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Joy - unanimous choice to lead SLMC in 2014/15

The AGM was called to order by Ronald De Alwis at 10.00 a.m. which was followed by the singing of the National Anthem. The following members were present. Ronald de Alwis, Joy de Silva, Suranjith de Soysa, S K Dharmapala, Ajith Fernando, Devsiri Fernando, G Hirangani Fernando, Chandrasena Gamage, Priyantha Gamage, D D C Heendeniya, Sanjeeva Hewapathirana, Rohan Jayasekara, Shelton Jayasekara, Thusitha Jayasekera, J M Nelson Jayawardhana, Abaya Kumara, Asanka Pathirana, H Himashi Peiris, Alex Perera, Avishka Perera, Wilhelm Perera, L A Seneviratne, Banuka Silva, Chrisantha Silva, M B Ranjith Silva, Dinesh Thangavel, D A M Weckasinghe, Kirthi Weerawardena, Gayan Wickramage and Amarasiri Wijesinghe.



Devsiri Fernando read the minutes of the previous AGM. Members agreed that the minutes reflected what happened AGM and the minutes were approved as an accurate record. Proposed by Rohan Jayasekara and seconded by Alex Perera.

The Treasurer, Amarasiri Wijesinghe explained to the members that the Accounts for the financial years

2012/2013 and 2013/2014 are not complete due to some shortcoming from the auditors and promised to submit these audited reports at a future date. The President also gave a detail explanation about the errors found on the audit reports. Alex Perera proposed that the said financial reports should be submitted at a Special General Meeting within 3 months from this date. This proposal was seconded by D.D.C Heendeniya.

Thereafter VP Rohan Jayasekara gave a verbal report and a summary of activities for the year. Ronald De Alwis commended the hard work done by VP Rohan for the benefit of the society. VP Shelton Jayasekara read out his written report and the president and members thanked him for his contributions as a trainer. Then VP Devsiri Fernando also gave a verbal report and a presentation of activities for the year and gave his thoughts on upgrading the society and on the need to make amendments to the constitution to keep in line with the new companies act. VP Suranjith De Silva gave a verbal report on various competitions held during the year and said that all information relating to competitions were published in the "Wand" magazines.

A two minute silence was observed to respect all deceased members of the society. The President welcomed the members and commended for participation.

The notice of convening the meeting was read by Gen Secretary Devsiri Fernando.



Ronald De Alwis administrated the oath of secrecy.

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Next MEMBERS DAY
Sunday April 27th

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The following three resolutions were unanimously adopted at the Board Meeting held on 1st April 2014. Then they were presented at the AGM on 6th April 2014 and was passed by the membership.

3 Resolutions passed at the AGM

1. Creation of the post of Executive Vice President

It is resolved that besides the six Vice Presidents elected at any Annual General Meeting an Executive Vice President too be elected to assist the President in his/her functions and to deputise for him/her whenever needed.

2. Termination off defaulting Members

It is resolved that that any member who has failed to settle dues at the time of an Annual General Meeting be given a grace period of six months from the date of the Annual General Meeting. He / she should be informed by the Treasurer of such outstanding in writing. In the event the member fail to settle dues within this grace period Ordinary Members and Junior Members would lose their membership. Life Members will be transferred to the Life Member Reserve list .

3. Increase of the Service Fee

It is resolved the currant Service Fee of Rs 500/- per annum is insufficient to defray the cost pf providing the WAND, pay Municipal rates, pay electricity bills and maintain the SLMC premises. Therefore effective from April 2014, the Service Fee payable is to be Rs. 1000/- per annum for all listed Members whether the be resident in Sri Lanka or abroad.

Know your Officers for 2014/15 and be in touch with them

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An end of an era



In spite of repeated requests by many members to continue in the Presidency Lt. Col. Ronald de Alwis relinquished his command of the Sri Lanka Magic Circle on 6th April 2014. His stated purpose was that he wanted to get fresh blood to lead the SLMC and observe its progress from the sidelines. However, being the obsessive "accounting man" he agreed to function as the Chief Internal Auditor for the current year.

Having obtained his membership on 8th January 1952 he is the most senior member of the Circle. Also, since he began his performing life as a student at St. Mary's College Chilaw, he is by far the longest standing Magic performer in Sri Lanka today.

