



Today on Wednesday, May 8 2024, we hold Impact N.O.W. official meeting at Digamber's residence at 7:35-7:45pm, 8:20pm

Presence: Vishwa Mohan, Emily Kajioka, Digamber Suwal, Shahana Akter, Kamal Ghamal (7:45pm arrival)

1. Review last Board Meeting's minutes
2. Impact N.O.W. Monthly Financial statements
3. Summer intern candidate update
 - Kamal met with Akiko Holz's daughter; she has been hired as a Canada summer intern
4. Shahana presentation
 - There are lots of opportunities for non-profit organizations
 - Different projects from federal and provincial government - they will provide office supplies and workers and training
 - Digamber will offer to train
 - Provincial grants are higher
 - Projects can range from 1-2 years
 - Apply through: Vancouver Foundation, Community Gaming Grants from CIC (cic.gc.ca)
 - Can choose different sectors - eg settlement & employment services (airport pickup service, finding accommodation, signing contracts, children's education registration, SIN and MSP application, writing resumes, respite housing for new immigrants)
 - Requirements for receiving grants: proper documentation, legal documents, project plan (this is the most important)
 - Certain grants require Canada Revenue Charity Status and website
 - #Action item: Shahana will forward information to Digamber**
 - #Action item: launch website in May and put stories/testimonies on the website**
5. INF update
 - Three projects: medical charity (providing funds for medical treatment), community development (sustainable income generation - sewing, hair salon etc), women's education (4 year degree)
 - Kamal is a certified facilitator for leadership; overseas students will receive certification in Canada. Training is subsidized
 - Leadership building - delegating responsibilities so that more work can be done/impact is broad
 - Shahana sponsors 21 indigenous girls' education in remote areas of Bangladesh. They provide goats for families and bank accounts for autistic children. Can collaborate with Impact NOW

Meeting Adjournment: 9:20pm

Next Board Meeting: TBD