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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016

Notice is hereby given that the 31st Annual General Meeting of the St. Lawrence Old Boys' Association will be held on **Sunday 25th September 2016 at 11.00 a.m.** at **Fr. Wavreil Hall** in the St. Lawrence High School premises at **27 Ballygunge Circular Road, Kolkata 700 019.**

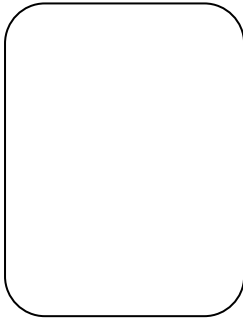
The **AGENDA** for the meeting will be:

1. To receive, consider and confirm the proceedings of the 30th AGM held on 27th Sept. 2015.
2. To receive, consider and adopt the Annual Report for the year 2015-2016 (ending 31st March 2016) of the working of the Society (Secretary's Report).
3. To receive, consider and adopt the audited Accounts for the year 2015-2016.
4. To appoint Auditors and Bankers for the year 2016-2017.
5. Any other matter with the permission of the chair.

27 Ballygunge Circular Road
Kolkata 700 019
21st August 2016

Anirban Banerjee
Hon. Secretary

PHOTO IDENTITY CARD FOR MEMBERS



Please send your recent colour passport photograph in either hard copy to the SLOBA office on any Sunday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. or email a high resolution scanned image to secretary@sloba.net right away. Please do get your personal information updated at our office also.

THE FIRST BATCH OF CARDS HAS ALREADY BEEN RELEASED AT THE REUNION 2015 AND WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED FOR ITS DESIGN AND QUALITY.

SLOBA ANNUAL REUNION 2016

For the information of all members, the SLOBA Annual Reunion will be held as usual on **4th December 2016**, the first Sunday of December from **6 pm onwards**. But this time we are changing the format to an interactive evening **FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY** thrown in for good measure. Event coupons will be available from the SLOBA office on and from 7th November 2016.



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MINUTES OF THE 30TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ST. LAWRENCE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION HELD ON SUNDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 11.00 AM AT FR. WAVREIL HALL IN THE SCHOOL PREMISES

- The attendance was recorded as per the Attendance Register.
- President of SLOBA, Rev. Fr. Sebastian James sj called the meeting to order and on the request of the Secretary, Mr. Anirban Banerjee, took the chair. Rev. Fr. Jeyaraj Velusamy sj, Provincial of the Calcutta Jesuit Order and Rev. Fr. Joseph Toppo sj were also requested to be on the dais.
- Members observed minute's silence in memory of Rev. Fr. Andre Bruylants sj and Dr. P. G. Roy who left for their Heavenly Abode during the year.
- Rev Fr. Jeyaraj Velusamy sj was presented a flower bouquet by Mr. Saptarshi Ghosh.

Agenda 1: To receive, consider and confirm the proceedings of the 29th AGM held on 27th September, 2014: Mr. Anirban Banerjee presented the minutes of the 29th Annual General Meeting held on 27th September, 2014 which was confirmed after deliberations on the proceedings being proposed by Mr. Amitava Gupta and seconded by Mr. G. P. Gupta.

Agenda 2: To receive, consider and adopt the Annual Report for the year 2014-2015 (ending 31st March, 2015) of the working of the Society (Secretary's Report): The Annual Report for the year 2014-2015 of the working of the Association was placed before the house by Mr. Anirban Banerjee for discussion. He said that the Annual Report was already circulated and highlighted the activities and events carried out by SLOBA during the year. The report after being proposed by Mr. Ajay Kumar Pandey and seconded by Mr. Kalyan Gupta was adopted unanimously by the house.

Agenda 3: To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Accounts for the year 2014-2015: The Audited Accounts for the year 2014-2015 was placed before the house by Mr. Anirban Banerjee for adoption. He pointed out the pertinent observations and said that the corpus had increased. After few deliberations by the members, the same was adopted unanimously after being proposed by Mr. Shankar Banerjee and seconded by Mr. Amitava Gupta.

