

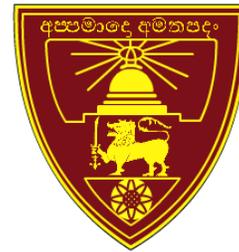
ANANDA COLLEGE OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION OF WEST COAST, USA

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ANNUAL REPORT 2015

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 primarily the educational goals of Ananda College, Colombo, Sri Lanka (“College”) and, if funds permit, other educational projects in Sri Lanka and USA.
- Work with Ananda College Old Boys Association in Sri Lanka and the Ananda College administration to determine educational projects of Ananda College including, but not limited to, scholarships, books, educational materials and supplies, and educational facilities the corporation can assist in.
- Facilitate fellowship among Anandians (former students and teachers of Ananda College) living outside Sri Lanka and in particular in the west coast of USA as the unity and cohesion among them would in turn facilitate the corporation’s main objective of assisting educational needs of the College.

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 2014-October 11 to 2015 November 28 is as follows:

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2014/15

Inaugural Annual General Meeting of ACOBAWC was held on October 11th, 2014 at the Discovery Montessori School in Diamond Bar, CA.

a. Board Members

Pradeep Gunaratne was elected to the Board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Nihal Wijesinghe. The rest of Board members are continues their three year term. Thus the board at the beginning of the year was as follows. (See minutes of AGM 2014/15)

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

b. Committee of Officers

General Membership elected President, President Elect, Vice President, General Secretary, Treasurer, Secretary Sports, Secretary Membership Development and Eight executive members. (See minutes of AGM 2014/15):

1. Immediate past President - Dr. Wije Wathugala
2. Hon. President - Dr. Nalaka Gunawardena
3. Hon. President Elect - Shantha Suraweera
4. Hon. Vice President - Dr. Deepthi Jayasekara
5. Hon. Treasurer - Dilash De Silva
6. Hon. General Secretary - Rakshita Dissanayake
7. Hon. Assistant Secretary - Sports - Thilanjan Vithana
8. Hon. Assistant Secretary
Member Development - Chatura Hewavitharana
9. Hon. Committee Members -
Ganesh Perusinghe
Dr. Lasika Seneviratne
Samantha Arambegedara
Nalin Kulasooriya
Dr. Saroj Weeraratne
Methinda Jayawardana
Dr. Chand Aryyasingha
Ananda Mahinkanda

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1. 10/25/2014 - Board and Committee Meeting #1 was held at Walnut, CA.
2. 11/04/2014 - Board and Committee Meeting (Conference Call).
3. 11/15/2014 - Board and Committee Meeting #2 was held at Irvine, CA.
4. 12/02/2014 - Board and Committee Meeting (Conference Call).
5. 12/07/2014 - Board and Committee Meeting #3 was held at Arcadia, CA
6. 12/16/2014 - Board and Committee Meeting (Conference Call).

7. 12/20/2014 - Board and Committee Meeting #4 was held at Glendora, CA
8. 01/25/2015 - Board and Committee Meeting #5 was held at Irvine, CA
9. 05/20/2015 - Board and Committee Meeting (Conference Call).
10. 07/25/2015 - Board and Committee Meeting #6 was held at Fontana, CA

ACTIVITIES

Inter School Rugby Tournament – October 19th 2014

ACOBAWC members participated in the annual Inter-School Rugby tournament hosted by Royal College OBA.

Meditation & Sil Program to commemorate the Ananda Collage Founders day – November 8th 2014 @ SRI RATHANA BUDDHIST TEMPLE – 2780 W. Lincoln Av, Anaheim.

Another Successful event by ACOBA-WC. Good participation from the members. This is our 2nd year with the project. 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. We thank for the support given by Venerable monks at the Anaheim Temple.

Annual Book Donation Project – December 2nd 2014

This was a very successful event and members contributed for the event and we manage to donate \$2,348.88. (Sufficient to provide books and school supplies for 100 well deserving students). ACOBA_WC member, Lalith Withana participated in the event where books and supplies were distributed.

