानिमित्त' विशेष कार्यक्रम...

**'देणे कुसुमाग्रजांचे'**

कवी, लेखक, नाटककार, समीक्षक

वि. वा. शिरवाडकर उर्फ 'कुसुमाग्रज'

यांचा जन्मदिवस संपूर्ण जगभरात

'मराठी भाषा दिवस' म्हणून साजरा केला जातो

याच दिवसाचे औचित्य साधून घेऊन येत आहोत...

कुसुमाग्रजांच्या कविता आणि साहित्यावरील अभिवाचनाचा अनोखा कार्यक्रम!



मराठी भाषा दिनानिमित्त

Local artists, performed  
online

कविता, गाणी आणि  
अभिवाचन

Nivedan and  
coordination by Gayatri  
Hardikar





April/May 2021



Hosted by BMM  
(online)

Decent response



Supposed to be  
Live telecast from  
India

**Cancelled** due to  
2<sup>nd</sup> Covid wave in  
India



Gudhi padava –  
pictures and  
posted video

Video created by  
Manasi Upasani




चैत्राची सोनेरी पहाट,  
नव्या स्वप्नांची नवी  
लाट,  
नवा आरंभ, नवा  
विश्वास,  
नव्या वर्षाची हीच  
तर  
खरी सुरवात...

गुढी पाडव्याच्या  
हार्दिक शुभेच्छा!








# गुजगोष्ठी

LET'S CHAT ABOUT LIFE IN  
A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD


**SUNDAY, JUNE 27TH, 2021 : 6 PM PST**

Send us your questions for the speakers

## Speakers



Dr. Nitin Karnik is a psychiatrist with over 35 years of experience. He has worked in the US and UK, and focuses on both inpatient and outpatient care.



Dr. Aparna Raote is a psychiatrist in New Jersey. She operates a private practice and has over 13 years of experience.

