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## President's Message

Namaste,

I am honored to have assumed the responsibilities of the President of BSNA effective January 2007. In the previous executive committee I was the executive vice-president with Dr. Shyam N. Shukla as its President. The BSNA has progressed in many ways under Shyamji's stewardship and Shyamji has reported these initiatives in BSNA publications such as *Brahma Bharati* and *Brahma Vani*.

It is my job now to move the organization further and to tell you of the challenges facing BSNA. BSNA's first challenge is to increase its membership. For this I propose that the senior members of BSNA should encourage their grownup children and family members to become life members of BSNA. We can then approach our friends and convince them to become members of BSNA. To reach the community at large, I will soon form a membership drive committee.

Our next challenge is to ensure that all BSNA members receive timely information about BSNA activities. For this we first need to update our database. Dr. Ajay Pandey of Rochester Hills, MI. has now taken charge of this task. We need your cooperation in updating your and your dependent family members' data. A data update sheet is published in this issue of *Brahma Bharati*. Please take the time to fill in the correct information and send it to Dr. Ajay Pandey. Similarly we need to update regularly our web page ([www.bsna.org](http://www.bsna.org)). Dr. Tej Pandey is the Editor of our Home Page. The home page is our best method of reaching the Brahman Community in all parts of the World. BSNA should actively engage our young adult members. They are full of energy and progressive ideas. We should transfer more responsibilities to these



youths. The senior members of BSNA should take a more advisory role.

At the BSNA chapter level, we should have activities that interest young adults and children. Chapter presidents should have at least four meetings in a year. In one or two of these meetings we should involve the younger generation and have a cultural program (plays, dances, songs etc). This will involve both, youths and their parents. We should remember that ours is a cultural and social organization and not a political organization.

During Chapter meetings our young adults who are in the work force or are entering the work force should give lectures to other youths on how to prepare themselves for this. All of us should do some charity work, or be involved with other local charitable organizations volunteering in places like temples, libraries, or city community centers. We could teach computer skills to seniors, help to build houses for the poor, serve food, and give *prasad* to your temple at least once a year under the banner of BSNA. These activities would help to give Brahmans an exposure and recognition in the society we live in.

At the present time your executive committee is in the process of setting up new committees and elections of chapter presidents. We have already completed the nominations of the twelve members of the Board of Trustees (BOT), and its new chair, Mr. Mahendra Misra of Norristown, PA. *...continued*

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Dr. Surendra Pandey, the Editor-in-chief of Brahma Vani, and Editor of Brahma Bharati is always looking for articles, news items and other valuable help. Please come forward and become involved in your Organization. All committee leaders need volunteers.

This year we are having our annual convention a little sooner, as World Brahman Convention in Washington DC, May 26-27, 2007. This is a joint convention by the World Brahman Organization and BSNA. Please take time to register for this convention ASAP. The convention registration forms are on the web page and also in this edition of Brahma Bharati.

We have a strong, dedicated team at BSNA and a well-established structure. It is time now to make the BSNA a very strong, powerful and viable organization to benefit our membership. Please let me know if you wish to assist with both new ideas and active support.

With best regards,  
Purushottam Sharma, President, BSNA

### BSNA - 2006 Balance Sheet

<b>Total Beginning Assets (1-1-2006)</b>		<b>\$90,179.33</b>
<b>As of 12-31-2006</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>
Special Donations Specified for Designated Organizations in India	\$8,560.00	
United Way (Pledged - \$1378; Received in 2006)	\$1,219.00	
Donations Made to Other Organizations (Inter College, Kavita Trust, Asha Trust)		\$11,100.00
Bank Service Fees (Account Service Charges + Currency Conversion fee, etc.)		\$475.05
Interest Income	\$292.28	
Membership	\$880.00	
Donations Received for Convention	\$18,156.00	
Convention Registration	\$24,707.00	
Convention Expenses		\$36,243.63
Postage, Stationary, etc.		\$225.08
Publications (BB and BK)		\$2,555.57
Miscellaneous (Homepage, P.O. Box, etc.)		\$675.68
WBC-2007 Convention Related	\$4,005.89	
	<b>\$53,814.28</b>	<b>\$55,280.90</b>
<b>Total Gain/Deficit in 2006 (Due to funds spent for WBC-2007)</b>		<b>(\$1,466.62)</b>
Bank Balance (12/29/06) - MM Account		\$23,524.45
Bank Balance (12/29/06) - Checking Account		\$1,330.84
Investments Balance (12/29/06)		\$73,547.77
<b>Total Assets (End of 2006)</b>		<b>\$98,403.06</b>

