

# Shree Kurlekar

New York JETAA (JETAANY – US 2)

## Country Representative JETAA USA 4/2009- Present

Vice President JETAANY 4/2008-4/2009

Shiga AJET President 2006-2007

ALT Shiga Prefecture 2005-2007



It has been an honor serving as Country Representative for 2009-10, and I am excited to submit my platform for US Country Representative for a second year. In the spirit of **continuity and progress**, I look forward to learning from the past and strengthening our organization with the ground floor knowledge I gleaned from my first year as CR.

Also, I would like to concentrate on the very important projects that were, by necessity, shelved given the time and resources committed to resolving the serious administrative issues that arose. Those are:

- 1) CR GIA funding request review:
  - a. In 2009, chapters were split three ways and CRs took on the responsibility of reviewing the application forms for common mistakes before they were sent to CLAIR. It is my intention to continue that effort this year, as well as hold a conference call in April to review the forms in detail.
- 2) Centralization of JETAA USA information
  - a. I am currently collecting and compiling all chapter by-laws and election cycles. I will be working with Ryan Hart to make them available on a new JETAA USA webpage in addition to the yahoo groups. Staying on as CR will allow me to ensure follow up on local chapter elections and ease transition of new leadership.

2010 is shaping up to be a big year for JETAA USA. The technology conference in Portland continued a much-needed dialogue concerning chapter websites, communication and social media. Maintaining my position as CR for the rest of 2010, would provide an opportunity to serve as a bridge for these issues between the Portland conference and the New York conference, as well as between JETAA USA and JETAA International. Specifically, the New York chapter is planning to aggressively implement a new membership database system. In my role as country representative, I will be able to give first-hand knowledge of the trials and triumphs to JETAA International.

Also I am currently involved with the planning for the 2010 National Conference in New York City. Though not a necessity, I believe that it is extremely beneficial to have a country representative in the city hosting the national conference. This past year has allowed me to become aware of many of the needs of the chapters across the nation and I am committed to serving as a resource to ensure that the Conference yields tangible results in chapter growth. In addition, being in New York will allow me to work with Matthew Gilliam to revamp the GIA funding portion of the conference. One of my goals for this event is for participants to leave the conference with a full understanding of the various forms and deadlines, as well as advice in how to obtain the greatest amount of funding for their chapters.

Technology is making it easier and easier for us to view ourselves as an International Organization. Globally, I would like to help JETAA USA develop into a cohesive brand and continue to work with JETAA International to make sure that wherever you move, there is an active network there to welcome you.

The first step in the unification of a cohesive JETAA USA Organization is the creation of by-laws. Throughout the years there have been various attempts to make our organization an incorporated 501 c3 or 6. While following through with this initiative would require considerable time, money and resources that JETAA USA does not currently possess, there is a need for JETAA USA to have something more

than the current CR guidelines. If re-elected, I plan to work with chapters and the CR Guidelines that are already in place to put together a set of basic bylaws with the intent that they could be very easily adapted into documentation for incorporation should the opportunity become available in the future.

Lastly, I believe that the future will bring more collaboration between chapters, and I intend to continue aiding communication of chapter events and best practices year round and help to facilitate multi-chapter events. This initiative would include the continuation of Regional Conferences, which (with available budget) would be discussed further at the National Conference. To ensure continuity from the 2010 Conference, one of my goals is to identify locations and themes for two regional conferences as well as a 2011 conference location. My hope is to include more Canadian chapters as well as the Jamaica chapter.

It has been an honor to serve as one of the Country Representatives for the US this past year. I believe that many necessary goals were accomplished, and that continuing to serve and contribute in this position in 2010, I will take advantage of our organization's valuable momentum.



Exhibit A

# Country Representative Endorsement

JETAA USA chapter US# 2 (New York) hereby certifies that  
\_(candidate name) Shree Kurlakar held the office of  
\_(office held) Vice President in our chapter from  
\_(dates) April 2008 to April 2009.

We certify that \_(candidate name) Shree Kurlakar  
was/is an officer in good standing and we, the undersigned officers, endorse  
his/her candidacy for US Country Representative.

Signed (two current officers, no self-endorsement)

Megan E Miller 3-4-10  
date  
Megan E Miller, President  
name printed and office

Monica Yuki 3-4-2010  
date  
Monica Yuki Vice President JETAANY  
name printed and office



Exhibit B

## Country Representative Financial Responsibility Endorsement

JETAA USA chapter US # 2 (New York)  
hereby certifies that we agree to accept financial responsibility for the CR GIA  
for \_\_(candidate name) Shree Kurlekar  
in the event that he/she is elected to the office of US Country Representative.

Signed (two current officers, no self-endorsement)

Megan E Miller 3-4-10  
Megan E Miller, President date  
name printed and office

Monica Yuki 3-4-2010  
Monica Yuki Vice President JETAANY date  
name printed and office