



The Annual Report
Peradeniya University Alumni Australia
Victoria Chapter (*PUAAViC*)
2017/2018

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Peradeniya University Alumni Australia Victoria Chapter (PUAAViC)

As scheduled *PUAAViC* AGM 2016/2017 was held in Glen Waverley Community Centre, 700 Waverley Road, Glen Waverley, Vic 3150 on 25th November at 3:40 PM with 26 attendees.

President Sunil Arachchi welcomed all members of *PUAAViC* to the AGM. He thanked the committee for the support given to him to complete a successful year. Sunil Arachchi stated that there were difficult issues to be sorted out during his term and however, he was quite pleased that with the support of all he could achieve good outcomes at the end. He suggested the audience to refer the Presidents Report to find more details of the years achievements.

Minutes of AGM 2016/17

The Secretary Ranjith Gamage read out the minutes of the previous AGM (2015/2016). Further to a minor typo correction, Ajith de Silva proposed and Sunil Ratnayake seconded that the minutes were in order correct.

Treasurers Report 2016/17

The Treasurer Chamila Fernando presented the audited Financial Report for the year 2016/17 and sought any questions from the audience.

It was clarified that:

- Disaster Relief fund has been released to undertake agreed activities.
- An agreed amount of the Scholarship Funds has been released to the AAUP.
- \$850 unrecovered funds from previous years has been written off.
- Book lists from the Faculties have been received and quotations processed. Once the book suppliers submitted their invoices, payments can be made and books can be delivered to the relevant faculties at a mini ceremonial event.
- Total Scholarship fund has reached to \$27,602.03. Of that \$18,000 has now been deposited in a Fix Deposit account.
- Treasurer further clarified the balance of accounts as of 30th October 2017.

Pushpa Jayakody proposed and Sarath Jayasuriya seconded to adopt the Financial Report. Treasurer Chamila Fernando further presented the Auditors comments.

Presidents Report 2016/17

President Sunil Arachchi read out the Presidents Report to the audience. He thanked again to all who supported him throughout the year.

Resolutions 2016/17

Resolution 1: Appropriation from excess income over expenditure of \$2000 to be used for the Scholarships/Studentships Program.

Resolution 2: Appropriation from excess income over expenditure of \$2000 to be used for the Educational Resources Facilitation Program.

Further to a detailed discussions and clarifications about the account structure, it was agreed that ‘Scholarship/Studentship Program’ in Resolution 1 to be amended as ‘Scholarship Capital Fund’.

All attendees (26) voted to adopt the Resolution 1 & 2.

Resolution 3: To initiate and establish a fund to assist Alumni members in their difficult situations.

It is important to discuss and define “Difficult situations”. The membership may approve in general for the incoming committee to define it. Sarath Jayasuriya explained the content in Resolution 3. Sarath Jayasuriya proposed and Prem Kanahara seconded the resolution. Action by incoming committee.

Resolution 4: To become a committee member a *PUAAViC* member should have been registered as a member, at least for a minimum period of one year.

Nirmalal Dias proposed and clarified the resolution and Ajith De Silva seconded. It was expected that the incoming committee will act on this resolution.

Appointment of Honorary Auditor

Mangala Jayasinghe proposed that the current Auditor Upul Premathunga be appointed as the Honorary Auditor for Year 2017/18. Koshal Rupassara seconded this proposal.

Election of the committee members for year 2017/18

The secretary Ranjith Gamage announced that there were only 14 nominations received for the 15 committee member vacancies.

Sunil Arachchi stepped down as the President and Nimal Nilaweera was nominated as the interim President and Ranjith Gamage continued as the interim Secretary.

Following 14 members were appointed as the new Executive Committee of *PUAAViC*.

Dr. Renik Peries

Mrs. Rohini Nilaweera

Dr. Sunil Ratnayake

Mr. Tikiri Ranaweera

Mrs. Chamila Fernando

Mr. Sunil Arachchi

Mr. Ajith Rukman De Silva

Mr. Nirmalal Dias

Dr. Harindra Corea

Mr. Sarath Jayasuriya

Dr. Kithsiri Dassanayake

Mr. Asoka Athuraliya

Mr. Ranabahu Wickramasinghe

Mr. Ranjan Mendis

Newly elected Executive Committee of fourteen (14) members had a brief meeting (CM1) at a separate room and returned around 5.45 PM to continue the AGM. President Sunil Ratnayake announced to members the new *PUAAViC* office bearers for the term 2017/2018 as follows.

President	Dr. Sunil Ratnayake
Vice President	Mr. Asoka Athuraliya
Secretary	Mrs. Rohini Nilaweera
Treasurer	Mrs. Chamila Fernando
Assistant Treasurer	Mr. Tikiri Ranaweera
Assistant Secretary	Dr. Harin Corea
Editor	Dr. Renick Peris

President also announced Prem Kanahara as the 15th member of the committee that was decided at the CM1. Addressing the AGM President Dr. Sunil Ratnayake thanked previous presidents and committees for bringing up the *PUAAViC* as it is now. He briefly spoke to members about the events planned for the next year and invited everyone to join the function following the AGM. AGM was adjourned around 6 PM.

Prepared by

Ranjith Gamage - *PUAAViC* Secretary 2016/17

Rohini Nilaweera - *PUAAViC* Secretary 2017/18

The President's Report of Peradeniya University Alumni Australia, Victoria Chapter Year 2017/2018

Preamble

Since the inauguration of the Peradeniya University Alumni Australia Victoria Chapter (*PUAAViC*) in 2004, we have been involved in supporting our alma mater, the University of Peradeniya in various ways with the generous participation of our current alumni members. As a very active organisation, we organise numerous activities to provide assistance to the current students at Peradeniya University and well-being and happiness of the alumni here to enjoy each other's company and share the friendship and values inherited from our common Peradeniya experience.

I am happy to mention that this year (2017/18) the *PUAAViC*-committee made a concerted and strategic effort towards attracting a younger generation to the *PUAAViC* events. As a result, there were a significant number of younger members participating with their children in the events "Presentation night" for the participant in the Australia day-Membership drive events and for the Hantane Nite 2018. The establishment of these strategic decisions which augur well to our collective future.

This year we successfully presented a Musical concert "*Sakuna Wasanthaya*" which gave us an opportunity to extend our objectives beyond our own members to include the wider community in Victoria. As such we have embarked on this event to foster and promote Sri Lankan traditional performing art forms, cultural values (dance, music, knowledge and other areas of human endeavour) in Australia. *PUAAViC* promotes and showcases Sri Lanka and its rich and valuable culture within the multicultural society in Australia. We also attempted to protect and preserve traditional art forms by passing on this knowledge to young talented expatriates living and growing up in Australia.