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPOINTMENTS

The Executive Committee has appointed four new members to the Board of Trustees, and also named Mr. Mahendra Misra as the new chairman of the Board. The new BOTs are: **Mr. Nitin Purohit, Mr. Lila Dhar Mishra, Mrs. Mamta Tiwari and Dr. Naresh Sharma.**



The BOT chair, Mr. Mahendra Misra was born in Bareilly district of Uttar Pradesh. After his education at Government High School and Bareilly College, he went to I.I.T. Kharagpur. He graduated as Electrical Engineer in 1960. After graduation, he joined Hindustan Motors at Uttarpara, W. Bengal as Executive Trainee. After further training in West Germany, he helped in starting a division to manufacture cranes and other heavy equipment under licenses from German and U.S. companies.

Mr. Misra migrated to US at the end of 1971. He is professional engineer licensed in several states. His career includes working as consulting engineer on industrial, pharmaceutical, and government projects. He has worked in the control, instrumentation, and power fields. He authored an award winning paper on automating manufacturing process. Currently is working as Chief Engineer for Henkels & McCoy, a large construction company with headquarters in the Philadelphia suburb.

A Founding member of UP Association of Greater Philadelphia, Mr. Misra is currently the Chairman of Board of trustees. He is Life Member of International Society of Krishna Consciousness and is an active member of its Philadelphia Temple.

Associated with BSNA from its beginning, Mr. Misra was the convention director for 1998 convention held in Reading PA. He also took active part in the 1996 and 2000 conventions held in PA. He was Vice President and member of Board of Trustees.

Mr. Misra is married to Vimlesh Misra. She is a graduate of Delhi University and is working as Customer Service Rep for Bank of America. They have two sons. Elder son Dr. Sanjay Misra is interventional radiologists and works for Mayo Clinic in Rochester Minnesota. He is married to Priya Darshani and they have three children, Avneesh, Priyanka, and Ajaya. Younger son Rajiv is a graduate of university of Pennsylvania and works for Accenture as SAP consultant.

**Please complete the form on page 11, to keep us updated of any changes in address, phone#, E-mail or family status.**

## CHAPTER NEWS

### Los Angeles Chapter Election

The LA Chapter has elected the following officers effective January 1, 2007:  
President – Mr. Raga Misra, Executive Vice President – Mr. Amar Sharma, Vice President – Mr. Dina Nath Sharma, Treasurer – Mrs. Archana Mishra

Members present also decided to publish a newsletter to keep members informed and to improve communications among California Brahman community. Please submit news items and nominations for unfilled positions to the Chapter President.

Submitted by

Mr. Raga Misra,

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### Michigan Chapter

The Michigan Chapter meeting was held on March 11, 2007, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Purushottam Sharma. Newly elected chapter President Mr. Kamal Sharma was introduced and welcomed by Mr. Purushottam Sharma and the leadership of the previous President, Mr. Tilak Raj Sharma, was commended. Kanak Giri ( [kanakgiri@hotmail.com](mailto:kanakgiri@hotmail.com) ) announced that the Michigan Chapter members are preparing for the upcoming cultural event to be held at the Bharatiya Temple in Troy, MI on April 21, 2007 to support its building expansion project. The Bharatiya Temple is a well known Hindu temple in the Metropolitan Detroit area. The cultural show is well supported by local radio stations, local businesses, and various cultural associations. Based on the life of the great saint Meera Bai, the dance drama “*Aisi Lagi Lagan* – Saint Meera Bai,” will be performed by 11 Kathak style dancers from the Detroit area along with music and narration. All proceeds will be donated to the temple building expansion project. Other topics of discussion were the World Brahman Convention registration, BSNA membership drive, and donations to Brahma Vani. Attendees enjoyed delicious food and gave thanks to the hosts for their hospitality.

### MONTREAL CHAPTER

Eight Brahman families met at the residence of Dr. Lakshmi S. Dube ([dube\\_ls@yahoo.com](mailto:dube_ls@yahoo.com)) on December 17, 2006 to exchange information about the upcoming joint convention of BSNA and WBO in May 2007.

The World Brahman Convention 2007 will be held on May 26-27, 2007 in Washington DC area. Dr. Dube elaborated on the background of BSNA about which many members were unaware. He also highlighted the theme and topics for the convention. He encouraged to participate and make presentations.

