

## **DOGANA Central Council Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026 via zoom – 8PM EST**

### **Attendees:**

1. Dr Naushad Noorani
2. Dr Aamir Ehsan
3. Dr Tariq Bin Sagheer
4. Dr Danish Saeed
5. Dr Tariq Alam
6. Dr Nadya Mehdi
7. Dr Ilyas Yamani
8. Dr Riaz Haque
9. Dr Zaffar Iqbal
10. Dr Saeed Sabir
11. Dr Sumbul Meraj
12. Dr Haroon Burhanullah
13. Dr Furqan Rizvi

### **Agenda:**

1. Introductions
2. DOGANA Trademark Patent
3. Budget 2026
4. Committee SOPs
5. DOGANA Committees 2026
6. Misc

### **Minutes:**

Meeting started at 8:03pm CST

### **Introduction**

President, Dr. Naushad Noorani started the meeting at 8:03 PM. In attendance were all council members. The President greeted the new council and every council member gave their introduction.

### **DOGANA Logo Patent**

Dr. Aamir Ehsan gave an update on the DOGANA logo and official name trademark patent. He mentioned it takes 8 to 10 months for the trademark patent to get approved. He had applied for the trademark patent in August 2025. He said the DOGANA trademark patent is in the pipeline. He did not go through the attorney. He states some hiccups may happen on the way, but he does not foresee any major problems. Dr. Naushad Noorani asked for a paper trail to share with the council members. Dr. Aamir Ehsan stated that he will give the file number to the president and the executive director. Dr. Tariq Bin-Sagheer wanted clarification if Dr Ehsan has filed for trademark or patent. Dr. Aamir Ehsan mentioned that he has filed for trademark of the DOGANA logo and name.

### **DOGANA Proposed Budget 2026**

Dr Naushad Noorani then asked the treasurer Dr. Arshad Khan to present the proposed budget for 2026. Dr. Arshad Khan presented the proposed budget for 2026. The slides of the budget are attached to this minute. Dr. Arshad Khan started with a breakout of the different accounts. He mentioned that there is no separate Loan account. However, he has listed the amount for the loan separately for ease of understanding. Dr. Naushad Noorani recommended to get rid of the proposed expense of credit card charges. Dr Aamir Ehsan stated that during retreat some miscellaneous expenses may come up and that there could be some wire charges so the credit card charges should be budgeted. Dr. Arshad Khan mentioned that the DOGANA 2025 profit and loss needs to be finalized. He mentioned that the past president along with the past treasurer and the current treasurer will sit in the coming days to finalize the profit and loss.

Dr. Arshad Khan did mention that he has received a statement of activity for 2025 from the current accountant. Dr. Aamir Ehsan stated that he expects an \$18,000 plus profit for 2025 in the P&L. He stated that the 2025 retreat generated a profit of \$10,955.98.

Dr. Haroon Burhanullah asked for the opening balance of the main account on first January 2025. Dr. Tariq Alam replied that the opening balance on first January 2025 was \$73,131.69. Dr Haroon Burhanullah then asked for account balance on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025. Dr Tariq Alam replied main bank account balance on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 is \$97,190.61. Out of this \$22,000 will be delivered to Child Life Foundation as part of the membership Engagement Fund thus leaving final amount of \$75,190.61 on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025. Dr. Naushad Noorani asked for the motion to approve the proposed budget for 2026. Dr Tariq Bin Sagheer moved the motion to approve the budget. The motion was seconded by Dr Aamir Ehsan. No one objected to the motion for approval of proposed budget for 2026. The budget was approved unanimously.

### **Committees SOPs**

Dr. Naushad Noorani then asked if anyone has any objections to the standard operating procedures for the committees 2026. Dr. Aamir Ehsan mentioned that the

president should sign the SOP once approved to make it official. Dr. Naushad Noorani mentioned that he will sign and upload the SOP on the dropbox. Dr. Tariq Bin asked for the cost of the dropbox service. Dr. Naushad mentioned the dropbox service is for \$21 per month. Dr. Tariq Bin Sagheer mentioned that the committees meeting every month maybe excessive. He stated that not all committees need to meet every month especially NEC and EGC committees. Dr. Ilyas Yamani mentioned that the committees should meet on a schedule basis at least a few times a year so that there is greater accountability and deliverables for each committee that can be worked upon. Dr. Tariq Alam mentioned that he will change the verbiage to ensure that the committees have at least four meetings a year and more frequently if needed. The motion to approve the SOP was moved by Dr Saeed Sabir. Dr. Furqan Rizvi seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion was passed. The committee SOPs were approved unanimously.