Agenda 4: To appoint Auditors and Bankers for the year 2015-2016: The next agenda to appoint Auditors and Bankers for the year 2015-2016 was moved by Mr. Anirban Banerjee. He proposed to re-appoint M/s. S. Rudra & Co. as Auditors of SLOBA for the year 2015-2016 and to continue with Syndicate bank as bankers of SLOBA for the year 2015-2016 which were unanimously accepted by the house.



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Agenda 5: To elect members to the Governing Body of the Society as per the provisions of the constitution of the Society: Mr. Anirban Banerjee called upon Mr. Caesar Sen, the Election Officer to announce the result of the election of members to the Governing Body of the Society as per the provisions of the constitution. Mr. Caesar Sen informed the house that as per existing norms, Mr. S. V. Raman, Mr. Shankar Banerjee and Mr. Kalpajeet Basu Mallik had retired and Mr. Krishnendu Sengupta had resigned from the Governing Body of SLOBA as such there were four vacancies to be filled by means of election. Further, he informed that four nominations were received from Mr. S. V. Raman, Mr. Shankar Banerjee, Mr. G. P. Gupta and Mr. Rahul Mukherjee. He declared that the above four were elected to the Governing Body uncontested.

Agenda 6: Any other matter with the permission of the Chair: Rev. Fr. Jeyaraj Velusamy sj in his address said that he was happy to attend the Annual General Meeting of SLOBA. He said that due to God's Providence, the St. Xavier's College Campus had already started in St. Lawrence High School and thanked the members of SLOBA for their prayer and support. He said that he has in mind about the proposed St. Lawrence College. He appreciated the good work being done by SLOBA. He urged to plan some projects for the benefit of the under privileged and marginalized.

- Rev. Fr. James Sebastian sj, President of SLOBA in his address thanked SLOBA and conveyed his strongest desire to keep the school moving with the support of SLOBA. He said that we have pleasant memories of the past and need to plan out for the future. He appreciated the efforts of SLOBA towards the development of the school.
- Rev. Fr. Joseph Toppo sj in his address said that he was happy to be associated with SLOBA for many years. He said that SLOBA had whole heartedly supported the Platinum Jubilee Celebration of the school with their active participation in making the event successful. He appreciated the Cricket Coaching Camp run by SLOBA.
- Rev. Fr. Provincial proposed for a night or evening school to which Mr. Anirban Banerjee said that it was a welcome proposal and the same would be taken up in the Governing Body meeting for discussion.
- Mr. Rahul Mukherjee proposed for video conferencing or web-cam meeting during the Annual General Meeting so that SLOBA members outside Kolkata can also join and participate in the meeting.
- Mr. Caesar Sen proposed for a face book page of SLOBA.

There being no other matter, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair and Members.



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ANNUAL REPORT (2015-2016) OF ST. LAWRENCE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION AS ON 31ST MARCH 2016

I am sincerely grateful to all the members of association, and the school authority for their help and support extended in all our activities. The events that took place during the captioned period are as follows:

Membership

The present membership strength as on 31.03.2016 is as under:

Life Member: 1199

Silver Privilege Member: 21

Free Clinic

The free clinic has completed its twenty ninth year and is cruising smoothly at its new bigger location. A further value enhancement was made by way of additional furniture and better amenities for the doctors and patients. Dr. Mrs. Bandana Roy (wife of Late Dr. P.G. Roy who was associated with the clinic for many years) is now attending to the clinic every Sunday morning. We express our gratitude to Dr. Mrs. Roy and Dr. Bakshish Singh Anand for their dedicated service to the clinic. Thanks are due also to Mr. Jagannath Chowdhury, Raja Rajak and Panchanan Haldar for their assistance in the running of the clinic. Pharmaceutical companies, and several old boys have been consistent and generous in their support to our clinic and we gratefully acknowledge their assistance. A special thanks to Dr. Soumitra Kumar for regularly monitoring the activities of the Free Clinic and Dr. Anand has also been working tirelessly to ensure a steady supply of medicine to the clinic.

School Development & Scholarship

It is a well-known fact that SLOBA has instituted several scholarships and other benevolent funds in association with the school management over the years. While the Golden Jubilee Scholarship Fund and the Golden Jubilee Staff Welfare Fund are known to all, there are several smaller funds which are not properly documented. We shall be taking up this matter both with the donors as well as the school management shortly to sort matters out by 31st March 2017 for a comprehensive list of all such donations and awards made to the institution and the current status.

