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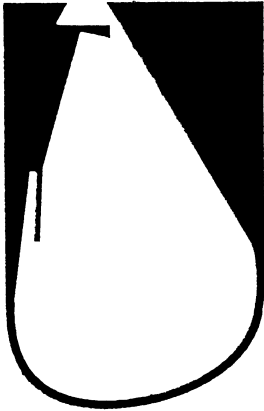
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Vice Patrons

**Mr. Prasanth Cherubim
Dr. Hilarian Codippily**

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February 10, 2008

Dear Members:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish to invite you to the Association's 33rd Annual General Meeting on Sunday March 2, 2008, for the formal closure of our term of office and to extend a warm welcome to the new Board.

It has been an honor to have served as your president in the last two years. In fact it has been a privilege to have served on this Board in various capacities during the last seven years. We had to sail through some turbulent waters at times but we all hung in and rode out the storm. My utmost gratitude to those directors who served with me during that period and to the members of our community who supported me.

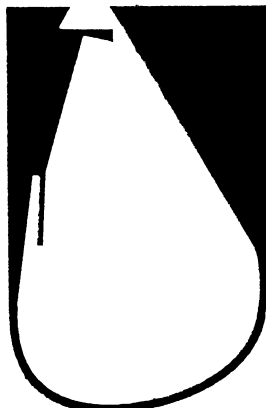
This year we held many of our events in partnership with other organizations in the community. This was done mainly to pool our resources and to reduce our cost. The operating cost of our annual program has increased in the last few years therefore if was necessary for us to find ways to curtail our expenditure. Instead of increasing the membership fees we used our website and e-mail to communicate with the membership. By e-mailing the newsletters and the annual report we saved approximately \$1500 this year. These reductions helped SLAWDC end its financial year with a healthy bank balance of \$8,202.95

My sincere thanks to our very dedicated Board, and their spouses, who made it possible to achieve our goals. The overwhelming support I have received during my tenure in office from past presidents, leaders of other community organizations, and all of you, have made this job easier and most fulfilling. My profound gratitude to you all and to our Patron Ambassador Goonetilleke, Vice Patrons Mr. Cherubim and Dr. Codippily, and the Advisory Board members for their guidance and support.

I wish the new Board every success in carrying out their mandate.

Sincerely,

**Lasantha Dahanaikie
President**



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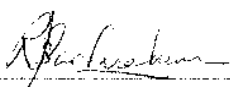
NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 33rd Annual General meeting of the Sri Lanka Association of Washington, D.C., and its tax exempt affiliate, the Sri Lanka Association of Greater Washington, Inc., will be held on Sunday, March 2, 2008 commencing at 3:00 p.m., at the Meadowbrook Community Center, 7901 Meadowbrook Lane, Chevy Chase, Maryland. A "Social Hour" will be held prior to the meeting, commencing at 2:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Agenda and the Notice convening the 33rd Annual Meeting of the Association.
2. Address by our Patron H.E. Bernard Goonetilleke.
3. Adoption of the Minutes of the 32nd Annual General meeting of the Association held on March 25, 2007.
4. Adoption of the Annual Report and the Statement of Accounts of the Association for the year ending January 31, 2008.
5. President's Address.
6. Election of the Board of Directors for 2008/2009. Members may also nominate candidates from the floor at this meeting in accordance with procedures of Article VII (B) of the Constitution.
7. Election of the Honorary Auditor for 2008/2009.
8. Any other business.
9. Adjournment.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors


Rashika Padmakumara
Secretary

To: The Board of Directors, Sri Lanka Association of Washington, D.C.

From: Election Committee

Subject: Election Committee Report – Nomination for the election of the Board of Directors at the Annual General Meeting on March 2, 2008

The undersigned members of the Election Committee received the following nominations for the election of the Board of Directors, postmarked by February 5, 2008.

The Committee verified that the under-noted candidates, proposer and seconders have satisfied the provisions in the Article III (b) and Article III (g) of its By-laws.

