

# ANANDA COLLEGE OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION OF WEST COAST, USA

(A California Nonprofit Corporation)

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2014

The name of this corporation is Ananda College Old Boys Association of West Coast, USA. The name of the corporation may be abbreviated ACOBA – West Coast.

### PURPOSES

This corporation has been formed for charitable purposes, to

- Support educational goals of Ananda College, Colombo, Sri Lanka (“College”) and, in particular, provide assistance to needy students of the College in pursuing their educational programs in Sri Lanka and USA..
- Work with College Old Boys Association in Sri Lanka in furtherance of the above educational goals.
- Facilitate communication among former students and staff of the College living outside Sri Lanka, especially West Coast of USA, in order to organize events and programs in furtherance of the above educational goals.

In addition, this corporation is formed for the purposes of performing all things incidental to, or appropriate in, the achievement of the foregoing specific and primary purposes. However, the corporation shall not engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of its primary charitable purposes. This corporation shall hold and may exercise all such powers as may be conferred upon a nonprofit corporation by the laws of the State of California and as may be necessary or expedient for the administration of the affairs and attainment of the purposes of the corporation. In no event shall the corporation engage in activities which are not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Records of the activities of the ACOBAWC for the period of 2013 are as follows:

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2013

Inaugural Annual General Meeting of ACOBAWC was held on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the Discovery Montessori School in Diamond Bar, CA.

a. Board Members – One Member Malraj De Silva was appointed to the Board and members are as follows. .(See minutes of AGM 2013)

1. Chairman – Dr. Stanley Wijesekera
2. Corporate Secretary – Lucky Rajasinghe
3. Chief Financial Officer – Dr. Gamini Gunawardane
4. Nihal Wijesinghe - Member
5. Malraj De Silva - Member

b. Committee of Officers – General Membership elected President, President Elect, Vice President, General Secretary, Treasurer, Secretary Sports, Secretary Membership Development and 14 Executive members.(See minutes of AGM 2013):

1. Immediate past President - Pradeep Gunaratne
2. Hon. President - Dr. Wije Watugala
3. Hon. President Elect - Nalaka Gunawardena
4. Hon. Vice President - Shantha Suraweera
5. Hon. Treasurer - Dilash De Silva
6. Hon. General Secretary - Rakshita Dissanayake
7. Hon. Assistant Secretary - Sports - Thilanjana Vithana
8. Hon. Assistant Secretary - Member Development - Chatura Hewavitharana
9. Hon. Committee Members -

Dr. Deepthi Jayasekara  
Deepal Jayasuriya  
Rohan Thangaratnam  
Ganesh Perusinghe  
Iresha De Silva  
Dr. Lasika Seneviratne  
Samantha Arambegedara  
Nalin Kalasooriya  
Dr. Saroj Weeraratne  
Dulath Wijetileke  
Methinda Jayawardana  
Hema Amarasinghe  
Dr. Chand Arriyaratne  
Sanje Sedera

## **BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

1. 01/12/2014 - A Board and Committee Meeting #1 was held at Rancho Palos Verdes, CA.
2. 03/08/2014 - A Board and Committee Meeting #2 was held at Chino Hills, CA.
3. 05/31/2014 - A Board and Committee Meeting #3 was held at Walnut, CA.
4. 06/03/2014 - A Board and Committee Meeting (Conference Call).
5. 06/09/2014 - A Board and Committee Meeting (Conference Call).
6. 06/11/2014 - A Board and Committee Meeting (Conference Call).
7. 09/06/2014 - A Board and Committee Meeting #4 was held at Walnut, CA

## **ACTIVITIES**

### **Book Donation Project – November 2013**

Annual Book Donation for 100 deserving students at Ananda College.

This was a very successful event and 26 members contributed for the event and we manage to donate \$2,000/- (80 well deserve students)

### **Meditation & Sil Program to commemorate the Ananda Collage Founders day – December 8<sup>th</sup> 2013.**

Another Successful event by ACOBAWC. Good participation from the members. Our very own old Anandian, Dr. Stalin Wettamuni was one of the guest speakers. Members gave their full support with providing meals, donations and participation. Also noted the help and the support given by Venerable monks at Pasadena Temple.

### **Speaker's series- March 8<sup>th</sup> 2014**

Idea was to solicit speakers from our membership with their own professional experience and shares those experiences in our regular committee meetings.

This was another successful event by ACOBAWC. We manage to bring down young talent from John Hopkins hospital NY, Dr. Rasi Wickramasinghe who was an old Anandian and **The most surprising news was that the Dr. Rasi was awarded the Ananda Collage student scholarship award in year 2000 which sponsored by ACOBAWC-USA**

### **Inter-School Cricket Tournament – March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2014**

Ananda team took part at the Los Angeles Inter School Cricket Tournament and become the Runners up in the tournament. Good participation from the members.

### **Ananda vs. Nalanda Cricket match – July 12<sup>th</sup> 2014**

Even though we lost to Nalanda, it was a good gathering and both sides were enjoyed the day. Hon. MP and our very own old Anandian and world cup cricket winning Captain, Arjuna Ranatunga was the chief guest and it was a memorable event.

### **Fund Raiser @ Pradeep's Den – July 19<sup>th</sup> 2014**

Another successful event. We raise about \$ 2,000/- profits. Again thanks to members who contributed and big thanks for Gunaratne Family for providing their lovely home.

## **PICNIC**

On September 27<sup>th</sup> 2014 –ACOBABC members and their families had a Pot-luck Picnic was held at the Irvine Regional Park, CA and about 90 Members/friends and their families were attended. Good participation.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Currently the ACOBAWC membership status is as follows:

Life Members – 22

Ordinary Members - 30

**Non Profit Status of ACOBAWC** – already applied for the status for non-profit status (501c)

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

ACOBAWC – started with an opening balance of \$ 18,232.81 in 2014.

Current available balance in Bank of America Account - \$ 1,928.18

**Sri Lanka bank accounts:**

Sampath Bank FD –

Rs. 270,655.17 deposited March 14, 2013. Earning interest at 16%. Matures March 13, 2018.

People's Bank:

(1) FD – Rs. 1, 150,000.00 Deposited January 16, 2014. Earning interest at 9.5%. Matures January 15, 2015

(2) Current account: Balance on August 7, 2014 was Rs. 31, 692.00; check given on August 8, 2014 to OBA for scholarship Rs. 30,000.00; Deposited in to the account with personal funds on August 7, 2014 Rs. 25,000.00. Balance as of today = Rs. 26,692.00. Minimum balance required Rs. 20,000.00

**Rakshita Dissanayake**  
**General Secretary**