Dr. Y. Chaubey, who has served as the Chapter President since 2002, requested members to elect a new president. Dr. U. N. Tiwari was selected the next Chapter President by unanimously consent. He may be contacted via e-mail: [untiwari@yahoo.com](mailto:untiwari@yahoo.com).

Dr. Dube shared his ideas on promoting the Brahmanic values among our children. After some discussion it was decided to organize sessions for children at a regular basis to inculcate Brahmanic/Vedic values. A study group on Upanishads by Dr. Virendra Jha will be organized starting January 2007. Because of complexity of the concepts in Upanishads, it was decided to hold discourse on Bhagvad Gita for children.

The meeting adjourned around 4:30 PM. Members enjoyed refreshments, and gave thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Dube for their hospitality.

Submitted by

Dr. Yogendra Chaubey ( [ychaubey@videotron.ca](mailto:ychaubey@videotron.ca) )

### VIRGINIA CHAPTER

The Virginia Chapter met at the residence of Dr. & Mrs. Upadhyay. The following chapter officers were elected for the term starting January 1, 2007:

1. Dr. Janeshwar Upadhyay, Chapter President
2. Mr. Upendra Pandey, Vice-President
3. Mrs. Manju Singha, Secretary
4. Dr. Hari Sharma, Treasurer
5. Mrs. Sashi Sharma, Social Chairman and Youth Activity Coordinator
6. Miss. Jyotsna Upadhyay, Youth Group President

It was decided that Youth Group will have their own separate meeting and elect other officers in another meeting.

Dr. Upadhyay circulated again the materials he had distributed regarding the World Brahman Convention to be held on May 26-27, 2007 at Crowne Plaza Hotel. He requested every one to register before March 31, 2007. Upendra Pandey Ji volunteered to take the Youth Group for a grand cultural program.

Before adjournment everyone thanked the ladies for the delicious lunch, viz. Mrs. Sunita Upadhyay, Manju Singha, Punam Singh, Sashi Sharma, Sidhi Pandey and Kusum Sharma and Purnima Upadhyay.

### Washington D.C. Chapter

The Capitol chapter held its meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> February at the residence of Mrs. Mamta Tewari in order to conduct election and make several appointments for organizing the World Brahman Convention (WBC-2007). The following were selected by unanimous consent:

1. Chapter President: Dr. Gopesh Sharma

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2. Chapter Vice-President: Mr. Sanjay Shaukla
3. Members for various Convention organizing committees –full list on next page.

Dr. Sri Kant Mishra, Chair of Board of Trustees of WBO and BSNA, and Dr. Satish Mishra, WBC Convention Director were also present at the meeting.

Submitted by

Dr. Om Sharma, ([dr\\_opsharma@yahoo.com](mailto:dr_opsharma@yahoo.com))  
President, BSNA D.C. Chapter

## CHAPTER OFFICERS

(P: President, EVP: Executive Vice President, VP: Vice President, GS: General Secretary, T: Treasurer, YC: Youth Coordinator, SCC: Social & Cultural Coordinator)

Arizona Chapter

P: Mr. Mannu Bajpai Tel: 602-938-4757

New Jersey Chapter

P: Mr. Hari Sharma  
VP: Mrs. Karuna Sharma  
G: Mr. Anupam Choubey  
T: Dr. Kamal Mishra  
YC: Mr. Prasun Mishra and Mr. Praveen Mishra  
SCC: Mr. Hemant Sharma and Dr. Naresh Sharma

Pennsylvania Chapter

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Texas Chapter

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For latest information on convention and other news of BSNA, and for all past publications, please visit:  
<http://www.bsna.org>

## Convention Organizing Committees

The following is a list partial of committees that will handle various responsibilities in organizing the convention; more members are being added.

**Convention Director:** Dr. Satish Misra

**Convention Co-Directors:** Mrs. Mamta Tiwari, Dr. Om Sharma (DC), Dr. Paemesh Dwivedi, Mr. Snajay Shukla, Dr. Gopesh Sharma, Dr. Lalji Mishra.

