



DHARMASOKA COLLEGE PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION COLOMBO BRANCH

**MINUTES OF THE 6TH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE YEAR 2024/25
HELD ON 08TH OCTOBER 2024 AT 6.30 PM AT MERCANTILE CRICKET
ASSOCIATION, COLOMBO 07**

	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	%
AVM (Rtd) Dilshan Wasage	P	P	P	P	P	P							100
AVM (Retd) Thilan De Silva	P	P	E	P	P	P							83.33
Eng Palitha Hendaheewa	P	E	P	P	P	P							83.33
Mr Iman Perera	P	P	E	P	P	P							83.33
Mr Kelum Jayasuriya	P	P	P	P	P	P							100
Eng Pubudu De Zoysa	P	P	P	P	P	E							83.33
Mr Dhananjaya Nandasiri	P	P	E	P	E	P							66.66
Brig (Retd) Dr Saveen Semage	P	P	P	P	P	P							100
Mr Janaka Kumudu	P	P	P	E	P	P							83.33
Mr Harish Guruge	P	E	P	P	P	P							83.33
Mr Hemantha De Silva	P	E	P	P	P	P							83.33
Mr Chandrakumara Lokuliyana	P	P	P	P	P	E							83.33
Mr Saman Warusawithana	P	E	E	A	P	E							33.33
Mr Dhammika Kodikara	P	P	P	P	P	E							83.33
Mr Nipul Gunasekara	P	P	O	O	O	E							83.33
Dr Neela Gunasekara	P	P	P	A	P	P							83.33
Dr P Warusawithana	P	P	E	P	P	P							83.33
Mr Chandana Guniyangoda	P	P	P	P	P	E							83.33
Eng Sudath De silva	P	P	E	P	E	P							66.66
Mrs Sajeewa Priyadarshani	P	P	P	E	A	A							50
Mr Chaminda Wijewickrama	P	P	P	E	E	E							50
Mrs Shyama De Silva	P	E	P	P	P	P							83.33
Dr Deshapriya Wijethunge	P	P	P	P	P	P							100
Eng Lal Premanath	P	E	P	P	P	P							83.33
Vice Admiral (Retd) Piyal De Silva	E	E	E	E	E	E							00
Mr Susiri De Silva	P	P	P	P	P	P							100
Mrs Helani De Silva	P	A	A	A									25
Mrs Kushani Rohanadeera	P	P	P	P	E	E							66.66
Mrs Rekha Mallawarachchi	P	P	E	P	P	E							66.66
Dr Aruna Lokuliyana	P	P	P	E	E	P							66.66
Mr Prabath Sugathadasa	P	P	P	P	P	E							83.33
Mrs Yamuna Hetiarachchi	P	P	P	P	P	E							83.33
Mr Udaya Sirisena	P	E	P	P	P	P							83.33
Mr Wasantha Kumara	E	E	P	P	P	E							50
Eng Chandralal Suriyarachchi	P	E	E	P	P	P							66.66
Mr Dewmith Kaggodarachchi	P	E	P	P	P	E							66.66
Mr Prasanna Egodage	E	P	E	E	E	E							16.66
Mr Gavesh Ginige					P	P							100

1. **Meeting called to order** at 06.30 pm.
2. **Commenced the day's proceedings, by singing the College song.**

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

Mr Bandu De Silva, Mr RG Meththananda

Secretary informed that Mr Bandu De Silva's funeral was not informed to the Committee and the membership by Mr Chandrakumara Lokuliyana as it was a private funeral.

Dr Neela Gunasekarara suggested to obtain information regarding senior members who are needed to be taken care of and to visit them by members of the Executive Committee. Committee agreed to her suggestion and Mr Harish Guruge added that this is already practiced by group of Committee members.

4. **Apologies for Absence:**

Piyal De Silva, Kushani Rohanadeera, Chaminda Jayawickrama, Prasanna Egodage, Dhammika Kodikara, Rekha Mallawarachchi, Pubudu De Zoysa, Chandana Guniyangoda, Prabath Sugathadasa, Yamuna Hettiarachchi, Wasantha Kumara, Chandrakumara Lokuliyana, Dewmith Kaggodarachchi

5. **Welcome address by President:**

President AVM Dilshan Wasage welcomed all the members present and thank them for their participation. He explained the reasons for cancelling the members day and suggested to have a ExCo members get together in parallel with next ExCo meeting. He informed that Eng Wasantha Kumara has kindly agreed to sponsor the event.

6. **Election of new member to the Executive Committee/ Verbal communication from Mrs Sajeewa priyadharshani**

Secretary informed the committee that Mrs Sajeewa Priyadharshani has verbally informed that she wants to resign from the committee several times due to her personal commitments. Committee decided without written information her resignation can not be accepted to appoint a new member.

Mr Hemantha De Silva suggested to request the members who proposed and seconded her name to the committee to talk to her and resolve the issue.

Secretary informed that Mr Hemantha De Silva and Dr Neela Gunasekara have proposed and seconded respectively.

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 Susiri De Silva subject to following correction.

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 participation the students is low and members from main OBA **unsatisfactory**.

To be corrected as

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 participation **of** the students is low and members from main OBA **did not attend**.

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

To be corrected as

Eng Lal Premanath informed that Western Austrasia OBA **may enhance the amount** to 1.5 million rupees to establish 2 scholarships permanently.

8. **Matters arising from the minutes**

No matters discussed

9. **Year Plan & Subcommittees**

Career guidance programme

Mr Dhananjaya Nandasiri informed that a date has to be fixed with the Principal. The committee requested the subcommittee chairman to write to the Principal to get a date. Because of the school vacation the programme will probably fixed in the month of January. For the sponsorships the letters were handed over to Mr Dhananjaya.

Dr Deshapriya Wijethunge suggested to organize a **sustainable development workshop** with the career guidance programme. After discussion, committee decided to organize it as a separate event and requested Dr Wijethunge to get prior permission from the school.

Sports medicine workshop to be organized on the same day with Carrer guidance workshop. Mr Janaka Kumudu was requested to coordinate.

Members get together/ ExCo members get together

Members get together was cancelled due to less participation and president suggested to have a ExCo members get together with the committee meeting in December.

Committee requested Mr Kelum Jayasuriya to fix dates for **Awareness on medicines** and Book **donation and book fair**.

Donation of bus

Not discussed

Thomas De Silva oration

President requested to inform the school in writing regarding the oration .

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. Committee requested Mr Dhammika Kodikara to get the message from the Principal.

Infrastructure development committee

Not discussed

Fund raiser and reunion

It was decided to organize a reunion and fund raiser in March. Mr Iman Perera was appointed as sub committee chairman. Mr Iman Perera requested to appoint someone else to the membership subcommittee as he agreed to take over the reunion subcommittee chairmanship. The committee appointed Mr Janaka Kumudu as new membership subcommittee chairman.

8. Accounts for the month of August 2024:

The Treasurer tabled the monthly accounts for the month of September 2024. Committee approved to pay invoice for web site.

10. Correspondence

Letter from Miss Nethmini Probodhi regarding scholarship. Eng Lal Premanath informed that selection criteria did not select her for the scholarship. Committee noted the letter.

11. Any Other Business

Dr Neela Gunasekara informed that she picked an old Sokian in a TV interview mentioning that he is willing to help the school and she requested the committee to discuss with him. Committee requested members to find out the details of him.

12. Tabling of new membership

1 membership applications were tabled.
SM Kavishka Dilshan – 2020/2022

2. Vote of Thanks

Secretary expressed the association's sincere gratitude to the all-Executive members participated in the 6th committee meeting for the year 2024/25.

He made a special note of thank to Mr Hemantha De Silva and Mrs Shyama De Silva for organizing the venue for the meeting and the fellowship.

Next Executive Committee meeting will be held on 07th December 2024 at the Nippon Hotel, 123, Kumaran Rathnam Road, Colombo 02 hosted by Mr Wasantha Kumara at 5.00 pm



Brig (Retd) Dr Saveen Semage
Secretary

01 September, 2024