

# Letters to the Editor .....

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## Konkani S sammelan – 2012- June 29, 30 & July 1, 2012

Dear Editor,

With approval from NAKA Board, we, the volunteers from Tri State area , today launch our project to hold Konkani S sammelan 2012 (KS-2012) in our area. The dates are **June 29, 30 & July 1, 2012**, ( Friday, Saturday and Sunday) and the venue will be New Jersey Convention and Exposition center in Edison, NJ.

After a lapse of almost three years of no Konkani S sammelans in North America, I think our community is yearning for one. While trying to get feelers about possibility of hosting KS-2012, the response I got from tristate area and across North America was overwhelming. I really feel we are ready to host KS-2012.

First meeting was held on Memorial Day, May 30th. A core group of 55 enthusiastic & eager volunteers attended the meeting. I rolled out the plan for the S sammelan. The following positions were named:

President:	<b>Gopal Bhandarkar Pratibha Bhandarkar</b>
Vice President:	<b>Ravi Shenoy Sharda Shenoy</b>
Treasurers:	<b>Damodar Baliga &amp; Gurudutt Kamath</b>
Food Committee:	<b>Suresh Shenoy, Sharda Shenoy, &amp; Shobha Rao</b>
Entertainment:	<b>Nina Padukone &amp; Arun Manelkar</b>
Souvenir Committee:	<b>Ganesh Kudva &amp; Chaitanya Bijoor</b>
Fund Raising:	<b>Gopal Bhandarkar, Ganesh Bhat, Dev Kini, Ravi Shenoy &amp; Divakar Shenoy</b>
Meeting & Seminar:	<b>Rajesh Mallya &amp; Ganapathi Kamath</b>
Awards Committee:	<b>Vasudev Nayak &amp; Krishna Prabhu</b>
Decorations Committee:	<b>Sharda Shenoy &amp; Shobha Rao</b>
Registration & Web:	<b>Sandesh Bhat, Vivek Shenoy &amp; Sheela Manelkar</b>
Publicity Committee:	<b>Santosh Kamat</b>
Medical Conference:	<b>Dr. Ganesh Bhat &amp; Dr. Premila Bhat</b>
Audio Visual Committee:	<b>Vineet Nayak</b>
Transportation & Accommodation Committee:	<b>Prem &amp; Jyoti Shenoy</b>
Youth Committee:	<b>Mahanth Joishy &amp; Apoorva Shenoy</b>
Hospitality Committee:	<b>Shaila Nayak, Vidya Nayak, &amp; Poornima Kamath</b>
Facilities:	<b>Arun Heble &amp; Saraswathy Naimpally</b>

**An executive committee was created which includes The President, the Vice President, & 3 members at large, Dr Vasudev Nayak, Damodar Baliga & Nina Padukone.**

I urge all of you work hard for the S sammelan, make it one of the best S sammelan, so that you can look back & proudly say “Yes, I was part of it”. We have only 14 months to go & I say "Yes, We Can!" and “we will”.

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### **Editor's Reply:**

Thank you for spearheading KS-2012. You are right. Our community in North America is really ready for these biennial sammelans. The Advisory Committee of *Khabbar* will provide all the support needed for you and your team to make this event, KS-2012, a success.

