

ANANDA COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION OF WEST COAST, USA

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Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting of ACOBA-WC USA

Date: January 21st, 2024 starting at 10:00 am

Location: 10316 Slater Avenue, Fountain Valley CA, 92708
Also connected Via zoom

Members Present:

Dr. Wije Wathugala	Major Chaminda Dabare (Rtd)	Dili Nuwan Wijesinghe
Shantha Suraweera	Dilash De Silva	Pradeep Gunaratne
Dr. Arampath N. Gunawardhana	Palitha Palpola	Manjula Vithana
Rakshita Dissanayake	Gihan Ukuwela	Dhammika Ganhewa
Col. Lucky Rajasinghe (Rtd)	Wg. Cmdr Sanath Senaratne(Rtd)	Iranga Karunaratne
Asela Wickramasinghe	Dr. Gamini Gunawardana	Jeevaka Weerasinghe
Sqd. Ldr. Rahim Mantara (Rtd)	Sanje Weerasinghe	
Dr. Stanley Wijesekara	Nalin Kulasooriya	

Commencement

The current President- Col. Lucky Rajasinghe(Rtd) called the meeting to order and requested all members to join him for the college anthem.

President's Address

The President welcomed the members and expressed his appreciation to the Board Members, The Executive Committee Members and all the rest for the outstanding support extended during the two years of his presidency. He emphasized that we as an organization should promote and encourage more participation of our members in the events that we organize throughout the year.

Minutes of the last AGM

The General Secretary- Rahim Mantara presented the minutes of the last AGM held on January 29th, 2023. The minutes were proposed as in order by Rakshita Dissanayake and seconded by Dr. Wije Wathugala.

Annual Reports/Financial Report for 2023

The Secretary's report was presented by Rahim Mantara and was proposed as in order by Dr. Wije Wathugala and seconded by Nalin Kulasooriya.

The Treasurer's report would be tabled at a latter date due to the absence of Samantha Arambedara.

At this stage a recess was taken for the Board members to discuss any changes of portfolios within the Board. On return, the Chairman of the Board- Dr. Nalaka Gunawardana confirmed the following portfolios for the year 2024.

Board of Directors for 2024

Hon. Chairman-	Shantha Suraweera
Hon. Corporate Secretary-	Dr. Deepthi Jayasekara
Hon. Chief Financial Officer-	Rakshita Dissanayake
Hon. Member-	Dr. Arampath N. Gunawardana
Hon. Member-	Dr. Lasika Seneviratne

Executive Committee For 2024

Hon. President - Dilash De Silva

Election of Office Bearers (2024)

Nominations for the office bearers for 2024 were as follows:

Vice President/President Elect – Nalin Kulasooriya

Proposed by Col.Lucky Rajasinghe (Rtd) and seconded by Rahim Mantara

General Secretary- Thilanjan Vithana

Proposed by Col.Lucky Rajasinghe (Rtd) and seconded by Rahim Mantara

Asst Secretary – Major Chaminda Dabare (Rtd)

Proposed by Col.Lucky Rajasinghe (Rtd) and seconded by Rahim Mantara

Treasurer – Samantha Arambegedara

Proposed by Col.Lucky Rajasinghe (Rtd) and seconded by Rahim Mantara

Asst. Treasurer – Wg. Cmdr. Sanath Senaratne (Rtd)

Proposed by Col.Lucky Rajasinghe (Rtd) and seconded by Rakshita Dissanayake

Secretary Sports- Jeevaka Weerasinghe

Proposed by Dilash De Silva and seconded by Col.Lucky Rajasinghe (Rtd)

Assistant Secretary Sports – Iranga Karunaratne

Proposed by Dilash De Silva and seconded by Thilanjan Vithana

Secretary- Member development- Sanje Sedara

Proposed by Col.Lucky Rajasinghe (Rtd) and seconded by Rakshita Dissanayake

Assistant Secretary-Member Development – Chandana Wijyaratne

Proposed by Col.Lucky Rajasinghe (Rtd) and seconded by Dilash De Silva.

