

THE SRI LANKA INDIA SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SRI LANKA INDIA SOCIETY HELD AT 5.30 P.M. ON 30TH SEPTEMBER 2019 AT THE “ON GOLDEN POND”, TAJ SAMUDRA HOTEL, COLOMBO 03.

PRESENT: His Excellency Mr. Taranjit Singh Sandhu (Patron)
Mr. Santosh Varma (Counselor, Indian High Commission)
President Mr. T.S. Prakash (in the chair) and 73 other members of the Society

1. NOTICE

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

2. CONDOLENCES

Two minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect to the members who passed away since the last Annual General Meeting. The Members of the Society are particularly saddened by the passing of Mr. Godwin Perumal, former Hony. Secretary of the Society, and Mr. V. S. Selvaratnam, who were a long-standing members of the Society.

3. EXCUSES

The Secretary announced that the following members had informed their inability to attend the meeting and they have requested that their absence be excused:-

Mr. Ken Balendra
Prof. M. T. A. Furkhan
Dr. A. Kandasamy
Mr. Kiron Shenoy
Mr. Pinsiri Fernando

4. PRESIDENT WELCOME ADDRESS

The President welcomed the Chief Guest, the Vice Patrons and the Members of the Society who were present at the Annual General Meeting.

The President presented a summary of the events organized by the Society during the year under review as set out in the Annual Report. He thanked the Committees of various projects for the excellent job done.

The President thanked Dr. A. Kandasamay, Editor, for prompt delivery of editions of the ‘Maitri’ magazine published during the year and also commended him on the content of the magazines.

The President thanked H.E. Mr. Taranjit Singh Sandhu and Mr. Santosh Varma, and other officials of the High Commission for their spontaneous support and also thanked the Executive Committee and Members for the support extended to during his tenure as President of the Society.

5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting for the year 2018/19 held on 30th September 2019 were taken as read. The Minutes were unanimously approved on a proposal of Mr. K. Gnanakanthan, seconded by Mr. Rajah Sinnathuray.

6. ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report for the year 2018/19 was tabled. Mr. K. Gnanakanthan proposed that the report be adopted and it was seconded by Mr. Rajah Sinnathuray, and accordingly the Annual Report was unanimously adopted.

7. AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Audited Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2019, copies of which had been circulated was taken as read. Mr. S. Renganathan, Treasurer, answered queries raised from the members regarding the accounts.

Mr. Renganathan thanked the Assistant Treasurer Mr. Gnanakanthan for ably assisting him with preparation of the accounts and for liaising with the Auditors.

Mr. Rajah Sinnathuray commended the Treasurer and the Assistant Treasurer for the well-presented accounts and for the excellent service rendered during the year.

The Audited Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2019 were approved on a proposal of Mr. A.A.M. Illiyas, seconded by Mr. K.C. Vignarajah.

8. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

The President vacated the Chair and Mr. Chandra Schaffter over as Pro-tem Chairman. Mr. Chandra Schaffter commended Mr. T.S. Prakash for his yeoman service to the Society during the past years, and proposed the name of Mr. Rohan Tudawe from the chair to be President for the year 2019/20. Mr. Rohan Tudawe was declared President of the Society for the year 2019/20 and chaired the meeting as President.

9. ELECTION OF OTHER OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The President announced that the following members have been nominated for the respective posts by the Executive Committee and as there were no other nominations the President declared that the following are elected uncontested to the respective posts:

President	Mr. Rohan Tudawe
Vice Presidents	Mrs. Yamuna Geneshalingam Mr. Kishore Reddy Dr. A. Kandasamy
Secretary	Mr. Sarravanan Neelakandan
Assistant Secretary	Mrs. Chathuri Ranasinghe
Treasurer	Mr. M. Mohan
Asst. Treasurer	Mr. K. Gnanakanthan
Editor	Ar. A. G. Jayakrishnan

10. NOMINATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The President announced that in terms of 6(i) of the Constitution following members have been nominated by the Executive Committee and they were declared duly elected to the Executive Committee:

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1. Mr. Manoj Gupta
2. Mr. S. C. Pattanayak
3. Mr. N. Anandakumar
4. Mr. M. Basheer Ahamed
5. Mr. Sanjeev Jha
6. Dr. Vadivelu Srinivasan
7. Mr. Santosh Menon
8. Mr. Sumit Law
9. Mr. Sanjay Baid
10. Mr. Jatindar Biala

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1. Sampath Seresinhe
2. Mrs. Abirami Kailasapillai
3. Mr. M. Thavayogarah
4. Mr. Dinesh Weerakkody

11. ELECTION OF OTHER MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The President stated that the following 7 nominations have been received by Registered Post for posts of 10 vacancies in the committee and accordingly the following 7 members were elected:

Mr. K. Jayakumar
Mr. S. Renganathan
Mr. S. Muthusamy
Mr. A.A.M. Illiyas
Prof. Daya Edirisinghe
Mr. Madathil Samuel Saju
Ms. Joseph Rohan Victoria

12. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Messrs Aiyar & Company, Chartered Accountants, were unanimously re-appointed as the Auditors of the Society on a proposal of Mr. K. Gnanakanthan, seconded by Mr. Raja Sinnathuray.

13. ADDRESS BY THE PATRON

His Excellency Mr. Taranjit Singh Sandhu delivered the Patron's address. His Excellency commended the Committee for the work done in the past year, under the dynamic leadership of Mr. Prakash, and dedication of the all the members of the Society.

His Excellency emphasized the important role of The Sri Lanka India Society in strengthening the bond between our two great nations and added that the regular events organized by the Society were a testament to the commitment and efforts of the members of the Society.

His Excellency stated that he believed that people-to-people ties are at the heart of bilateral relations and the more we interact, the more we converge, which is in the interests of not only our two countries but the synergy it creates goes much beyond. His Excellency observed that the Society plays a key role in creating this convergence.

His Excellency encouraged the present members to recruit the next generation of members and young professionals to join the Society.

His Excellency stated that the President and the Executive Committee should keep up the momentum and wished the Society the very best in the coming year.

14. VOTE OF THANKS

The vote of thanks was proposed by the Secretary.

The President invited all those present to join for tea and refreshments.

Saravanan Neelakandan
Hony. Secretary