

55 PLUS GOAN ASSOCIATION-WEST GTA INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

Held on Tuesday, March 4th, 2014 at the Cawthra Senior's Centre, Mississauga

The meeting was called to order by the President, Norman Da Costa, at 6:30 p.m. with 60 members in attendance. Alba D'Silva, General Secretary, followed with the opening prayer.

President's Remarks:

The President commented on the success of all the events during his tenure of 2012 to 2013 with special emphasis on the 2013 Christmas Dance which was attended by 358 members. With sale of tickets at \$50 the occasion was expected to realize a loss, however, the raffle sales were a huge success and the occasion showed a small profit. He thanked all the Executive Committee Members and volunteers at the occasion.

He followed up with asking his Executive Committee members to stand while he reiterated some of the following comments from the 2013 Annual Report:

- his trusted "lieutenant" and pillar of strength the Vice-President, Alban Mascarenhas;
- the dedication of the Treasurer, Joe Lobo, who stepped into the role midway during his two year term of office:
- the exceptional work of the General Secretary, Alba D'Silva,
- the motivation and determination by the Social Secretary, Ruth Remedios;
- the wealth of experience provided by the Trips Co-ordinator, Vivien Fernandes;
- the importance of the work of the Communications Director, Trevor Remedios;
- the success of the two Konkani Plays by the Cultural Co-ordinator, Samson Santimano,
- the passionate support of the Executive Member, Christine Rodrigues,
- the commitment by the auditors, Al Mathias and Eric DeSouza, and
- the support by the spouses and the volunteers named in his Message.

Joe Lobo, thanked Norman for his leadership during the two year period, and this was acclaimed by all the Members.

Adoption of the 2013 Annual Report

The Members had been requested to comment on the 2013 Annual Report which included the President's Message, Auditor's Report, Financial Statements for the Year 2013 and the Budgets 2012 to 2013. As there were no comments, it was proposed by Benny Fernandes and seconded by Maria Martyres that the 2013 Annual Report be accepted. This was accepted by the General Body.

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The Executive Committee had received two (2) proposals for consideration by the General Body. These were read out, in part, and the following summarizes the resolutions by the General Body:

1. Recommendation by Nick De Mello that Members be exempt from filling out the Application Form when reapplying for the Annual renewal.
 - proposed by Alcino Rodrigues, and seconded by Christine Rodrigues that the present system for reapplying for Annual Membership, by completing the Application Form, continue for the year 2014, and the Executive Committee will examine the needs for the following year 2015. This was accepted by the General Body.
2. The following Proposals by Juliet Rebello:
 - a) for the Executive Committee to explore Government funding for Seniors Programs. The Proposal was seconded by Al Mathias and accepted by the General Body.
 - b) that a "Clearing House" be set up to integrate messages between the various "Sister Institutions". There was concern that a Master Membership List would be subject to "Identity Fraud" etc., and the incoming Executive Committee would evaluate the merits of this proposal.
3. Al Mathias and Alcino Rodrigues expressed their thanks to the outgoing Executive Committee for their efforts and leadership during their tenure.

Appointment of New Executive Committee for 2014/ 2015

President: Alcino Rodrigues, proposed by Joe Lobo and seconded by Gilbert Fernandes.

Vice-President: Alick Alphonso, proposed by Alban Mascarenhas and seconded by Tony Fonseca.

Treasurer: Osborne D'Souza, proposed by Evelyn Fernandes and seconded by Rudi Rodrigues.

General Secretary: Leslie DeSouza, proposed by Alick Alphonso and seconded by Alcino Rodrigues.

Auditors: Al Mathias and Alban Mascarenhas.

The above four Executive Committee Members and the Auditors were all approved by the General Body.

The Hand-Over Meeting is scheduled for March 6th, 2014

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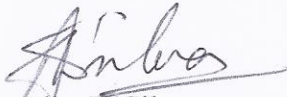
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Comments by Alcino Rodrigues, President 2014/ 2015

Alcino Rodrigues thanked the members for electing him as President. The workings of his Executive Committee will be transparent, and the positions of the other members of the Executive will be filled in as soon as possible. He appealed for Members support to meet expectations that have been established by the outgoing Committee for all the events.

The first event, Fish Curry Night is scheduled for May 2, 2014.

There being no other business to discuss, Al Mathias proposed that the Meeting be terminated and this was seconded by Joe Lobo. The meeting terminated at 7:20 p.m.



Alba D' Silva
General Secretary
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