

Minutes of the Second Annual General Meeting of the SJA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
held at St. Joseph's Academy, 12, Rajpur Road, Dehradun
on 17th December 2011 at 4:30 pm.

Members of the Managing Committee present:

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| 1. | Bro. AJ George | - | Patron |
| 2. | Mr. Ajay Goyal | - | President |
| 3. | Mr. Ambuj Oberai | - | Secretary |
| 4. | Mr. Vikas Dewan | - | Treasurer |
| 5. | Mr. I. V. Singh | - | Member |
| 6. | Mr. Jaideep Datta | - | Member |
| 7. | Mr. Deepak Vohra | - | Member |
| 8. | Mr. Gaurav Luthra | - | Member |
| 9. | Dr. Vineet Vishnoi | - | Member |
| 10. | Brig. Sanjay Sharma | - | Ex-officio Member |

Members of General Body Present as per Annexure: 153

[Six AGM Attendance Sheets Circulated during AGM]

Absentee members of Managing Committee:

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| 1. | Mr. Sanjay Rajvanshi | - | Vice President |
| 2. | Comm. Sharan Ahuja | - | Vice President |
| 3. | Mr. Hari Shanker Deo | - | Member |
| 4. | Mr. Ajay Bhatia | - | Member |

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Anurag Sangal who also acted as the coordinator of AGM on request of the Managing Committee. On motion duly made and accepted by the house patron Bro A. J. George was duly elected to preside over as the chairman of the AGM.

The quorum for the AGM having been met, the General Body was duly authorized to transact the business before it.

The President, Mr. Ajay Goyal gave a welcome address to the members, wherein he stated that "The journey began 1.5 years back and it was a very great learning experience. We did things we don't generally do like setting chairs for guests, setting snacks for guests etc., it is all because on coming back to SJA you become students again. It has been a wonderful journey.

When we began we did not have any data, funds, not much of precedence but in a way we had everything because we had a strong conviction, were clear of objectives and had a team of Josephites whose heart beats for SJA."

Mr. Ajay Goyal, President, further thanked his team of wonderful Josephites, Comm. Saran Ahuja, Mr. Sanjay Rajvanshi - for his element of continuity, Mr. Hari Shanker Deo our senior most member, Mr. I. V. Singh for his continuous guidance, Mr. Jaideep Datta - for his financial and key advices, Mr. Deepak Vohra - bundle of energy, Dr. Gaurav Luthra - sharp and soft,

Dr. Vineet Vishnoi -perfect gentleman, Mr. Ajay Bhatia, Brig Sanjay Sharma who especially came to attend this Reunion, Mr. Ambuj Oberai - the show window of the committee (a lot of credit goes to him for his hard work to getting Alumni Association to a flying start), Mr. Vikas Dewan - wonderful and equally responsible person and also Bro AJ George for the great initiative taken by him.

[A] Mr. Anurag Sangal, Coordinator read out the item no. 2 of the agenda - **“To adopt the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 18th December 2010.”**

The motion was proposed to be adopted by Mr. Raman Bhatia, seconded by Mr. Deepak Bakshi and accepted by the house. Thus the minutes of the first AGM stands adopted.

[B] The Coordinator read item no. 3 of the Agenda - **“To receive and adopt the Report of the Managing Committee and Financial Statements for the year ending 31.03.2011, and the period 01.04.2011 to 31.10.2011, along with Auditor’s Report thereon.”**

Mr. Nitin Kochhar raised 2 queries on point under consideration. They were

1. As per the bye laws the statement of accounts should have been circulated 30 days prior to the AGM.
2. Notice of the AGM and financial statements have not been received by him.

To query number 1 of Mr. Kochhar, Secretary Mr. Ambuj Oberai told the house that the Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations of the Association are available on the website from the day of inception to for all members and non-members to see. Further Mr. Ambuj Oberai read out from the copy of the Memorandum of Association & Rules and Regulations available at the AGM that the notice of the AGM meeting shall be sent to members not less than 15 days prior to the date of AGM.

To query number 2 of Mr. Kochhar, Secretary Ambuj Oberai stated that this year the notice and statement of accounts for the year ending 31.3.2011 and period 1.4.2011 to 31.10.2011 was sent by registered post and the proof of registered post is available with the Association at the Alumni Office.

The majority of members present acknowledged the receipt of statement of accounts for the aforementioned period along with the 2nd AGM notice.

The statement of accounts for the year ending 31.3.2011 and the period 1.4.2011 to 31.10.2011 were proposed to be adopted by Mr. H.S. Sadana and seconded by Mr. Dilip Dua.

The House with a majority of votes via voice votes adopted the statements of accounts for year ending 31.03.2011 and period 01.04.2011 to 31.10.2011.

