

Meeting of the founding committee of the Bhaktivedanta Institute
September 22, 1978.

Present:

Svarupa Damodara dasa

Sadaputa dasa

Ravindra Svarupa dasa

Hans Bickel (representing Rupanuga Prabhu)

Balavanta dasa (non-voting)

RESOLUTIONS UNANIMOUSLY PASSED AND ADOPTED:

1. Ravindra Svarupa dasa will be secretary for the Bhaktivedanta Institute.

2. The administrative structure is established as follows: the Institute will be managed by a Board of Directors, which now consists of the members of the original founding committee of the Institute: Svarupa Damodara dasa, Sadaputa dasa, Madhava dasa, Ravindra Svarupa dasa, and Rupanuga dasa. The Chairman of the Board of Directors is the Executive Director of the Bhaktivedanta Institute; this post is filled by Svarupa Damodara dasa, in accordance with the wishes of Srila Prabhupada. The Bhaktivedanta Institute will have a Board of Advisors made up of members of the Governing Body Commission proposed by the Board of Directors.

3. In the Board of Directors a motion is passed by a un animous vote. In the event that a unanimous decision cannot be reached, the Executive Director can wave the unanimity requirement and a simple majority then carries the motion.

4. A simple majority of the Board of Directors constitutes a quorum.

5. The Executive Director calls meetings of the Board of Directors, chairs the meetings, and executes the direction of the Board. He retains a veto power over the Board of Directors. He has the power to appoint officers, spend money, and do whatever else he believes necessary to execute the order of the Board.

The Executive Director serves for life. If, however, the post should become vacant, the Board of Directors selects a new Executive Director, with the approval of the GBC.

6. General membership in the Bhaktivedanta Institute is of two kinds: voting and non-voting. The Executive Director can call meetings of Institute members for the purposes of 1) discussion of scientific and philosophical issues in pursuance of the work of the Institute, and 2) making recomendations

to the Board of Directors by a simple majority vote of Voting Members. Voting members are admitted into the Institute by the Executive Director with the approval of the Board.

7. The GBC Advisory Board is a resource for spiritual and intellectual guidance to the Institute. In the event of a disagreement between the Executive Director and the Board, the Advisory Board can be appealed to for their recommendations.

8. The Board will request the following men to serve on the Advisory Board:

1. His Divine Grace Ramesvara Swami
2. His Divine Grace Hridayananda Goswami
3. His Holiness Brahmananda Swami
4. His Grace Rupanuga Prabhu
5. His Grace Balavanta Prabhu

9. A Member of the Board is appointed for life, provided he maintains the standard of Vaisnava behavior and adheres to the principles of Krishna conscious philosophy. Otherwise, the Executive Director can remove him with the approval of the Board.

10. The following devotees are Voting Members of the Bhaktivedanta Institute, as proposed by the Executive Director and approved by the Board of Directors:

1. Garuda dasa
2. Brahmaturtha dasa
3. Jnana dasa
4. Dr. Hans Bickel
5. Riktananda dasa
6. Armarendra dasa