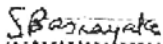
	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
President:	Dakshi De Silva	(Automatic Succession as President-Elect)
President-elect:	Rashika Padmakumara	Romanie De Silva Mangala Baddeliyanage
Secretary:	Sugath Karunaratne	Iroshana Nanayakkara Sandra Ismail
Asst. Secretary:	TBA	
Treasurer-Sri Lanka Association of Washington DC		
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Treasurer-Sri Lanka Association of Greater Washington, Inc.):		
	Kamal Dorabawila	Lasantha Dahanaikie Iroshana Nanayakkara

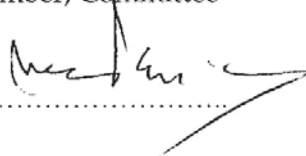
<u>Directors:</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
Lahiru Devinda	Bandula Ranasinghe	Sumith Wijegunawadena
Sandra Ismail	Hiru Padmakumara	Kamala Peiris
Suraj Navaratne	Kamal Dorabawila	Saman Karunaratne
Nalaka Weragoda	Rashika Padmakumara	Dakshi De Silva
TBA		

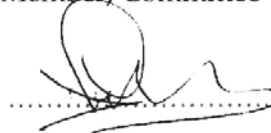
Submitted By:
Sena Basnayake -
Chairman, Election Committee

Edward Peries
Member, Committee

Dhanika Perera
Member, Committee


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**MINUTES OF THE 32nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SRI LANKA
ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON, D.C., (SLAWDC) AND THE SRI LANKA
ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WASHINGTON, INC. (SLAGW) HELD ON SUNDAY,
MARCH 25, 2007**

The 32nd Annual General Meeting of the Sri Lanka Association of Washington, D.C., (SLAWDC) and its tax-exempt affiliate, Sri Lanka Association of Greater Washington, Inc., (SLAGW) was held on Saturday, March 25, 2007 at the Meadowbrook Community Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland with the President, Mr. Lasantha Dahanaike in the Chair. Associated with the President in conducting the meeting was Secretary, Mrs. Sandra Ismail and Assistant Secretary Mrs. Rashika Padmakumara.

The Meeting began at 3:00 p.m. with the President welcoming the Membership. He stated that since there was a quorum, proceedings could begin and continued that anything discussed will be reflected in the Minutes and therefore if there were any statements that the Membership did not want to be recorded, it should not be discussed. He further mentioned that the reason he made this statement was because a few members had objected to certain items included in last years Minutes; however according to acceptable norms, anything discussed had to be recorded by the Secretary.

1. Adoption of the Agenda and the Notice Convening the 32nd Annual General Meeting of the Association.

President called for the adoption of the Agenda. Dr. Hilarian Codipilly proposed and Mr. Edward Peries seconded the Agenda.

2. Address by our Patron His Excellency Bernard H. Goonetilleke, Ambassador to the USA

Ambassador thanked the President and those present, and stated that he was pleased to be present at the AGM, which was his first. He stated that Sri Lankans live in many part of the world including the US and that Associations promoting Sri Lanka in the form of religious, cultural, and social activities have a large number of Members in the East and West Coasts of the US. He further stated that the most important role is to promote good will between Sri Lanka and our host country. He continued that we need to help Sri Lanka whenever a need arises and that he would like to go back to 2004 when the Tsunami struck Sri Lanka; where the USA and other countries came to the assistance of our mother country at its time of need. He further stated that from the point of view of the Sri Lanka administration, President Rajapakse made it very clear that we should interact very closely with the expatriate community, and such interaction is necessary because the number of embassy staff is insufficient to rise to the need of the country in a satisfactory manner during a crisis. He continued that if we are to take care of the needs of the Sri Lankan expatriates in a large country, one embassy and two consulates are insufficient. Therefore there is a need for the embassy to mobile the support of the Sri Lankans. He further highlighted that in the recent past there was an issue of bonds in the international markets so that expatriates could invest in Sri Lanka and likewise promote tourism and similar activities. He stated that he had received a message from the Sri Lanka Tourist Board to make Sri Lanka a popular destination despite the troubles; and the current World Cup Cricket Tournament was a good opportunity to give publicity to the country. He stated that since TV coverage is not feasible, therefore there is a proposal to send typical Sri Lankan music bands to the West Indies to play at each event. He stated that he will be encouraging many people to attend the World Cup which will also help promote the country. Ambassador concluded his speech by stating

that he is aware of the Associations good work and that the Embassy will always be available to support its causes.