Scholarship Programme is our key project for giving back. Its primary purpose is to assist young and talented Peradeniya students who are in need of financial assistance. We raised over AU\$ 90,000.00 at annual Father's Day Fund raising events and distributed over AU\$ 60,000.00 of funds as scholarships/studentships to 493 needy and talented undergraduates for last six (6) years since the commencement of the Scholarship Fund in 2012. This year we were able to summarise in the document for all the funds raised so far and disbursement each year with the accumulated funds to reflect the transparency of the use of funds during last 6 years. Another significant development of the Scholarship Programme is the Proposal to set up a *PUAAViC* Trust Fund at the University of Peradeniya to Manage Studentship / Scholarships. The purpose of this proposal is minimising accumulation of donor funds in *PUAAViC* accounts and more efficient and effective administration of *PUAAViC* Scholarship Programme.

Over the period since the inception of the Peradeniya campus in mid-20th century, three generations had studied at the University of Peradeniya. We are fortunate to be able to associate with all three generations here in Melbourne. Today, we are in Victoria and meet together under the banner of our association because we came with a great spirit of a unique University. We all belonged to one family irrespective of who we were, where we came from. We all enjoyed the University life without any prejudice or heed to social stratification of our wider society. Our bond with the Peradeniya University is unique and

strong and will last within us until our last breath. Today we are all privileged to have this alumni association available for us to bring back the “Pera spirit” into our lives.

Activities of the Subcommittees

Membership Drive/Australia Day Event 2018

Subcommittee: **Ranjan Mendis** (Coordinator), Prasanna Kalusinghe, Susil Piyanandana, Mangala Jayasinghe, Ranabahau Wickramasinghe

The Australia Day celebration: *PUAAViC* - Membership Drive / Australia Day event was held for the eighth time on 26th January 2018 at Rowville Reserve. It was a very relaxing and fun filled day in a friendly environment. It reflects the significance and effort of celebrating the Australia Day among the Sri Lankan community living in Australia. There was a large participation of the young families with children which was very encouraging.

The day began with kiribath before the cricket matches between the alumni of Kelaniya and Peradeniya Universities. Peradeniya took home the victory in the Under 45s match, the Over 45s match and the Ladies cricket match - and bring the "Australia Day Challenge Trophy" back to Peradeniya University.

A free BBQ which was enjoyed by all and throughout the day we were treated with music. The many children in attendance were very happy to play on the jumping castle in the sunshine.

Presentation night 2018

Ashoka Athuruliya and Sunil Ratnayake

Presentation night was held on 24th of March 2018 to felicitate the participant in the Australia day-Membership drive events. This event was very successful with nearly 100 participants present in the event encouraging younger generation. This was reflected in the numerous appreciative comments from them. They also expressed their willingness to actively take part in our events in the future. We also were able to get a few new members on board. This was a really good opportunity to attract young Alumni to achieve one of our major objectives set by us at the beginning of our term in the office.

While our victories on the Australia day events, we also shared the sportsmanship among us. We believe the invitation of Manjula Kumara Wijesekara (16 years active Nation Record Champion) for this presentation night was well received.

***PUAAViC* Annual Trip 2018**

Subcommittee: **Tikiri Ranaweera** (Coordinator), Upali Ileperuma, Sarath Jayasuriya, Ranabau Wickramasinghe, Chamila Fernando, Nirmalal Dias and Sunil Ratnayake

The annual trip was held on Friday 27th to Sunday 29th of April in 2018 at the Forest Edge Christian youth Camping in Neerim East, situated in a bush setting with a magnificent views where all the facilities for the event was available on site, nice weather embraced

two wonderful days and we are the sole occupiers of the whole premises during this period.

This fabulous event came out as a result of a great team work of all of our members and it certainly showed true “Pera Spirit” including Sri Lankan cultural and traditional values, talents and spirit that still remains in our hearts!

Hantane Nite Dinner Dance 2018

Subcommittee coordinators: **Sarath Jayasuriya & Rohini Nilaweera:**

Members: Mangala Jayasinghe, Upali Ileperuma, Koshala Rupassara, Chamila Fernando and Sunil Ratnayake, Daya Dayawansa

Once again, this year we held the Hantane Nite Dinner dance at the Box Hill Town Hall on 16th June 2018. It was well attended. This was the members and well-wisher’s day. Décor added colour to the event. Music was to the taste of young and old. The Alumni were in the mood making and taking steps to the rhythmic music provided by “B-Sharp”. Eight-member band was conspicuous and filled the stage. The saxophonist added glamour. Surprised appearance of Bollywood dancers created uproar. Food was in plenty one could not possibly stop eating since food was so tasty.

The decision to provide child care facility helped young Alumni families, so that they could enjoy the evening without having to mind their children. This year we managed to obtain as a raffle price, a return air ticket to Colombo by the courtesy of Sri Lankan Airlines. All in all it was a success, where we made a surplus of more than \$ 7000 having sold 303 tickets.

Father’s Day Event 2018

Subcommittee: **Ranabahu Wickramasinghe** (Coordinator), Chamila Fernando, Harin Corea, Upali Ileperuma, Mangala Jayasinghe, Ranjith Gamage, Muditha Senanayake and Prasanna Kalusinghe

Annual Fathers’ Day celebrations of *PAAViC* were held on Sunday, 2nd September 2018 at St. Simon Parish Hall, Rowville. This year’s celebration was the 7th consecutive time that the event has been held since its inception in 2012. Apart from granting studentships from the funds raised on the day, expanded scope in 2017 to provide educational resource facilities to needy faculties of the University will continue in 2018. An interview was telecasted one week prior to the event via Channel 31 informing the Sri Lankan community of the event as well as describing the objectives and involvement of the Scholarship Program over the past six years.

This year’s event primary focused on providing opportunities for young generation to present performances in a family friendly setting. The other was a short documentary showcasing genuine appreciation and comments from scholarship recipients in Sri Lanka. It was great to hear their stories in direct communication with them.

In addition, the participants were treated with a number of signing performances mostly by young generation based on themes related to Fathers’ Day. The participants were treated with a complimentary delicious ‘koththu roti’ lunch. The event assisted in

contributing a net sum of \$5,275 to the Fund.