Online discussion  
with two well-known  
psychologists/psychi  
atrists

Very helpful, during  
2<sup>nd</sup> wave of Covid in  
India

Social awareness  
and helping  
community

Hosted by Siddhie  
Patil



July



1<sup>st</sup> in-person event of the year

Packaged food, following Covid rules

पथनाट्य सादरीकरण, composed/directed  
by Trupti Raut. Script by Gayatri

महाराष्ट्रीयन खेळ



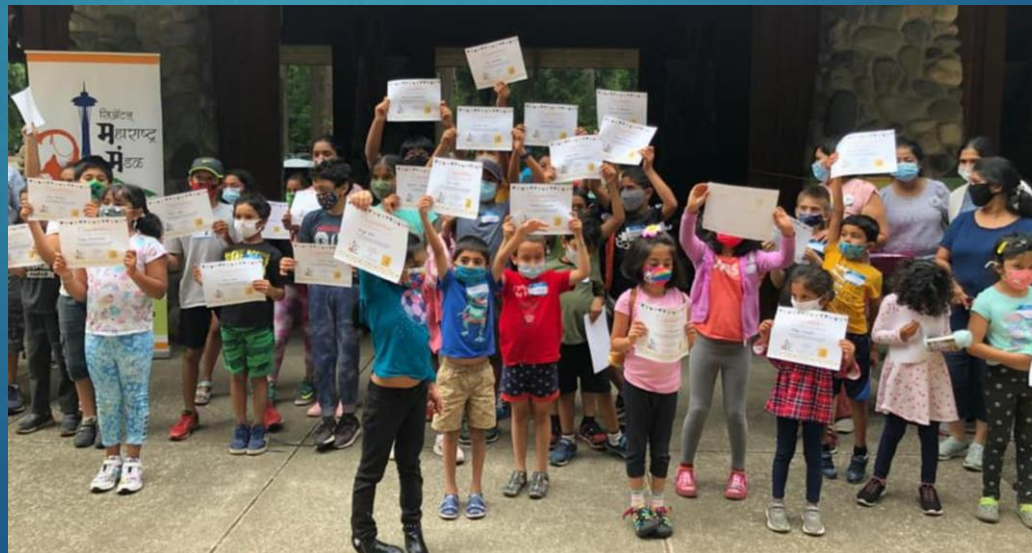
July

Outdoor day camp

In partnership with Savangadi

Science experiments

महाराष्ट्रीयन खेळ





August

मंगळगौर



First time, we started new tradition with SMM

Opportunity for many women to attend Mangalagaur for first time, memorable

Traditional games

Host: Trupti Raut





September



गणेशोत्सव  
२०२१



भव्य मिरवणूक - ढोल ताशा  
लेझीम

Venue – outdoor tent in  
Veda Temple

Packaged food, sold-out  
Hast-kala exhibit







Faral from Chitale  
Utane  
Kalnirnay

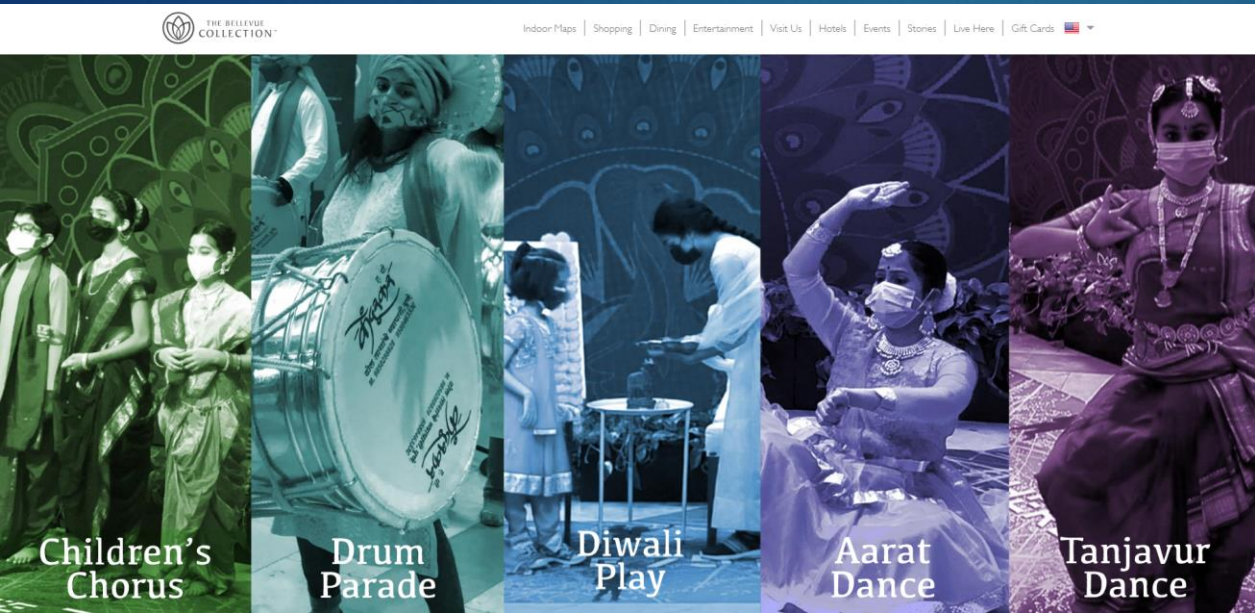
Distributed at  
multiple locations  
**before** Diwali