**Program, Invitations & Public Relations**

**Committee:** Co-Chairs: Dr. Shyam Shukla (Chair), Dr. Surendra Pandey, Mr. Purushottam Sharma, Dr. Umesh Shukla, Mr. Nitin Purohit and Dr. Satish Misra  
Committee Members: Dr. Arvind Pathak, Dr. Gopesh Sharma, Dr. Shrikant Mishra, Mr. Dhananjay Kumar, Mr. & Mrs. Madan & Pushpa Pathak, Dr. & Mrs. Prabhakar & Suneeta Misra, Mr. Sanjay Mishra, Dr. Awadhesh Sharma, Dr. J. P. Dubey

**Youth Program Committee:** Chair: Mr. Ankur Misra  
Committee Members: Dr. Om Deshmukh, Mr. Rinku Mishra, Mr. Umesh & Mrs. Suman Shukla (DC).

**Registration – Chair -** Dr. Umesh Shukla

Members: Mrs. Mamta Tiwari, Dr. Om Sharma (NJ), Mr. Shri Niwas Sharma.

**Finance Committee:** Co-Chairs: Dr. Om Sharma (NJ) and Mr. Shri Niwas Sharma

**Fund Raising Committee:** Co-Chairs: Mr. Purushattam Sharma (Chair), Mr. Nitin Purohit, Mrs. Mamta Tiwari, Dr. Shrikant Mishra, and Mr. Dharam Salwan.

**Publications Committee (Brahma Vani, Publicity and Yahoo Group):** Chair: Dr. Surendra Pandey  
Committee Members: Dr. Shyam Shukla, Dr. Umesh Shukla, Dr. Om Sharma (NJ), Mr. Purushottam Sharma, Mr. Nitin Purohit and Dr. Satish Misra.

**Cultural Program Committee:** Co-Chairs: Mrs. Manisha Tewari and Dr. Gopesh Sharma  
Committee Members: Dr. Om Sharma (NJ), Mr. Nitin Purohit, Mrs. Anshu Sharma, Mrs. Usha Shukla, Mr. Suresh Tewari, Mrs. Durga Mishra, Mrs. Suman Shukla, and Mrs. Suman Sharma

**Kavi Sammelan – Co-Chairs –** Jagar Sharma, Dr. Shri Kant Mishra, and Mrs. Suman Shukla.

**Food Committee:** Co-Chairs: Mrs. Mamta Tiwari and Dr. Permesh Dwivedi.  
Committee Members: Mrs. Chandra Mishra, Mrs. Vinita Sharma, Mrs. Sheela Misra, Mrs. Meera Sharma, and Mrs. Suman Sharma

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## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Rajesh Pandey of Albany, GA was in the news for the development of a life-saving medical device. As the Director of Product Development, Rajesh led a team of engineers and doctors that designed a Heart Ventricular Assist Device (HVAD), or simply an implantable heart pump. The device has been going through human trials. So far, the five patients who received the pump have been doing very well six months after the implantation of the pumps. These patients were waiting for heart transplant and would have died within a few weeks without a new heart. However, with the HVAD implanted, they have resumed their normal life style. One of the patients was an opera singer whose heart had become so weak that he could hardly talk and was confined to bed. Only three weeks after receiving the pump, he gave a press conference at which he sang to the audience.

*Rajesh Pandey with the HVAD (The picture is a copy of the front page of Albany Herald, a major newspaper in Georgia.*



After receiving his B.S. and M.S. degrees in biomedical engineering, Rajesh joined Stryker Corporation as design engineer. Later on he obtained his Professional Engineer certification. He joined Heartware Corporation in Florida as a Project Engineer where he was promoted to the position of Director of Product Development. He has already received his first US patent for an imaging device technique, and is awaiting approval of three more which have been submitted to the US Patent Office in connection with the above design work. Rajesh is son of Dr. Surendra & Mrs. Pramila Pandey of Albany, Georgia.

Vidha Dixit, a sixth grader from Houston, Texas won First place in District Theater and Debate competitions held at Cy Falls High School. She made the finals in two events, pantomime and storytelling, and one the First place in the storytelling category. She is the daughter of Mrs. Radha (Texas Chapter President) and Mr. Bijay Dixit, and granddaughter of Dr. Sen Pathak, a BSNA Life Member from Houston, Texas.