A small change has been made by the Governing Body towards disbursement of funds under the Golden Jubilee Staff Welfare Fund. As the disbursement amount of RS. 20,000=00 to retiring teachers is no longer substantial, it is decided that teachers will be presented with suitable mementos and gifts on retirement as a token of gratitude. An amount of RS. 20,000=00 will now instead be given to non-teaching staff on retirement.



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SLOBA Cricket Coaching Camp

The story of the cricket coaching camp is always a resounding success thanks mainly due to the untiring efforts of Mr. Anand Singh, Mr. Saptarshi Ghosh and Mr. Rajesh Jaiswal as well as young alumni Soumya Biswas and coach Sahil Sardar imparting on field training. Mr. Kalyan Dhall continues to mentor the camp with his vast experience.

The high point for the camp organizers was the 14th successive **Inter School Cricket Tournament** organized in the school itself in December 2015. This is now an event of repute among schools in Kolkata. The tournament was organized in the T-20 format and in two categories, under 14 and under 16 both with eight participating schools. **St. Thomas School Kiderpore won in the under 14 category** beating St. Lawrence High School in the finals while **La Martiniere for Boys lifted the winner's trophy in the under 16 category** beating BDM International. **Fr. Sebastian James sj, Principal, St. Lawrence High School** was the chief guest for the occasion.

The whole tournament was covered in detail by The Telegraph and The Times of India.

Members' Identity Card

Photo Identity Card for members of SLOBA has started rolling out from the last reunion in December 2015. Members are requested to send in their current photograph either in paper format to the SLOBA office or by high resolution scanned image to secretary@sloba.net at the earliest. Please also check whether your personal information retained with us is current and up to date.

SLOBA Annual Inter-School Debate 2015

The **9th Annual SLOBA Inter-School Debate 2015** was held on **Thursday 27th August 2015** at the Fr. Wavreil Hall at **27 Ballygunge Circular Road Kolkata 700 019** from 11.00 a.m. to 1 p.m. The motion for the debate was: **"Religion should not infiltrate and influence education."**

The judges for the finals were **Mr. Arya Gupta (Educator and culture personality)**, **Ms. Sohag Sen (Theatre and culture personality)** and **Ms. Rita Bhimani (Public Relations & Media personality)**. The entire event was ably moderated by **Dr. Kunal Sarkar**, the eminent cardiac surgeon and a keen debater with many laurels.

The eight teams to participate in the final round were: Bidya Bharati Girls' High School, Birla High School, Garden High International School, Lakshmipat Singhania Academy, Loreto Day School Dharamtala, South Point High School, St. James School and St. Xavier's Collegiate School.

St. Xavier's Collegiate School was declared the **Best Team** with **Garden High International School** second. **Sourojit Ghosh** and **Aditya P. Bhattacharyya** both of **St. Xavier's Collegiate School** were



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declared joint **Best Speakers**. The **Second Runner Up Speaker** was **Maninee Maity** of **Garden High International School**. The honour of being the **Best Team** went to by a long margin to **St. Xavier's Collegiate School**. Certificates, medals and trophies were then distributed to the participants by the judges and **Rev. Fr. Sebastian James sj, Principal St. Lawrence High School** who is also the **President** of the **St. Lawrence Old Boys' Association**.

The special attraction this year was gift vouchers sponsored by Air India for a round trip anywhere in India to both the Best Speakers.

Annual Reunion 2015

The Reunion held on 6th December 2015 was a resounding success. Refreshments and other arrangements were sumptuous and the school premises were done up in style. An added attraction was the excellent cultural programme presented by **Mr. Anthony Gomes**, an alumnus of the school, which kept the entire audience enthralled.

Interaction with the School and Other Institutions

SLOBA had the opportunity to host the Farewell Function for the Class XII boys on 8th December 2015 from 5 pm. Fr. Joe D'Souza sj, Rector St. Lawrence High School, Fr. Sebastian James sj, Principal and Fr. Joseph Toppo sj, Vice principal all spoke meaningful and encouraging words. The students put up cultural items. It felt good to connect with the present students of the school in this fashion after a long time.

