Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the 20th Annual General Meeting
At Strathfield Girls High School, Strathfield, NSW 2135
Sunday 09th September 2018, 1pm-3pm

Present: Member devotees as per the list (Minutes Register) participated in the Holy deliberations of the AGM on 09th September 2018. Few devotees left at the start of the AGM. The following were present at the AGM:
Swami Uditramananda ji, Vijay Gokarn ji, Lalita Gokarn ji, Asha Gupta ji, Srini Immidi, Upasana Immidi ji, Radha Krishna Sharma ji, Sushil Kumar ji, Roneel Prasad ji, Ajay Singh ji, Seema Singh ji, Rajesh Sethi ji, Lakshmi Rao ji

Apologies: Karo Reddy ji, Shameel Reddy ji, Gunvant Vaghela Ji, Sushma ji, Alan Nand ji, Nihal ji, Manish ji.

Chair: Swami Uditramananda ji

Minutes: Minutes were taken & prepared by Srini Immidi

Invocatory Prayer & Welcome
The chair warmly welcomed and thanked all the members/devotees for their divine presence and offered prayerful best wishes for a very Happy and blissful Sadgurudev Birthday!

Minutes from the last AGM:
Minutes from the last AGM were distributed to members prior to the AGM.

The minutes of the last AGM were accepted.
Proposed by Sharma ji
Seconded by Vijay ji

Annual Report:
Annual report was circulated to members and was read out at the AGM. Annual report outlined the activities carried out during the year.

Thanks to Sharma ji for all the efforts in collating the report and presenting the report at the AGM.

Key messages from the annual report:
- Highlighted that regular Management Committee meetings were held
- Advisors were confirmed but were not called upon for consultation
- Similarly there were no issues for the Trustees to address
- Expressed gratitude and thanks to Kanti Bhai for auditing DLSA accounts.
- Overseas Aid Fund Management Committee functioning well. Educational & Vocational Skills development and Eye care projects are ongoing and well supported.
- Language, Scripture and other Educational activities were conducted as part of the Hindi and Scripture classes regularly in support of SEFBF. The AGM thanked all the children, their parents and Srimati Asha Gupta ji for the children activities.
- Celebrations as per the society calendar were well attended
- Satsang through the Skype are continuing. There was good participation in the Monthly Satsangs.
- Weekly Yoga Classes were held for part of the year and a number of participants attended the Yoga classes. AGM expressed special thanks to Sri Swami Uditramanadaji for the support and holding the regular Yoga classes.
- Weekly Satsangs reading scriptures Gita, Bhajans and Kirtans on Fridays and Sundays. Many thanks to the organisers/ initiators of these divine get-togethers.
- Newsletters were circulated as scheduled and were widely read
- Much has been accomplished and much more can be done especially in the areas of improved communication, membership drive and more divine activities.
- All committee members, friends and supporters of the society were thanked for their ongoing support in making DLS activities a success
- Thanks was also given to the Gurus for their never ending guidance and blessings for a good and fulfilling year of activities

Annual report was endorsed by the AGM.
Proposed by Swami Uidtramananda ji &
Seconded by Rajesh ji.

Audit & Treasurers Report:

Copies of the report circulated to members present at the AGM. Copies of report were circulated via email to members & uploaded to DLSA website. Audit & Treasurer’s report was discussed at the AGM. Key points of the report being:
- Rajesh ji presented the details of the Audit report. Qualified opinion given by our auditor (Kanti Bhai ji) is observed for any Not for Profit organisation. Observations from the Audit report around fund raising process are noted. Members acknowledge and will be looking to options to improve the process based on Audit recommendations.
- In-flows to both Building fund and General fund declined this year. Rajesh ji recommends to improve efforts to raise more funds in the coming years.
- In response to report around Overseas Aid Activities, it was clarified that the report for both the projects was received from Swami Sivananda Seva Samati and reflected in the DLSA annual report. However the auditing of the records is done as per the rules of both the countries as mentioned in the MOU.
AGM acknowledges the effort and help provided by both our Auditor Kanti Bhai ji and Treasurer Rajesh ji. All members convey thanks to both Kanti Bhai ji and Rajesh ji.

Reports were adopted. Proposed by Sharma ji and Seconded by Sushil ji.

**Election to the new Management Committee:**

The chair declared that all the positions are vacant.