Musical concert: ‘Sakuna Wasanthaya’ 2018

Subcommittee: **Sunil Arachchi** (Coordinator), Koshala Rupassara, Ajith De Silva, Nirmalal Dias, Prem Kanahara and Sunil Ratnayake

This year, we are delighted to say that we have enhanced our association to the next level by successfully completing a mega project “*Sakuna Wasanthaya*” a musical concert. This gives us the opportunity to extend our objectives beyond our own members to include the wider community in Victoria. As such the *PUAAViC* has embarked on this event to foster and promote Sri Lankan traditional performing art forms, cultural values (dance, music, knowledge and other areas of human endeavour) in Australia. The *PUAAViC* promote and showcase Sri Lanka and its rich and valuable culture within the multicultural society in Australia. We also attempt to protect and preserve traditional art forms by passing on this knowledge to young talented expatriates living and growing up in Australia.

This is the event with more than 50 stage crew involved including the management crew and performers on 22nd September 2018 in Bunjil theatre, Narre Warren. More than 700 people enjoyed the show on that day and more than \$5000.00 raised and another \$2000.00 is the projected funds by DVD sale. This is a highly successful event as the admiring comments received and the significant amount of proceeds we gained from this project.

Scholarship / Studentship Programme 2018

Subcommittee: **Kithsiri Dassanayake** (Coordinator), Pushpa Jayakody, Sarath Jayasuriya, Sunil Ratnayake, Ranjan Mendis

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***PUAAViC* Secretarial 2018**

Subcommittee: Rohini Nilaweera (Secretary), Harendra Corea (Assistant Secretary)

In accordance with *PUAAViC* rules notifying the Secretary's appointment to CAV was done and the CAV registration payments were made. Membership registry was

maintained assuring the financial records were duly updated. Ten (10) Life members and two lapsed memberships were reinstated.

A total of eight committee meetings and an emergency meeting were held in accordance with criteria in *PUAAViC* rules. Minutes of the committee meetings were duly conformed and records have been stored electronically in Secretary's email folder.

***PUAAViC* News Letter 2018**

Renick Peiris (Editor)

The Newsletter would not have been a reality if not for the hard work of the editor, Renick Peiris, thanks you very much. Thank you for all those who contributed with articles and in many different ways to 'Hantane News Letter' 2018.

***PUAAViC* Finance 2018**

Chamila Fernando (Treasurer) and Tikiri Ranaweera (Assistant Treasurer)

Again, we have recorded, analysed and presented our accounts in a professional manner which could rival any company in Australia.

We record here our gratitude to our Honorary Auditor Upul Prematunga for his professional commitment in carefully auditing our accounts. Even though we are not required by law to get our accounts independently audited we continue to do so to provide our membership confidence in our financial management. Thank you Mangala Jayasinghe for your assistance to *PUAAViC* treasurer during the preparation of audit report.

***PUAAViC* Web page and Facebook page 2018**

Maintained by: Harin Corea

The *PUAAViC* webpage was newly built last year. This year we were able to resolve some ongoing issues with the website, where it was being blocked from popular search engines such as Google and as a result was not discoverable in web searches. This was effectively resolved and a program of ongoing improvements to the look and feel of the website was implemented beginning with the home page, the members page and other internal pages. This work has progressed significantly, while more remains to be done ongoing.

At the beginning of this year it was discovered that there were 2 *PUAAViC* Facebook pages - which had been created at different times. One which had 32 followers and the other which had 137 followers. Steps were taken to close down one page and merge the contents. A program of strategic engagement was then implemented to improve the following and engagement of the Facebook page among the membership and well-wishers of *PUAAViC*. At present we have 259 followers having doubled out following over the past 10 months. We have an average monthly page reach of 194 people of whom an average of 55 engage with our posts resulting in an engagement rate of over 25%.

Additionally, this year for the first, time we engaged in strategic promotion of posts on Facebook to reach audiences who don't follow our page regularly. We ran an online campaign to promote "Sakuna Wasanthaya" event which reached a total of 3492 Sri Lankans living in Victoria of whom 455 clicked on the links we provided to learn more about *PUAAViC* and the "Sakuna Wasanthaya" event.

***PUAAViC* Policy & Guidelines 2018**

Subcommittee: Kithsiri Dassanayake

Each year subsequent committees added variations and new events & items to *PUAAViC* calendar in line with the growing necessities of members & community. With the consistent growth of *PUAAViC*, It was realised that the importance of setting up a suitable set of guidelines to act as a document of "best practice" to efficiently undertake the tasks for primary *PUAAViC* procedures and annual key activities. It was agreed that formulating a suitable set of guidelines will facilitate current and future committees to manage relevant tasks efficiently and accurately.

Preparation of guidelines for annual key activities such as Australia-Day Membership drive events, Annual Trip, Hantane Night, Father's day event, Communication, Committee meetings & recording minutes, and, General matters etc. are in progress and will be suitably formulated and uploaded to *PUAAViC* webpage for reference as required.

Education Resources Facilitation Programme 2018

Subcommittee: Ajith De Silva (Coordinator), Wasantha Fernando, Don Pereira, Sunil Arachchi, Kithsiri Dasanayake, Sarath Jayasuriya

PUAAViC has providing assistance to the current students in many ways to achieve best academic results in their chosen area of studies. In addition to providing studentships the association had also assisted the University by donating educational equipment and books. Present committee continued liaising with the *PUAA* exploring the projects that we can support in near future.

Acknowledgement

On behalf of the committee, I would like to give special thanks **Upali Ileperuma** for his continuous support participating most of the subcommittees including, Trip, Hantane Nite and Father's day shearing his talents and knowledge with all of us throughout the year.

Big thank to **Koshala Rupassara** for his continuous support to *PUAAViC*'s events and sharing his knowledge and experience with others to improve the quality of the musical show; "Sakuna Wasanthaya".

We would like the thank **Prassana Kalusinghe** for his unconditional and tireless support at any time where we need assistance and **Muditha Senanayake** for his support and commitments for the *PUAAViC*'s events.

Big thanks to **Raja Rajapaksa** for his volunteering support and contribution on the day of most of the events organised by *PUAAViC*.

Finally, we thank all members of the alumni for your participation in the events organised during this administrative year.

I personally would like to thank *PUAAViC* committee members-2017/18 and all subcommittee coordinators and others who supported me throughout the year to complete all planned *PUAAViC* activities successfully.

Thank you very much

On behalf of the committee for 2017/2018



Dr. Sunil Ratnayake

President 2017-18

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Treasurer's Report

I hereby submit the Auditor's Report and the Financial Statement of the *PUAAViC* for the year ended 30 June 2018, comprising of;

- Income & Expenditure Statement
- Balance Sheet

As per the 2017-2018 Balance Sheet, the *PUAAViC* has assets valued at **\$49,563**. This includes \$29,015 in the Scholarships fund, \$2000 reserved for the Scholarships fund and \$2000 reserved for the ERF fund.

The *PUAAViC* is in a stable financial position and is well placed to remain so into the future. The *PUAAViC*'s main sources of revenue are from the membership fees, Hantane Nite event, Fathers Day event and from the Book Donation Fundraising event. With the help of *PUAAViC* members, alumni and friends, our executive committee continued to improve on reserves with a surplus.

- Membership July-2017 – June-2018: Membership fees collected was **\$805**
- Hantane Nite June-2018: Surplus from Hantane Nite was **\$6720**
- Fathers Day Event Sept-2017: Total commitment was **\$9080**
- ERF Fund Raising Event Nov-2017: Surplus from this project was **\$1,392**

Funds available as at 8/11/2018 is \$55,556, comprising of:

Total in General PUAAViC A/C	\$17,177
Daily Transactions A/C	\$14,000
High Interest A/C	\$3,177
Total in Scholarships Fund	\$33,992
Scholarships A/C	\$15,598
Term Deposit - Scholarships	\$18,394
Total in ERF A/C	\$4,388

I wish the new executive committee and its treasurer the very best in the 2018-2019 financial year.



Chamila Fernando

Treasurer 2017-18

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Statement of Income & Expenditure for the year ended 30 June 2018

Income	Notes	2018	2017
Income Hantane Night	3	24,155	22,760
Income from Book Donation Event	12	4,350	4,715
Donations received Scholarship fund- Fathers day event	7	9,080	8,670
Sale of T-shirts and Caps	14		1,870
Sale of Badges			260
Sale of second-hand Marquee			75
Annual trip - Members contribution	15	17,495	17,190
Interest Income	6	347	219
Membership fees		805	480
Disaster Relief Fund -Donations by Alumni			
		<u>56,232</u>	<u>56,239</u>
Expenditure			
Expenses Hantane Night	3	17,435	16,404
Expenses Book Donation Event	12	2,958	2,970
Cost of T-shirts and Caps sold	14		698
Seminars	8		328
Annual General Meeting	4	807	801
Members annual trip expenses	15	17,145	16,824
Australia Day Celebrations	5	1,661	1,594
General Expenses	11	553	746
Fathers Day Expenses	9	3,016	2,009
Depreciation	10	219	218
HN17 Advertisement written off	3	100	350
Public Liability Insurance - 2017 and 2018		1,275	
Bank Charges		41	
		<u>45,210</u>	<u>42,942</u>
Income Over Expenditure transferred to Members Fund	16	<u>11,022</u>	<u>13,298</u>

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Balance Sheet as at 30th June 2017

		2018	2017
Assets			
Cash and bank balances			
Cash at Bank - Operating Account		8,925	11,069
Cash at Bank - High Interest Account		9,172	11,599
Cash at Bank - Scholarship Account	7	10,807	25,911
Cash at Bank - Scholarship Fixed Deposit	7	18,209	-
Cash at Bank - ERFPA Accounts		-	-
		<u>47,113</u>	<u>48,580</u>
Other current assets:			
Hantane Night 2017 Receivables	3	1,675	1,890
Annual trip Receivables	15	-	366
Prepayments for Sakuna Wasanthaya		877	
T-shirts and Caps	14	463	463
Printed Receipt books stock on hand		300	300
		<u>3,315</u>	<u>3,019</u>
Non Current Assets			
Projector - Net book value	10	-	218
		<u>-</u>	<u>218</u>
Total Assets:		<u>50,428</u>	<u>51,818</u>
Liabilities			
Hantane Night Payables	3	865	142
Total liabilities		<u>865</u>	<u>142</u>
Net Assets		<u>49,563</u>	<u>51,676</u>
Represented by			
Members' Funds			
Reserve for Community Investment	16	-	2,000
Reserve for Scholarship	16	2,000	-
Reserve for ERFPA	12/16	2,000	1,872
Reserve for Disaster Relief	13/16	-	2,175
Scholarships Fund	7/16	29,015	25,911
Members Funds Carried forward	16	16,548	19,718
Total: PUAAVic Funds:		<u>49,563</u>	<u>51,676</u>

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Note 1 - Statement of Accounting Policies

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the relevant accounting standards as required by the Associations Incorporations Reform Act 2012 (Vic). They have been prepared on the basis of historical cost and do not take in to account changing money values. The relevant accounting policies have been consistently applied.

Note 2- Income Tax and GST

Tax effect accounting is not used as the association is exempt from income tax. PUAAVIC is not registered for GST.

Note 3 - Hantane Night

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Income		
Donations Received at the Gate	20,610	19,960
Raffle	850	830
Souvenir - Advertising Revenue	2,695	1,850
Sale of Liquor		120
	<u>24,155</u>	<u>22,760</u>
Expenditure		
Catering	8,836	8,390
Music, Sounds & Moving Lights	2,700	2,700
Hall Hire & Charges	1,529	1,102
Souvenir Printing	682	880
Souvenir - Advertisement written off	350	
Ticket Printing & Art Work	90	143
At the Foyer	909	883
Gifts		314
Table Décor	1,464	1,427
Soft Drinks & Bites		205
Bites	105	
Kids Corner	160	
Postage - Souvenir	62	53
Flyer		55
Raffle expenses	68	
Disposables	79	
M.C	150	
Welcome Dance	250	
Banner		253
	<u>17,435</u>	<u>16,404</u>
Surplus from Hantane Night	<u>6,720</u>	<u>6,356</u>
Receivables Hantane Night - Donations at the Gate	1050	20
Receivables Hantane Night -Souvenir Advertising	625	1,750
Receivables Hantane Night - Liquor Sales		120
Receivables Hantane Night - Discount on Hall Hire & Charges		
Receivables Total:	1675	1890
Postage Payable - Souvenir		53
Payables - Gifts		89
Payables - Liquor at the Foyer	865	
Payables Total:	865	142

1,650 has been collected during the current financial year. The balance \$100 has been written off as uncollectable.

