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Ronald re-elected unanimously



At the 91st Annual General Meeting, which was held on 24th March, Lt. Col. Ronald de Alwis was unanimously re-elected as President. He was re-elected despite the fact that he was physically not present since he was out of the country on a private visit. In his absence the Actg. President Devsiri Fernando conducted the

Annual General Meeting.

The following members were in attendance. **Rohan Jayasekera, D A M Wekasinghe, Hirangani Fernando, Himashi Peiris, M K Wimalasena, A Wijesinghe, Devsiri Fernando, Suranjith de Soysa, W A K Weerawardena, S K Dharmapala, W S Boteju, Chandra Jayatillake, Joy de Silva, Alex Perera, Avishka Perera, Terry Amarasekera, Priyantha Gamage, C Gamage, Thusitha Jayasekera, Sanjeewa Hewapathirana, Chrisantha Silva, Franklin Hewavitharana, Dinesh Thangavel, T J Anthony, Ajith Fernando, Shelton Jayasekera, Naminda Warakagoda, Clarence Heendeniya, Ranjitha Ratnapala, Ranjith Silva, Samantha Nanayakkara, M M S Pushpakumara and Roshini Jayasekera.** Messages of excuse were received from **Wasantha Meewardena, H D N Gunasekera, Kamal Shantha Silva and Elrea Pereira.** We had three guests on this occasion namely **Thushari Fernando, L Dias Abeygunasekera and Chandra Dias.**

Reports of the General Secretary and Vice Presidents were circulated and duly adopted by the House. The audited statement of accounts presented by the Treasurer was also unanimously endorsed. Thereafter two resolutions which were adopted by the Board at the Board Meeting held on 12th March 2013 were presented to the membership. They were

1. To add into Memorandum of Association of SLMC, under 'Membership', clause eleven (11) Arrears of Subs & Service Fees Ordinary & Junior Members who have not

turned up for over 12 months and who are in arrears of Annual subs and service fees over 2 years will be terminated and arrears written off. They could rejoin only after settling arrears. Life members who are in arrears of service fees for over 2 years will be transferred to Life Member 'Reserve' list. Thereafter, if they remain inactive for a further period of one year where service fees are also not paid they will cease to be Life Members.

2. The building at the premises 156 Templars Road, Mount Lavinia to be named Vishmithapaya and to be duly indicated so in the constitution.

Many members aired their views especially on the first resolution. At the outset several members opposed the first resolution. All members who wished to speak were permitted and in fact the House was encouraged them to voice their opinions. The Chair clarified all matters raised and finally both resolutions were adopted unanimously.

Following the election of the President, Joy de Silva was appointed as Protem Chairman to conduct the election of the General Secretary. Devsiri Fernando was unanimously elected. Thereafter he was appointed as Actg. President and he took over the Chair and conducted the rest of the elections. Terry Amarasekera, Suranjith Soysa, Rohan Jayasekera, Shelton Jayasekera and Chandrasena Gamage were elected as Vice Presidents uncontested. A Wijesinghe too was elected uncontested as the Treasurer. Thereafter the Chair invited members to volunteer to take over positions as Committee Members. Jeremy Anthony, Hirangani Fernando and Franklin Hewavitharana undertook to serve on the Committee. The AGM terminated with a Vote of Thanks from the General Secretary.

After the business sessions there was a Fellowship followed by lunch which was provided free to the members. Shelton Jayasekera had arranged for two of his musician friends to provide live entertainment and this was one of the highlights of the day. There was a lively sing-song and dancing which added much joy to the event.

This year we had a greater participation of members at the AGM than the last one. However it's a point of regret that there were many members not only did not turn up but did not even send in a message of excuse.

**THE EDITOR DEEPLY
REGRETS THE DELAY IN SENDING
OUT THE WAND THIS MONTH**

JEFF MCBRIDE ACCEPTS SLMC INVITATION



The world renowned magic performer and teacher Jeff McBride of the USA accepted the invitation of the SLMC to visit Sri Lanka. McBride is based in Las Vegas, Nevada. He established the "McBride Magic & Mystery School" to teach the art of stage magic. McBride's Magic & Mystery School is world renowned and is recognized as the foremost magical teaching institution available today. A specially prepared invitation which was designed by the General Secretary was handed over to him by VP Rohan at the Magic Extravaganza held in Bangkok. The invitation which was handed over to Jeff McBride and his wife Abbie received a very warm response from him. When he comes over to Sri Lanka he has not only agreed to perform at a Magic show but also he has volunteered to conduct training lectures.

Getting a person of the calibre of Jeff McBride is no easy task. Now that he has accepted our invitation we should carefully plan out a meaningful programme since such a visit is one in a lifetime. It is hoped that all members will help the Management of the SLMC in whatever way possible to make his visit to Sri Lanka a resounding success. The dates of his visit will be confirmed once we have a comprehensive visit plan in place.

Shelton is Back

Shelton and Thusitha Jayasekera who participated at a Magic Convention held in Bhuvanewaram in Orissa, India returned to the Island recently. They have had a very eventful visit to India where they have met magicians not only from India but from other parts of the world. Happy to have both of you back.

FOR BEGINNERS OF MAGIC

Joy de Silva

Before learning magic, teach yourself its fundamentals. As beginners, learn just a few tricks correctly and practise thoroughly. As time goes on, learn more tricks from senior magicians or from books. At the commencement, perform in the presence of small audiences, especially Birthday parties for kids etc. Once you gain confidence perform before large audiences.

When performing at a magic show, the stage should be arranged properly with your magic items etc, kept in some order on a table used for the purpose. The stage should have plenty of light so that you are seen clearly by the audience. Have a little soft music played in the background. Dress well to look smart.

Arrangements carefully planned and good performances in front of audiences will earn a lot of applause from them.

The Mini Contest Series held recently & organized successfully by V.P. Contests Suranjith (De Soysa) may have helped the beginners as well as the Junior magicians.

In place of the "Magician of the Year" Contest which VP (Contests) plans to hold this year the "Amateur Magicians" Contest can be conveniently held, as sufficient members will be ready to participate.

As an encouragement, your oldest member (Joy) at the age of 86 may participate, if in sound health.

Note from the Editor

At the last Board Meeting it was decided to hold the Amateur Magicians Contest in the month of July. I am sure all of us will be very happy to enjoy the magic of Joy at this Contest. Thank you for writing to the Wand. Hope your efforts will inspire others too to send in their views for publication.

Rohan has fruitful meeting with Tony Hassini



Tony Hasini founded the International Magicians Society in July of 1968 with only a handful of magicians. Since then, the IMS grew to be the World's Largest Magic Organization. Our VP Rohan met him during the Magic Extravaganza in Bankok last month. Rohan has had the occasion of having a very long and relaxed discussion with him where many ideas have been exchanged.

Impressed by the workings of the SLMC he has offered to make a visit to Sri Lanka. He has also informed of a magic reality show which he hopes to conduct in the future and he has extended an invitation for a Sri Lankan too to participate. It is estimated that 100 magicians from 100 countries will take part in this show.

Happy Birthday

to all members celebrating their birthdays in the month of April

- 9th Rohith J Silva & A.N.Kumarage
- 13th Chandrasena Gamage
- 17th Trajan Tissera
- 19th R.M.Piyatilake
- 21st Yasar Gunaratne
- 29th W.S.Boteju