November 2021

# DIWALI CELEBRATION

At Bellevue Square Mall



Indoor performances

Rangolis

Hastakala exhibit and traditional dressing



November 2021

दिवाळी पहाट - २०२१

लोकप्रिय गीतांचा सुरेल नजराणा



Indoor performance with local artists

Huge response from community

Food ordered from local community businesses

Early bird membership started

Coordination and script- Gayatri Hardikar

Nivedan – Trupti Raut



# विशेष आभार

Pravin Kairamkonda

Spouses of EC members

SMM Community and  
Volunteers





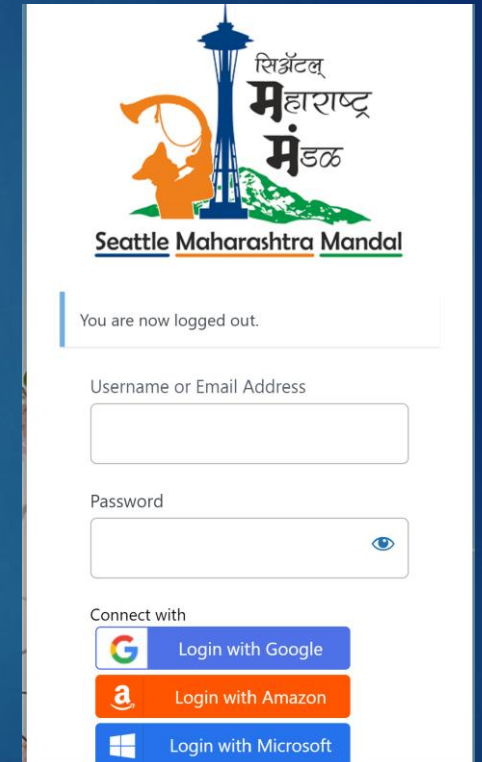
# Membership Details

Membership Type	Count
Individual	72
Couple	150
Family	285
<b>Total</b>	<b>507</b>

Early-bird started at Diwali event

Improved membership experience

Future potential to build on this



The screenshot shows the login interface for the Seattle Maharashtra Mandal. At the top is the organization's logo, which includes a stylized orange figure and a blue tower, with the text 'सिड्नेटल् महाराष्ट्र मंडळ' in Devanagari script and 'Seattle Maharashtra Mandal' in English below it. A message states 'You are now logged out.' Below this are input fields for 'Username or Email Address' and 'Password'. At the bottom, there are three social login buttons: 'Login with Google', 'Login with Amazon', and 'Login with Microsoft'.