The President thanked the Ambassador and stated that the embassy has been very helpful during the past year, reaching out to all Associations, and playing a big role in getting the community together.

3. Adoption of the minutes of the 31st Annual General Meeting of the Association held on March 25, 2006.

President enquired from the floor if there were any corrections to be made to the Minutes prior to its adoption. Mr. Celement Abeyagoonewardene handed over a statement to be read to the membership, which he stated should be added to Item No. 9. Secretary read the statement and thereafter the Minutes were proposed by Mrs. Sheila Codippily and seconded by Miss. Anomi Wijesooriya.

Quote: “Mr. Clement Abeyagoonewardene, a past president requested Mrs. Rudran to reconsider her decision not to accept the honorary membership awarded by the Board of Directors for her outstanding services to the Association.

Mrs. Rudran thanked Mr. Abeyagoonewardene for his fine support and guidance to her as Secretary during the three years he was President. Mrs. Rudran also stated that she has always enjoyed the friendship and support of the community during her tenure as Secretary which spanned several years and that experience should suffice. She further stated that she appreciated the support shown to her today.

Mr. Abeyagoonawardene also thanked past President Mr. Nihal Gunawardene for the fine work he had rendered to the Association.”

4. Adoption of the Annual Report and the Statement of Accounts of the Association for the year ending January 31, 2007.

President enquired if there were any comments or corrections to the annual report. Mr. Codipilly stated that the Report was of high quality and well written, and commended the President and the Board on their efforts.

5. President's Address

President stated that he was thankful to the Directors, Vice Patrons, Mr. Cherubim and Dr. Codipilly, past Presidents, and the staff of the embassy for their support during the past year. He also acknowledged Mrs. Pathma Liyanapathirana, Mr. Edward Peries, Mrs. Sheila Codippily and Mr. Sena Basnayake for their support and making his job easier. He continued that one great accomplishment by this Board was to bring the community together, and work with many diverse groups in the community at a level that is both manageable and sustainable for a group of volunteers.

President stated that the Tsunami report took a little longer than anticipated and that copies were available today for the membership, and also that it was posted on SLAWDC website. He stated that it was an on-going process and that the Board received information only from a few organizations. President stated that he was able to visit some of the projects and organizations together with Mr. Dakshi De Silva during their visit to Sri Lanka in October 2006.

President concluded his message by enquiring if there were any questions from the floor. Thereafter he stated that Directors, Mr. Dakshi De Silva, Mr. Kenneth Abeygunawardena and Mr. Suraj Navaratne were

instrumental in gathering the information for the Tsunami Report, and moved forward to Item 6 of the Agenda for questions and answers.

6. Discussion of the Tsunami Report

Mr. Prasanth Cherubim requested for an explanation of how the left over monies from the Tsunami funds were allocated.

President explained that according to the 2006 Annual Report and past President Nihal Gunawardene's statement at the last AGM, SLAGW had future obligations only to the Janavijaya Foundation for \$35,000 from the Tsunami fund. President stated that the Board was not aware of another contract signed by the Past President, with Friends of Lanka Tsunami Relief (FOLTR). President stated that because Adopt Sri Lanka did not release the fund they promised to the previous president to build the Janavijaya homes he had to re-negotiate with Janavijaya to reduce the number of homes from 25 to 12. Subsequently, SLAGW made a payment of \$35,000 to Janavijaya Foundation to build 4 more houses in addition to their already completed 8 SLAGW houses, and \$12,500 to FOLTR to finalize the building the 10 houses from a MOU signed by the previous President. President Dahanaike continued that as of today there are no monies left from the Tsunami fund.