Note 4 - Annual General Meeting

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Expenditure		
Hall Hire	646	700
Refreshments	80	101
Printing	81	
Total Expenditure	<u>807</u>	<u>801</u>

Note 5 - Australia Day Celebrations

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Expenditure		
Disposables	123	
Hall Charges	197	
Certificate printing	46	
Hire 4x Chafing-dishes	40	
Gifts & Incidental Expenses	49	541
Shared costs with KUUA	1,206	977
Engraving the Trophy		75
Total Expenditure	<u>1,661</u>	<u>1,594</u>

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Note 6 - Interest Earned

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Operating Account	6	10
High Interest Account	72	63
Interest income -scholarship account	<u>269</u>	<u>146</u>
	<u>347</u>	<u>219</u>

Note 7 - Scholarship Account

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Balance brought forward:		
-Scholarship Account	<u>25,911</u>	<u>15,095</u>
	<u>25,911</u>	<u>15,095</u>
Add: Net Interest Income		
- Interest	269	146
- less Bank Charges	<u>5</u>	<u>146</u>
	<u>264</u>	<u>146</u>
Funds Received from Other PUAAVIC Accounts		2,000
Donations Received for Scholarships	9,080	8,670
Donations for PUAA ceremony expenses		
	<u>9,080</u>	<u>10,670</u>
Funds remitted to PUAA for scholarships 2017 (*)	6,240	
	<u>6,240</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>29,016</u>	<u>25,911</u>
Balance funds held in trust for Alumni carried forward		
Represented by:		
Cash at Bank - Scholarship Fixed Deposit	18,209	
Cash at Bank - Scholarship Current Account	<u>10,807</u>	<u>25,911</u>
	<u>29,016</u>	<u>25,911</u>
Total Cash at Bank -Scholarship Account		

(*) During the current period of financial reporting, a total sum of \$6240 was remitted to AAUP for scholarship purpose to be disbursed by AAUP. AAUP reported that 21 selected undergraduate students were paid with a sum of \$3000.00 per each month amounting to a total sum of Sri Lankan Rupees (Rs.) 654,000 during the period from September 2017 to August 2018.

Note 8 - Seminars

Seminar 21/8/2016 - Hall Hire	300
Seminar 21/8/2016 - Flyer	<u>28</u>
	<u>328</u>

Note 9 - Fathers Day Celebrations including Felicitations Night

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Hall Hire	450	350
Catering	1,750	1,225
Meal related expenses	32	54
Flyer		28
Hamper		353
Table Cloths, plates etc.	190	
Decorations	39	
Sounds	281	
Hall Hire - rehearsal	75	
Gifts	118	
Marketing - morning show	50	
Printing, pens	<u>31</u>	
	<u>3,016</u>	<u>2,009</u>

Note 10 - Non current Assets

2018

Net Book value

	Asset Value	Accum Dep Period beginning	Net Book value (NBV) Period beginning	Current Dep	Accum Dep Period end	NBV Period end
Projector - Screen	353	-282	71 -	71	-353	-
Projector -Bag	90	-72	18 -	18	-90	-
Projector	499	-399	100 -	100	-499	-
Bag for Secretary & Pointer	150	-120	30 -	30	-150	-
	<u>1,092</u>	<u>-874</u>	<u>218 -</u>	<u>218</u>	<u>-1,092</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Book Value						0
Depreciation				<u>218</u>		

2017

Net Book value

	Asset Value	Accum Dep Period beginning	Net Book value (NBV) Period beginning	Current Dep	Accum Dep Period end	NBV Period end
Projector - Screen	353 -	212	141 -	71 -	282	71
Projector -Bag	90 -	54	36 -	18 -	72	18
Projector	499 -	299	200 -	100 -	399	100
Bag for Secretary & Pointer	150 -	90	60 -	30 -	120	30
	<u>1,092 -</u>	<u>655</u>	<u>437 -</u>	<u>218 -</u>	<u>874</u>	<u>218</u>
Net Book Value						218
Depreciation				<u>218</u>		

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Note 11 - General & Administration Expenses

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Web Services		325
Consumer affairs charges	57	
Consumer affairs charges - Prev year	57	
Australia Post PO Box		118
Aust PO Box Renewal	196	186
Domain Renewal		50
Flowers	243	68
	<u>553</u>	<u>746</u>
Printed Receipt Books stock on Hand	300	300

Note 12 - ERFP / Book Donation Event

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Income		
Donations at the gate	4350	4,715
Sale of excess food packets		
	<u>4,350</u>	<u>4,715</u>
Expenditure		
Music	500	750
Catering	1840	2,090
Expenses	618	131
Transport		
	<u>2,958</u>	<u>2,970</u>
Surplus transferred to Book Donation Reserve		
Surplus held in the Members fund	<u>1,392</u>	<u>1,745</u>
Appropriations		
Reserve for Book Donations	1,872	
Funds used for book donations	3,221	
Funds used for Eng. Fac equipment	1,500	

Note 13 - Disaster Relief Fund

Disaster Relief Fund in Reserve	2,175	
Disaster Relief Fund - Donations by Alumni		
HN 2016-Raffle ticket donation		
less Disaster Relief Funds Remitted	<u>2,175</u>	
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Note 14 - T-shirt & Caps

Income		
Sale of T-shirts & Caps	0	1,870
Less Cost of Sales	<u>0</u>	<u>698</u>
Surplus from sale of T-shirts & Caps	<u>0</u>	<u>1,172</u>

Costings and stock movements: 2017

	Rs. Per Unit	Units Bought	Rs Cost	\$ Cost
Caps	245	51	12,495	127
T-Shirts	780	130	101,400	1,034
			<u>113,895</u>	<u>1,161</u>
		Unit cost (\$)	Units in stock	Value SOH \$
Caps		2.50	20	50
T-Shirts		7.95	52	413
			Value of Stock in Hand	463
			Cost of Sales	698

There have been no sales of Caps or T-shirts during the current financial year (2018).

Note 15 - Annual Trip 2017

Members contribution (**)	17,495	17,190
Total Expenses (**)	<u>17,145</u>	<u>16,824</u>
Surplus donated to PUAAViC	350	366
Surplus donation receivable:	-	366

(**) 2016/17 Annual trip revenue and expenses have been re-stated to include Accommodation costs (\$10,140) which was fully funded by the participating members.

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 Note 16 - PUAAvic Funds movements

PUAAvic Funds movements 2018

	Comm. Investments Reserve	Museum & Art Gallery Fund	Scholarship Reserve	ERFP reserve	Disaster Relief Reserve	Scholarship Fund investments	Members Fund	Total
Balance b/f 1 July 2017	2,000	-	-	1,872	2,175	25,911	19,718	51,676
Operating surplus -all activities of PUAAvic 2017/18 period							11,022	11,022
Appropriations			2,000	4,849	-	9,344	(16,192)	-
Re-allocation of Funds	(2,000)						2,000	-
Book donations to students				(3,221)				(3,221)
Eng. Faculty equipment				(1,500)				(1,500)
Disaster relief payments					(2,175)			(2,175)
Scholarship payments						(6,240)		(6,240)
Balance c/f 30 June 2018	-	-	2,000	2,000	-	29,015	16,548	49,563

PUAAvic Funds movements 2017

	Comm. Investments Reserve	Museum & Art Gallery Fund	Scholarship Reserve	ERFP reserve	Disaster Relief Reserve	Scholarship Fund investments	Members Fund	Total
Balance b/f 1 July 2016	2,000	2,000	-	1,872	2,175	15,095	15,237	38,378
Operating surplus -all activities of PUAAvic 2016/17 period							13,298	13,298
Appropriations	-				-	8,816	(8,816)	-
Re-allocation of Funds		(2,000)				2,000		-
Balance c/f 30 June 2017	2,000	-	-	1,872	2,175	25,911	19,718	51,676

Independent Auditor's Report for the year ending 30 June 2018

To the Members,

Peradeniya University Alumni Australia – Victoria Chapter Inc. (*PUAAViC*)

Scope:

I have carried out an independent audit of the Financial Statements comprising a Statement of Asset and Liabilities (Balance Sheet) as at, and an Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended, 30th June 2018 together with Notes thereto of Peradeniya University Alumni Australia – Victoria Chapter Inc. in order to express an opinion thereon to its Members.

The Committee of the Association is responsible for maintaining relevant records and the preparation of Financial Statements. The Audit has been conducted to provide reasonable assurance to the members that these accounts are free of any material misstatement, thereby present fairly the Association's financial position and operating results, and comply with Australian Accounting Standards and requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reforms Act 2012. Audit procedures included an examination of the evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the accounts on a test basis and an evaluation of the accounting policies and estimates used in their preparation and presentation.

Exceptions

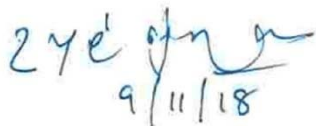
The nature of the Association's operations involved handling of cash receipts relating to the collection of raffles, donations, and sponsorships all of which are of a voluntary nature. In these instances, reliance has been placed on the documentation maintained and explanations provided by the Committee, as it was not practical to independently verify such transactions to establish completeness and accuracy of the amounts reported.

Other comments

Presentation of the Statement of Income and expenditure has been expanded to include income from all sources and expenditure incurred on all activities of the *PUAAViC* in the main statement itself, rather than within the funds, for better transparency. Sufficient clarifications have been provided by way of notes to the relevant income and expense items. This has also necessitated re-stating 2017 year comparative figures in line with current period reporting. Neither the net result for either periods, nor the respective balance sheets changed in any manner as a result of this change.

Opinion

In my opinion, subject to the *Exceptions* noted above, the attached Financial Statements as at 30th June 2018 (page 16), read together with Notes to the Accounts (pages 17 to 20) represent fairly, the Association's operating results and financial position, and are in compliance with the applicable Accounting Standards and relevant legislation.



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Committee's Declaration

The executive committee of Peradeniya Alumni Australia Victoria Chapter (*PUAAViC*)

President	Dr. Sunil Ratnayake
Vice President	Asoka Athuruliya
Secretary	Rohini Nilaweera
Treasurer	Chamila Fernando
Assistant Treasurer	Tikiri Ranaweera
Assistant Secretary	Dr. Harin Corea
Editor	Dr. Renick Peris
Committee Members	Ajith De Silva
	Prem Kanahara
	Ranjan Mendis
	Ranabahu Wickramasinghe
	Dr. Kithsiri Dasanayake
	Sunil Arachchi
	Sarath Jayasuriya
	Nirmalal Dias

declare that:

1. The financial statements, comprising statement of income & expenditure, statements of financial position and the accompanying notes are in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards and comply with Australian equivalents of the International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS) have been developed by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) required by Consumers Affairs Victoria and give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2018 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the association.
2. The Association has included in the notes to the financial statements and explicit and unreserved statement of compliance with Financial Reporting Standards.
3. In the executive committees' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they due and payable. This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee and its signed for and on behalf of the committee by



Dr. Sunil Ratnayake
President



Chamila Fernando
Treasurer

Appendix 1 (General Resolution 1)

Forwarded by: PUAAViC member Kithsiri Dassanayake

Resolution - 1

Proposal to Set up a PUAAViC Trust Fund at the University of Peradeniya to Manage Scholarships

1. Purpose: Minimise accumulation of donor funds in PUAAViC Accounts and more efficient and effective administration of PUAAViC Scholarship Programme

2. Background

The current balance in PUAAViC scholarship accounts is approximately \$29000.00 (equivalent to Rs. 3,480,000.00), the bulk of which (\$18,208.70) is in a fixed term deposit. This sum of funds has been accumulated over the last six years of time period, which seems to be an issue in disbursements of collected funds and it needs urgent attention. If the issue is fund disbursement, then that indicates either (a) there is a problem in identification of sufficient number of potential recipients or (b) the maximum number of potential recipients have already been reached (or both).

Further, it is also important to highlight that the total number of donor agencies (who provide scholarships for needy students at UOP) have increased substantially during the last few years. For example, few years ago, PUAAViC was the only Alumni Chapter that provided financial assistance to UOP students, however other alumni chapters (including faculty-based alumni organisations) across Australia (and also from other countries) are now assisting current students of UOP.

There are various proposals that have been put forward on managing the accumulated scholarship funds; however, the constitution of PUAAViC rules out any sort of diversion of funds (which have been collected for the scholarship programme) to other similar student welfare/community programmes. This means, any proposals on changes to the current Scholarship Fund arrangement require broader consultations with the membership.

However, the current subcommittee feels that the above issue could be addressed through creating a Trust Fund (under PUAAViC) directly with the University of Peradeniya (administration) utilising a significant portion of the current accumulated Scholarship Fund and offer assistance to needy students out of the interests from the above-mentioned Trust Fund.

3. Proposed Procedure

The following process is proposed to address funds accumulation in PUAAViC Scholarship Accounts.

1. Negotiate with the University of Peradeniya management to set up a Trust Fund under PUAAViC and sign an agreement with the university on the funds transfer, management and scholarship fund disbursement.
2. Transfer 90% of the accumulated PUAAViC scholarship fund (at the time of agreement with the University) to the above PUAAViC Trust Fund at UOP

3. Maintain the funds as a long term fixed deposit to attract the maximum possible interest rate (terms must be negotiated get maximum possible benefits to the fund).
4. Advise the University to offer certain number of scholarships out of 80% annual interests (it is advisable to leave a fraction of interest money in the account to compensate potential losses due to inflation).
5. Awards will be based on PUAAViC guidelines and current problems of fund administration and monitoring is resolved.
6. PUAAViC can continue with the current arrangement with AAUP with remaining balance of funds (10%) and the next years fund collection or gradually transit into 100% Trust Fund Scheme with UOP.
7. Terms of the proposed agreement to be decided by the Scholarship Subcommittee (in consultation and endorsement of the executive Committee) at the time.
8. This arrangement will be more effective and less troublesome. However, PUAAViC must maintain a close vigil as Sri Lankan institutions cannot be trusted when it comes to finance.
9. An example calculation:

Item	Amount	
	(A\$)	(Rs)
Current balance of PUAAViC scholarship account	33,000	3,960,000
Expected allocations for 2018/2019 (21 Students)	6,300	756,000
PUAAViC Funds currently available at AAUP	1,500	180,000
Funds required for 2018/2019 awards	4,800	576,000
Potential A/C Balance after releasing fund (to AAUP)	28,200	3,384,000
The suggested amount to be transferred to the proposed Trust Fund (90% of the account balance)	25,380	3,045,600
Potential Interest for cash deposited in the Trust Fund (10.75% per annum with 12 months maturity time)	2,728	327,402
Number of possible awards/year (@ Rs3000/month)	9.09	

10. The above hypothetical scenario suggests that PUAAViC could offer a minimum of 9 (nine) scholarships per year and advantages of this process includes minimum hassle for PUAAViC (ease of fund management), effectiveness in award process and more formal process ensuring accountability. Further, PUAAViC can more focus fund raising rather than disbursements.

Appendix 2 (General Resolution 2)

Resolution - 2

Resolutions regarding Appropriations

Proposed by Nirmalal Dias

16 October 2018

1, I wish to bring forward a proposal for a General Resolution on a "Best Practice" approach in respect of recognising those *PUAAViC* members who are no more with us. This can be done through the Educational Resource Facilitation Program. As I understand, Laws of Australia forbid allocation of funds to assist members of any association who are in "difficult situations". While those who are in difficult situations could be assisted only by personal/collective donations, it is time we remember those who have passed away through our Educational Resource Facilitation Program by endorsing our donations via this said program in memory of the deceased members. The operational methodology as to how endorsements could be made, can be pursued by the in-coming Ex-Co.

2. If this proposal is accepted as a general resolution in principle at the forthcoming AGM, while acknowledging that every late *PUAAViC* member should receive equal attention, for the sake of pragmatism, I propose that this be limited temporarily to *PUAAViC* Ex-Co members who have passed away, until such time, the in-coming Ex-Co develop the methodology of operation to acknowledge all Peradeniya Alumni in Melbourne. Therefore, I request that the first donation resulting from the aforesaid resolution should be endorsed in memory of Dr. Basil De Silva, coincidentally whose memorial service in Melbourne is being held today the 16th of October 2018.

3. This proposal may sound as if I am encouraging the 'doomsday to *PUAAViC*, rather in recognition that we are all mortals and it is worth remembering their memories. The resulting resolution exhibits a humble way for *PUAAViC* to show its concern to Peradeniya Alumni, now that the *PUAAViC* concern cannot be shown by allocation of funds to circumvent difficult situations of individual members.

Appendix 3 (General Resolution 3)

(Proposed by Sunil Arachchi and Sunil Ratnayake)

Resolution - 3

Proposal to form PUAAViC-Social Club Subcommittees

1. Purpose: Provide social services for the members those who are willing to participating ongoing entertainments.

2. Background

The current activities of *PUAAViC* focus formal events and lack of ongoing casual meetings for in particular senior *PUAAViC* members. Hence the proposed activity suggest the need of *PUAAViC*-Social Club Subcommittees focusing casual and relaxed monthly gathering in the way of coffee evening, breakfast outings, one day bus trip etc.

3. Expected outcome:

Enabling to entertain *PUAAViC* members with ongoing casual entertainments.

4. Structural Requirement: Subcommittees may include most of the senior members other than EXCO.

Appendix 4 (General Resolution 4)

Appropriation from excess income over expenditure of \$2000 to be used for the Scholarships/Studentships Program.

Appendix 5 (General Resolution 5)

Appropriation from excess income over expenditure of \$2000 to be used for the Educational Resources Program.

Appendix 6 (Special Resolution 1)

Forwarded by PUAAViC members: Ajith Rukman de Silva, Nirmalal Dias, Renick Peries

Proposed Special Resolution – 1 **Proposal to Setup a standing committee/panel to advice and help manage perennial programmes, diverse activities and other affairs of PUAAViC**

1. Purpose: To help streamline and manage perennial projects across executive committees appointed annually.

2. Background

Through humble beginnings, PUAAViC has become a matured and purpose filled organisation, looking further to developing and establishing best practice methodologies in its' future and sustenance.

During the process, an executive committee (annually appointed, comprising 15 members) would generally look for opportunities to raise funds and resources to invest in some praiseworthy projects for the benefit of our alma mater, whilst engaging the members of PUAAViC in numerous entertaining events.

Consequently, some such worthy projects have grown requiring continuous follow up and action though the current constitution does not procure enough provisions. The scholarship programme, educational resource facilitation programme and past book donation projects are clear examples of programmes with such needs. Need for streamlining and planning for such perennial programmes are vital and can be resolved by having those portfolios with a standing committee to follow up actions continuously. Consultations were carried out with ex-AAUP and other chapters, and there were a number of discussions done previously to seek solutions. There were a lot of positive comments expressed amongst members and the need for a standing committee was felt more than before and we would like to tender the following proposals for a draft resolution to address this issue.

3. Proposed Procedure

The following procedure is proposed in order to meet the needs of Executive committee, to address recurring annual projects and similar affairs of PUAAViC (all items subject discussion, negotiation and approval by ExCo).

