

# ANANDA COLLEGE OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION OF WEST COAST, USA

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## Minutes of the 2014/15 Annual General Meeting of ACOBAWC, held at Discovery Montessori School-Brea, CA on 10/11/2014

### Members Present:

#### Board of Directors

Chairman	-	Dr. Stanley Wijesekera	- Present
Corporate Secretary	-	Lucky Rajasinghe	- Present
Chief Financial Officer	-	Dr. Gamini Gunawardane	- Present
Member	-	Malraj De Silva	- Present
Member	-	<b>Position Vacant</b>	
Senior Member	-	Tissa Seneviratne	- Present

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Immediate Past President	-	Pradeep Gunaratne	- Excused
President	-	Dr. Wije Wathugala	- Present
President Elect	-	Dr. Nalaka Gunawardhana	- Present
Vice President	-	Shantha Suraweera	- Excused
General Secretary	-	Rakshita Dissanayake	- Present
Treasurer	-	Dilash De Silva	- Present
Secretary – Member Development	-	Chatura Hewavitharana	- Present
Secretary Sports	-	Thilanjan Vithana	- Excused
Committee Member	-	Ganesh Perusinghe	- Excused
Committee Member	-	Hema Amarasinghe	- Present
Committee Member	-	Dr. Deepthi Jayasekara	- Present
Committee Member	-	Dulath Wijetileke	- Absent
Committee Member	-	Rohan Thangaratnam	- Absent
Committee Member	-	Dr. Saroj Weeraratne	- Present
Committee Member	-	Dr. Lasika Seneviratne	- Present
Committee Member	-	Methinda Jayawardana	- Present
Committee Member	-	Deepal Jayasuriya	- Absent
Committee Member	-	Iresha De Silva	- Absent
Committee Member	-	Nalin Kalasooriya	- Present
Committee Member	-	Sanjee Sedera	- Absent
Committee Member	-	Dr. Chand Aryasinghe	- Excused
Members	-	Ananda Mahinkanda	- Present
		Sunil Jayasinghe	- Present

## **President's Statement**

The President Wije Wathugala called the meeting to order and requested all members to sing the college anthem.

President welcomed the members and said he appreciated very much their hard work during the year to carry out the various projects.

He also thanked Brigadier Ganesh Perusinghe for initiating the Picnic, Lucky Rajasinghe for initiating the Speaker series and Manjula Vithana for organizing the Ananda vs. Nalanda Cricket Match and participating the 6 a side Cricket tournament organized by OC LIONS. Also thanked Arjuna Ranatunga and his family for participating the Ananda vs. Nalanda Cricket Match.

President made a special note of thanks to the General Secretary – Rakshita Dissanayake and the Treasurer – Dilash De Silva for their excellent work in maintain the respective offices.

He also thanked Dr. Stanley Wijeysekera, Dr. Gamini Gunawardane and Colonel Lucky Rajasinghe for their hard work towards ACOBAWC.

## **Minutes of the last AGM (2012/13)**

The General Secretary presented the minutes of the last AGM and the Board. It was proposed as correct by Lucky Rajasinghe and seconded by Dr. Nalaka Gunawardhana and the members approved the minutes.

## **Annual Report(2013/14)**

The annual report was presented by Hon. General Secretary Rakshita Dissanayake and it was proposed as correct by Lasika Seneviratne and seconded by Dilash De Silva and the members approved the minutes. (Report Attached)

## **Treasurer's Report(2013/14)**

The Financial Statement for the year was presented by Hon. Treasurer Dilash De Silva and It was proposed as correct by Malraj De Silva and seconded by Dr. Deepthi Jayasekara and the members approved the minutes. (Report Attached)

## **Election of New Office Bearers**

The Chairman of the Board, Dr. Stanley Wijesekara, took over as the Pro-temp President. In his address he thanked the Outgoing President – Dr. Wije Watugala and his committee members and the membership for their hard work, help and support towards the association and completing a very successful year.

Chairman of the Board then proceeded to called for nominations of the new office bearers for the New Year with the Corporate Secretary, Lucky Rajasinghe.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Nihal Wijesinghe, one of our Members of the Director Board informed that he is unable to continue as member of the director board due to health issues and Board Accepted the resignation of Nihal Wijesinghe and thank him for the service rendered to the organization.

Following nomination was received:

Member of the Board of Directors – **Pradeep Gunaratne** – Proposed by Lucky Rajasinghe and seconded by Rakshita Dissanayake.