Thereafter President invited Mr. De Silva to briefly explain the contents of the Tsunami report. Mr. De Silva continued stating that initially when the Board took over the Tsunami project, the receipts were first looked at, and letters were sent to those organizations that were funded, requesting for documentation on their projects. From 11 requests sent out, only 6 responses were received. During the visit to one of the projects, namely the Matara Convent, the Board was provided with books and accounts. Mr. De Silva continued stating that when Sobitha Thero, who was in charge of Janavijaya was visited, he informed that 8 houses were released and after further discussion with him, Mr. De Silva realized there was a further commitment of houses to be built.

Mr. De Silva continued that the Board is still awaiting results from other recipients. He further elaborated that a burden of such magnitude is hard on volunteers and that if we are to serve our community and help Sri Lanka, it should be done in a small way and not at this magnitude. Mr. De Silva stated that it was very difficult task and certain areas of Sri Lanka such as Trincomalee, Jaffna, and Batticaloa were unapproachable and hard to communicate with to get any feedback. He further explained that the Board was able to tie up the dollars that was funded, however there is no proof or documentation the way it was spent by all of the parties who received the money.

Mr. Edward Peries enquired whether the Association has a representative in Sri Lanka. President stated that the Association has a Resident Agent, who was appointed by the past President, Mr. Nihal Goonawardene at the time the Association opened a Bank Account in Sri Lanka. He further stated that this Agent is a relative of the past President and the current Board had not received any communication from this Agent.

Mr. Edward Peries then requested the President to explain a few details on the Tsunami funding. President explained that he would elaborate on the bigger projects, and stated that unfortunately during his visit to Sri Lanka he could not travel to the North or the East. He continued that with regard to one of the projects-Nidro, had received Rs.519,460.00 from SLAGW, and these funds were supposed to be allocated to Mathumunai Weavers, in Amparai District. He explained that when Nidro was contacted to confirm the receipt of the funds, they did not respond to any communications. Thereafter the Board found out that the owner of Nidro was a one Ms. Dawn Austin, who is a relative of past President Nihal Goonawardene. President further stated that he tried to set up an appointment to meet with Ms. Austin; however she did not return his calls. He stated that finally on the last day of his stay in Sri Lanka, he was contacted by Ms. Austin's Secretary who handed over a letter responding to the initial request made by the Tsunami Committee.

President continued that Adopt Sri Lanka was probably one of the organizations that the Association should not have got involved with. He stated that almost half of the funds we received was given to Adopt Sri Lanka and that they used our tax exempt status to collect funds in the US, and funded their projects to which we had no access. He stated that we should have not let our Association be used as a conduit to transfer \$450,000. He further elaborated that Adopt Sri Lanka was supposed to give us money to build houses in Habaraduwa for the Janavijaya project, and that Ms. Sharon Ward, Manager of Adopt Sri Lanka during a meeting in Sri Lanka (Galle) stated that once they were made aware that the homes for Habaraduwa were to go to disabled military personnel, they did not want to be a part of it. Hence, he stated was the main reason the Association ran out of funds. President continued that the past President made a commitment to Janavijaya however; the funds did not come as promised by Adopt Sri Lanka.

He further continued that The Dutch Bar is another organization that was funded Rs.850,000. However, communications were received stating that they did not receive this money. The Board was informed that this organization was dissolved, therefore the Directors have idea what happened to all this money that was sent to them. President continued that the Board also could not track down the Rs.251,556.00 that was supposed to go to Pasidu Steels for cabinets. The company does not exist. As far as our accounts are concerned, the Association has names of certain places and individuals, but what was done with these funds is a mystery and the Association is left in the dark since these companies cannot be located according to the documents that were provided by the past President.

Mr. Kenneth Abeywickrema stated that Help Age used the Tsunami money to perform cataract operation for the elderly. He stated that it was unmanageable and almost impossible to allocate and micromanage the distribution of funds sent to Sri Lanka by a voluntary group back in the US. He stated that it is important to realize that an Association such as ours should not try to fund such large amounts of money and it should be handed over to professionals should an incident such as this arise in the future.

Mr. Codipilly voiced his opinion stating that he endorsed Mr. Abeywickrema's statement. He further stated that it is a task for professional agencies, thereby implementing cost effectiveness, quality of work etc.

Mr. Edward Peiris enquired about the Bank Account in Sri Lanka, to which Mr. Navaratne stated that there is a balance of Rs.80,000, which is part of the general fund.

President stated that when he met with Ven. Subothi from Janavijaya and he advised them that the Association did not have any more funds to build the remaining houses that were promised by SLAGW. Ven. Subothi informed the President that they had other donors from around the world who were helping them with the same project. President stated that since Janavijaya received funds for the same project from various donors, the Association could not exactly verify how the SLAGW funds were used.

The President stated that our largest project before the Tsunami was sending the two six packs of de-mining dogs to Sri Lanka. He further stated that \$20,000.00 was collected towards this project. He asserted that this project was closely monitored and the Board was aware of its success. President continued that it was the same situation regarding the funds that were collected during the floods in Deniyaya. He stated that the Board knew where the money was sent and how it was spent. He further stated that he was personally present when the equipment was handed over and he can comfortably stand in front of the membership and let them know how their donations were distributed. He said SLAGW should only get involved with projects that can be managed and produce full transparency at every level. President stated that unfortunately we cannot inform all of the Tsunami donors what exactly happened with their donations and that is regrettable.

Dr. Codipilly stated that similar problems had occurred in the past, therefore they had formulated a project proposal which was used as a funding tool. He stated that the format was precise with justification; cost

structure, method of financing, and long-term sustainability. He continued that if the proposals that were submitted did not answer all the questions, they were rejected. He further stated that unless very strict guidelines are adhered to, the Board should reject such proposals.

Mr. Prasanth Cherubim suggested that the Board elect a sub-committee capable of allocating funds so that the Board does not have to be involved in this process.

President stated that SLAGW work is very important to the community, and the Association is currently helping six charitable organizations in Sri Lanka. He continued by using as an example the donations given by Dr. and Mrs. Salgado towards the Pubudu Home, stating that the Board was aware where the money was sent and the work that was carried out by the recipient. He encouraged other members to donate in the same manner, stating that it was not only a good deed but also a tax benefit to the donor. He stressed the importance of understanding that we are a volunteer group and as such, the time allocated for association work is limited. He further stated that work in the magnitude during the Tsunami took a toll on the Directors as a volunteer group, and it would have worked best if the funds collected were given to an organization that has full time staff to manage such funds appropriately. He continued that the past President had the advantage, since he was also the President/CEO of an organization, and his company had the manpower to handle SLAGW projects as well.

Mr. Kamal Dorabawila mentioned that what he observed during 2005, was that even though there were certain decisions made by the Board, they were not enforced. Mr. Dorabawila stated that he wanted to ensure that the Directors and its members will not have to go through this process again, and suggested that the next Board should propose something to address this issue. He also stressed the importance of not permitting other organizations such as Adopt Sri Lanka to channel monies through the Association for no logical reason, as this could be perceived as tax evasion.

Mr. Abeywickrema referred to the Tsunami Report where it states that voluntary associations with annually elected office-bearers do not undertake long-term projects without a cut-off date. He used Rotary International as an example where this policy is implemented.

Mr. Edward Peries mentioned that policies made by this Committee may not be held by other Committees, and therefore proposed that the new Board bring an amendment to the By Laws on how to handle a project of this nature should a need arise in the future.

Mr. Prasanth Cherubim requested that the amendment should be for projects costing larger sums of money and not for projects that are for \$500 or \$1,000. He also reminded that the only By Law that has to change is related to SLAGW.

Mr. Kamal Dorabawila said that the purpose is not to make amendments to restrict mundane activities of this Association, but to have an appropriate ceiling for substantial projects.