[C] The Coordinator read item no. 4 of the Agenda – **“To amend Clause 5 (1) of the Rules and Regulation of the Association and add the following to the Membership Clause:**

“Alumni above the age of 65 who wish to take membership of the Association shall be exempt from payment of admission fee of Rs.1,000/- at the time of submitting application for membership. They will, however, be required to pay annual subscription of Rs. 200/- or a one-time life subscription of Rs. 1,500/-.”

Various Suggestions were received from members, as under: -

1. Mr. Nitin Kochhar suggested having this clause for 2 years only so that people don't wait for 65 years so that they can save their 1000 rupees of admission fee.
2. Mr. Dilip Dua's suggestion was to change the age from 65 to 55 so that more people become members and this would thus increase the membership and we would be better if we have more members.
3. Mr. Sanjay Mall's suggestion was also same as above the only point he differed on was that age should be 60 because even govt. uses 60 as a parameter.
4. Mr. Dilpreet Grover suggested that annual subscription should be waived off and only joining fees should be charged from such members.
5. Mr. Ramesh Chander Joshi (1957) suggested that age should not be the criteria for any membership. He also said that if you are a true Josephite you will not wait to turn 65 to become a member. He further said that “If u want to become the member of this elite association pay 2500 as the amount like what he did and there should be no waiving off of any fees.”

The house applauded the suggestion of Mr. Ramesh Chander Joshi and by majority did not approve the proposal of Managing Committee to amend clause 5(1) of Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations.

Thus the proposal to amend Clause 5(1) of the Memorandum of Association and Rules & regulations was rejected.

[D] The Co-ordinator, Mr. Anurag Sangal pointed out that the managing committee report is still to be approved as per point 3 of agenda as the same was missed out earlier.

Mr. Ambuj Oberai, Secretary through a PowerPoint presentation, presented before the house the Managing Committee report citing the contribution of each member.

The House duly accepted the managing committee report unanimously. Thus the managing Committee report was adopted.

Mr. Anurag Sangal further elaborated some moments of the year from Mr. Ambuj Oberai's report. He highlighted about the blood donation camp in which Bro George had

also participated and was a leader by donating blood thus encouraging all present. He also said that through these alumni reunions we get to meet people out of spectrum. He then introduced to the house Mr. Sunil Pant CGM SBI. Mr. Pant who is a alumnus of 1968 batch from SJA and had come especially to attend this meet from Mumbai. Mr. Pant further told about his school memories of Bro. Donovan and said that it is a great feeling to come back to SJA which still beats in Hearts of millions.

- [E] The Coordinator read item no. 5 of the Agenda – **“To amend Clause 7 (1)(c) of the Rules and Regulation of the Association and substitute the same to be read as under:
“Notice: Notice for meetings shall be served by the Secretary of the Association in writing by email or post to all the members not less than fifteen days prior to the date of the meetings.”**

Mr. Nitin Kochhar, proposed the motion for acceptance which was seconded by Mr. Sanjay Mall. The house accepted it unanimously by voice votes.

Accordingly clause 7(1)(c) stands amended and substituted.

- [F] The Coordinator read item no. 6 of the Agenda – **“To amend Clause 7 (2)(a) of the Rules and Regulation of the Association and substitute the same to be read as under:
“Formation: The Managing Committee of the Association shall consist of a President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, four Senior Members and three other Members. Total 12 Members.**

One seat each shall be reserved for women candidates in the Senior Members category and other Members Category respectively; however in the event of women candidates not filing valid nominations, male members may be elected to fill in the vacancy in the respective category(ies).”

If approved at the AGM, the above substituted clauses shall be applicable during the next elections to be held from the year 2013 onwards, and shall not affect the candidacy/nominations/Management Committee to be elected in the elections held/ to be held on 17th December 2011 for the term 2011-2013.”

Suggestions were received by members, which are as under: -

1. Mr. Dilip Dua’s suggestion was that the total number of members in the Managing Committee should be odd, to avoid the situation of tie.
Secretary Mr. Ambuj Oberai replied that in case of a tie the patron steps in and casts his vote and this is mentioned in our Memorandum of Association also. With this reply the suggestion of Mr. Dua came to an end.
2. Mr. Nitin Kochhar pointed out that in the election Bye laws there is no categorization of junior and senior members.

Secretary Mr. Ambuj Oberai replied that the Election Bye laws states the categorization of 3-10 years as junior members and 10+ as senior members. Further details of which are also available at the website.

