



**SUMMARY of the XII ANNUAL CONVENTION of FAAA (June 28-30, 2013)  
[Crown Plaza Houston River Oaks, Houston, Tx.]**

- The evening of Friday started with registration at 6.00pm followed by dinner and light entertainment where each association presented their talents.
- After Tilawat-e-Quran, Saturday session started by welcome note from the chairman of Host-BOT (Dr Moyeen Haque) followed by the reports of outgoing BOD members which included Mr Irfan Beg (the Treasurer) Dr Nausha Asrar (the Secretary), Dr Tariq Haqqi (the President) and Mr Perwaiz Jafri (Chairman-BOT,FAAA)
- Dr Wasi Siddiqui chaired the session where almost every association currently registered with FAAA presented their reports of their involvements, work undertaken, charitable acts and contributions.
- With a sense of belongingness and psychologically intertwined for altruistic motives towards its alma mater, Mr Syed Ali Rizvi moderated the session "Alumni and Alma Mater" which consisted of two very well organized presentations, one by Mr Faisal Saleem and the other one by Dr Shaheer Khan. The summary reports of both talks will be uploaded on the Federation website.
- In a very well received afternoon session, VC, Lt.Gen. (Retd) Zameer Uddin Shah addressed the audience and (1) gave an account of the current state of affairs and progress of the University with some power point presentations and spoke forcefully for the need of a change at AMU, to take it at the top ranking University and efforts to bring back its minority

status, (2) informed that the restorative works on the dwindling infrastructures like Stratchy Hall is in progress, (3) announced that a new faculty of International studies is established which includes dept. of Alumni affairs and are in poised to teach several foreign languages, (4) plans on affiliating some primary (feeder) schools in Aligarh to CBSE board to raise their standards, (5) suggested that he has pushed dining hall facilities to get government-subsidized food items to help keep the cost down, (6) initiated facilities for training students for competitive exams like civil services, armed forces, IITs etc. and also emphasized on building various sport facilities as well as extra guest houses and (7) urged the Alumni spread all over world to help contribute for technology-enabled classrooms (smart rooms) in each department.

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- In the next session, four panelists (Drs Habib Zuberi, Wasi Siddiqui, Tariq Haqqi and Tahir Hussain), all accomplished in their fields, gave some inputs/suggestions to the VC. Soon after Mrs. Jabeen Shah compiled the advisory-reports which will be uploaded on the website.
- The afternoon session ended with the unopposed nomination on the floor of Dr Tahir Hussain (of Houston) as the incoming President and the following office bearers for the upcoming years:

Dr Saif Sheikh: President-elect; Mr Saleem Shah: Secretary-elect; Mr Ali Asad Rizvi: Treasurer-elect; and Dr Shaheer Khan as incoming member of the Board of Trustees.

- The Saturday evening program initiated with the welcome addresses by the Houston-association president, Dr Abuzar Syed followed by the presenting award to Dr Moyeen Haque for his outstanding and selfless service to promote the causes of the Aligarh Alumni Association of Texas.

Mr Latafth Hussain introduced the The guest of Honor, P. Harish Parvathan, Consul general of India (Houston), who spoke with the given theme of this convention “AMU Alumni and Alma Mater” emphasizing on the education of young Muslims.

The VC, Lt-Gen. (Retd) Zameer Uddin Shah was introduced by the incoming FAAA President Dr Tahir Hussain. Gen Shah eloquently spoke of how he has come to Aligarh with a mission to take AMU to the top ranking central University and improve infrastructure and academics of the institution, where students feels greatly proud and competent.

Following the dinner, a music program by Udayan Parikh, an accomplished ghazal and classical singer, accompanied by his son on the tabla left the audience enthralled and entertained past midnight.

- On Sunday after breakfast, delegates gathered to a Q & A session with the VC, Lt-Gen. (Retd) Zameer Uddin Shah followed by the concluding notes by several members.

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