

ANNUAL REPORT (2014-16)

To,
The Members,
St. Josephs College Old Boys Association

21-09-2016

I welcome you all to the Annual General Meeting for the year 2016. The report is for the activities and events that happened during the period 2014-16. The annual accounts along with the audit report for the financial year 2015-16 are appended to this report. This report is made up in two parts.

In the first part Tasks set out to in the manifesto versus performance.

In the second part - Other matters.

Part A – Manifesto and Performance:

Platform for the ex-students: The team took initiatives to set up a secretariat. The office space at the President's office was utilized for locating the records and stocks of the Association. Members came to office of the president and bought the souvenirs stored there. Many informal meetings have also taken place during the tenure apart from the meetings of the Governing Council. Candidates were considered for suitable part-time employment for meeting the staffing requirements. Initiative was also made to make the website more interactive to provide for greater interaction amongst the community. A separate communication channel linking the GC to the members was designed. However, a suitable candidate for the secretariat was hard to find. The software program was made ready but could not get implemented. The same can be made use of by the new team for the benefit of the members.

School: Mr. Kamal Sahdev visited the School and met the Principal and Bro. Walter Vas - Brother Superior along with two other Nainital resident members and a representative of the Ex-students Trust. He had requested the Principal to let the SJC OBA know as to how the association could help the school in improving its standards , including the infrastructure. The Principal assured Mr. Kamal Sahdev, that he would inform him of the requirements and modalities in detail after the close of the academic session. However, thereafter no further meeting or communication happened and the matter could not be taken up further. In the meanwhile quotations were obtained by Mr. Kamal Sahdev from vendors for the purpose of modernization of the school

kitchen. The estimates obtained were in the range of about Rs.25 lacs for the whole project. However, the matter was kept on hold for further discussion amongst the stakeholders.

Chapter formations: Chapter formations continue to be a challenging task. The management of separate bank accounts, record keeping and control over stocks at various chapters was found to be very difficult in its implementation and monitoring. It was decided to do a gradual introduction after the setting up a full-fledged secretariat – whereby the main office and chapter coordination can be set in place and controlled.

Welfare: Initiatives taken in the past to honour old retired teachers was sought to be continued. The name of a teacher was proposed for honouring but due to some reasons the release of funds could not happen at that particular time.

Assistance: The Nepal earthquake caused immense human suffering and tragedy. Some of our semian brothers are resident of Nepal and were affected. The association sought contributions from members. The office bearers also contributed. However, the contributions could not be sent to Nepal because of the legal restraint as contained in section 11 of the Income Tax Act which bars an association to undertake charity work outside India.

However, individual contributions came in from the members and office bearers. The following is the list of contributories:

S No.	Contributory	Amount(Rs.)
1.	Samuel Jacobs	50,000/-
2.	SwapnilSharaf	5,000/-
3.	Ranveer Singh	5,000/-
4.	Piyush Joshi	5,000/-
5.	Sunil Sahai	5,000/-
6.	Sanjay Goel	5,000/-
7.	Kamal Sahdev	51,000/-

Semians-in-Need: Ex students are eligible for grants on medical grounds or for financial support. Two Semians were considered during the term. Mr.Bikram Sen- was extended grants for his dire financial needs. P C Rautela- was in need for his medical treatment. The G C approved release of funds for his treatment. However, contributions from his batch mates were adequate to cover his costs.

Website: Elections over the internet were held in 2014 successfully. The election officer Mr. Pankaj Sachdeva, utilized the services of the IT support and was able to announce the result quickly. A small module was made whereby there can be direct communication from the president/GC to the members directly instead of relying on publicly available mail groups. However, the module is in the final stages and can be utilized by the next term of office bearers. The current elections are also being held with the help of IT support. The Website now has the latest information. All the latest audited accounts, audit reports, notifications etc. are hosted therein. To increase transparency in the functioning of the affairs of the association all minutes of the GC meetings have been also posted on the website. Members will appreciate that your association is ahead on these matters over other schools, similar bodies in its vicinity.

Fund raising events:

Increase in number of new members contributed substantially to the funds collections during 2014-15. (Rs.1,77,500/-). The funds of the association were not spent on any major activities and thus there was a surplus of Rs. Five lacs for which a new fixed deposit was made. Thus the total fixed deposit by the end of the term was Rs.30 lacs. Unfortunately, no social get together could be organized during the term and thus there were no collections from such events. (One Get Together planned for 21-12-14 was called off on account of the passing away of Bro.Pat Murray on 16-12-14.)

Elder's Advisory: The term started with the new concept of inviting the past presidents to the GC meetings. The GC benefitted from their presence and advice.

Part B: other matters:

Legal Compliances: Income tax return for the A Y 2014-15, 2015-16 have been filed and the refunds related to the same has been received.

Section 80G application was rejected as the notices sent to the local address went back undelivered and thus could not be responded to. The re-application was decided to be taken up after strengthening of the secretariat facilities.

Thanking You,

Kamal Sahdev

(President)