Committee Members:

Member	Proposed By	Seconded by
Dr. Stanley Wijesekera	Col. Lucky Rajasinghe (Rtd)	Rahim Mantara
Dr. Gamini Gunawardana	Col. Lucky Rajasinghe (Rtd)	Rahim Mantara
Palitha Palpola	Col. Lucky Rajasinghe (Rtd)	Rahim Mantara
Brigadier Ganesh Perusinghe (Rtd)	Col. Lucky Rajasinghe (Rtd)	Rahim Mantara
Pradeep Gunaratne	Col. Lucky Rajasinghe (Rtd)	Rahim Mantara
Dr. Wije Wathugala	Rahim Mantara	Rakshita Dissanayake
Dr. Saroj Weeraratne	Rahim Mantara	Rakshita Dissanayake
Ananda Mahinkanda	Rahim Mantara	Rakshita Dissanayake
Asela Wickramasinghe	Dilash De Silva	Col. Lucky Rajasinghe (Rtd)
Methinda Jayawardana	Dilash De Silva	Col. Lucky Rajasinghe (Rtd)
Sanjeeva Weerasinghe	Dilash De Silva	Col. Lucky Rajasinghe (Rtd)
Rithmaka Karunadhara	Dr. Nalaka Gunawardana	Rahim Mantara
Gihan Ukuwela	Rakshita Dissanayake	Rahim Mantara
Dili Nuwan Wijesinghe	Rahim Mantara	Rakshita Dissanayake
Malraj De Silva	Col. Lucky Rajasinghe (Rtd)	Rahim Mantara
Rahim Mantara	Rakshita Dissanayake	Dilash De Silva
Chatura Hewavitharana	Manjula Vithana	Dilash De Silva

The Members present unanimously approved those elected as the Committee Members and the EXCO officers.

Chairman of the Board- Shantha Suraweera welcomed the new President- Dilash De Silva and requested him to take over the proceedings with the new committee.

In-coming President's Address

Dilash De Silva welcomed the new members and thanked all those present for the support extended throughout the years. He suggested to organize smaller events on a regular basis to promote the participation of more members and raise additional funds. He also mentioned to plan our biennial Fund Raiser Dinner Dance in the early part of the year and beat the rush of events during the latter part of the year.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

Date: February 12th ,2024

Thilanjan Vithana
ACOPA-WC USA

Office Bearers for the Year 2024

Board of Directors

Chairman-	Shantha Suraweera
Secretary-	Dr. Deepthi Jayasekara
Chief Financial Officer-	Rakshita Dissanayake
Member-	Dr. Nalaka Gunawardena
Member-	Dr. Lasika Seneviratne

Executive Committee

Hon. President- Dilash De Silva

Hon. Vice President/President Elect- Nalin Sampath Kulasooriya

Hon. Immediate Past President- Col Lucky Rajasinghe (Rtd)

Hon. General Secretary- Manjula Vithana

Hon. Assistant General Secretary- Major Chaminda Dabare (Rtd)

Hon. Treasurer- Samantha Arambegedara

Hon. Assistant Treasurer- Wg. Cmdr. Sanath Senaratne (Rtd)

Hon. Secretary- Sports- Jeevaka Weerasinghe

Hon. Assistant Secretary-Sports- Iringa Karunaratne

Hon. Secretary- Member Development- Sanje Sedara

Hon. Assistant Secretary- Member Development- Chandana Wijayaratne

Committee Members

Dr. Stanley Wijesekera

Malraj De Silva

Dr. Gamini Gunawardana

Dili Nuwan Wijesinghe

Brigadier Ganesh Perusinghe (Rtd)

Dr. Wije Wathugala

Sqn. Ldr. Rahim Mantara (Rtd)

Dr. Saroj Weeraratne

Ananda Mahinkanda

Chatura Hewavitharana

Asela Wickremasinghe

Sanjeeva Weerasinghe

Palitha Palpola

Rithmaka Karunadhara

Pradeep Gunaratne

Gihan Ukuwela

Methinda Jayawardana