Pradeep Gunaratne was nominated to the Board of Directors and members present approved his election to the Board unanimously.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Following were elected:

**Hon. Vice President** - **Dr. Deepthi Jayasekara**  
Proposed by Lucky Rajasinghe & Seconded by Pradeep Gunaratne

**Hon. General Secretary** - **Rakshita Dissanayake**  
Proposed by Lucky Rajasinghe & Seconded by Pradeep Gunaratne

**Hon. Treasurer** - **Dilash De Silva**  
Proposed by Lucky Rajasinghe & Seconded by Pradeep Gunaratne

**Hon. Assistant Secretary/Sports - Thilanjana Vithana**  
Proposed by Chatura Hewavitharana & Seconded by Dr. Nalaka Gunawardhana

**Hon. Assistant Secretary - Member Development – Chatura Hewavitharana**  
Proposed by Lucky Rajasinghe & Seconded by Rakshita Dissanayake

### **Hon. Committee Members**

**Ganesh Perusinghe**  
Proposed by Rakshita Dissanayake & Seconded by Malraj De Silva

**Dr. Saroj Weeraratne**  
Proposed by Malraj De Silva & Seconded by Dr. Wije Wathugala

**Dr. Lasika Seneviratne**  
Proposed by Dr. Nalaka Gunawardhana & seconded by Dr. Wije Wathugala

**Samantha Arambegedara**

Proposed by Dr. Nalaka Gunawardhana & seconded by Dr. Deepthi Jayasekara

**Nalin Kalasooriya**

Proposed by Dr. Wije Wathugala & seconded by Dr. Lasika Seneviratne

**Methinda Jayawardana**

Proposed by Dr. Deepthi Jayasekara & Seconded by Dr. Lasika Seneviratne

**Dr. Chand Aryasinghe**

Proposed by Chatura Hewavitharana & Seconded by Dr. Lasika Seneviratne

**Ananda Mahinkanda**

Proposed by Malraj De Silva & seconded by Dr. Nalaka Gunawardhana

**New Office Bearers for the Year 2014/15**

**Mr. Tissa Seneviratne- Senior Member**

**Board of Directors**

<b>Hon. Chairman</b>	- <b>Dr. Stanley Wijesekera</b>
<b>Hon. Corporate Secretary</b>	- <b>Colonel Lucky Rajasinghe</b>
<b>Hon. Chief Financial Officer</b>	- <b>Dr. Gamini Gunawardane</b>
<b>Hon. Member</b>	- <b>Malraj De Silva</b>
<b>Hon. Member</b>	- <b>Pradeep Gunaratne</b>

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

<b>Hon. President</b>	- <b>Dr. Nalaka Gunawardhana</b>
<b>Hon. Immediate Past President</b>	- <b>Dr. Wije Wathugala</b>
<b>Hon. President Elect</b>	- <b>Shantha Suraweera</b>
<b>Hon. Vice President</b>	- <b>Dr. Deepthi Jayasekara</b>
<b>Hon. General Secretary</b>	- <b>Rakshita Dissanayake</b>
<b>Hon. Treasurer</b>	- <b>Dilash De Silva</b>
<b>Hon. Assistant Secretary Sports</b>	- <b>Thilanjana Vithana</b>
<b>Hon. Assistant Secretary Member Development</b>	- <b>Chatura Hewavitharana</b>

**Hon. Committee Members**

<b>Nalin Kulasoorya</b>	- <b>Brigadier Ganesh Perusinghe</b>
<b>Dr. Saroj Weeraratne</b>	- <b>Dr. Lasika Seneviratne</b>
<b>Metthinda Jayawardana</b>	- <b>Samantha Arambegedara</b>
<b>Dr. Chand Aryasinghe</b>	- <b>Ananda Mahinkanda</b>

Chairman of the Board welcome the new President and request him to take over the proceedings.

## **NEW PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

The new President Dr. Nalaka Gunawardhana took over the proceedings with his new committee, and thanked the outgoing President Wije Wathugala and the former committee for a job well done.

Then he proceeded to outline his vision and tentative objectives and plans. Wants to continue the traditions started this year with the Ananda Founders Day Sil & Meditation event. He thanked for project Chairman Shantha Suraweera and Wije Wathugala for organizing the event. This is scheduled to be on November 8<sup>th</sup> 2014 at SRI RATHANA BUDDHIST TEMPLE – 2780 W. Lincoln Av, Anaheim @ 8.30AM.

Upcoming ACOBAWC Dinner Dance will be our most highlighted event of the year and requested the whole committee to give their fullest support.

Also wanted to continue the following highlighted events.

### **Book Donation**

### **Speaker's series**

### **Scholarships, Awards, and other projects at Ananda**

### **ACOBABC participation of Inter-school cricket**

### **ACOBABC participation of inter-school Rugby**

### **Annual picnic**

### **Two (2) Fund Raising events**

Another high priority in the plan is ACOBAWC website and the Membership Development and requested The Committee Chairman, Chatura to finalize the matters with the help of the Committee.

Further he said that wants to build close relationship with younger members and get them to involve more in ACOBA-WC events.

### **Any Other Business**

President gave his special thanks to our most Senior Member and our Teacher Mr. Tissa Seneviratne for his support towards Ananda and also thanked Dr. Gamini Gunawardena, Dr. Stanley Wijesekera and Lucky Rajasinghe for their valuable guidance and Support. Also thanked Malraj De Silva for providing his business premises to have our meetings.

Corporate Secretary Lucky Rajasinghe brought up that having the office of president for one fiscal year is very difficult for the President elect to organize the events and suggested to extend the time period to 2 years. General membership liked the idea and suggested to bring a proposal at the next AGM to change the Bylaws.

Since there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

**Rakshita Dissanayake**  
**Hon. General Secretary**  
**ACOBAWC**

Annexure A - Attendees list  
Annexure B - Financial Report  
Annexure C - Annual Report

Minutes are Approved:  
Proposed by:  
Seconded by: