

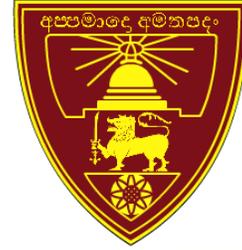
# ANANDA COLLEGE OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION OF WEST COAST, USA

(A California Nonprofit Corporation)

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2018

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 ACOBA-WC for the period of January 14, 2018 to November 16, 2018 is as follows:

a. Board Members

The board at the beginning of the year was as follows. (See minutes of AGM 2017/18)

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|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Chairman                | - Pradeep Gunaratne      |
| 2. Corporate Secretary     | - Col. Lucky Rajasinghe  |
| 3. Chief Financial Officer | - Dr. Wije Wathugala     |
| 4. Member                  | - Dr. Stanley Wijesekera |
| 5. Member                  | - Major Malraj De Silva  |

b. Committee of Officers

General Membership elected following officers for the new year. (See minutes of AGM 2017/18):

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|---|----------------------------|
| 1. Hon. President                                 | - Dr. Lasika Seneviratne   |
| 2. Hon. Vice President                            | - Rakshita Dissanayake     |
| 3. Immediate Past President                       | - Dr. Deepthi Jayasekara   |
| 4. Past President                                 | - Dr. Nalaka Gunawardana   |
| 5. Hon. General Secretary                         | - Sqd. Ldr. Rahim Mantara  |
| 6. Hon. Treasurer                                 | - Nalin Kulasooriya        |
| 7. Hon. Assistant Secretary                       | - Sports – Dilash De Silva |
| 8. Hon. Assistant Secretary<br>Member Development | - Maj. Chaminda Dabare     |

**9. Hon. Committee Members -**

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Brig. Ganesh Perusinghe | Thilanjana Vithana     |
| Dr. Saroj Weeraratne    | Dr. Gamini Gunawardana |
| Methinda Jayawardana    | Chatura Hewavitharana  |
| Asitha Seneviratne      | Ananda Mahinkanda      |
| Hiran Kuruppu           | Gamini Weeratunga      |

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

1. 03/25/18 - Board and Committee Meeting #1 was held at Westminster, CA.
2. 05/20/18 - Board and Committee Meeting #2 was held at Westminster, CA.
3. 06/30/18 - Board and Committee Meeting #3 was held at Arcadia, CA.
4. 09/15/18 - Board and Committee Meeting #4 was held at Chino Hills, CA
5. 10/14/18 - Board and Committee Meeting #5 was held at Westminster, CA.

## **ACTIVITIES**

### **Scholarship Program for Best O/L Student in the College**

The ACOBAWC annual scholarship at Ananda College is funded by the interest from a fixed deposit in Peoples Bank of Sri Lanka. The scholarship paid money for the student with best O/L results. Rs. 30,000 first year and Rs. 40,000 for the second year. This would result in two annual scholarships totaling of Rs. 70,000.00.

The main ACOBA in Sri Lanka was responsible of selecting the student in the past years and from this year, 85 group of OBA is managing this scholarship together with ACOBA-WC.

This year we paid following payments:

**Navindu Amajith (Best O/L result in 2015) - RS. 40,000.00 - Follow-up Payment**  
**Student name to be confirmed (Best O/L result in 2016) - RS. 30,000.00**

### **Dr. Sri Ramya Welaratna/ ACOBA-WC of USA Educational Achievements Scholarship Award Program -April 2018**

This project is also managed in Sri Lanka by OBA 85' group funded by ACOBA-WC. The award ceremony was held at Kularatne Hall, on April 05<sup>th</sup> 2018. ACOBA-WC Treasurer- Nalin Kulasooriya attended the event. Photographs of the event were distributed among the members. Thank you for the Project Chairman Dr. Nalaka Gunawardana and his Committee-, OBA 85' Group and Parakrama Rajasinghe (Col. Lucky's Brother) for organizing the event. 32 students from grades 5 through 9 received cash donations for their academic achievements.

### **Sri Lanka Day - July 14 in Pasadena CA**

We maintained a booth throughout the day from 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm. Video presentations were prepared for viewing.

We prepared a float for the Parade. The theme- Ananda College- Leadership Where it Matters. Much emphasis was laid to display a replica of the **Ananda Vihare** on the main deck of the float . 20+ anandians escorted the float throughout the parade route.

### **Meeting with Ven. Diviyagaha Yasassi thero- July 19<sup>th</sup> in Crenshaw CA.**

Many of us were in attendance at the Crenshaw temple to meet and greet our past teacher Ven. Diviyagaha Yasassi thero. A Buddha Pooja was held and a donation was made as Pirikara to the thero.

### **Inter-School Cricket tournament- August 19<sup>th</sup> in Tustin CA.**

We enrolled three teams- Ananda Golds, Maroons and Platinum.

All teams performed well and Ananda Maroons ended up as runners-up of the tournament. One of the team members-Iresha De Silva had to be transported to the hospital and underwent heart surgery just before the commencement of the tournament. He has recovered now.

### **Preparations For the Dinner Dance- January 26, 2019 in Los Angeles.**

High emphasis is being laid to prepare for the annual fundraiser dance scheduled to be held at Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles. 335+ tickets already sold off an initial target of 450 guests. Weekly conference calls scheduled since beginning of November to monitor progress on the sale of tickets and all other concerns related to the dance.

### **Membership**

As of November 14, 2018, the ACOBA-WC membership status is as follows:

Life Members – 26                      Ordinary Members – 66.

This is an area need improvement. Majority of the 65 members have not paid their dues.

### **Filing Taxes**

Taxes for year 2017 have been filed. We thank our treasurer, Nalin Kulasooriya, for filing taxes on time with the able assistance of Samantha Arambegedara.

### **Appreciations**

We sincerely appreciate:

The outstanding support, dedication and commitment extended to the organization by Col. Lucky Rajasinghe, Dr. Nalaka Gunawardana, and Rakshita Dissanayake in all areas of planning and execution.

The hospitality extended by Dr. Lasika Seneviratne, Major Malraj De Silva and Pradeep Gunaratne and their families for hosting our meetings in their homes/premises.

Samantha Arambegedara for volunteering to maintain all our accounts in the absence of our Treasurer-Nalin Kulasooriya. He was also very helpful in filing our taxes in a timely manner.

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**Rahim Mantara**  
**General Secretary**  
**ACOBA-WC**

**Report Approved:**

Proposed by:

Seconded by: