# ANNUAL REPORT

(February 1, 2013 to January 31, 2014)

# SRI LANKA ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON, D.C.

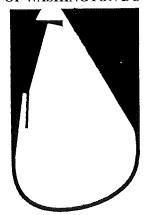
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March 25, 2014

Dear Members,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I invite you to the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Sri Lankan Association of Washington DC (SLAWDC), on Saturday March 29, 2014 for the formal closure of our office and official handing over of the office to the succeeding President and the new Board of Directors.

It has been an honor and joy to have served as President last year, the first year of my two year term; and it will be my pleasure to continue to serve as the President of the largest Sri Lankan community organization in the greater Washington area. I, along with my board was able to organize several successful events, work with fellow Sri Lankans, and interact with the Sri Lankan Embassy and to work closely with the larger community in our area.

The year had been a challenging and an exciting year for our organization. We started the year with the Sinhala/Tamil New Year Celebrations, which was a very successful event. We followed up this event with Sri Lanka day, cricket tournament, and closed the year with the 31<sup>st</sup> night dance.

When I took office one of my main goals was to increase the membership and to get the community more involved with SLAWDC. I am proud to note, we were successful in both. However, I am disappointed to state that there seem to be a lack of interest among the Sri Lankan community towards becoming members or getting actively involved with SLAWDC. Most of the new members that enrolled were due to the individual efforts of the board members. We seem to notice high numbers of participants at our events that were free to the public, but we struggle to get new membership or convince Sri Lankans to participate in our paid events. Unfortunately if this continues, we will deplete our existing financial resources.

This year we experimented collaborating with other Sri Lankan organizations during some of our events. The main reason for the joint efforts was to pool our resources and also try and get all Sri Lankan organizations together. I believe if SLAWDC is to be viable going forward, we need to look at ways to work together with other Sri Lankan organizations. After all, we all function as ambassadors of our mother land.

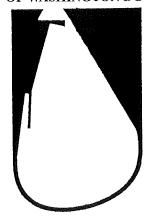
I extend my sincere thanks to the board who came together and worked tirelessly to achieve our goals. I thank them especially for giving up their precious time with families to dedicate their efforts for the betterment of SLAWDC. On behalf of my board directors, I like to thank our past presidents, all community leaders, members and friends for your consistent support. Your dedication makes this organization move forward year after year.

I wish the new board every success to carry out our mandate.

Thank you

Suraj Navaratne President 2013-2014

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# NOTICE OF THE 39<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 39th Annual General Meeting of the Sri Lanka Association of Washington DC., and its tax exempt affiliate, the Sri Lanka Association of Greater Washington, Inc., will be held on March 29, 2014 commencing at 2:30 P.M, Sligo Creek Local Park Local Park, 500 Sligo Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Adoption of the Agenda and the Notice to convene the 39th Annual General Meeting of the Association.
- 2. Adoption of the Minutes of the 38th Annual General Meeting of the Association held on March 9, 2013
- 3. Adoption of the Annual Report and the Statement of Accounts of the Association for the year ending January 31, 2014
- 4. President's Address
- 5. Election of the Board of Directors for 2013/2014. Members may nominate candidates from the floor at this meeting in accordance with the procedures of Article VII (B) of the constitution
- 6. Election of the honorary auditor
- 7. Address from the incoming President
- 8. Any other business
- 9. Adjournment

For and on behalf of the board of directors

Sandy Ismail
Secretary

# **Election Committee Report**

To:

The Board of Directors, Sri Lanka Association of Washington DC

From:

**Election Committee** 

Subject:

Nominations for the election of Board Members at the Annual General Meeting

on March 29, 2014

The undersigned members of the election committee received the following nominations for the election of the Board of Directors postmarked by March 5, 2014

The committee verified that the under noted candidates, proposes & secondars have satisfied the provisions in the Article III (b) and Article III (g) of its by-laws.

President:

Suraj Navaratne (Retains a two year position as office bearer 2014-2015)

President Elect:

Kamini Wickremaratne

Secretary:

Sandy Ismail (Retains a two year position as office bearer 2014-2015)

Asst: Secretary:

Ramani Napoli

Proposed by: Sandy Ismail

Seconded by: Rohan Abeysinghe

Treasurer (SLAWDC):

Vacant

Treasurer (SLAGW):

Indika Attanayake

Proposed by: Suraj Navaratne

Seconded by: Kamini Wickramaratne

Directors
Upul Abeywarana
Indika Attanayake
Ajith Pushpakumar
Rohan Abeysinghe
Ramesh Herath
Vindhya Ekanayake

Proposed by
Sandy Ismail
Suraj Navaratne
Kamini Wiekramaratn

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Kamini Wickramaratne Upul Abeywarna Roy Braine

Indika Attanayake
Upul Abeywarana
Suraj Navaratne

Signed

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See signed original.

# MINUTES OF THE 38th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SRI LANKA ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON, D.C., (SLAWDC) AND THE SRI LANKA ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WASHINGTON, INC., (SLAWDC) HELD SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2014

The 38th Annual General Meeting of the Sri Lanka Association of Washington, D.C., (SLAWDC) and its tax exempt affiliate, Sri Lanka Association of Greater Washington, Inc., (SLAGW) was held on Saturday, March 9, 2013 at the Argyle Local Park, with President Roy Braine in the Chair. Associated with the President in conducting the meeting was Assistant Secretary Kamini Wickramaratne.

With a quorum met, the 38th Annual General Meeting was called to order at 11.45 AM

President, Roy Braine welcomed everyone to the 38th Annual General Meeting of The Sri Lanka Association of Washington, D.C., (SLAWDC) and The Sri Lanka Association of Greater Washington, Inc., (SLAGW).

# 1) Adoption of the Agenda and the Notice convening the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Association

The Agenda and Notice convening the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting was adopted as in order: Proposed by Mrs. Anjalika Silva and seconded by Mr. Dakshi De Silva.

# 2) Adoption of Minutes of the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Association held on March 31, 2012

The Minutes were proposed by Mr. Sena Basnayake and seconded by Mrs. Ramani Napoli.

# 3) Adoption of the Annual Report and the Statement of Accounts of the Association for the year ending January 31, 2013

The Statement of accounts were proposed by Mr. Sathy Silva and seconded by Mr. Dinesh Jayasurendra.

### 4) President's Address

Mr. Roy Brain welcomed those present. He stated that it was a pleasure representing SLAWDC as President during the past two years; however the Association took a step-back during the last year as it was a challenge getting in new members as well as organizing community events with many smaller organizations now operating in the Washington Metropolitan area. Mr. Braine stated that instead, SLWDC collaborated with these organizations and assisted in events. He further stated that it was evident even then there were either losses from those events or lack of

participation. He also stated that for the coming year, SLWDC will plan to further collaborate with the Sri Lankan embassy and other organizations to work as a team.

Mr. Braine stated that the Board consisted of only 9 Members during 2012 and had a very limited budget for operating purposes.

In conclusion, Mr. Braine thanked the Directors, Advisors and the community for their support during his tenure, and wished in-coming President, Mr. Suraj Navaratne and the new board a successful year.

# 5) <u>Election of the Board of Directors for 2014/2015</u>.

Mr. Dakshi De Silva presented the Election Committee Report dated March 9, 2013; based on the Articles Of Association and By-Laws and stated that the nominees have been verified. He further stated that Members may nominate candidates from the floor at this meeting in accordance with the procedures of Article VII (B) of the constitution.

President - Mr. Suraj Navaratne in auto succession

President Elect - Vacant

Mr. Sena Basnayake stated that it was important to immediately nominate a President-Elect and proposed Mrs. Kamini Wickremaratne. It was seconded by Mr. Roy Braine.

Secretary - Sandra Ismail - proposed by Anjalika Silva and seconded by Mrs. Hyacinth Wickremanayake

Mr. De Silva informed that Mrs. Kamini Wickremaratne had been nominated as Asst. Secretary however that position will now be vacant as she has accepted the position of President-Elect.

Asst. Secretary- Mrs. Ramani Napoli (nominated on the floor) - proposed by Mrs. Anjalika Silva and seconded by Mr. Sena Basnayake

Treasurer (SLAWDC) Mr. Dinesh Jayasundera (nominated on the floor) - proposed by

Mr. Suraj Navaratne and seconded by Mr. Roy Braine

Treasurer (SLAGW) Mr. Indika Attanayake (nominated from the floor) - Proposed by

Mrs. Anjalika Silva and seconded by Mr. Roy Braine

Directors Mr. Ajith Pushpakumara – proposed by Mrs. Kamini

Wickremaratne and seconded by Mr. Roy Braine

Mr. Upul Abeywarna - proposed by Mr. Roy Braine and seconded

by Mrs. Ramani Napoli

Mr. Rohan Abeysinge (nominated on the floor) – proposed by

Indika Attanayake and seconded by Roy Braine

Mr. De Silva thanked those present and also thanked out-going President Mr. Roy Braine and Mr. Suraj Navaratne for stepping in and taking on the Presidency to lead SLAWDC.

## 6) Address from the incoming President

Mr. Navaratne welcomed and thanked all present; and made the following statement: -

"First I want to thank the membership for appointing me as the president of SLAWDC, for having the confidence in me and my board to carry out its duties as board members of SLAWDC. On behalf of my board I assure you all that we will do our utmost to fulfill our duties as elected members of SLAWDC.

This time last year, I remember all of us on the board came to the AGM to resign and let the membership decide what we want to do with SLAWDC as an organization. The primary reason for this frustration was the lack of participation and response from the community. The main events we organized in 2011 were the Sri Lanka day and the New Years' Eve Dance and neither of these events was successful due to lack of participation. This is not due to the lack of enthusiasm, time or effort put in by the Board towards organizing these events.

During the last AGM most members especially the past presidents and life members pleaded with us to continue for one more years and reluctantly we all agreed. This is true for most of the board members who remained. I was nominated as President elect. After the AGM it dawned on me that within a year I will be President. Initially, I had reservations about taking up this position. I was not sure if I will get the community support, or whether I will have the time to dedicate myself to being the president. I know from having worked under past Presidents, like Lasantha, Dakshi, and Roy that it takes a big commitment and time to truly make an impact as the President. I also saw at the last AGM, members did not want this organization to just fade away. Most of the past Presidents and members had put a lot of time and effort to build this organization, especially the nonprofit side. After giving lot of thought and having spoken to my family I decided to take on this challenge. Another reason for my decision was the community support I received. The encouragement I received to take on this role was enormous. Having made the decision, I am now fully committed fulfil my duties as your next President. I am lucky to have been able to assemble a great team who are also equally committed towards SLAWDC.

I firmly believe SLAWDC has much to contribute towards the Sri Lankan community. I want to remind everybody the mission of SLAWDC;

"The mission of the Sri Lanka Association of Washington D.C., is to provide a forum for its membership to promote social, cultural, educational, recreational and philosophical activities, and to support charitable and other non-political endeavours to benefit Sri Lankans and friends of Sri Lanka living in the United States of America".

As the mission states SLAWDC is the perfect vehicle to bring all Sri Lankans together in the greater Washington area. We Sri Lankans thought we live far away from our mother land, still strive to maintain our cultural, emotional and social links to Sri Lanka. We try to pass down our cultural heritage to our kids. We can clearly see this at Avurudhu celebrations, Independence Day celebrations or at any other Sri Lankan cultural event. Therefore, I think as members of

SLAWDC it's our duty to be the vehicle which helps the Sri Lankan community in greater Washington area stay connected to Sri Lanka.

I have set 2 simple goals for my first year as President;

Have the Sri Lankan community more involved and work closely with other Sri Lankan organizations in the greater Washington area. I am sure when SLAWDC was initially formed there weren't many other Sri Lankan organizations nor were there this many Sri Lankans in the greater Washington area. As you all know, there are many different Sri Lankan organizations in the greater Washington area now. This might be one of the reasons for the lack of interest in SLAWDC over the last several years. One of my main goals as the President is to work closely with these organizations.

My second goal is to bring the dues paying membership back up to where it used to be. During the last 2-3 years there has been a decrease in the membership and I intend to correct this.

We plan to have several events this year including the Avurudu celebrations and the 31<sup>ST</sup> night dinner dance. The Avurudhu celebrations will be organized in collaboration with Sri Lanka Ranga Kalakavaya and the Sri Lanka foundation. We have already done most of the preplanning and hope this event will be the perfect opportunity to get the year started. I hope to see you all at all the SLAWDC events.

I would also like to bring to the membership' notice that SLAWDC receives quite a number of requests for advertising from other organizations to promote their events. While SLAWDC as a community organization try to accommodate all reasonable requests; lately some individuals and organizations seem to use SLAWDC as their promotional arm and they tend to forget that we are a voluntary organization, and the directors serving on the board are also volunteers. Most of these individuals who make these demands are not even members of SLAWDC. One of the first orders of business for the upcoming year would be to come up with a formal policy for advertising request.

Once again I want to thank you all for having the confidence in all of us. I hope myself and my board can make a positive impact during our term and hope that we will get the maximum support from the community".

### 7) Any other business

Mrs. Anjalika Silva addressed the gathering and stated that those who are present on this day are committed to the Association and its mission. She brought to the attention of those present the fact that the Association was almost abolished during the last AGM. She stated that we needed to remember why an Advisory Board was created; and the main reason behind it was to ensure there was a back-up if and when a crisis arose. She advised the new board to revisit the archives and refer to the documentation recorded when the Advisory Board was instituted. She suggested that the functions of the Advisory Board should be revisited expand the scope, accountability, responsibilities and participation of its members with the board to a greater extent. She further elaborated that if necessary, the board should consider bringing in members of other organizations in order to strengthen its structure.

She further stated that working in collaboration with other organizations such as the Ranga Kalakavaya is a great idea and reaching out to other communities will enable the Association in a positive manner. She also noted that the Embassy should give SLAWDC platform as the main organization representing the Sri Lankan Community and we should strive to represent ourselves as a visible force in this community by expanding our activities to collaborate with groups from other countries.

Mr. Navaratne thanked Mrs. Silva for her positive input, but stated that the role of the Advisory Board is not very clear or defined and needs to be solidified.

Mr. Sena Basnayake agreed with Mrs. Silva's suggestion to invite members of other organizations to join the Advisory Board.

The meeting concluded at 5.30 P.M.

For and behalf of the Board of Directors Sandy Ismail
Secretary – SLAWDC/SLAGW

\*\* Secretary Mrs. Sandra Ismail was overseas due to a family bereavement and was not present at the Annual General Meeting held on March 9, 2014. Since the Asst. Secretary conducting the meeting was unable to produce the Minutes, these Minutes were compiled by Mrs. Ismail using a recording of the day's events. Mrs. Ismail compiled the minutes as a record of proceedings but declined to sign the Minutes as she was not physically present at the AGM.

# THE SRI LANKA ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON, D.C., (SLAWDC)

# ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 2013 TO JANUARY 31, 2014

The Board of Directors is pleased to present the following Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Association of Washington, DC (SLAWDC)

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GUNASEKERA, Ronald HAPANGAMA, Ratna & Anoma HERATH, Saliya KARUNARATNE, Shantha & Saman KURUPPU, Terrance & Ranjini LENORA, Nihal & Pradipa LOOS, Janine MAHMOOTH, Rizmy & Sharmaleen MOTHA, Guy & Cecilia MCCOY, Billie MIRCHANDANI, Chandru & Yolette MUSHIN, Mohamed & Sithy NANAYAKKARA, Jim & Badhra NANAYAKKARA, Iroshana & Shayami PADMAKUMARA, Hiru PERERA, Alex PERERA, Cecil & Therese PERERA, Srilal & Yaeko PERIES, Edward & Anna

PERIES, Kumar
PILAPITIYA, Tissa & Lakshi
RAJAKUMARAN, Basil & Devika
RANASINGHE, Bandula & Geetha
RANGANATHAN, A.
RUDRAN, Dr. Rudy & Ranji
SALGADO, Dr. Ranjith & Surangani
SALGADO, Ranil
SAMARASINGHE, Drs. Stanley & Vidya

**Members** 

ABEYWARNA, Upul & Dilini BRAINE, Roy & Shannon ISMAIL, Shane & Sandra NAPOLI, Dominic & Ramani OBE-WICKRAMARATNE, Kamini PUSHPAKUMARA, Ajith SILVA, Sathy & Anjalika JAYASUNDERA, Dinesh and Mrs. ATTANAYAKE, Indika ABEYSINGHE, Rohan WIKRAMANAYAKE, Ignatius & Hyacinth KODITHIWAKKU, Anomi & Lalith WIJESORIYA, Benette Perera, Danika & Sharon PERERA, Dilan & Deborah CHERUBIM, Jean DESILVA, Jasper & Christina

SENANAYAKE, Shantini
SOURJAH, Sandra
STORK, Ralph Ainslie
TANTULA, Kosala & Ruki
VITHANAGE, Charmini
WIJETILLEKE, Lakdasa & Padmini
WIRATUNGA, Ranjith & Christine
NAVARATNE, Suraj & Hirani

PADUWAWELA, Lakmal & Dinesha LIYANAMANE, Nalin DIAS, Priyani JAYARATNE, Samadara DAVE, Shenaz ATUKORALS, Zara MOTHA, Sonali & Daniel THUYACONTHA, Anjalila & Kosala HERATH, Ramesh & Thanugee WELIWITA, Rishva

# Membership

The Association announces a membership of 27 single and family dues paying members, 54 life memberships and 1 honorary life member

#### **Finances**

SLAWDC ended its financial year with a balance of \$ 7,849.82. (See Statement of Accounts)

# **Annual General Meeting**

The following office bearers were elected to serve on the Board for 2013/2014 at the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, March 9, 2013.

President -

Mr. Suraj Navaratne

President Elect-

Ms. Kamini Wickramaratne

Secretary -

Mr. Sandy Ismail

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer-SLAWDC Ms. Ramani Napoli Mrs. Dinesh Jayasundara

Directors (6)

Mr. Upul Abeywarna Mr. Rohan Abeysinghe Mr. Ajith Pushpakumara

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### **Honorary Auditor for 2012/2013**

Mr. Roy Braine was appointed Honorary Auditor of the Association for 2012/2013

### **Board Meetings for 2012/2013**

The Board had 12 regular meetings during the year 2013/2014

**Resignations:** 

Mr. Dinesh Jayasundara - board member tendered his resignation in November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 due to personal reasons.

New Board Members: Ms. Nimmi Perera joined the board as a director on May 10, 2013

# Reports from Events Held During The Year 2013/2014

#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

#### Sinhala and Tamil New Year Celebrations - 2014

SLAWDC celebrated the Sinhala and Tamil New Year with over 300 members of the community present. Unlike in the previous years, this year the event was held with the collaboration of other Sri Lankan organizations in the greater Washington area. The event was a great success. We hope to build on this success and have an even bigger event next year. Members of the Embassy of Sri Lanka in Washington DC represented the Ambassador his Excellency Jaliya Wickramasuriya.

After the lighting of the traditional oil lamp by our distinguished guests and singing of the National Anthem the Maha Sangha inaugurated the event with their blessings followed by prayers by representatives of the Hindu, Muslim and Christian religious groups. This was followed by an outdoor cultural event and the traditional Avurudhu Kumaraya and Kumari contest. The outdoor games this year included traditional games such as Raban Gasima, Cocunut scrapping, along with lot of other games. This was followed by a nice spread of sumpteous traditional food.

#### Cricket Tournament 2014

A cricket tournement was organized to select the team to represent Washington DC for the annual DC v. NY cricket match. The event was a great success with Lanka Lions emerging champions and earing the right to represent Washington DC against New York.

#### Sri Lanka Day 2014

Sri Lanka day was held in conjunction with the annual Washington DC vs. New York cricket encounter. Again, this was a well attended event with over 300 participants. This year's event included a cultural show. Many young Sri Lankans showcased their talents with songs and dances. The event was capped off with a victory for Washington DC in the cricket encounter. Congratulations to the Washington DC cricket team for bringing the trophy home for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

# 31st Night Dinner Dance 2014

This year the New Year dinner dance was held after a lapse of one year at the Holiday Inn Gaithersburg, Maryland. The dance was revived mainly due to member requests as it was not held the previous year. Entertainment was provided by a local band "Serendib" and DJ Shawn. As in the past, the event was a well organized with great music, raffle draws, mid night champagne and a sumptuous buffet dinner. However, once again the biggest disappointment was the poor participation from the members and the community. The board worked tirelessly especially during the last two months preceding the event; however the lack of support was very evident. Due to competing events in the month of December it is becoming increasingly difficult to meet cost targets with ticket sales putting the board members at risk to meet financial losses.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

We thank -

Our Patron, Ambassador, Hon, Mr. Jaliya Wickremasuriya;

Vice Patrons, Dr. Greg Fernandopulle and Mrs. Anjalika Silva;

Advisory Board –Mr. Sena Basnayake, Mr. Lasantha Dahanayake, Mr. Dakshi de Silva, and Mrs. Surangani Salgado

Our Honorary Auditor, Mr Roy Braine;

Our spouses and families for their cooperation and willingness to help at our events;

#### Conclusion:

It is a pleasure presenting the Annual Report for the year. We look forward to your continued support from the community in the future.

THE SRI LANKA ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WASHINGTON D.C., (SLAGW)

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#### Governance

The Board of Directors of the Sri Lanka Association of Washington, D.C. (SLAGW), duly elected at the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on Saturday, March 9, 2013 provides the overall guidance, stewardship, and management to SLAGW. As the affiliate organization of SLAWDC, responsible for its humanitarian, charitable and educational activities, SLAGW receives support from the parent organization in carrying out the mandate granted by its members. The Board held seven meetings during the course of the year.

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DAHANAIKE, Lasantha & Chathurika
DE FONSEKA, Dr. Kamal & Tara
DE SILVA, Dakshi & Romanie
DE ZOYSA, Rani

DON, Milroy
FERNANDOPULLE, Dr. Greg & Sulocha
FERNANDO, Vijitha & Sarla
FONSEKA, Lalin & Ranmalee
GOONEWARDENE, Nihal & Crystal
GUNASEKERA, Ronald
HAPANGAMA, Ratna & Anoma
HERATH, Saliya
KARUNARATNE, Shantha & Saman
KURUPPU, Terrance & Ranjini
LENORA, Nihal & Pradipa
LOOS, Janine
MAHMOOTH, Rizmy & Sharmaleen
MOTHA, Guy & Cecilia

MCCOY, Billie
MIRCHANDANI, Chandru & Yolette
MUSHIN, Mohamed & Sithy
NANAYAKKARA, Jim & Badhra
NANAYAKKARA, Iroshana & Shayami
PADMAKUMARA, Hiru
PERERA, Alex
PERERA, Cecil & Therese
PERERA, Srilal & Yaeko
PERIES, Edward & Anna
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RANASINGHE, Bandula & Geetha

#### **Members**

ABEYWARNA, Upul & Dilini BRAINE, Roy & Shannon ISMAIL, Shane & Sandra NAPOLI, Dominic & Ramani OBE-WICKRAMARATNE, Kamini PUSHPAKUMARA, Ajith SILVA, Sathy & Anjalika JAYASUNDERA, Dinesh and Mrs. ATTANAYAKE, Indika ABEYSINGHE, Rohan WIKRAMANAYAKE, Ignatius & Hyacinth KODITHIWAKKU, Anomi & Lalith WIJESORIYA, Benette Perera, Danika & Sharon PERERA, Dilan & Deborah CHERUBIM, Jean DESILVA, Jasper & Christina PADUWAWELA, Lakmal & Dinesha LIYANAMANE, Nalin DIAS, Priyani JAYARATNE, Samadara DAVE, Shenaz ATUKORALS, Zara MOTHA, Sonali & Daniel THUYACONTHA, Anjalila & Kosala HERATH, Ramesh & Thanugee WELIWITA, Rishva

RANGANATHAN, A.
RUDRAN, Dr. Rudy & Ranji
SALGADO, Dr. Ranjith & Surangani
SALGADO, Ranil
SAMARASINGHE, Drs. Stanley & Vidya
SENANAYAKE, Shantini
SOURJAH, Sandra
STORK, Ralph Ainslie
TANTULA, Kosala & Ruki
VITHANAGE, Charmini
WIJETILLEKE, Lakdasa & Padmini
WIRATUNGA, Ranjith & Christine
NAVARATNE, Suraj & Hirani

#### Membership

The Association announces a membership of 27 single and family dues paying members, 54 life memberships and 1 honorary life member

#### Finance

SLAGWDC ended its financial year with a balance of \$ 1,449.34 (See Statement of Accounts)

#### **Annual General Meeting**

The following office bearers were elected to serve on the Board for 2013/2014 at the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, March 9, 2013.

President -

Mr. Suraj Navaratne

President Elect-

Ms. Kamini Wickramaratne

Secretary -

Mr. Sandy Ismail

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer-SLAGW Ms. Ramani Napoli Mr. Indika Attanayake

Directors (6)

Mr. Upul Abeywarna

Mr. Rohan Abeysinghe Mr. Ajith Pushpakumara

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### Honorary Auditor for 2013/2014

Mr. Roy Braine was appointed Honorary Auditor of the Association for 2013/2014

# **Board Meetings for 2013/2014**

The Board had regular meetings during the year 2013/2014

Resignations: THIS PART IS INCOMPLETE?

# Reports from Events Held During The Year 2013/2014

#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

#### Sinhala and Tamil New Year Celebrations - 2014

SLAWDC celebrated the Sinhala and Tamil New Year with over 300 members of the community present. Unlike in the previous years, this year the event was held with the collaboration of other Sri Lankan organizations in the greater Washington area. The event was a great success. We hope to build on this success and have an even bigger event next year. Members of the Embassy of Sri Lanka in Washington DC represented the Ambassador his Excellency Jaliya Wickramasuriya.

After the lighting of the traditional oil lamp by our distinguished guests and singing of the National Anthem the Maha Sangha inaugurated the event with their blessings followed by prayers by representatives of the Hindu, Muslim and Christian religious groups. This was followed by an outdoor cultural event and the traditional Avurudhu Kumaraya and Kumari contest. The outdoor games this year included traditional games such as Raban Gasima, Coconut scrapping, along with lot of other games. This was followed by a nice spread of sumptuous traditional food.

#### **Cricket Tournament 2014**

A cricket tournament was organized to select the team to represent Washington DC for the annual DC v. NY cricket match. The event was a great success with Lanka Lions emerging champions and earing the right to represent Washington DC against New York.

#### Sri Lanka Day 2014

Sri Lanka day was held in conjunction with the annual Washington DC vs. New York cricket encounter. Again, this was a well-attended event with over 300 participants. This year's event included a cultural show. Many young Sri Lankans showcased their talents with songs and dances. The event was capped off with a victory for Washington DC in the cricket encounter. Congratulations to the Washington DC cricket team for bringing the trophy home for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

# 31st Night Dinner Dance 2014

This year the New Year dinner dance was held after a lapse of one year at the Holiday Inn Gaithersburg, Maryland. The dance was revived mainly due to member requests as it was not held the previous year. Entertainment was provided by a local band "Serendib" and DJ Shawn. As in the past, the event was a well-organized with great music, raffle draws, mid night champagne and a sumptuous buffet dinner. However, once again the biggest disappointment was the poor participation from the members and the community. The board worked tirelessly especially during the last two months preceding the event; however the lack of support was very evident. Due to competing events in the month of December it is becoming increasingly difficult to meet cost targets with ticket sales putting the board members at risk to meet financial losses.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

We thank –

Our Patron, Ambassador, Hon, Mr. Jaliya Wickremasuriya;

Vice Patrons, Dr. Greg Fernandopulle and Mrs. Anjalika Silva;

Advisory Board –Mr. Sena Basnayake, Mr. Lasantha Dahanayake, Mr. Dakshi de Silva, and Mrs. Surangani Salgado

Our Honorary Auditor, Mr Roy Braine;

Our spouses and families for their cooperation and willingness to help at our events;

#### **Conclusion:**

It is a pleasure presenting the Annual Report for the year. We look forward to your continued support from the community in the future.