Maroons' Night – New Year's Eve Dance December 31st 2014

Due to conflicts in the community calendar Maroons Dance got moved to December 31, 2014. Dance was held at White House East Room Replica at Richard Nixon Library at Yorba Linda, CA. Being a 31st day of the year end, we manage to sell 500 tickets. This was another successful event.

Inter-School Cricket Tournament – April 4th 2015

We filled two teams (Gold, and Maroon) in the OC Lions annual inter-school cricket tournament. One of our teams became the Runner-up in the tournament. A lot of our members were there to cheer our teams.

Ananda vs. Nalanda Cricket match – May 30th 2015

This time we manage to co-sponsor this event with Nalanda OBA. It was a good gathering and both sides enjoyed the day. Dr. Sarath Gunapala, old Nalandian, was the chief guest.

2nd Speaker's series- June 27th 2015

This was another successful event by ACOBAWC. Two of our bright talented old Anandians, Col. Lucky Rajasinghe and Dr. Deepthi Jayasekera, gave the lectures. Col. Lucky Talked about Importance of positive attitude and Dr. Deepthi talked about Travel related deceases. Both gave a very entertaining and informative talk.

Sri Lanka Day - August 2015

At the invitation of Sri Lanka Foundation, ACOBA-WC participated in the 'Perehera' during Sri Lanka Day Celebration in Pasadena, California.

ACOBA-WC, USA Annual Picnic, September 20, 2015

On September 20th 2015 –ACOBA-WC members and their families had a Pot-luck Picnic at the Irvine Regional Park, CA. About 50 Members/friends and their families attended. It was a whole day affair. Incoming guests were greeted with a hot cup of tea. As the friendly Cricket match progressed, guests had many varieties of appetizers including manioc to eat. Then we had a delicious lunch and a sing along with our very own talented musicians. The day ended with milk tea and variety of cakes. It was wonderful relaxing day where members could get to know each other's families well. Good participation.

Ananda Scholarships:

Ongoing scholarship program for the student with best O/L results. The main OBA in Sri Lanka took the responsibility to select the student and help distribute the money: Rs. 30,000 for the student with Best O/L results and Rs. 40,000 for the same student to continue the A/L studies. Money will be disbursed from ACOBAWC SL accounts.

Communications with Anandians

We have developed the FACE BOOK group "Anandians in West Coast, USA". We allowed only Anandians living in West Coast to be members of the group. The group is not restricted to members of ACOBA-WC. At present we have 74 members in the face book group.

We started using freeconferencecall.com to conduct executive meeting with a short notice in weekday nights when needed. This allowed us to act quickly with minimal disturbance to members. For many of these teleconferences, members participated while traveling from out of state too. We offered the same service for members who desired to get connected for regular face-to-face meetings.

We have an official e-mail account acobawc@gmail.com which is used to send official e-mail and maintain contact lists and other commonly accessible documents in the cloud. This account is also used for video conferencing for small groups.

We have developed the ACOBA-WC website but were not complete yet.

MEMBERSHIP

As of November 30th 2015, the ACOBA-WC membership status is as follows:

Life Members – 25

Ordinary Members – 42

This is an area we need improvement.

Non Profit Status of ACOBAWC

This year we received the status for non-profit status (501c) with IRS. Special thanks for Dr. Gamini Gunawardena, Lucky Rajasinghe and Nalin Kulasooriya for their devotion in this regard.

Filing Taxes:

Filed taxes for years 2013/14. We thank Nalin Kulasooriya, Samantha Arambegedara, Dr. Gamini Gunawardena and Dilash De Siva for filing taxes on time.

Donation of \$.80,000/- to ACOBAWC

It should be noted here that we ACOBAWC received a Donation of \$.80, 000/- from an old Anandian, Dr. Sri Welaratne and we are in the process of finalizing the best investment for monies and to plan a long term project to utilize the funds to Ananda College.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

ACOBA-WC – started with an opening balance of \$ 18,232.81 on Nov 02, 2013.

Available balance in Bank of America Account - \$ 6,537.18 (As of Oct 10, 2014).

Total money raised during this period (Nov. 2013 to Oct. 2014) is \$6,700.00

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Rakshita Dissanayake
General Secretary
ACOBA-WC

Report Approved:

Proposed by:

Seconded by: