

**ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE JAFFNA
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ONTARIO, CANADA**

MINUTES OF THE 2000/01 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The above meeting was held on the 16th of September, 2001 at 975 Kennedy Road, Scarborough, Ontario. Meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m. with a prayer lead by Rev. Amuthan Adigal. There were 31 members present.

President, Mr Manuel Sebastiampillai, welcomed the members and presided over the meeting. In his welcome speech, the president highlighted the achievements of the Association during the year and thanked all committee members for their support.

The General Secretary, Mr P. H. Vijayakumar, read the notice convening the Annual General Meeting followed by the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting. The minutes were adopted by the house. Adoption of the minutes was proposed by Mr A E Sarvananthan and seconded by Aloysius Sathiyajeevan.

The Assistant Secretary, Mr. Anton Philip, presented the Annual Report of the Association.

Annual Statement of Accounts was presented by the Treasurer, Mr. John Edirmanasinghe. Rev Francis Xavier raised the question as to why the accounts were not audited by the elected auditor. The president explained that the auditor, Mr. Henry Mohanathas, is now residing in the United States and therefore his services could not be obtained. The house resolved that the auditor to be elected for 2001/02 should audit this accounts. Further the house also resolved that the next committee should look into amending the constitution to allow for two auditors to be elected. The accounts were adopted by the house. Adoption was proposed by Rev Francis Xavier and seconded by Mr Valupillai Vigneswaran.

Mr Anton Philip invited the guest speaker Rev Amuthan Adigal, who the director of Thaninayagam Adigal Institute of Journalism, to say a few words. Rev Amuthan thanked the house and spoke about Patrician Rev Thaninayagam and the great service he has done for the Tamil language and the Tamil community. He also noted that Rev Thaninayagam has not been given his due place yet in the history of Tamil. He appealed to the members for financial support to further the objectives of Rev Thaninayagam through the Thaninayagam Adigal Institute of Journalism. Mr Timothy Edirmanasinghe proposed and Rev Francis Xavier seconded that \$500 be donated from the Association funds for this cause. The house unanimously approved this proposal.

Thereafter the house proceeded with the election of new office bearers. Rev Francis Xavier was invited by the house to act as the pro-tem Chairman. Rev Xavier took the chair, thanked the members and invited the members to propose the names for the new President.

Mr J A J Phillips proposed and Mr V Vigneswaran seconded that Mr Manuel Sebastampillai continue to be the President for another term. Mr Prabu Jeyanathan proposed and Mr Gerrard Simonpillai seconded the name of Mr Manuel Jesudasan for the position of President. Since there were two contestants for the position of President, the house decided to hold a secret ballot. Mr Jesudasan obtained 16 votes and Mr Sebastampillai obtained 14 votes. Rev Xavier declared Mr Manuel Jesudasan as having been elected as the President and invited Mr Jesudasan to take the chair.

Mr Jesudasan in his acceptance speech thanked the house for the confidence placed in him and promised to execute his duties and serve the association to the best of his ability. He also thanked the out going President for the leadership he has shown during the past year and promised to follow his footsteps.

The house continued with the election and the following office bearers were elected unanimously;

General Secretary	Mr Antony Luckshman	Proposed by: Mr Gerrard Simonpillai Seconded by: Mr R L Xavier
Vice President	Mr Prabu Jeyanathan	Proposed by: Mr Aloysius Sathiyajeevan Seconded by: Mr Phillip Francis
Treasurer	Mr Gerrard Simonpillai	Proposed by: Mr Aloysius Sathiyajeevan Seconded by: Mr C H Vanniasinghe
Assistant Secretary	Mr S J Selvanayagam	Proposed by: Mr Raymond Santiago Seconded by: Mr Aloysius Sathiyajeevan
Assistant Treasurer	Mr Phillip Francis	Proposed by: Mr C H Vanniasinghe Seconded by: Mr Aloysius Sathiyajeevan
Committee Members	Mr Raymond Santiago	Proposed by: Mr John Edirmanasinghe Seconded by: Mr R L Xavier
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	Mr Anton S Philip	Proposed by: Mr Gerrard Simonpillai Seconded by: Rev Francis Xavier
	Mr R L Xavier	Proposed by: Mr Aloysius Sathiyajeevan Seconded by: Mr Raymond Santiago
	Mr Timothy Edirmanasinghe	Proposed by: Mr Prabu Jayanathan Seconded by: Mr R L Xavier
	Mr Anton Saverimuttu	Proposed by: Mr John Edirmanasinghe Seconded by: Mr Gerrard Simonpillai
	Mr Patrick Varathrajah	Proposed by: Mr P H Vijayakumar Seconded by: Mr Joe Swampillai

Mr Antony Emmanuel

Proposed by: Mr Raymond Santiago
Seconded by: Mr Aloysius Sathiyajeevan

Mr Alfred Sarvananthan

Proposed by: Mr Gerrard Simonpillai
Seconded by: Mr P H Vijayakumar

Honey. Auditor

Mr Mr Chandran Vanniasinghe

Proposed by: Mr John Edirmanasinghe
Seconded by: Mr Gerrard Simonpillai

Once the office bearers were elected, the President invited the members to raise any other matters regarding the Association and its activities.

The house requested the new committee to review the present constitution and propose necessary changes for the consideration of the members. The President assured the house that a constitutional committee will be formed which will include representatives of the executive committee, seniors and former teachers to review the constitution.

Mr Kalingaretnam inquired as to why the business of the association cannot be conducted in Tamil. The president replied that the members have the right to speak in the language of their choice. If a question is asked by a member, reply should be given in the language in which the question was asked. In the case of documents, it is more practical and convenient to have them in English because of the use of computers and the requirement to make available any document to a regulatory body of the Government of Ontario on request. The house accepted this position.

The meeting concluded at 10 p.m.

Antony Luckshman
General Secretary