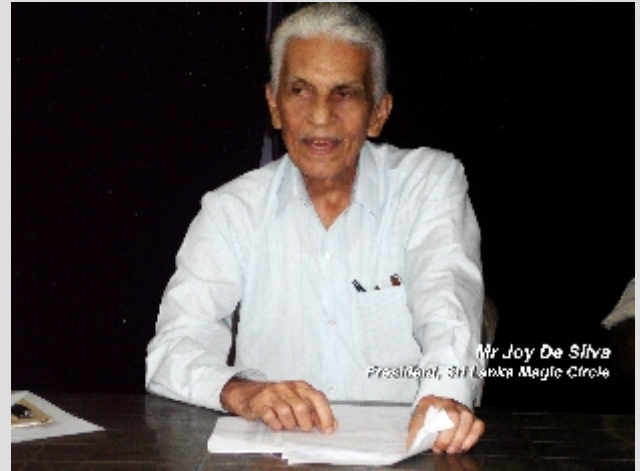
His contributions to the progress of the SLMC are monumental and too numerous to mention. He dedicated his personal skills and social contacts for the betterment of the Circle. Receiving the plot of land at Kalapura and the erection of the current building stand testimony for his efforts.

Through his intervention SLMC received help not only here but from abroad too. Bringing down of Swiss Magician Hoerbi Kull is one such instance. Not only did we receive extensive training but also much funding for the building was obtained through Hoerbi. His connection with the British Magician Andrew Haggar has resulted in the SLMC being registered with easysearch.org, an organisation from where we continue to receive funding.

Being very adept at Public Relations Ronnie has made sure that the SLMC continually received publicity in the local media. Whenever a contest was held he arranged for a panel of independent foreign judges whose verdict was always unbiased. Under his guidance the SLMC was able to stage a very august ceremony for its 90th anniversary.

Though he has given up the Presidency, the Circle will always be something very close to his heart and we can depend on his assistance whenever needed. He leaving the leadership leaves a void impossible to fill. 6th April 2014 is not just the end of a Presidency but**it's an end of an era.**

Message from Joy De Silva President - Sri Lanka Magic Circle



Kind Regards & Best Wishes to all our members!

I never dreamt of becoming the President of the Sri Lanka Magic Circle at the ripe age of 88 years. However I am ready to take up the challenge even though I am in a feeble condition now.

My attention will be immediately diverted to our building at Templars Road. The Ground Floor of the building was completed long ago but the Upper Floor is still untouched due to lack of funds. The present state of the building is an eye sore to us, mostly to passersby.

The necessary funds for the construction of the Upper Floor cannot be estimated. But all of us should jointly device ways and means to obtain sufficient funds. Your views and suggestions are welcome. As done earlier, members can donate or obtain donations from friends and well wishers. Other ways of collecting the Funds can be discussed at our next members meeting on Sunday 27th April.

Attendance at recent monthly meetings is poor when compared with the total number of members. Members should also be punctual. If you come early you can meet your friends and others whom you do not know.

Hope the ensuing year (2014 2015) will be an eventful one. Please help the Magic Circle in whatever manner you can.

THANK YOU

JOY DE SILVA

VP C. Gamage giving a verbal report on the welfare activities of the society. VP H.D.N Gunesekara was not present for the meeting but a report was sent to the society detailing the activities of the year. President read out the report.

Three resolutions were read out by the Gen. Secretary and opened for discussion. They were unanimously adopted. (Details of these resolutions are given elsewhere in this newsletter)

The President of the Sri Lanka Magic Circle - Ronald De Alwis thanked all members for the assistance given to him throughout his tenure as the President. He specially thanked late Mr. Gatapola for his architectural services given to the society. While detailing a long list of accomplishments he stressed the need of members' participation at the monthly meetings and commended the young members for their enthusiasm in magic and their participation and volunteering in the SLMC activities. Devsiri Fernando was then appointed as Protem Chairman and was asked to conduct the elections.

The pictures below show some of the Officers presenting their annual activity reports



Tres. Wijesinghe



VP Rohan



VP Shelton



VP Suranjith



Many Happy Returns to all our members celebrating their birthdays in April

- 9th A. N. Kumarage
- 17th Trajan Tissera
- 19th R.M.Piyatileke
- 21st Yasas Gunaratne
- 29th W. S. Botheju

We are waiting for your treat at the next meeting.

Back from Bangkok

Our friendly VP Rohan is back after once again participating at the Magic Extravaganza in Bangkok. He will be sharing his experiences at our next monthly meeting.

Ring 139 to come alive

Life member Yasas Gunaratne (071-4876925) is working closely with the former President Ronald (072-3399874) to revive IBM Ring 139. Members who want to get IBM membership or renew their old membership please get in touch with one of the above mentioned members.

Details of the elected members is given elsewhere. Thereafter Dayananda Samarawickrema & Co. was unanimously appointed as the Chartered Accountants.

Hon: Minister of Cultural Affairs was confirmed as Patron of the Circle. Director General of Tower Hall Theatre Foundation and Hon. Mohan Lal Grero MP were confirmed as Vice Patrons.

The outgoing General Secretary Devsiri Fernando giving his vote of thanks congratulated the new board members and committee members and stated that it is a new beginning for the SLMC and thanked Joy De Silva for accepting the position of President for SLMC. He commended the outgoing President for his dedicated and outstanding service.



The AGM was followed by a fellowship and Lunch, with refreshments and live music.