

இலங்கைத் தமிழ்ச் சங்கம் (மேற்கு அவுஸ்திரேலியா) இணை

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MINUTES OF THE 35th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

VENUE: ILANKAI TAMIL SANGAM (ITS) HALL

DATE: 31st JULY 2021

TIME: 1730Hrs (WST)

President Mr Aran Kandia J.P has started the Annual General Meeting (AGM) with a welcome speech and a minute silence.

1. PREVIOUS AGM MEETING MINUTES BY SECRETARY

The Secretary read out the previous year AGM (2019/20). Members presented at the AGM conditionally agreed to the minutes of previous year AGM with following recommendation

AGM (2019/20) minutes required correction on section 5, "Committee has confirmed the adjustment on the 2019/20 financial statement will be recirculate to all the financial members"

2. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS YEAR SECRETARY REPORT:

MOVED Mr Umakanthan Selvanayakam **SECONDED** Mr Saimathavan Balakrishnan, that the Secretary's Report, be taken as read with above recommendation, correct and confirmed.

No objections were received against the report other than the above recommendation on section 5.

3. PRESIDENT REPORT – ARAN KANDIA

The President read out the report on the Ilankai Tamil Sangam of WA Inc (ITSWA) activities Committee 2020/202 for the year since last AGM.

He has thanked the Committee for their generosity and support over the last year he was the Chairperson of the Association. Everyone has gone through a difficult time with COVID19 pandemic, and some of our fellow Sri Lankan Tamils remain in detentions centers and face the threat of deportation. He had thanked to our Vice President, Mr Somasundaram, and Treasure, Mr Arulprakasam who have been on the front line helping our Tamil men, women and families with their legal matters.

During this period the Committee has successfully carried out following activities:

1. Ilankai Tamil Sangam of WA (Inc.) provided help to people in Sri Lanka who lives below the society accepted norm through the Uravukkarangal projects
2. Ilankai Tamil Sangam of WA (Inc.) hall is made available free for booking to all financial members including South Tamil School through member incentives hall booking scheme. Non profitable organizations have multiple options to book the hall by paying the annual fee.

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3. Ilankai Tamil Sangam of WA (Inc.) provided two laptops to South Tamil Scholl which is undertaking Tamil classes for the students
4. Our young kids showcase their talent with the help volunteer trainer for the Navarthiri, which was conducted at Balamurukan temple (Song, and Dance)
5. The Thai Pongal ceremony was an event where all the leading Tamil Associations took part. This was done in collaboration with the TAWA and City of Canning.
6. We also celebrate Thai Pongal festival in our Ilankai Tamil Sangam Hall
7. Ilankai Tamil Sangam of WA (Inc.) in the process of organizing Tailoring Classes for our community and have purchased 4 tailoring machines for their needs
8. Ilankai Tamil Sangam of WA (Inc.) organized Ciththirai Vilaiyattu Vizha 2021 with help of volunteers and to promote cultural sports events to our young generation
9. Ilankai Tamil Sangam of WA (Inc.) purchased indoor sports equipment which is available for use to members and their families. Also, Organisation insurance is provided to our members who play badminton in Lynwood Senior High School on Sundays from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM
10. Ilankai Tamil Sangam of WA (Inc.) provided supports for both parties during their state election campaign in 2021 State Election
11. Ilankai Tamil Sangam of WA (Inc.) organized an OliVizha function with the collaboration of Tamil Church members.
12. Fundraising program of food stall at South Tamil School annual festival.

Apart from this, the Association continued to create an Amnesty for 6000 Sri Lankan Tamil Refugees lives in Australia without VISA. It was recommended to coordinate with other Tamil associations among the other states to receive the mandate

He has mentioned this was not possible without the City of Canning's support regarding the use of this building. We have an ongoing lease up to 2024. As a stakeholder, we have been promised to be given a building when the proposed cultural complex is constructed. The present building is to be demolished. The City of Canning and officials have been cooperative in assisting us.

Also, president wish the new committee all the best in their collective to serve our fellow Tamilians

4. ADOPTION OF PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

MOVED Mr Sivanpathakumar Jeyakody, **SECONDED** Mr Umakanthan Selvanayakam, that the President's Report, be taken as read, correct and confirmed.

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No objections were received against the report

5. TREASURER'S REPORT – ARUL SIVAPIRAKASAM

The annual accounts for the 12 months ended 30 June 2021 was read by the Treasurer Mr. Arul Sivapirakasam. It was noted that the annual accounts were audited and endorsed.

6. ADOPTION OF TREASURER'S REPORT

MEMBERS' DECISION

Members requested to provide the breakdown in the future for the expenses such as Office expenses, Event expenses.