*Vidha Dixit, receiving the award*



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**Hospitality Committee:** Chair: Dr. Om Sharma (MD)

**Transportation Committee:** Chair: Mr. Ashok Kumar

**Membership Drive Committee:** Co-Chairs: Mr. Ashok Goswami and Mrs. Sudha Goswami  
Committee Members: Dr. Lalji Mishra

**Education and Social/Marital Affairs:** Dr. Janeshwar Upadhyay

**Record Keeping & Convention Secretary:** Chair – Mr. Rinku Mishra

**Awards Committee:** Co-Chairs: Dr. Shyam Shukla and Mr. R. D. Dixit  
Members: Dr. J. P. Dubey, Dr. Madan Pathak, Mr. Nitin Purohit, Mr. Jagar Sharma, and Mr. Mahendra Misra.

### WORLD BRAHMAN CONVENTION

May 26-27, 2007

#### Deadlines to remember

To organize a session, contact Program Committee Chair (Dr. Shyam Shukla) by – **March 31, 2007**

To perform in the Cultural Program, contact Mrs. Manisha Tewari by **March 31, 2007**.

Early registration (at discounted rate), the form with check must reach Mr. Shri Niwas Sharma, the Treasurer by – **March 31, 2007**

Submission of advertisements, articles and abstracts of paper presentation for publication in Brahma Vani must reach Dr. Surendra Pandey by – **April 15, 2007**.

For Youth Group program, contact:  
[ankurmisra@hotmail.com](mailto:ankurmisra@hotmail.com) or [rubytiwari@gmail.com](mailto:rubytiwari@gmail.com)

**See details & guidelines on pages 6—11**



Dear Fellow Brahmins:

The year 2007 would go down in history in which, for the first time, the World Brahman Convention (WBC-2007) is being jointly sponsored by the Brahman Samaj of North America (BSNA) and World Brahman Organization (WBO). The

WBC-2007, to be held in Washington DC area on May 26-27, 2007, will be the 4<sup>th</sup> biennial World Brahman Convention and the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual BSNA Convention. About 100 to 150 Brahmins from outside USA will be attending the convention. The foreign delegates will be representing some 19 Brahman organizations from at least seven countries. This provides an excellent opportunity to meet the world wide Brahman Diasporas.

I wish to take this opportunity to bring to your attention the California Text Book case. The text books to be used in California schools contained very negative and demeaning description of Hinduism and India. The CA School Board approved the books without giving Indians any opportunity to make comments. The CAPEEM (California Parents for the Equalization of Educational Materials) filed a law suit. Although the request to stop the publication of the text books was denied, the courts did allow the case to proceed. At present the case is in discovery phase, which is very time consuming and expensive. It is the duty of all who support the concept that Hinduism, or any religion for that matter, should be depicted in text books accurately and without any negative biases and misrepresentations to support this cause. CAPEEM is seeking financial support from the Indian community. To learn more about this case, please visit their web at <http://www.capeem.org>

We must note that the text book publishers are not local Californian but nationally well known. Therefore, if they prevail in California, the text books will find their way in the schools all across the nation.

See you at the convention.

*Surenbra Nath Pandey*

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## An Appeal from the Convention Organizers and the Editor of *Brahma Vani*, the Souvenir Book

After eleven successful, exciting and great volumes of *Brahma Vani*, we are embarking on the 12<sup>th</sup> edition, which we hope to be even better than all previous ones. If we all pitch in, we will have a volume that we all can be proud of and keep it forever for our children to read and cherish. To accomplish this, we need your help in the following areas:

Youth Editorial Board – We need youth who can serve on the youth editorial board. Please help us in recruiting those who have made an impact on BSNA, have published either in BB or BV, can help in obtaining articles and advertisements, have performed other meritorious services, and/or interested in serving BSNA as a member of the youth editorial board.

Editorial Board – If you can assist with the editorial activity, please let us know.

Articles – Please submit articles on the convention theme or topics of interest listed on the convention flyer. Submit the articles early so that the editorial board has enough time to review them. Again, we would like to see articles from our youth. Please plan ahead for the articles. It is very difficult to accommodate the last minute rush.

