



AAA Secretariat Monthly Newsletter: December 2006

December Highlights:

- Arrival of Executive Director
- Lots accomplished at the AAA Board of Directors Meeting on 16 December
- Successful "Reconnect" Alumni event in Delhi
- Celebrating Christmas in India

Monthly Recap:

Arrival of Executive Director

December has been a month focused on learning for the Secretariat: learning how to work in a different professional environment, learning new names and places, learning how to bargain at the market, and learning how to communicate with the cab drivers that only speak Hindi have been interesting and enriching challenges. Luckily, I have had plenty of help from AAA Board members, AIESECers and other AIESEC trainees! A special thank you to Arjun Bhagat and the Calibrated Group, for his support of the Secretariat in providing us an office!



*Where all the magic happens:
Secretariat office at the
Calibrated Group*

"Are We Ready" Corporate Forum organized by AIESEC DI

My first night in Delhi, I was invited to a corporate forum entitled "Are We Ready?" hosted by AIESEC Delhi IIT, where I met many of the Delhi IIT AIESECers, and saw some familiar Alumni faces. It was an interesting forum, and I was thoroughly impressed by the caliber of event the LC put on. After the success of "Are We Ready?" the Organizing Committee celebrated with a party. I felt right at home!



Are we ready panelists (left to right): Ms. Pamela Philipose (Sr. Editor, The Indian Express), Mr. Arun Maria (Chairman, The Boston Consulting Group, India), Mr Harpal Singh (Chairman, Fortis Health Care), Dr. Kiran Bedi (Police Advisor, UN Peacekeeping Dept.), and Mr. Shiv Khera (Founder, Qualified Learning Systems, Inc.).

Lots Accomplished at the AAA Board Meeting on 16 December

In the following days, I continued to meet many AIESECers and AIESEC Alumni and got settled into my new office in the Calibrated Group's Building in Gurgaon. It was great to be welcomed by so many people that I had never met before. I spent much of those first days preparing for the upcoming AAA Board Meeting on 16 December. The meeting was a great success and I was able to meet many of the board members in Delhi. With explicit goals for the year and a dedicated board supporting the Secretariat, I have no doubt that we will make some great accomplishments this year. Vineet Gupta graciously hosted a dinner following the board meeting, and I was introduced to many more alumni, AIESECers and trainees in the Delhi area.



Betsy MC-ing Reconnect, an Alumni event hosted by AIESEC DU

Alumni Reconnected and Felicitated at the "Reconnect" Alumni Event hosted by AIESEC DU

Following a successful board meeting was a great event put on by AIESEC DU: Reconnect. Held in the center of Delhi, near Connaught Place, almost 50 AIESEC Alumni, trainees, and current AIESECers attended, with every batch of AIESEC India represented. After no more than a week in India and with AAA, I was asked to MC the event. Wanting to get the new face of AAA out there, I accepted. It was a great experience, and a lot of fun! Bringing up batches of alumni to do roll calls, making a presentation on AAA, giving away awards, and trying to keep things organized and on schedule really helped me to get to know

the way things operate in India. AIESEC DU, in conjunction with AAA, had succeeded in bringing in high profile alumni like Dilip Chenoy, Vivek Gour, Sanjay Jain and Shivani Wazir. It was great to be able to meet them and to hear about their accomplishments both in AIESEC and in their lives after.



Above (left to right) the founders batch roll call: Jaggi Bakshi, Vivek Gour, Dilip Chenoy and Veenu Pasricha



Betsy in her trainee flat with roommates and friends on Christmas

Spending the Holidays in India

In the following weeks, Christmas and New Years crept up on us. I spent the holidays first with some of my flatmates-all AIESEC trainees-and some friends. We even ended up crashing an AIESEC DI L-CONG and had lots of fun. I have also been able to see a few of the sights around Delhi, and am constantly amazed at the contrasts between the chaos of the streets and the calm of the gardens, temples, and ruins. It has been a truly amazing experience thus far.

December has been a month of learning and getting organized. The Secretariat is now poised to aggressively go after the goals set at the AAA Board Meeting.

A look ahead:

For most of the month of January, I will be in Mumbai meeting many alumni and attending events.

What the Secretariat will be up to:

- Attending the pre-event to the Mumbai Marathon
- Cheering on the contingent of AIESECers, past and present, running in the Mumbai Marathon
- Updating the website content
- Getting out the next edition of the Scribbler
- Increasing membership to reach our *January goal of 100 new members*
- Traveling to Pune to meet alumni there and kickstart the local alumni initiative.



Sightseeing in Delhi: Safdarjung's Tomb

The month ahead will be exciting and challenging. The secretariat looks to make it a successful one. I look forward to working with you all to reach our January goals.

All the best,
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