3. Mr. Nitin Kochhar stated that the law does not allow for double categorization. Mr. Anurag Sangal replied that according to the societies act the society is allowed to frame its own bye laws and rules and regulations for its functioning and nowhere has it debarred any kind of categorization. Further he stated that the Election Committee realized that the drafting of the election bye laws should have been better and thus to accommodate the same the amendment to this clause has been proposed and as per societies act there is no illegality in framing of these bye laws.
4. Mr. Nitin Kochhar further stated that there is a Supreme Court ruling that double categorization is not allowed. No such ruling or reference was cited/produced by him. Mr. Raman Bhatia said that at the last AGM there was clear sentiment of the house that there must be representation of lady members in the Managing Committee and thus there should be one lady member from one category and another from another category. He further stated that there is no law which prohibits women candidates to be present in the Managing Committee of the Alumni to which Mr. Nitin Kochhar did not respond.
5. Further Mr. Nitin Kochhar also said that there should be a different category for women all together.

The house did not approve of any of the above suggestions/views of Mr. Nitin Kochhar and rejected his suggestions.

Mr. Sanjay Bhutani proposed that the amendment of clause 7(2) (a) be accepted as proposed in the AGM notice which was seconded by Mr. Kapil Arora. The house by a majority of voice votes accepted the proposed motion.

Accordingly clause 7(2) (a) stands amended and substituted in the Rules & regulations as proposed in the notice of the AGM.

- [G] The Coordinator read item no. 7 of the Agenda – **“To take the opinion of the House on which information of the database should be shared with members of the Association and non-members....”**

Different proposals on sharing of database were made by the members, as under:-

1. Mr. Vickram Sabarwal said that there should be an undertaking by the person requesting the data that he will not misuse it and also the full information of the database should be restricted and not given.
2. Mr. Rahul Jain asked that what action can be taken against the member not fulfilling the obligation as per the undertaking as mentioned by Mr. Sabharwal.

3. Mr. Kapil Arora suggested that the name, year and email should be given.
4. Mr. Shobhit Goyal suggested that each member should fill a form which states that which data he or she wants to share with the other person and also that there should be fees charged from the person who wants the data.
5. Mr. Sudhir Arora said that he had apprehensions about disclosing email ID's and only restricted information should be passed on.
6. Dr. Gaurav luthra suggested that in several of the professional organizations he is a member of, the website displays member's names, year of passing out and city of residence only. Phone numbers and email ID's are typically not made public to avoid misuse. There is an option to send an email to any member through the website without disclosing the actual email ID. The mail is routed automatically through the website server and the recipient member has the choice to respond or not.

After hearing all the suggestions the house came out of the view that the name, batch and postal address should be shared on demand of specific members that no information should be shared to the non-members. The house also asked the Managing Committee to look into the suggestion of Dr. Gaurav Luthra.

[H] The Coordinator read item no. 8 of the Agenda - **“To appoint an Auditor for the next financial year.”**

Mr. Tirupati Juneja proposed the name of the M/s Naveen Kumar Gupta and Associates Prop. Mr. Naveen Gupta to be re-appointed as auditors and was seconded by Mr Kapil Anand.

The house accepted the proposal and M/s. Naveen Kumar Gupta & Associates were re-appointed as auditors for the financial year 01.04.2012 to 31.03.2013.

At the instance of Mr. Sangal, the House expressed condolences to Mr. Naveen Gupta whose father passed away just 2 days back and that was the reason Mr. Naveen could not attend the AGM.

[I] The Coordinator read item no. 9 of the Agenda - **“To transact such other business with the permission of the Chair as may be brought before the meeting..”**

Two queries were received in this regard and after permission from the chair they were discussed: -

1. Proposed by Mr. Sandeep Mahajan and it was seconded by Mr. Nitin - SJA and SJA Alumni Association name should not be taken for self-aggrandizement.

To this Mr. Rajiv Sachar had the following comment, “I agree that it should not be used, but only with the permission of the school if it benefits the society.” He further said that he made SJA Alumnus Group on Facebook which is not a registered body.

Mr. Sudhir Arora said that Alumni Association name should not be used. He also said that the SJA Alumni/ Alumnus name or its connotation in any form should not be used by any other person or group as there can only be one recognized Alumni body by a school. Since we have a recognized body in name of SJA Alumni Association this facebook group 'SJA ALUMNUS' is not answerable to anyone and the use of the name should be stopped.

Mr. Anurag Sangal further said that the SJA name is the property and under protection of the school. If there is any misuse the principal will take action.

Mr. Anurag Sangal also said that SJA ALUMNI is the property of SJA Alumni Association and of none other body. If there is any misuse of the word Alumni or any synonymous word or any connotation of the same or any parallel body without the permission from the school, then action should be taken and SJA Alumni Association can legally stop it. He also suggested that as fellow Josephites we should not get into legal matters unless it is unavoidable.

Mr. Raman Bhatia said that the bye-laws clearly say to bind the SJA Alumni all over the world, there are chapter for different parts of the world and thus if people are not part of this alumni, parallel Alumni will rise which will again result in discontinuity like before

The house was of the view after hearing the same that there is only one body by name of SJA Alumni Association, with permission and recognition by SJA as its Alumni body, the word Alumni or its connotation and synonyms should not be used by any other person or group and necessary action should be taken against them.

2. Proposed by Mr. Girish Batra and seconded By Mr. Sunit Pal - about demonstration and use of wrong words and derogatory language and remarks against members of the association, teachers and school on social media by fellow members. It was proposed that managing committee should take appropriate action such as suspension of such members or any other action deemed fit.

Mr. Manu Sabharwal said to the above point that the use of any wrong language as well as acting as a police is beyond the domain of the SJA Alumni.

Mr. Bhatia did not agree to Mr. Sabharwal's comment and said that use of derogatory language on sites is bad and alumni have the right and should take action.

Mr. Virendra Kalra said that we are a society by itself and we must follow some ethics thus we should bind ourselves in a code of conduct and follow standards in this association.

The house was of the view that the Managing Committee shall decide on the code of conduct / ethics for its members and take necessary action as deemed fit against those who do not follow the same.

Mr. Anurag Sangal told the house that Mr. Rajeev Nangia, Mr. Raman Bhatia, Col Rakesh Jindey and he thought of setting a tradition that each incoming committee should give mementos to the outgoing committee as appreciation for efforts put in by them. Therefore he requested that the cost of Rs. 3814/- for the mementos to be taken as a valid expenditure for the house. The house accepted the expenditure as a valid expenditure.

Mr. Anurag Sanghal then called upon the Senior most member present, Mr. Ramesh Narayan Saklani 1948 batch. As Mr. Saklani walked upto to present these mementos to the MC he was given a standing ovation by the house. He then presented the mementos to the outgoing MC. He spoke a few words and told the house that it was pleasure for him to be here at SJA.

[J] The Coordinator read item no. 10 of the Agenda pertaining to **the address by patron Bro. George.**

Bro. George said that he would like to appreciate Mr. Sangal for the wonderful way in which he managed the meeting. He also said that he feels proud of the fact that he was instrumental in giving form to this organization and is happy that this organization has taken great place under Mr. Ajay Goyal (President).

He said that when the organization was made there was no difference between Alumni or Alumnus. He said he would like to appreciate all those who have worked for the school but at the same time his Ernest desire is that if we all are for the institution we should all stand as one. It is like we should all stand under one umbrella because unity is strength. Ultimately the purpose of the Association is to express gratitude to the Alma Mater

He said it is a very happy and proud feeling when he meets students passed from SJA. He said we should aspire to strengthen this institution that gave us this life and made us what we are today. He also said that we need to have discipline to grow.

Bro. also said that he was aware of the derogatory emails and posts on social media of which he did not approve at all. He said that when we take the name of the school, we should understand that it is sacred. If we say bad things it is bad for the school. He said that before taking such actions remember that we are a big family and in spite of difficulties, shortcomings we have to stand united.

He thanked everyone for being good ambassadors of the school and asked to continue to work for the Alma Mater. He thanked the MC for the events done by them such as Teachers day, career carnival, felicitating students, blood donation camp and also for the equipment donated by them to the school.

He also complimented the association for expressing sentiments for the school when the government wanted the school land.

At last he said," We have to make a resolution to stand by SJA. With only one hand to hold"

- [K] The Coordinator read item no. 11 of the Agenda pertaining to **Introduction of the members of the Election Committee and presentation regarding ballot procedure.**

Mr. Rajeev Nangia, chairman Election Committee, introduced his team as in Mr. Anurag Sangal and Col Rakesh Jindey and then, explained the election process and the casting of votes by physical ballot. He also informed the house out of the request of postal ballots for 92 ballots, 78 were received back. He also introduced to the house the polling officers appointed for the smooth conduct of the elections.

- [L] Mr. Ambuj Oberai Secretary gave a vote of thanks and hoped the members to continue giving support to the New Managing Committee to strengthen the Alumni association. He also wished Good Luck to all the contestants.

- [M] The Coordinator read last item no. 13 of the Agenda - **"To elect a Managing Committee for the term 2011-13."**

The house accepted that the new managing committee be elected and the elections be declared open.

There being no further business before the House, the AGM was concluded by a vote of thanks to the Honorable Chair and followed by high tea and elections.

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Ajay Goyal
President

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Ambuj Oberai
Secretary