Fr. James sj, our President was very gracious in inviting the Secretary and the Vice President of SLOBA Dr. Soumitra Kumar to be a part of the school Annual Day for the Primary and the High School sections on 19th and 20th December 2015 respectively. The events put up by the children magically transported us to the days long lost in time. Everything about the events on both days was simply fantastic.

Mr. G.P. Gupta, our governing body member attended the 5th Governing Council Meeting of JAAI at Pune on 14th February 2016 as a member of the Governing Council of JAAI.

SLOBA has also participated in an Alumni Football Tournament organized by **STOPA** (St, Thomas Old Pupils' Association) on the occasion of the 225th year of St. Thomas High School Kolkata. Our alumni team played commendably and was knocked out in the semi-finals.

SD/- ANIRBAN BANERJEE
HON. SECRETARY



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10th ANNUAL SLOBA INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE 2016

This year the **10th SLOBA ANNUAL INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE 2016** was held on **Friday 12th August 2016** at the Fr. Wavreil Hall at **St. Lawrence High School, 27 Ballygunge Circular Road Kolkata 700 019** from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. The motion for the debate was: **"Make in India" is easier said than done.**

The judges for the finals were **Mr. Jayant Kripalani (Media, stage and television personality), Ms. Swati Gautam (Entrepreneur and member, Calcutta Debating Circle) and Prof. Dr. Anuradha Lohia (Vice Chancellor, Presidency University).** The entire event was ably moderated by **Mr. Atri Bhattacharyya, Principal Secretary Ministry of Information and Cultural Affairs Government of West Bengal.**

There was an earlier Preliminary round to select the **eight qualifying teams** from 22 participating schools on **Sunday 7th August 2016** at the same venue from 10.30 a.m. on the motion: **Scientific Tests on animals should be banned.** The judges for the Preliminary Round were **Mr. Shankar Ramalingam (an alumnus of St. Xavier's Collegiate School and member of Calcutta Debating Circle), Ms. Nibedita Bhattcharjee (Eminent theatre and media personality) and Ms. Rituparna B. Lazarus (Teacher of Political Science and English at St. Lawrence High School).** **Mr. S.V. Raman,** well known personality in education and debating circles moderated the event.

The eight teams to participate in the final round were: Bidya Bharati Girls' High School, Birla High School, Delhi Public School Ruby Park, La Martiniere for Boys, Mahadevi Birla World Academy, MP Birla Foundation Higher Secondary School, Shri Shikshayatan School, South Point High School and St. Lawrence High School as the host team to automatically qualify.

Birla High School was declared the **Best Team** with **Shri Shikshayatan School** second. **Soham Chakraborty** of Birla High School was declared the **Best Speaker.** The **Second Runner Up Speaker** was **Sebontika Bose** of **Shri Shikshayatan School** and the **First Runner Up Speaker** was **Nouman Anwer** of **Birla High School.** Certificates, medals and trophies were then distributed to the participants by the judges. **Rev. Fr. Sebastian James sj, Principal St. Lawrence High School** who is also the **President** of the **St. Lawrence Old Boys' Association,** welcomed the guests.

Members are requested to contribute **RS. 15,000=00** to SLOBA and upgrade their Life Membership to **SILVER PRIVILEGE** Membership



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MEMBERS NO MORE

Sreemoy Banerjee (LB-010)

Passed away in 2016

Close to our hearts, still hard to believe he is no more. His feelings for his alma mater were deep and strongly rooted in the welfare of the school, its teachers and students both present and past.

He was an important person in hosiery and textiles, his field of work and held the highest posts in various associations of manufacturers of hosiery goods.

Even recently, his single handed contribution towards the inaugural programme of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations of St. Lawrence High School distinguished him from others.

His legacy to SLOBA remains also in the form of his meritorious son Souravmoy, a doctor and caring alumnus of this institution.

Subhasis Nandi (LN-007)

Passed away in 2016

An illustrious academic career from Indian Institute of Science Bengaluru and then higher studies abroad, a professor at University of Victoria Canada, cut short by the deadly disease with no cure yet.

Remember with great fondness the times spent together. Rest in peace my friend.

We join in grief with the families and friends of all Lawrencians, teachers, staff and students to have left us in the recent past for heavenly aboard. Their memories will remain with us forever.