Following devotees unanimously elected as office bearers and the committee members for 2018-19:

- **Vijay Gokarn ji** President (Param Sewak)
- **Dr Asha Gupta ji** Vice President (Uup Param Sewak)
- **Rajesh Sethi ji** Treasurer (Kosh Sewak)
- **Srinivas Immidi** Secretary (Lekha Sewak)
- **Manish Chopra ji** Assistant Secretary (Uup Lekha Sewak)
- **Alan Nand ji** Assistant Treasurer (Uup Kosh Sewak)
- **Swami Uditramananda ji** Member (Sewak)
- **Gunvant Vaghela ji** Member (Sewak)
- **Radha Krishna Sharma ji** Member (Sewak)
- **Sushma Nadkarini ji** Member (Sewak)
- **Sushil Kumar ji** Member (Sewak)
- **Upasana** Member (Sewak)
- **Lakshmi ji** Member (Sewak)
- **Lalita** Member (Sewak)

It was noted some of the members nominated for the committee may not have paid their membership renewals. Members were to be reminded to pay the arrears to comply with the membership requirements.

Karo ji, Shameel ji & Seema ji were nominated on the floor, however later they have confirmed that they will be unable to continue as member. Member list was amended to reflect these changes.

**Advisors:**

Sri Swami Padmanabhananda Maharaj, General Secretary DLS HQ
Swami Uditramananda ji
Radha Krishan Sharma ji
Karo Reddy ji

**Trustees:**

HH Sri Swami Vimalananda ji Maharaj President of The DLS HQ
Sri Gunvant Veghela ji (Chair)
Sri Swami Uditramananda ji
Sri Radha Krishan Sharma ji

**Auditor:**

AGM approved Sri Kanti Bhai Patelji to continue as the Auditor for DLS Australia
DLSA Overseas Fund:
AGM approved following to be on the DLSA Overseas Fund Committee
Chair: Sri Radha Krishan Sharma ji
Sri Gunvant Veghela ji
Sri Dr, Neela Bhat ji
Sri Himansu Pota ji

DLSA Sivananda Educational Foundation Building Fund:
AGM approved following to be on the DLSA Educational Foundation Building Fund Committee
Chair: Vijay Gokaran ji
Gunvant Veghela ji
Dr. Ajay Kumar
Radha Krishna Sharma ji

Sub-committees:

Management Committee was tasked to form various Sub-committees for the smooth functioning of various divine activities in a timely manner, the Chairs of these sub-committees have delegation to make things happen and report back to the Management Committee.

The Divine Life Society of Australia Inc – Proposed Resolution
To submit the DLSA Inc Constitution dated 04/09/2014 to the NSW Fair Trading

That, the Divine Life Society of Australia constitution dated 04/09/2014 that was submitted to ACNC, but not to the NSW Fair Trading due to administrative oversight. The said constitution should be submitted to the NSW Fair Trading.

The members at the AGM on 9 September 2018 unanimously approve the resolution to submit the said constitution to the NSW Fair Trading.

Resolution was proposed by Vijay ji and seconded by Sharma ji.

Other Divine Business:
Pushpa Mata ji conveyed her blessings and best wishes to all devotees of DLSA.
AGM acknowledges Pushpa Mata ji’s greetings and all the support provided to DLSA over the years of Pushpa Mata ji’s association with DLSA.

We pray for the wellbeing of all those affected by the Floods of Kerala. DLSA will endeavour to raise funds and contributions to help the victims of the floods.

Thanks with gratitude:
Prayerful best wishes today for the Sri Sadgurudev birthday celebrations and coming birthday of Gurubhgwan Sri Swami Chidanandaji Maharaj. Many thanks with deep gratitude to Sadgurudev Sri Swami Sivananda ji Maharaj, GuruBhgwan Sri Swami Chidananda ji Maharaj for Their Godliness Kripa upon all. Thanks to Param Pujay Sri Swami Vimalananda ji Maharaj and Param Pujya Sri Swami Padmanabhananda ji Maharaj for His Holiness guidance and blessings during the year. Thanks to all the devotees and members of the Management Committee and their families for their valuable time and great contributions during the years.
Many thanks with deep gratitude to Kanti Bhai Patel ji for his tremendous support, suggestions, professionally and promptly auditing the annual accounts.

The Chair thanked each and every one for their divine presence and contributions during the society’s various cultural and spiritual programs. The meeting was closed with the concluding prayers.

Minutes prepared by:  Srini Immidi                                         09th September 2018