

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE FOR MEMBERSHIP

January 08 2003

1. MEMBERSHIP

There are 825 Members on the Register as at date. 13 Members have joined the Association since the last Meeting held on November 29,2002. They are – Sanjeewa Senaratne, A H M Ameen, V E Wijetunga, W M R Wijesinghe, M Samarasinghe, D M G K H de Silva, M E N Thilakaratne, Shantha Dimbulana, M J N Patabendi, C R B Keerthisinghe, P R B Keerthisinhe, S C Jayakody Arachchige, and JS Ravisinghe.

Since March 02,2002 a total number of 80 Members have joined the Association.

During the period of the last Ex-Co we initiated a Membership Drive which resulted in over 40 Members joining the Association in that year. That was the highest number that had joined the Association in any one year, upto that time. During the current year, we have as at date doubled that figure. This is something we can all be proud of. It is hoped to enroll more members during the remaining few weeks. If each Member of the Ex-Co will renew their efforts our Membership Drive will be an even greater success.

02 Old Boys, Vidanagamage Seneviratne and Sinniah Karunagaran were not able to provide satisfactory evidence of their admission to College in 1958 and 1978 respectively. They have been written to by the Secretary. We have in addition telephoned them on several occasions and endeavoured to assist them to collect necessary evidence. So far we have not had any further response from them. It is hoped to use our visit to Gurutalawa on January 11,2003 to examine the admission registers ourselves with a view to assisting these 2 Old Boys.

Vijaya Pradeep Velayuthan had applied to join the Association. He has however not been a student of either Gurutalawa or Mt.Lavinia but only S.Thomas at Bandarawela. As such, his application cannot be allowed and he has been so informed through his brother. The Membership Fees remitted will be refunded after speaking to Mr.Vijaya Pradeep Velayuthan.

In the case of Vijaya Prasanna Velayuthan a brother of the last named, there was some irregularity in the cheque representing Life Membership subscription Fee. As soon as that formality is regularized, he will be admitted to Membership.

The Application of CPS Kotakethana Kankanamalage is being processed. As soon as his cheque is realized he will be admitted to Membership.

All Members enrolled have been sent their laminated Membership Cards together with past issues of Newsletters depending on availability.

2. UPDATING OF REGISTERS OF MEMBERS

The Register of Members remains updated. During the last 02 weeks or so, Nihal Wanniarachchi supplied information relating to the current addresses of 05 Members.

Mahen Ranasinghe did likewise in the case of one member. Thus their names have been removed from the list of members whose present addresses are required in the data base of the Computer to the Members Directory. These 06 Members have been added on to the Mailing list which presently stands at 655. If Members will peruse the names of members who are yet to be traced, it is likely the current addresses of most of them could be ascertained and they could be added on to the mailing list. A fair amount of support was received from the Membership in our efforts to trace members.

It may be noted that last year the Mailing List of the Association was around 410 Members. We now have a Mailing list of 655. An increase of 250 is satisfactory in the circumstances.

This Committee wishes to acknowledge and appreciate the contribution made by all concerned in the Membership Drive as well as in our efforts to trace members.

3. **MEMBERS DIRECTORY**

A print out of the Members Directory taken from our Computer is available. Right now Additional Secretarial assistance has been engaged in Colombo on payment of fees and this document which is on "Word" is being transferred to Page Maker to facilitate the printing of 2nd issue of the Members Directory. It should be ready for delivery to the Printer after final checking of the Print out, by the end of next week. The Printer has assured the copies will be available within 2 weeks from the date it is given to him. On the last occasion, 300 copies of the Directory were printed. Approximately 117 copies are reported to be still lying unsold i.e with Shervon Fernando (67) and Suresh Thiagarajah (30). 20 copies which were left for sale with Gamini Fernando have been returned. It would appear that if 100-150 copies of the 2nd Issue are printed it would suffice. A decision on this matter could be taken within the next few days.

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