### **DOGANA Committees 2026**

Next Dr. Naushad Noorani presented the committees for 2026. He stated that making the committees is a hectic job. He stated he cannot please everyone and everyone cannot be a chair. He stated that he would like to give newer and younger people a chance to serve on committees and also be chair of the committees. He stated that titles and positions do not matter. He stated that he tried his best to include younger Dowites and 80% committee members are from batches 2000 onwards. Five mandatory committees along with other adhoc committees were presented by Dr. Naushad Noorani. Please see the attached committee documents. Dr. Aamir Ehsan mentioned that the lifetime achievement award committee should have a female member. Dr. Naushad asked for any recommendations. Dr. Haroon Burhanullah proposed the name of Dr. Marriyam Moten for the lifetime achievement award committee. Dr. Haroon Burhanullah and Tariq Alam will speak to her to see her willingness to serve on that committee.

Dr. Nadya Mehdi mentioned that the membership committee from 2025 should be continued because a lot of good work was done another the leadership of Dr Zaffar Iqbal and they would like to build up on that momentum.

Dr. Naushad Noorani mentioned that he hopes the membership committee work from 2025 will continue. He stated that there are a lot of future plans and several members from 2025 membership committee are part of the 2026 membership committee. He stated he has added Dr Zafar Iqbal elsewhere to utilize his experience and expertise. He stated that he has changed all chairs from 2025 to give new members a chance to serve.

Dr Zaffar Iqbal mentioned that he respects the decision of the president. He states last year it took three months for the committees to get ready and start their work and he would like to build up on that momentum. He stated we wants to implement programs that are still in the pipeline. He stated he wants to make 200+ members this year. He states his interest and passion is in the membership committee. He stated his request is to be a part of the membership committee and he has put his request in front of the president.

Dr. Naushad Noorani stated that he has served in DOGANA for more than a decade and he never requested or asked to be involved in any committee. He stated that he worked for any committee was assigned to him. He stated we can all work together and we can show our skills in any committee that we are assigned to work at. He stated he had spoken to Dr. Bushra Siddiqui and she also has a lot of new ideas for the membership committee.

Dr. Ilyas Yamani mentioned that Dr Zaffar Iqbal has done a lot of work and there is a lot of momentum in the membership committee from 2025. He stated maybe we should think about it and negotiate about the composition of the membership committee. He proposed that Dr Zaffar Iqbal and Dr. Bushra Siddiqui talk to each other and see if they can work together.

Dr. Naushad Noorani mentioned it is already past mid January and we should vote for the committee as he is leaving for Pakistan next week. Dr. Aamir Ehsan mentioned that we need to build consensus in the creation of the committees. Dr. Arshad Khan mentioned that initially many people are interested in committees but later on many people don't show up. He stated that committees are very important and if there are no major issues then we should approve the committees so that they can start working. If any changes need to be made, they can be made later. Dr. Naushad Noorani agreed that it is a good point but he will talk to Dr. Bushra Siddiqui and Dr Zafar Iqbal separately also.

Dr. Aamir Ehsan mentioned that we should approve the rest of the committees except the membership committee. Dr Tariq Bin Sagheer stated that we should approve all the committees and if any changes need to be made to any particular committee, then it can be done later. Dr Danish Saeed also mentioned that all committee should be approved. Dr. Haroon Burhanullah moved the motion to approve all the committees, including the membership committee. The motion was seconded by Dr. Sumbal Meraj. No further objections were raised to the motion and the motion was passed to approve all committees.

### **Miscellaneous**

Dr Aamir Ehsan mentioned to post check of \$22,000 for Childlife foundation from membership committee initiative of 2025 by Monday next week so that he can hand deliver the check to child life foundation during the gala at end of January in Houston, which he plans to attend. He also mentioned that for the APPNA annual convention there will be centralized sponsorship, so it is better not to negotiate for the Sponsorship individually with any sponsor at this time for DOGANA dinner at APPNA Summer meeting.

He also mentioned that there are more than 1400 members in DOGANA and any missteps by CC could be damaging to us. He mentioned that there should be an insurance for council members to protect them from any mishaps. Dr. Naushad Noorani asked Dr Ehsan to look into this insurance. Dr Tariq Alam mentioned to formally assign Dr. Aamir Ehsan to look into insurance for council members. Dr. Aamir Ehsan was formally requested to explore insurance for council members to prevent them from any mishaps.

With no other agenda item, motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Dr. Tariq Alam. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Dr. Saeed Sabir. The meeting ended at 9:20 PM central standard time. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tariq Alam, MD

Secretary DOGANA

**Approved unanimously by DOGANA CC on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> 2026**