

Summary Report

2026 UAF Alumni Association of North America Meeting

April 25, 2026, Falls Church, Virginia

The meeting started with a beautiful recitation of the holy Quran and its translation by Mr. M. Usman Gujjar 2017-ag, followed by introduction of Executive Committee (EC) members. Dr. Fallak Sher Sial, President UAFAANA, welcomed and thanked the attendees on behalf of EC. Summary highlights of the meeting are as follows:

1. All the members briefly introduced themselves (including name, their ag-, major subject, and state where they currently live). The 44 participants came from Florida, Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Washington DC. The list of participants is available at www.uafaana.org under 'Events.'
2. Dr. Sial explained connections with the University officials and the disbursement of scholarships procedure. Ten scholarships were awarded, and majority of the recipients were females.
3. Dr. Athar, Secretary, explained the role of EC and the process of decision making at the EC meetings. He explained that EC conducted four meetings on quarterly basis, while some additional meetings were held as per some emergent issues. A full democratic procedure was adopted to express fairness in the final decision making.
4. Mr. Ijaz Malik, Treasurer, presented the financial report, income and expenses. Despite funding 10 scholarships for the first year, UAFAANA still has a balance of over \$10,000 and would aim to increase the number and/or amount next year. The summary of income and expenses, list of donors, and list of scholarship recipients were distributed in the registration package.
5. Dr. Bashir A. Qasmi, Member-at-large, updated the audience about his maiden visit to the University, meeting with Prof. Dr. Zulfiqar Ali (Vice Chancellor), Dr. Azeem Iqbal Khan (Chairman PBG and UAFAANA focal person), Dr. Nazia Ehsan (Director, Financial Assistance and University Advancement), Prof. Dr. Shahid Mahmood (Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Science), and Dr. Waqas Wakil (Dean Faculty of Social Sciences). He further acknowledged the help of Dr. Azeem to coordinate all meetings.
6. Dr. M. Rafiq Chaudhry, Membership Coordinator, explained his efforts to connect to the members and motivate them to be a part of this organization, and this event. He added that through generous donations, four memorial scholarships have become available from next year exclusively, two each in DVM and PBG. The WhatsApp group has 118 members, 29 others left for various reasons, and 9 never joined the group.
7. Mr. Fida Abbas, 95-ag announced that he will sponsor one scholarship every year on his own.
8. Concerns were expressed that the WhatsApp group is too restricted to express opinions including social in nature. Establishing a social group was discussed but not concluded.

9. Many other options were discussed to benefit the University students including information on the web page for new graduates, higher education, organizing mentor webinars at the University, initiating skill training, and others. It was decided that Dr. Faisal Imtiaz, 96-ag and Muhammad Usman Gujjar, 2017-ag will work together and prepare a proposal for consideration of the EC to expand its activities beyond awarding scholarships.
10. Mr. M. Omar Ashraf 62-ag, raised the issue of criteria for awarding scholarships. A number of other alumni participated in the discussion. The criteria to award UAFAANA scholarships (performance cum need) must be clearly emphasized and communicated to the University. The EC was advised to discuss it in more detail and instruct its focal person accordingly.
11. Participation and involvement of younger alumni in UAFAANA was emphasized. Mr. Fida Abbas stated that next year he will make efforts to bring up to 10 alumni from NY/NJ and his focus will be to encourage younger alumni to come and attend the meeting.
12. Local/Regional chapters for a better connection and engagement with the community UAFAANA, initiated by Mr. Muhammad Jahangir 82-ag, was briefly discussed. Since the UAFAANA by-laws do not have a provision to open chapters, the EC will consider and invite individuals for help and contributions to the work of the EC. The EC already includes two members at large, one for the Midwest (Dr. Bashir A. Qasmi) and the West (Dr. Ghulam Sarwar) for this purpose.
13. The issue of imposing a membership fee was strongly advocated by Mrs. Afshan Athar. She was supported by Dr. Muhammad Ashraf 85-ag, Dr. Abdul Hamid Rana 66-ag, some other alumni and spouses of the alumni as a group. Mr. Nasir M. Cheema pointed out what you would be offering in exchange for the membership fee. Proposals were briefly mentioned for various levels of membership and it was decided that EC will revisit the membership fee issue.
14. Chaudhry Muhammad Tufail 64-ag, suggested including spouses in discussions. It was adhered to right there and then.
15. The EC was also advised to look for options to increase attendance including organizing meetings on long weekends and joining through zoom like platforms. It was also suggested that EC should explore coordinating with other alumni associations serving the University.

Dr. Muhammad Athar
Secretary UAFAANA