Also, members requested clarification about the item 6-1820 Research on Ilankai Tamil Culture and mentioned to call for EOI prior to commit funding towards similar activities in the future

MOVED Mr Umakanthan Selvanayakam **SECONDED** Mr Saimathavan Balakrishnan, that the Treasurer's Report, be taken as read, correct and confirmed.

No objections were received against the report.

7. MEMBER QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Members were invited to raise any questions or comment regarding the current committee activities.

One of the members has requested clarification about the inclusion of Ilankai Tamil Sangam of WA (Inc.) with ISWA. The secretary responded the committee 2020/2021 had discussed about the issue in the committee meetings and decided not to pay any membership fee to ISWA. In addition, committee made the decision that committee won't make the final decision towards join the ISWA and will leave the option to Ilankai Tamil Sangam of WA (Inc.) members to decide.

Also, most of the members attended the AGM reminded that committee has used the name of Sri Lankan Tamil Organisation in their communication. They all requested to use the Ilankai Tamil Sangam of WA (Inc.) name as registered for all correspondence in future.

One of the member from The West Australian Tamil Seniors Association Inc requested to arrange the transportation facilities to senior citizen who willing to participate in the protest organized in the best interest of the Tamil community.

In addition, members indicate the financial loss for the 2020/21 financial year and requested to improve the financial status of the organization in near future.

8. COMMITTEE 2019/2020 DISSOLVED

The President Mr. Aran Kandia J.P. has declared that the current 2020/2021 committee is dissolved, and all its members are relieved from their positions/duties and all positions have now become vacant.

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9. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Ex.Secretary Mr. Piratheepan Mahalingam invited Mr. Rama Somasunderam as the Presiding Officer for the election of office bearers and executive committee members for the financial year 2021/202.

Mr. Rama Somasunderam informed members that the following nominations were received for the post of office bearers and executive committee members.

Title	Name	Proposed by	Seconded by
Chairperson	Jeevan Jeganathan	Ranjini Kuganathan	P Sivageetha
Vice Chairperson	Samuel Kugathas	Umakanthan Selvanayagam	Arulpragasam Sivapragasam
Vice Chairperson	Rama Somasunderam	Pushpakumar Arunasalam	Suthakaran Kanagasabai
Vice Chairperson	Dr Baskaranathan Sivagurunathar	Umakanthan Selvanayagam	Arulpragasam Sivapragasam
Secretary	Sanjeev Kumar Sahayanesan	Ranjani Kukananathan	Kugathas Thangarasa
Asst Secretary	Vaikunthavasani Murugasothiraja	Aran Kandia	Ramesh Somasunderam
Treasurer	Arulpragasam Sivapragasam	Pushpakumar Arunasalam	Ramesh Somasunderam
Asst Treasurer	Piratheesan Kandasamy	Piratheepan Mahalingam	Suthakaran Kanagasabai
Committee Member 1	Thanikaipalan Thanahasalampillai	Aran kandia	Jeevan Jeganathan
Committee Member 2	Ranjini Kukananathan	Jeevan jeganathan	P Sivageetha
Committee Member 3	Dr Cynthia Asokanathan	Ramesh Somasunderam	Dr Baskaranathan Sivagurunathar

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Committee Member 4	Ramesh Somasunderam	Jeevan Jeganathan	Piratheepan Mahalingam
Committee Member 5	Viththiyakaran V	Piratheesan Kandasamy	Vaikunthavasana Murugasothiraja
Immediate Past Chairperson	Aran Kandia	Ex-President	

10.ADOPTION OF NEW COMMITTEE FOR FY2020/2021

As these positions were not contested, Mr. Rama Somasunderam declared that the above-nominated members are elected for the position nominated.

Mr. Rama Somasunderam invited the newly elected Chairperson to chair the remainder of the meeting.

11.NEWLY ELECTED CHAIRPERSON'S SPEECH

At last, newly elected Chairperson Mr. Jeevan Jeganathan said that he is happy to work with the energetic young and veteran senior members who just made into the new management committee. He thanked all the outgoing committee members of the Ilankai Tamil Sangam of WA (Inc.) for their commitment and hard work during the 2020/21 financial year. Special mention on Umasuthan Arudsothy, Aran Kandia, Kugathas Thangarasa and Piratheepan Mahalingam. He addressed that he would try his best to bring all Sri Lankan Tamils who lives in Western Australai as financial members of the association, and further strengthen Ilankai Tamil Sangam of WA (Inc.) to its fullest. Also, He promised to organize more events for the community including recommencing Kalai Vizha and Curry Night for this year.

12.CLOSE

There being no further matters to discuss, the Chairperson Mr. Jeevan Jeganathan declared the meeting closed at 19:30 Hrs. (WST).

Meeting minutes submitted by.

Jeevan jeganathan

President

Committee 2020/21

Ilankai Tamil Sangam of WA (Inc.)