Sri Lanka Association of Washington, D.C. Balance Sheet As of January 31, 2014		
	1/31/2014	1/31/2013
Assets		
Cash at Bank	\$7,849.82	\$4,712.85
Receivables - 2013 Dinner Dance	1,470.00	\$0.00
Total Assets	\$9,319.82	\$4,712.85
Liabilities & Equity		
Beginning Balance	\$3,808.05	\$4,676.72
Net Surplus/Expense	\$831.97	(\$868.67)
Ending Balance	\$4,640.02	\$3,808.05
Payables	\$3,775.00	
Payable to SLAGW	\$904.80	\$904.80
Total Liabilities	\$9,319.82	\$4,712.85

Suraj Navaratne (for Treasurer)

Treasurer

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Statement of Inc	lon of Washington) ome and Expenditu uling January 31st 20	res	
	1/31/2014		1/31/2013
Income			
Membership Fees	1,490.00		\$60.00
Dinner Dance-2013	354,03		
Cricket Tournament	424.98		
Total Income	\$2,269.01	\$	60.00
EXPENDITURE			
SL Day	(343,35)		
SL/Tamil NY	(695,87)		(\$593.67
Annual General Meeting	(175.00)		(\$335.00
Lockbox Charges	(81,64)		
Other	(141.18)		
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Total Expenditures	(\$1,437.04)		(4.720,07
Operation Surplus/Expense	\$831.97		(\$868.67

Suraj Navaratne (for Treasurer )

Treasurer

Row Braine

Hon, Auditor

OPERATING STATEMENT In US\$ for year ending January 31, 2014	2014 2013
Revenues	EAT 1 #4#A
Deposits	
Pool Tournament Profit	
Contributions-Network for Good Corp	
Total Revenues	\$ - \$ -
Expenses	•
NEST	
Kosala Dullawa Foundation	
CCC Foundation	
Reversal of Payable	
Total Expenses	\$ - \$ .
Bank Charges	\$ (15.00)
Net Bank Income (Loss)	\$ (15.00) \$ -
ncrease in Net Assets	\$ (15.00) \$ .
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	\$ 2,369,14 \$ 2,569.14
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Suraj Navaratne C For Treasurer)	Roy Braine
Treasurer - SLAGW	Hon. Auditor
Date:	Date:
PALANCE SHEET	
n US\$ as of January 31, 2014	2014 2013
issets	
Current Assets	
Cash/Deposits - Dollar	\$1,449.34 \$1,464.34
Pledges Receivable SLAGW	\$904.80 \$904.80
Long Term Assets	•
otal Assats	\$2,354.14 \$2,369.14
labilities and Net Assets	
Liabilities - Current	
Grants Payable	\$0.00
Total Liabilities	\$0.00 \$0.00
The Barr-Kumarkulasinghe Endowment	\$ 1,000.00 \$ 1,000.00
Anura Karunaratne Fund	\$ -
General Fund	\$ 1,354.14 \$ 1,369.14
Net Assets	\$ 2,354.14 \$ 2,369.14
otal Ljabilities and Net Assets	\$ 2,354.14 \$ 2,369.14
ASHFLOW STATEMENT	1
US\$ for year ending January 31, 2014	2014 2013
	\$ 1,464.34 \$ 1,464.34
eginning Cash Balance	
ashflow from Operations	\$ -
ashflow from Operations Donations Received - SLAWDC	\$ -
ashflow from Operations Donations Received - SLAWDC Grants	\$ -
ashflow from Operations Donations Received - SLAWDC	\$ - \$ - \$ - \$ (15.00) \$ -

Indika Attanayake Scroy, Wavovatu Treasurer-SLAGW (Fr Treasurer)

3/15/2014 Date:

Roy valne Hon. Huditor

Date:

3/15/2014