



DHARMASOKA COLLEGE PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION COLOMBO BRANCH

**MINUTES OF THE 5th EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE YEAR 2024/25
HELD ON 10TH OCTOBER 2024 AT 6.30 PM AT THE TEPPANYAKI ROOM,
MONARCH IMPERIAL, THALAWATHUGODA**

	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	%
AVM (Rtd) Dilshan Wasage	P	P	P	P	P								100
AVM (Retd) Thilan De Silva	P	P	E	P	P								80
Eng Palitha Hendaheewa	P	E	P	P	P								80
Mr Iman Perera	P	P	E	P	P								80
Mr Kelum Jayasuriya	P	P	P	P	P								100
Eng Pubudu De Zoysa	P	P	P	P	P								100
Mr Dhananjaya Nandasiri	P	P	E	P	E								60
Brig (Retd) Dr Saveen Semage	P	P	P	P	P								100
Mr Janaka Kumudu	P	P	P	E	P								80
Mr Harish Guruge	P	E	P	P	P								80
Mr Hemantha De Silva	P	E	P	P	P								80
Mr Chandrakumara Lokuliyana	P	P	P	P	P								100
Mr Saman Warusawithana	P	E	E	A	P								40
Mr Dhammika Kodikara	P	P	P	P	P								100
Mr Nipul Gunasekara	P	P	O	O	O								100
Dr Neela Gunasekara	P	P	P	A	P								80
Dr P Warusawithana	P	P	E	P	P								80
Mr Chandana Guniyangoda	P	P	P	P	P								100
Eng Sudath De silva	P	P	E	P	E								60
Mrs Sajeewa Priyadarshani	P	P	P	E	A								60
Mr Chaminda Wijewickrama	P	P	P	E	E								60
Mrs Shyama De Silva	P	E	P	P	P								80
Dr Deshapriya Wijethunge	P	P	P	P	P								100
Eng Lal Premanath	P	E	P	P	P								80
Vice Admiral (Retd) Piyal De Silva	E	E	E	E	E								00
Mr Susiri De Silva	P	P	P	P	P								100
Mrs Helani De Silva	P	A	A	A									25
Mrs Kushani Rohanadeera	P	P	P	P	E								80
Mrs Rekha Mallawarachchi	P	P	E	P	P								80
Dr Aruna Lokuliyana	P	P	P	E	E								60
Mr Prabath Sugathadasa	P	P	P	P	P								100
Mrs Yamuna Hetiarachchi	P	P	P	P	P								100
Mr Udaya Sirisena	P	E	P	P	P								80
Mr Wasantha Kumara	E	E	P	P	P								60
Eng Chandralal Suriyarachchi	P	E	E	P	P								60
Mr Dewmith Kaggodarachchi	P	E	P	P	P								80
Mr Prasanna Egodage	E	P	E	E	E								20
Mr Gavesh Ginige					P								100

1. **Meeting called to order** at 06.45 pm.
2. **Commenced the day's proceedings, by singing the College song.**

3. **Silent tribute to Members who passed away:**

Mrs Violet Perera, Mr KT Gunapala

4. **Apologies for Absence:**

Piyal De Silva, Kushani Rohanadeera, Chaminda Jayawickrama, Dhananjaya Nandasiri, Aruna Lokuliyana, Prasanna Egodage,

5. **Welcome address by President:**

President AVM Dilshan Wasage welcomed all the members present and thank them for their participation. He thanked scholarship trust led by Eng Lal Premanath for organizing the event in very successful way. He mentioned that the student and members from main OBA was not satisfactory.

Photocopy machine was official handed over at the scholarship awarding ceremony.

6. **Election of new member to the Executive Committee/ Resignation of Mrs Helani De Silva**

Secretary informed the committee that Mrs Helani De Silva has informed her resignation due to personal reasons. The committee decided to appoint a new member instead of her.

Mr Udaya Sirisena proposed Mr Gavesh Ginige as the new member in replacement of Mrs Helani De Silva and Mr Hemantha De Silva seconded. Mr Gavesh Ginige was welcomed to the committee meeting by president.

7. **Confirmation of the Minutes of the 4th Ex-Co meeting for the year 2023/24 held on 05th August, 2024:**

The last meeting minutes confirmation was proposed by Eng Lal Premanath and seconded by Mr Dhammika Kodikara subject to following correction.

"Members get together

Eng Pubudu De Zoysa informed that members get together will be organized in November at Jetwin Jay Jay Hotel in Panadura."

To be corrected as

"Members get together

*Eng Pubudu De Zoysa informed that members get together will be organized in November **at a hotel in Negombo.**"*

Secretary informed that when the meeting notification is sent through web site portal the minutes and the agenda cannot be attached. AVM Thilan De Silva mentioned that it was decided to implement that practice to encourage

members to log into the web site. The committee decided to continue the current practice.

