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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2015

Notice is hereby given that the 30th Annual General Meeting of the St. Lawrence Old Boys' Association will be held on **Sunday 27th September 2015 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 29th AGM held on 27th Sept. 2014.
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).
3. To receive, consider and adopt the audited Accounts for the year 2014-2015.
4. To appoint Auditors and Bankers for the year 2015-2016.
5. To elect members to the Governing Body of the Society as per the provisions of the constitution of the Society.
6. Any other matter with the permission of the chair.

27 Ballygunge Circular Road
Kolkata 700 019
7th September 2015

Anirban Banerjee
Hon. Secretary

NOTICE FOR ELECTION TO GOVERNING BODY OF ST. LAWRENCE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that elections will be held to fill up **FOUR vacancies** in the Governing Body of the Society on **Sunday 27th September 2015** during the Annual General Meeting of the Society as per **Rule 13 (c)** of the constitution of SLOBA owing to retirement of three members and resignation of one member.

Members with valid membership obtained not later than 31st March 2013 are eligible to offer themselves as candidates for the same. The dates for filing of nominations will be **13th and 20th September 2015** between **11 a.m. and 1 p.m.** at the Society office at St. Lawrence High School, 27 Ballygunge Circular Road Kolkata 700 019 and that of withdrawal by **24th September 2015** up to **7 p.m.**

Application forms will be available at the SLOBA office on both 13th and 20th September 2015 between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. Elections will be held if there are more than three candidates with valid nominations. Current retiring members may offer themselves for re-election if eligible.

Mr. Caesar Sen (H.S. 1981) has kindly consented to be the Election Officer. Results of the election if required will be declared at the Annual General Meeting itself on 27th September 2015.

Members with valid membership obtained not later than 31st March 2015 are eligible to vote in the elections. The eligible voters' list has been put up in the SLOBA notice board in the school. Please verify for errors and omissions so that these may be corrected well in time and by 20th September 2015.



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MINUTES OF THE 29TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ST. LAWRENCE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION HELD ON SATURDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER 2013 AT 5.30 PM IN THE SCHOOL PREMISES

1. The attendance was recorded as per the Attendance Register.
2. President Rev. Fr. Sebastian James s.j. called the meeting to order and on the request of the Secretary, Mr. Anirban Banerjee, took the chair. Mr. S. V. Raman, Vice President and Secretary, Mr. Anirban Banerjee were also requested to be on the dais.
3. Members stood up to observe a minute's silence in memory of Fr. Michael Fohshow sj, Fr. Boris D'Santos sj, Fr. Anil Mitra sj and Fr. Chandan Gupta sj all long associated with the school.
4. The minutes of the 28th Annual General Meeting held on 28th September 2013 were confirmed after deliberations on the proceedings being proposed by Mr. Sreemoy Banerjee and seconded by Mr. Shankar Banerjee.
5. The Annual Report for the year 2013-2014 of the working of the Association was placed before the house by Mr. Anirban Banerjee for discussion. He highlighted the activities and events carried out by SLOBA during the year. The report after being proposed by Mr. Ajay Pandey and seconded by Mr. Anand Singh was adopted unanimously by the house.
6. Due to absence of Mr. Kalpajeet Basu Mullik, Treasurer of SLOBA who was granted leave of absence due to urgent domestic exigencies, the Audited Accounts for the year 2013-2014 were placed before the house by the Secretary, Mr. Anirban Banerjee for adoption. The Audited Accounts were then adopted unanimously after being proposed by Mr. Amitabha Gupta and seconded by Dr. Subrata Das.
7. The next agenda to appoint Auditors and Bankers for the year 2014-2015 was moved by Mr. Anirban Banerjee. He proposed to re-appoint M/s. S. Rudra & Co. as Auditors of SLOBA for the year 2014-2015 and to continue with Syndicate Bank as bankers of SLOBA for the year 2014-2015 which were unanimously accepted by the house being proposed by Mr. Ajay Pandey and seconded by Mr. Alok Ghosh. There was some discussion on opening another bank account with a private bank but it was the opinion of members that the SLOBA constitution provides for opening of accounts only with nationalized banks and any deviation would require an amendment in the constitution.
8. Rev. Fr. President in his address said that he was only three and a half months old in this institution but would work tirelessly to take the school forward. He reminded members that the motto of the school "For God and Country" was not visible for some time now and that he



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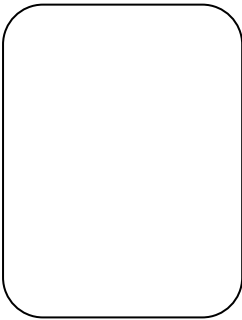
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would re-introduce this in the institution. He also talked about the necessity of a school anthem and asked alumni to look into the matter.

- Fr. Toppo sj in his speech appreciated the service being provided by the alumni to the school. He also informed of the various development projects being undertaken by the school and thanked the alumni on behalf of the St. Lawrence community.
- Mr. Amitabha Gupta appreciated the already visible value addition to the institution being undertaken by Rev. Fr. James sj as the Principal and assured of all support from the alumni. He requested the Principal to look into the possibility of a rain water harvesting pilot project in the school.
- Dr. Subrata Das talked about co-operation among different alumni/ae associations in the region and hoped SLOBA do some philanthropic activity at St. Paul's Raghampur.
- Mr. Anirban Banerjee, Secretary of SLOBA thankfully acknowledged the presence of all members. He talked about the necessity of setting up a Members' Welfare Fund at the earliest. He also exhorted members to submit their photographs so that the identity cards for members could be launched soon.
- There being no other matter, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair and Members.

PHOTO IDENTITY CARD FOR MEMBERS



This place would have been so much more interesting if it had contained a photograph, most notably yours. You can make it happen. 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 IS BEING LAUNCHED AT THE AGM 2015.

SLOBA ANNUAL REUNION 2015

For the information of all members, the SLOBA Annual Reunion will be held as usual on **6th December 2015**, the first Sunday of December from 7 p.m. onwards. Arrangements this year will certainly not be any lesser than last year, a message we would like to carry to the initiated. Dinner coupons will be available from the SLOBA office on and from 15th November 2015.



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ANNUAL REPORT (2013-2014) OF ST. LAWRENCE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION AS ON 31ST MARCH 2014

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 31.03.2015 is as under:

Life Member: 1172

Silver Privilege Member: 19

Free Clinic

The free clinic has completed its twenty eighth year and is cruising smoothly at its new bigger location. A further value enhancement is on the way by way of additional furniture and better amenities for the doctors and patients. The biggest tragedy during the year was the passing away of Dr. P.G. Roy, a name we had come to associate with our clinic for long years. His dedicated and meticulous service to our cause will always be remembered. We express our gratitude to Dr. Bakshish Singh Anand and Dr. Soutrik Kumar 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

- SLOBA has been regularly contributing and making additions to the scholarship funds of the school as well as sponsoring prizes in various categories. The "Golden Jubilee" Scholarship and Teachers' Benevolent Fund and "Fr. D'Abrew Memorial Fund" created by SLOBA are now administered by the school principal.
- St. Lawrence High School Kolkata has put into place an assessment and reward mechanism out of the proceeds of the donation made by Mr. Satish Pai to the school from 2012. An award titled **Teacher of the Year – Students' Choice** has been instituted with three separate categories for the Primary, the Secondary and the Higher Secondary sections. We are in consultation with the school authorities for better implementation with suitable modifications.
- A "Fr. Wavreil Memorial Fund" started by Dr. Subrata Das (H.S. 1972 and founder secretary SLOBA) is open for members' contribution.



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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 the two young alumni Manraj Singh Gill and Soumya Biswas imparting on field training. Mr. Kalyan Dhall continues to mentor the camp with their vast experience.

The high point for the camp organizers was the 13th successive **Inter School Cricket Tournament** organized in the school itself in December 2014. 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. Lawrence High School won in the under 14 category** beating Calcutta Boys' School in the finals while **La Martiniere for Boys lifted the winner's trophy in the under 16 category** beating South Point High School. **Mr. Raja Venkat**, former Bengal cricketer and BCCI Selector from the east zone 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

Members' Photo Identity Card for members of SLOBA is rolling out at this AGM. 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 2014

This year the **8th Annual SLOBA Inter-School Debate 2014** was held on **Friday 8th August 2014** at the school premises at **27 Ballygunge Circular Road Kolkata 700 019** from 11.00 a.m. to 1 p.m. The motion for the debate was: **"In this cybernetic world parents need to reboot."**

The judges for the finals were **Mr. Ashok Viswanathan (Theatre, film and culture personality)**, **Mr. Barun Chanda (Film and advertisement personality)** and **Dr. Jayanta Sengupta (Secretary & Curator Victoria Memorial Hall)**. The entire event was ably moderated by Mr. Snehasish Sur, a person very well known in the city from **Doordarshan**.

There was an earlier Preliminary round to select the **eight qualifying teams** from 26 participating schools on **Sunday 3rd August 2014** at the same venue from 10.30 a.m. on the motion: **"Sparing the rod spoils the child"** The judges for the Preliminary Round were **Ms. Noopur Chaudhuri** (senior teacher of History in St. Lawrence High School and part time faculty at Presidency University), **Mr. S.V. Raman** (well known personality in education and debating circles) and **Mr. Nondon Bagchi** (musician and artist par excellence). **Mr. Krishnendu Sengupta**, an alumnus of the school moderated the event.



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The eight teams to participate in the final round were: Calcutta International School, Carmel High School, Mahadevi Birla World Academy, Modern High School for Girls, South Point High School, St. Lawrence High School, St. Xavier's Collegiate School and The Heritage School.

Mahadevi Birla World Academy was declared the **Best Team** with **Modern High School for Girls** second. **Oishik Ganguly** of **St. Xavier's Collegiate School** was the **Second Runner Up Speaker** and **Srijita Poddar** of **Modern High School for Girls** was the **First Runner Up Speaker**. The honour of being the **Best Speaker** went to **Sukanya Roy** of **Mahadevi Birla World Academy**. 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 the Best Speaker.

Annual Reunion 2014

The Reunion held on 7th December 2014 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 **Ms. Neepabithi Ghosh** which kept the entire audience enthralled.

Interaction with Other Institutions

Members of the Governing Body of SLOBA participated in a daylong meeting of the governing council of the Federation of Jesuit Alumni/ae Associations of India (**JAAI**) held on 1st November 2014 at St. Xavier's College Kolkata. We presented a report of our various activities at the event. The evening ended with a dinner hosted by the host association, namely SXCCAA. We offer our special thanks to Mr. G.P. Gupta, governing body member of SLOBA and Senior Vice President of St. Xavier's College Calcutta Alumni/ae Association for representing North Zone to JAAI.

SLOBA has also participated in an Alumni Cricket 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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9th ANNUAL SLOBA INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE 2015

This year 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.

There was an earlier Preliminary round to select the **eight qualifying teams** from 26 participating schools on **Sunday 23rd August 2015** at the same venue from 10.30 a.m. on the motion: **“Capital punishment has no place in a civilized society”** The judges for the Preliminary Round were **Mr. Pankaj Patel** (an alumnus of St. Lawrence High School), **Mr. Ian Zachariah** (Quizzer, educator and media personality) and **Mr. Nondon Bagchi** (musician and artist par excellence). **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, 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 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**.

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



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