The Theme – The theme of this year's convention is **The Current Challenges: Global Brahman Unity and Preservation of Vedic Culture.**

Papers for presentations and publication are invited on the following topics or related to the convention theme in general:

- ❖ Global Unity And Effective Communication Among Brahmins
- ❖ Apathy of the Indian Government to Brahmins
- ❖ Plight of the Kashmiri Pundits
- ❖ Education of Children and Marriages of Daughters of Poor Brahmins
- ❖ Ways to Curbing Religious Conversion of Hindus
- ❖ Ayurvedic System of Medicine
- ❖ Astrology and Vastushastra

The first preference is given to the theme-related articles. If space permits, we would include other articles. Please also submit articles related to reflection, first person types of pieces that make up popular reading, especially from our youth. Please encourage our youth to write about their experiences that bring out a Brahmanic (Vedic) value. This could include experiences at our conventions, visit to India, meeting a unique Brahman, or their marriage, etc. ....*continued*

Fund Raising is an important component of BV. Please plan ahead for getting greetings and advertisements. If we make a commitment to sponsor at least a quarter page, we would reach the milestone. You can sponsor the youth section by donating as little as \$50. Ads with family photographs have been quite popular, and we plan to continue this. Please note that the chapters are reimbursed 20% of the advertisement revenue coming from their chapters to support their chapter activities.

**The deadline for articles and ads in Brahma Vani is April 15, 2007.**

Finally, we must avoid the last minute rush for both the ads and articles. This puts undue pressure on everybody (management, members of the editorial board, printer, etc.) to do a good job. Let us all work together in making this edition of Brahma Vani a memorable experience that can be cherished for years to come.

For further information and contribution, please contact Dr. Surendra Nath Pandey (Tel: 229-883-1687, E-mail: [pandeyns@yahoo.com](mailto:pandeyns@yahoo.com)) or Dr. Satish Misra: Tel: (301) 340-2983 (Home); (301) 594-5665 (W); e-mail: [satish\\_misra@hotmail.com](mailto:satish_misra@hotmail.com)

**Advertisements in Brahma Vani  
Convention Sponsorships**

Brahman Samaj of North America is a non-profit organization, approved under the IRS section 503 (c), as a Social, Cultural and Religious organization. The organization has about 600 members and has been holding its annual conventions during the month of July every year, for last twelve years. The 2007 convention is a special one since it is a joint convention with the World Brahman Organization. The World Brahman Convention (WBC-2007) combines the 4<sup>th</sup> World Brahman Convention and 13<sup>th</sup> Annual convention of Brahman Samaj of North America. The WBC-2007 will be held on **May 26-27** in Washington D.C. area at Crowne Plaza Hotel located in Herndon, VA, a short distance from Dulles International Airport. Because of worldwide participation, we expect an attendance of 300-400 members of various WBO affiliate organizations from US, India, UK and other Countries.

Brahma Vani is published as the souvenir magazine for the BSNA annual convention. The publication costs and part of the convention costs are supported by the advertisements and donations from individuals and businesses. The advertisement rates for this year are:

Full page - color	\$ 1,000+*
Full page - black/white	\$ 500.
Half page black/white	\$ 300
Quarter page black/white	\$ 200.

**\*The color pages start at \$1,000 per page depending on the location.**

Each advertiser will receive a copy of the publication along with a receipt and a letter of acknowledgment.

**CONVENTION SPONSORSHIP RATES**

**SILVER SPONSOR \$1,500**

- A full-page COLOUR advertisement in Brahma Vani.
- Worldwide distribution of Brahma Vani to over 1,000 households.
- Identification as a Sponsor in media release.
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**GOLD SPONSOR \$2,500**

- All of the Silver Sponsor benefits plus:
- Free attendance at the Convention for a family of up to five members.
- Free membership for one year.
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- All of the Gold sponsor benefits plus:
- A full-page four-color advertisement: choice of outside back cover/inside front or back/ centerfold/ or another spot, subject to availability.
- Identification as a Sponsor in media releases and the Opening Ceremony, Distinguished Speech, Dinner.
- BSNA web site hot linked to your site for one year.
- Sign as the Presenting Organization, at the Registration Desk.
- Prominent display of banner, if provided by the sponsor, at the Convention.

**ANNUAL CONVENTION**

**EVENT SPONSOR: \$500 PER EVENT**

You may elect to sponsor one or more of the following events of your choice:

- Youth Seminars
- Entertainment – Artists.
- Kavi-Sammelan (the Poets' Corner)

***Note: For publication in Brahma Vani please forward electronically or camera-ready logo or artwork in Word Format by April 15, 2007.***

**Late submissions will not be accepted.**

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**Half page size: 7.5" (width) x 4.5" (height)**

**Quarter page size: 3.375" (width) x 4.5" (height)  
(All finished size)**



# WORLD BRAHMAN CONVENTION

Jointly Sponsored by  
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Brahman Samaj of North America (BSNA)



**Washington DC, U.S.A.**  
**May 26-27, 2007**

Venue: **Crowne Plaza Hotel**

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