Comments/  
Update from  
BOT's

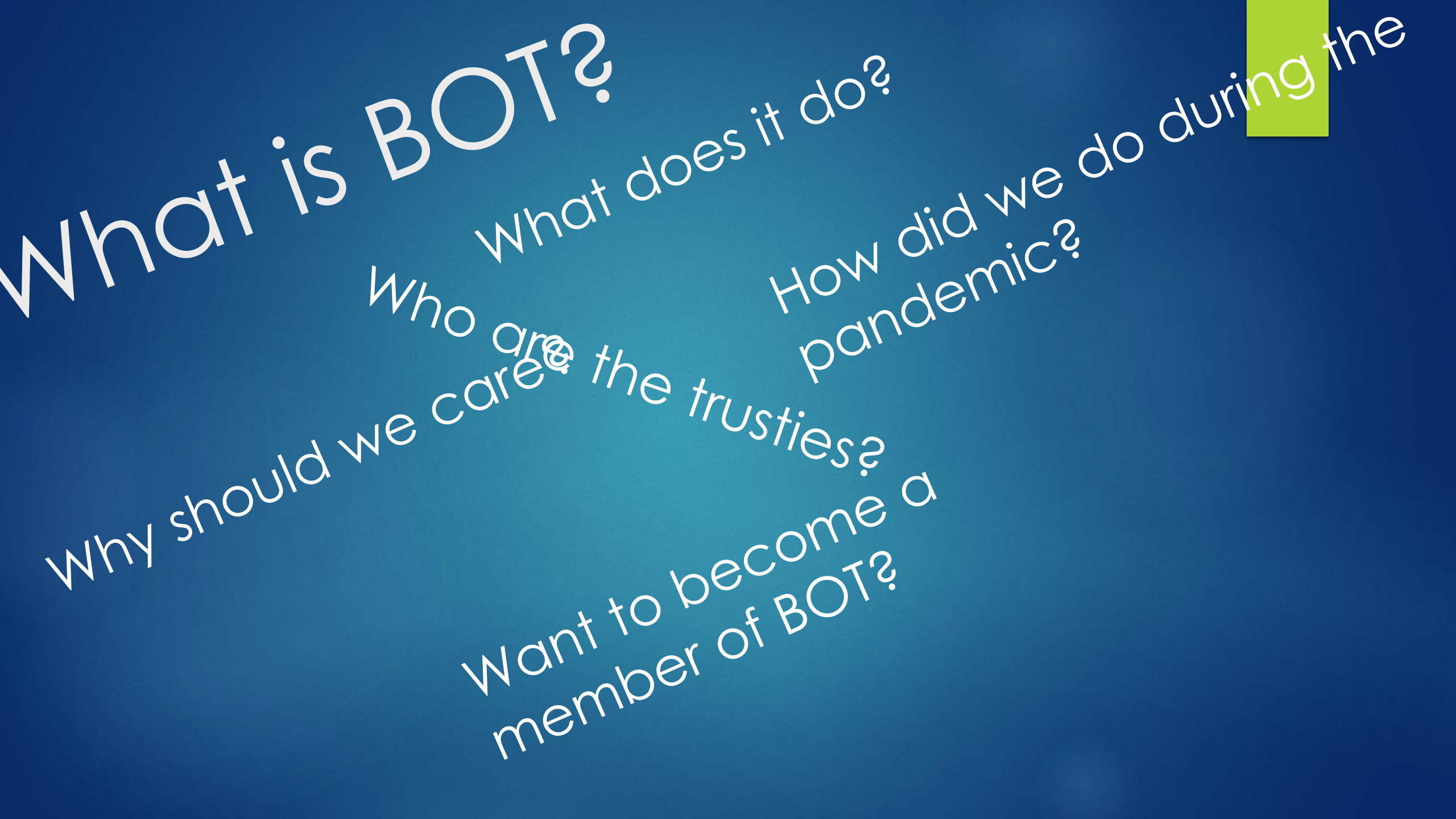


# Board Of Trustees (BoT)

- ▶ Arun Nisargand
- ▶ Vikas Patwardhan
- ▶ Kaivalya Hanswadkar







What is BOT?

What does it do?

Who are the trustees?

How did we do during the pandemic?

Why should we care?

Want to become a member of BOT?



# Charter and Objectives of Board of Trustees

## Objectives

In order to take SMM to the next level, we needed another body who could focus on long term and set some standardized operational/policy guidance given each EC finds itself super busy with organizing events year round

- ▶ BOT provides continuity across multiple EC
- ▶ BOT focuses on long term policies and projects while EC focuses on running and expanding well established annual calendar of events

## Key points from By-laws

- ▶ Accountable to the General Body of the SMM.
- ▶ Trustees have fiduciary responsibilities – act in the best interest of SMM, provide guidance to EC for the same end goal
- ▶ Manage SMM's general funds in a responsible manner and disburse seed funds to the Executive Committee if needed for special projects and events



# How was 2021 for SMM....

- ▶ Great
- ▶ Generally for the BOT , “no news is good news”
  - ▶ We did have some differences in opinions and viewpoints
  - ▶ But nothing out of the ordinary
  - ▶ Or anything that will cripple our SMM
- ▶ Consensus and following the “Golden Rule” are a key
- ▶ Our membership has grown
  - ▶ But it will have its own challenges
  - ▶ Where do we take SMM from here
- ▶ Let us not forget the local community
- ▶ Our finances are in a good shape
  - ▶ Need to remind ourselves that we are a non-profit organization