Mr. Peries proposed that the new Board of Directors make suitable amendments to the By Laws, in order that any future Board will know how to manage future projects of \$100,000 (or the limit that is to be determined), and know the process in place for disbursements.

Dr. Codippily suggested having two ceilings, one for each project and one for an overall amount. He suggested that this should be left for the Board to decide in the light of experience they have had.

Mr. Dakshi De Silva mentioned that the Board could take an average of the projects or the past year and then make a decision.

Dr. Codippily mentioned that it will be difficult to discuss all details during this AGM but the Board can do it keeping in mind that it should be a realistic ceiling and seconded the proposal. The motion was passed unanimously by the house for an amendment to the by-laws of SLAGW.

Mr. Edward Peries mentioned that since the minutes were not properly documented and followed through by the previous Board, it is important to make an amendment to the By-Laws regarding this matter.

Mrs. Salgado requested if the Board could make announcements to the community of events including death announcements.

Mr. Prasanth Cherubim wanted an update on the \$25,000 Ponnampereuma fund and the Fr. Peter Pillai fund.

Since these items are not part of the Tsunami report, they were moved to any other business.

7. Election of the Board of Directors for 2007/2008

Mr. Dahanaike invited the Chairman of the Election Committee, Mr. Sena Basnayake, Committee Members, Dhanika Perera and Mr. Ed Peries to conduct the election of the new Board.

Mr. Basnayake started the election process by addressing the membership and continued by stating that when the current President, Mr. Lasantha Dahanaike requested him to take on this responsibility, he was a little nervous after what had occurred last year. He continued stated that since Mr. Dhanika Perera and Mr. Ed Peries was also on the Election Committee, it was going to be an easy and peaceful process. He stated that most of the positions were filled, but any nominations could be brought in from the floor. He continued that there were 5 vacancies for Directors and that they had verified the proposers and seconders. Thereafter Mr. Basnayake read the names off the list of nominees and inquired if there were any names to be proposed from the floor. Since there were none, the five nominees were automatically elected.

Mr. Basnayake and the election committee then wished the new Board. Mr. Lasantha Dahanaike then introduced the new Board to the members present.

President mentioned that the officers are the same and that out of the directors, Mr. Upul Abeywarne was held up at the airport in Miami on his way back from the World Cup, as he missed the flight back to DC. He mentioned that the membership present were handed out biographies of each of the new Directors and went on to briefly introduce the others that were present. He first introduced Mr. Kamal Dorabawila as a valuable member who was present at the SGM and the AGM and who had voiced his opinions well. Thereafter President introduced Mr. Iroshana Nanayakkara, who had served in five different Boards and considered a valuable member of our community. Mrs. Saman Karunaratne was then introduced as a member of the community who has lived in this area for the past twenty years and who is well known. President then finally introduced Ms. Devika Wimalkantha who is known to all as a professional dancer who has performed at many community events.

President thanked the out going Directors, Mr. Kenneth Abeywickrema for his support to the Board and also for his expertise in putting the Tsunami Report together. President then thanked Mrs. Mangala Baddeliyanage who has for many years served this community tirelessly along with her family. He also thanked outgoing Director Gayanga Opatha who elected to step down due to personal reasons.

President stated that he hoped that the membership was happy with the Associations progress during the previous year, and invited all to attend the Avurudu celebrations in April. He mentioned that after five years,

the DC team won the Cricket tournament and that this year, the Board was planning a “Sri Lanka Day” in conjunction with the cricket match that will also have other activities such as track and field, soccer, tennis, food stalls etc. He continued that the Catholic Association and other various groups will be invited to participate on this day.

President mentioned that the website will be the best mode of communication and that it will be updated regularly to keep the membership informed. He stated that the mailing of the Annual Report is very costly, and that this year it costs \$4.05 per envelope. He continued that the two news letters and other mailings in between were costing SLAWDC approximately \$2000 per year, and enquired if the membership was willing to receive information via email instead of regular mail. He mentioned that black and white copies could be mailed if a special request was made, as the color copies were too expensive.

Mrs. Christine Wiratunge proposed that the Annual Report be sent by email.