8. **Matters arising from the minutes**

No matters discussed

9. **Year Plan & Subcommittees**

Scholarship Trust

Eng Lal Premanath informed that the scholarship awarding ceremony was held on 27th of September and committee decided to have next scholarship awarding ceremony in parallel with the college oration on 27th February 2025.

Mr Saman Warusavithana will provide 2 scholarships and Dr Saveen Semage will provide one scholarship next time.

Eng Lal Premanath informed that Western Austrasia OBA will provide 1.5 million rupees to establish 2 scholarships permanently.

Career guidance programme

In the absence of Mr Dhananjaya Nandasiri, Secretary informed that the committee has fixed a date in November for the programme with the principal.

Members get together

Eng Pubudu De Zoysa informed that 25 rooms have been booked at a good rate for the members get together with day package. AVM Thilan De Silva and Mr Gavesh Ginige volunteered to participate in the organizing committee. Pubudu requested to book rooms directly with the hotel by 15th October. She requested to encourage others also to book rooms.

It was decided to conduct **Awareness on medicines** in combination with **Book donation and book fair which** will be held in December.

Donation of bus

Mr Chandana Guniyangoda noted that the having ownership to the association will be not practical due to legal concerns and the committee has decided to go for a dry lease to provide a bus to the school for one year from January 2025. Secretary inquired whether it will be branded. The committee is collecting data of the utilization of the bus.

Thomas De Silva oration

Eng Palitha Hendahewa and the president will have a virtual call with Dr Ruwan Fernando to discuss the conduct of the oration during this month. Official invitation to be sent to Dr Ruwan Fernando.

It was decided to invite officials of regional educational office.

Secretary was asked to send letter to principal to reserve the date for the oration on 27th February 2025.

Invitation to main OBA for events conducted by DCPA Colombo branch

The president informed that the usual practice to invite the office bearers of main OBA through WhatsApp for the events conducted by DCPA Colombo

branch. But the office bearers have not participated in the scholarship awarding ceremony as they were not invited in writing.

President requested Mr Dhammika Kodikara to coordinate all events with Main OBA and he requested all event organizers to send invitation letter to Mr Dhammika Kodikara.

News letter

Dr Neela Gunasekara informed that the news letter draft is ready and can be published by November. It was requested to circulate the draft among committee members before publishing.

Infrastructure development committee

Eng Palitha Hendahewa informed that he visited the site during the scholarship awarding ceremony. Committee discussed the viability of the proposed building project and other options for infrastructure development.

8. Accounts for the month of August 2024:

The Treasurer tabled the monthly accounts for the month of September 2024. Receivable Rs 10,000 to be communicated to Mr Shammi Uyange.

10. Correspondence

Mrs Helani De Silva's resignation.

E mail communication with Western Australia OBA regarding scholarships.

Thanking letter from the principal for the photocopy machine.

11. Any Other Business

Eng Pubudu De Zoya informed that school has requested to start an interact association in the school. She has started the work and identified Colombo Central Rotary club as mother Rotary club and St Joseph's College and Ananda College as sister schools.

She sought permission from the committee to continue with the project. The committee approved the project and informed Eng Pubudu to get the approval of the principal before that.

Mr Gavesh Ginige presented regarding the Olcott school foundation and requested to get involved with the foundation.

12. Tabling of new membership

8 membership applications were tabled.

1. Ambana Palliyaguruge Rumindi nethma Gunawardene – 2014/2022
2. MPH Hansika De Zoysa – 2020/2023
3. Nadeesha Lakmali Gurusinghe – 2013/2023
4. Thommaya Hakuru Suranjalee Upeksha –
5. Pathirage Danushi Tharushika Deshapriya – 2014/2023
6. Keerawarage Aloka Vithushani De Silva – 2010/2023
7. NH Janaka Chandrajith – 1975/1988
8. SM Kavishka Dilshan – 2020/2022 (Not paid)

13. Vote of Thanks

Secretary expressed the association's sincere gratitude to the all-Executive members participated in the 5th committee meeting for the year 2024/25. He apologized for the delay in starting the meeting.

He made a special note of thank to Mr Dewmith Kaggodarachchi, Mr Chandana Guniyangoda and Mr Kelum Jayasuriya for organizing the venue for the meeting and the fellowship.

Next Executive Committee meeting will be held on 07th November 2024 at the MCA, Colombo 07 hosted by Mr Hemantha De Silva and Mrs Shyama De Siva at 6.00 pm



Brig (Retd) Dr Saveen Semage
Secretary

01 September, 2024