# Board of Trustees for 2022

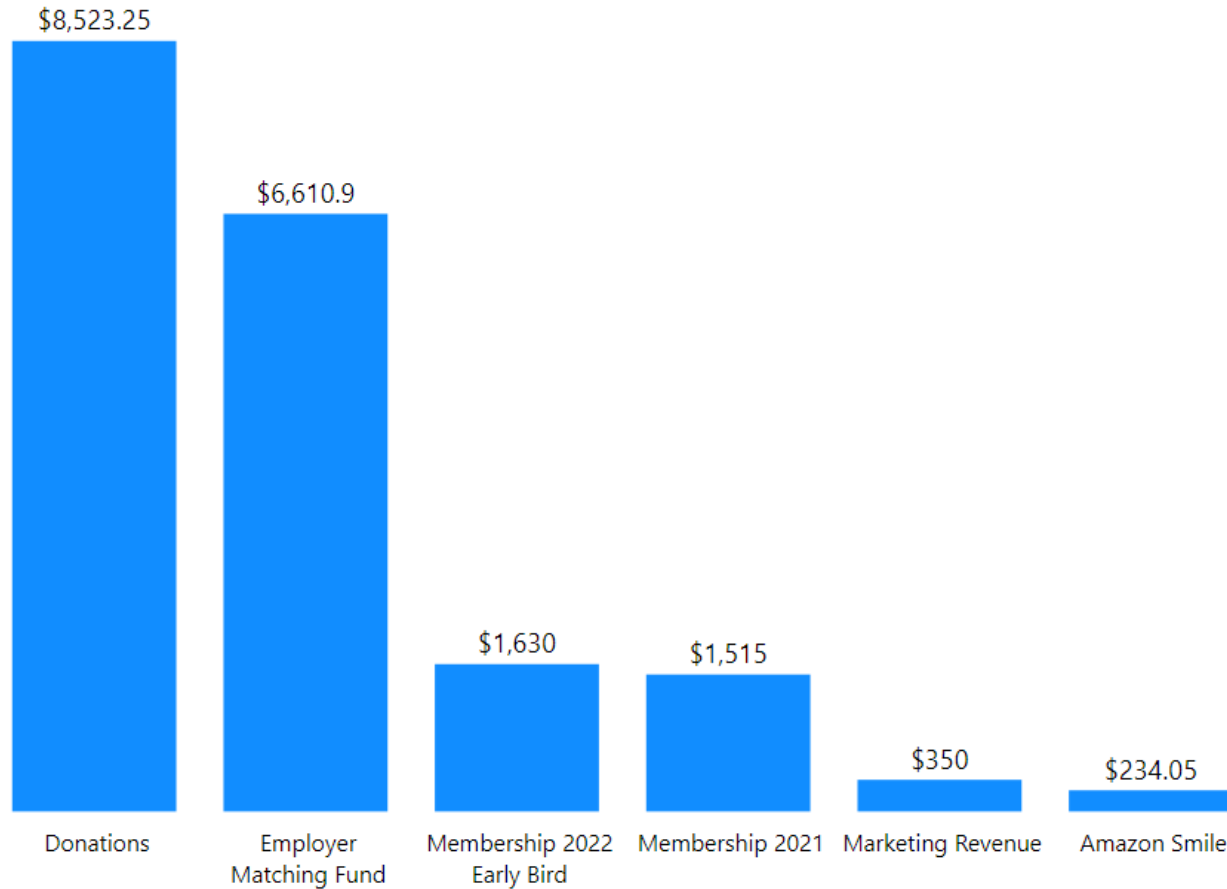
- ▶ SMM has 3 BOT positions
  - ▶ Each having a three year term
  - ▶ Commenced as 1, 2 and 3 year terms to keep continuity of experience
- ▶ Due to the pandemic constraints the BOT terms were extended by one year
- ▶ One BOT position, that of Arun Nisargand, opens for 2022
  - ▶ Kaivalya and Vikas will open in till 2023 and 2024 respectively
- ▶ The 2022 BOT open position will be filled today





