

**ANANDA COLLEGE OLD BOYS  
ASSOCIATION OF  
WEST COAST, USA**

(A California Nonprofit Corporation)

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**ANNUAL REPORT 2019**

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 November 17th, 2018 to December 14, 2019 is as follows:

a. Board Members:

The board at the beginning of the year was as follows. (See minutes of AGM 2018/19)

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|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Chairman                | - Pradeep Gunaratne      |
| 2. Corporate Secretary     | - Shantha Suraweera      |
| 3. Chief Financial Officer | - Dr. Wije Wathugala     |
| 4. Member                  | - Dr. Nalaka Gunawardana |
| 5. Member                  | - Major Malraj De Silva  |

b. Committee of Officers:

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Hon. President      | - Dr. Lasika Seneviratne |
| 2. Hon. Vice President | - Rakshita Dissanayake   |

These EXCO members remained the same as per the constitution for their second term.

General Membership elected following officers for the new year. (See minutes of AGM 2018/19):

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Immediate Past President         | - Dr. Deepthi Jayasekara  |
| 2. Hon. General Secretary           | - Sqd. Ldr. Rahim Mantara |
| 3. Hon. Treasurer                   | - Samantha Arambegedera   |
| 4. Hon. Assistant Treasurer         | - Nalin Kulasooriya       |
| 5. Hon. Assistant Secretary- Sports | - Dilash De Silva         |
| 6. Hon. Assistant Secretary-        |                           |
| 7. Member Development               | - Maj. Chaminda Dabare    |

**8. 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      |
| Sarath De Silva         | Col Lucky Rajasinghe   |
| Asela Wickramasinghe    | Dr. Stanley Wijesekara |

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

1. Annual General Meeting – November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
2. Weekly Conference calls were held every Wednesday starting December 5<sup>th</sup> 2018, to update status/progress of the Maroons Dance scheduled for January 26<sup>th</sup> 2019
3. May 11<sup>th</sup> 2019 - Board and Committee Meeting was held at Westminster, CA.
4. October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 - Conference call

**ACTIVITIES****Fund- Raiser Dinner Dance- Maroons' Night- January 26<sup>th</sup> 2019**

Event held at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles. 420+ guest in attendance. Music by Anokia and special guest artists Alli and Ash. DJ Jonny as back up.

Price per ticket \$130. **Record net profit \$59771,63.**

The great team effort by all the members was highly appreciated. This included the ladies of the members who devoted their time and talent to make the event a tremendous success. A special dinner was held at Dr. Lasika Seneviratne's home on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 2019, to celebrate the success.

**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 85 group of OBA is locally managing the scholarship program together with ACOBA-WC.

The award ceremony for the current period was held on April 4<sup>th</sup> at the Kularatne Hall. ACOBA was represented by Nalin Kulasooriya.

Details of scholarship recipients and amounts are in the project report.

**Battle of the Maroons T20 Cricket Encounter- May 25<sup>th</sup> in Mission Viejo, CA.**

Event was jointly planned with old nalandians. Members of both schools funded the day's event, with music and lunch. Ananda College were the winners. The outstanding players were awarded trophies.

**Sri Lanka Day Expo – July 20<sup>th</sup> in Pasadena CA**

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 . We also had large cutouts of the presentation ceremony of the Dr. Sri Ramya Welaratna Scholarship Program. 20+ anandians escorted the float throughout the parade route.

**Funding for Sanitary Project-Junior Section**

Total funding was approved for a sanitary project at Ananda. Col. Lucky Rajasinghe, Rakshita Dissanayake and Rahim Mantara were nominated to coordinate the project jointly with the 82 group of Ananda. Plan approved and work in progress. Total cost approx. \$18000. Scheduled to complete in December 2019, however we have a delay reported from Sri Lanka due to not receiving approval from the department of education for various stages of the project.

**Founders' Day- Day of Mindfulness- November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019**

Event jointly organized by the Anandians and Nalandians. Held at Sarathchandra Buddhist Center in North Hollywood from 8:30 am to 5:00pm. The program for the day was conducted by Rev. Hye Wol Sunim.

Lunch was organized through volunteer contributions from the members of both colleges.

### **Funding for Rugby at Ananda- Junior level**

The committee agreed to fund the promotion of rugby football at Ananda. This was proposed to be done in the junior team level expecting better quality of players rising in the future. Funds up to \$2400 will be donated to the OBA-sports fund. Most of these moneys are to be collected through the anandians living in the US. The short fall not exceeding \$800 will be covered by ACOBA funds. The approval remains for the next 5 years including 2019. Dilash De Silva and Chatura Hewavitharana will lead this project. Funds for 2019 have already been sent.

### **Book Donation Program for the Needy at Ananda-2019**

The project initiated by ACOBA-East Coast to provide books, shoes and backpacks for those anandians in need. We collected \$1455 through our members, and together donated \$2955 as a total from the US. (east coast \$1500). Money already received at Ananda.

### **T-Shirts for the ACOBA-WC Cricket Team**

Money funded by Donors and ACOBA funds. (Donors-\$350, ACOBA funds-\$280). Items on order. Due end of December

### **T-Shirts for the ACOBA-Members**

T-shirts for members are in order. Cost of each \$35. Money advanced through ACOBA funds. Those members who have ordered will pay individually.

### **Appreciation**

We sincerely appreciate:

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

The hospitality extended by Dr. Lasika Seneviratne, 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. Our CFO Dr. Wije Wathugala was very accurate and prompt in settling dues and was always available to sort out any financial needs of the organization.

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