1. The “Standing advisory committee (SAC)” or “Standing advisory panel (SAP)” to be the designated name for the proposed committee and for future correspondence.
2. Appoint 5 members by invitation, who have proven expertise within PUAAViC in the sorts of issues that the exco is likely to face from time to time.
3. The tenure of each member to be at least 3 years but not exceeding 5 years.
4. Criteria to appoint members (initially for 3 years) must be setup by the Executive Committee, by invitation and if necessary a two-year extension not exceeding the term over 5 years to follow a similar invitation by the current Executive Committee

5. At least two of the SAC/SAP members to attend any Executive committee meetings upon request from current executive committee (on a needs basis).
6. Separate SAC or SAP meetings (if deemed necessary) to have Executive Committee representation by the president, secretary or a competent ExCo member who shall be the coordinator of the relevant programme in PUAAViC.
7. Advise AAUP about the SAC or SAP representation
8. The Exco to define the delegation of responsibilities clearly.
9. To let SAC/SAP members participate or coordinate in the respective Sub Committees or keep them informed periodically of the progress in concurrent activities.
10. Identify the programs to be assigned to SAC/SAP by the current executive committee. For an example, Studentship program coordinator, educational resources facilitation program coordinator etc.
11. Each member will be dedicated to a given long-term programme and would become a good candidate to guide the newly appointed executive committee members.

4. Benefits expected

The proposed changes to the organisation will have the following putative benefits.

- Comparison of the past work practices, ethics and functions to be brought to focus each year.
- Past activities and follow up work will be facilitated and fast tracked.
- Executive Committees will be briefed with accurate information each year.
- Liaising with University of Peradeniya will be more consistent and streamlined.
- Representations will make Executive Committee meetings more productive and efficient.

Appendix 7 (Special Resolution 2)

Forwarded by: PUAAViC member Sunil Ratnayake

Proposed Special Resolution - 2

Proposal to include a new provision to the constitution to extend *PUAAViC* services beyond the University of Peradeniya to provide facilities for wider community in Sri Lanka

1. Purpose: Provide *PUAAViC* services for wider community in Sri Lanka.

2. Background

The current constitution of *PUAAViC* restricts its services only to the University of Peradeniya students and its alumni related activities and to the wider community in Victoria as shown below (Extracted from the current rule of *PUAAViC* section 3).

3. Purposes:

The purposes of the association are

- (1) To build and foster Alumni community in Victoria and Australia in general;
- (2) To assist and support the University; and
- (3) To work towards the benefit of the wider community in Victoria.

Above section does not include the provision to serve wider community in Sri Lanka. Hence the below rule is proposed to be included.

(4) To work towards the benefit of the wider community in Sri Lanka.

3. Expected outcome:

Enabling to provide *PUAAViC* services to the wider community in Sri Lanka as and when needed for eg: Natural Disasters such as Tsunami, Floods, and landslides.

4. Requirement: at least 75% of the votes cast are in favour of the resolution.

Appendix 8 (Special Resolution 3)

Submitted by: PUAAViC member Sarath Jayasuriya

SPECIAL RESOLUTION Proposed on 15.10.2018 Proposal to Appoint an Advisory Council

Preamble

The PUAAViC is almost 15 years since it was first registered. We have been observing a very slow growth in terms of the membership numbers. However, it is encouraging to note that the members who initiated the formation of the Alumni Association is partaking in activities even after fifteen long years. This is the dedication that they have exhibited during the years. In the run up to date the Association has been guided by rules, regulations and traditions. There had been instances of deviations, however they are mostly to achieve something greater. The present success of the Association could be attributed to the well drafted constitution and years long traditions introduced by the pioneers of PUAAViC. The credits of drafting a robust set of rules should go to the dedicated and forward-thinking members of the Association, especially the founding members, past presidents, secretaries and others.

Therefore, it is the collective responsibility of the entire membership to protect and uphold the constitution at all times and serve the purpose of PUAAViC.

*In the light of the above it is the right time to establish an **Advisory Council** to guide the future committees and the association as a whole, with the objective of protecting and nurturing the constitution.*

Resolution

*“In view of the above **“it is proposed to establish an Advisory Council with suitable authority to guide the committee in their deliberations. The Executive committee will refer to the Council for matters relating to changes in policies, traditions and rules.”***

Structure of the Council

Advisory Council to consist of minimum 3 and maximum 5 members who have served in the Executive committee of PUAAViC, for a minimum period of 5 years and during which time either as a President or a Secretary.

The tenure of the Council members would be for a period of 3 continuous years with the option of being re-appointed.

Nomination

1. To be nominated at the AGM by the general membership
2. Voting: By way of show of hands only if necessary.

Responsibilities:

Following key features must be included into the above resolution.

1. Primary role of the Advisory Council is to safe guard the rules of the Association.
2. The Advisory Council shall not interfere with the routine operational matters of the Association which is the responsibility of the Executive Committee.
3. The Advisory Council, however shall;
 - a. contribute to establish best practices and guidelines
 - b. observe, monitor and ensure that the Executive Committee follows stipulated best practices and guidelines at all times
 - c. Any proposal to amend exiting rules initiated by the committee must be referred to the Advisory council for evaluation and guidance and such advice will be followed by the Ex-Co.
 - d. Advisory Council will be responsible to the Membership and ensure that only improvements to existing rules are accommodated without modifying the spirit of a particular rule.

Implementation

It is proposed that at the AGM to nominate and appoint a special five-member sub-committee comprising of two members from the current executive committee who have served in the Executive committee for more than three years and three financial members from the general membership who have been members for more than five years and have served in the Executive committee. The sub-committee shall be appointed by the members at the AGM to further study the proposal and recommend implementation within three months of the appointment of the said sub-committee.

The sub-committee shall define activities, functions and terms of reference of the Advisory council and draft the amendment to be included in the constitution.

Appendix 9 (Special Resolution 4)

(Proposed by Sarath Jayasuria)

Proposed Special Resolution 4

To be appointed to the committee, a member should have been registered as a member, at least for a minimum period of one year.

Appendix 10: AGM Attendees (2016/17)

1. Sunil Arachchi
2. Sunil Wickramasinghe
3. Ranjith Gamage
4. Ranjan Mendis
5. Ajith De Silva
6. Mangala De Silva
7. Mangala Jayasinghe
8. Harindra Corea
9. Ranabahu Wickramasinghe
10. Nimal Nilaweera
11. Bhagya Don
12. Sarath Jayasuriya
13. Asoka Athuraliya
14. Nirmalal Dias
15. Prem Kanahara
16. Sujatha Kanahara
17. Harsha Jayasuriya
18. Pushpa Jayakody
19. Rohini Nilaweera
20. Koshala Rupassara
21. Tikiri Ranaweera
22. Chandra Senaratne
23. Chamila Fernando
24. Sunil Ratnayake
25. Disantha Hingulagoda
26. Upali Ileperuma