# Year 2021 Finance Update

# Membership and Donations 2021

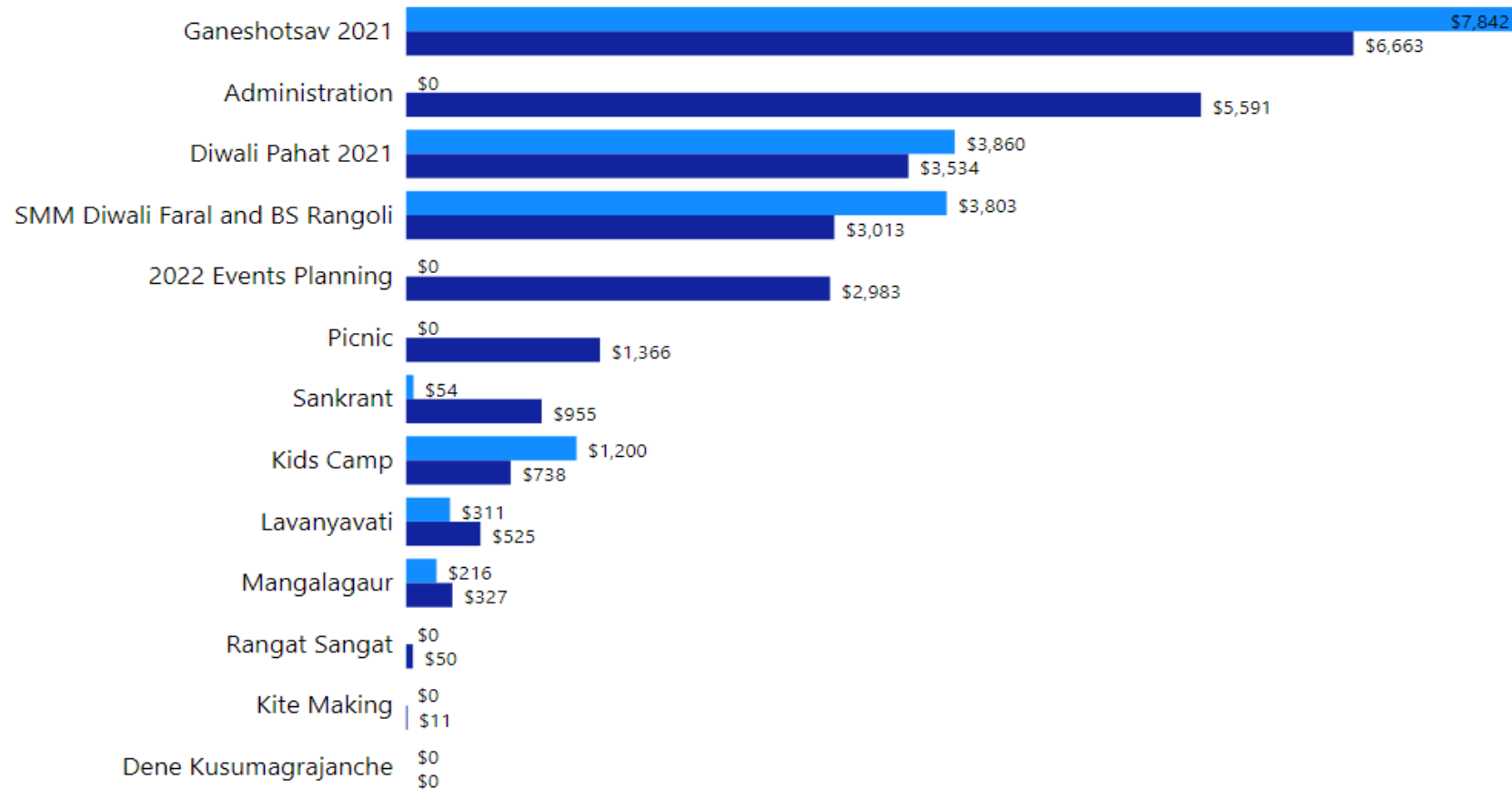


Details	Amount
Membership 2021	\$ 1,515.00
Membership 2022 Early Bird	\$ 1,630.00
Donations	\$ 8,523.25
Marketing Revenue	\$ 350.00
Amazon Smile	\$ 234.05
Employer Matching Fund	\$ 6,610.90
Total	\$ 15,363.20



# Cash Flow - Programs 2021

● Income ● Expenses





Nominations  
Received for Board  
of Trustees



# Nominations received for BoT

- ▶ Kailas Bhoite
- ▶ Meghana Paranjape



Nominations  
Received for 2022 EC



# Nominations received for 2022 EC

## **Current nominations**

- ▶ Ambar Rasal
- ▶ Manasi Upasani
- ▶ Prasad Vyawahare
- ▶ Savita More
- ▶ Venuka Bonde
- ▶ Amit Doiphode
- ▶ Amol Lokhande
- ▶ Arti Pundikar
- ▶ Khushboo Potdar
- ▶ Aarti Gokhale
- ▶ Shama Ranganekar
- ▶ Sayali Sukhtankar



## By-laws Amendment Proposals



# Proposal-1

- ▶ Part-1: Membership renewal/expiry should be 1 year from membership date. Lots of members take membership in the middle of the year. So they don't realize full benefits, as it expires on 31st Dec. Also many members defer to take membership to new year, and may forget. This is loss to SMM. With automation of membership process, it should be easier to manage memberships 1 year from renewal date - *rejected*
- ▶ Part-2: BoT responsibility for EC transition - not always the transition from one EC to another EC happens as expected. BoT should take active role in managing the transition and specifically storage and SMM assets. If some assets are lost/unreported by current EC, new EC is not typically aware of that and results in loss to SMM assets year over year. – *procedural and doesn't need in by-laws. There is agreement in this approach.*

# Proposal-2

- ▶ Part-1: BOTs own and carry the responsibility of updating the bylaws with the changes voted and approved during AGBM. -

- ▶ Part-2: Since 2018, some bylaws were approved and yet are not reflected in the formal bylaws document.

The suggested change is - BOTs ensure if previously passed amendments should also be included in the latest bylaws. Ideally, this situation would not arise if the above-suggested amendment 1 is adhered to and implemented without fail.

*Have to be address by March 31<sup>st</sup>*

- ▶ Part-3: EC nominees should attend the AGBM. If not attended, they will not be part of the EC during AGBM. The new EC can elect and induct new EC members as per the requirement.



# Proposal-3

- ▶ Article III Membership Revise the title as follows:  
Article III Membership and Meetings

Add item 5.

- ▶ 5. AGBM, Executive Committee and other Seattle Maharashtra Mandal meetings will generally be held in-person. But to allow for unforeseen circumstances such as inclement weather, restrictions on in-person gatherings, unavailability of meeting venues, Seattle Maharashtra Meetings can be held online to allow for remote participation and decision making.

# Proposal-4

- ▶ “Authorize the Seattle Maharashtra Mandal Board of Trustees to invest certain portion of the funds, excluding those needed for the annual operation of the Mandal, in low risk (60-40 stocks/bonds), no-fee, reputable mutual funds for achieving a better return on Seattle Maharashtra Mandal funds. The proportion of funds so invested will be determined by the Board of Trustees, but preferably will limited to approximately 50 %. This proportion can be changed based on the returns received on an annual basis.”

If we consider amending the bylaws, I suggest the following.

- ▶ Article VII Budget and Finance  
Add item 12 as follows:

12. The Seattle Maharashtra Mandal Board of Trustees should pursue prudent financial investments on the Mandal funds to maximize market return consistent with preservation of capital. These investments may be interest bearing accounts, money market funds or low-risk no fee mutual funds.



# Proposal-5

- ▶ **Part-1:** For now, it's been provided in by-laws that the treasurer will present a financial report after each event. I suggest that this report should not be limited to only financial matters. After every event, a report should be prepared highlighting important aspects and learning from that event. For example, details and costing of venue, or in case of "Sankrant" event, how many "WAN" were ordered and how many were actually distributed, or same for "Faral" for "Diwali". Report should also include challenges faced for that particular event. eg. for Ganapati event challenge was finding a venue due to BSD end of year closer. Purpose of this report is to provide some event-based guidelines to upcoming committees.
- ▶ **Part-2:** For any program preparations, the same information should be relayed to all Marathi community and SMM members from all of the SMM platforms at the same time.
- ▶ **Part-3:** Please do not define the number of committee members. Do not limit committee members to 17
- ▶ **Part-4:** Solid platform should be created to enable the community to give feedback/suggestions/complaints.
- ▶ **Part-5:** Proper source/email id should be created to receive all program proposals and access to such email id should not only be restricted to the President. I have seen cases wherein a retiring President unfortunately/unintentionally misses passing on this information to a new committee or the information is not passed in due time to respond and better opportunities are missed. To avoid this all OBs and BOTs should have access to such email id.
- ▶ **Part-6:** While giving contract/business order to committee member, it should be made binding on the E committee to obtain quotations from different vendors. Only when quotation from the said committee member is low, that member should be given a contract/business order that too, with 2/3 votes from EC for the order and with all BOTs approval.
- ▶ **Part-7:** Newly elected committee members should get access to retiring election officer's communication. E.g. 2020's election officer's communication should be accessible and made visible to the elected committee for 2021 on 1st January 2021. Currently, there is not any kind of check on Election officer's communication at all. Newly elected committee should get that chance if they wish to.



Questions?