Mr. Bandula Ranasinghe pointed out that according to the by-laws, the annual report should be mailed.

Mrs. Codippily then agreed that the by laws can be changed and wanted to propose on the matter and move forward.

Mr. Dorabawila then mentioned that since it is an Association and that it is the AGM that is being conducted at this time, the By Laws can be amended. He further proposed that it should be done at this time.

President mentioned that the Annual Report was posted on the web two weeks prior to the AGM, and since most members have email capabilities, it is feasible to email the Annual Report in order to cut costs.

Mr. Codippily then stated that it is good to have the Annual Report on the web but requested that printed copies be available at the AGM.

Mrs. Christine Wiratunge proposed that the Annual Report be emailed with hard copies available at the AGM, and Mrs. Romanie De Silva seconded it. Thereafter a vote was carried out and a motion was passed to email the Annual Report to the membership with printed copies available at the AGM, and also have it posted on the web two weeks prior to the AGM.

8. Election of the Honorary Auditor for 2007/2008

Mr. Edward Peries proposed Mr. Gayanga Opatha to be the Honorary Auditor for SLAWDC/SLGW for 2007/2008. Dr. Codippily seconded this nomination.

9. Any Other Business

Mrs. Salgado enquired if the community can be informed of events including death announcements.

President explained that if public announcements are to be made, it has to be carried out consistently, in order to avoid any misunderstandings within the community. He stated that due to time constraints a certain death announcement was not made earlier in the year. Therefore the Board did not make any further death announcements thereafter due to this incident. However, this is something the Board will consider going forward with. President also pointed out that the database is over 20 years old and needed to be cleaned up to include a "members only list", and once this is completed, the Board can start making community announcements to this list.

Mr. Cherubim cautioned that sometimes the web master may get things such as advertisements that we shouldn't get involved in especially if it is controversial in nature.

President reminded all members that the Association has a section for advertisements on the SLAWDC website for \$100, and that the Web Master always ensures that the nature of the contents are genuine. President reminded the members that the Web Master too is a voluntary position and that there might be times when he/she is not available to send out communications on a regular basis. President continued that it does not mean that the Directors are not supporting an event or a group, but it was just that the resources available are limited.

Mr. Opatha suggested that the Board have guidelines on what can be emailed and what should not. President mentioned that it was discussed at a prior Board Meeting.

Mr. Ponnampereuma suggested asking the membership if they wanted to receive these emails such as for musical/entertainment events.

President then mentioned that it is impossible to oblige each and every group who makes requests/contributions from SLAWDC for their events. He also apologized for not having sent out personal thank you letters to members who have been helpful but instead, opting for e-mails or telephone calls to do so.

Mr. Edward Peries inquired if non-office holding Board members can be allocated to handle certain tasks usually carried out by a Board Member.

Mr. Iro Nanayakkara pointed out that if a person is out of the country or due to other circumstance is not available, having individuals assigned might not be the best scenario.

Mr. Edward Peries enquired if the Board of Directors meetings can be announced on the website and if the Agendas can be published. He also inquired about sending suggestions in for Board Meetings.

Mr. Dakshi De Silva acknowledged that it was a good idea and that we can have a suggestion mailbox to receive member's comments/suggestions/proposals.

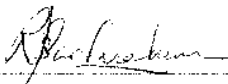
Mr. Prasanth Cherubim commended on the website and Mr. Dahanaike thanked Mr. Upul Abeywarne and his wife Dilini for a wonderful job done in maintaining the website.

Mr. Codippily then thanked and commended the President, the Board and the leadership for a very effective year, and wished the new Board the best in the coming year.

10. **Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Sri Lanka Association of Washington D.C.



Rashika Padmakumara

Secretary

February 17, 2008

SRI LANKA ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON, DC (SLAWDC)
ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1, 2007 to JANUARY 31, 2008

The Board of Directors is pleased to present the following Annual Report of the Association

Patron and Vice Patrons

Patron: Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the United States Hon. Mr. Bernard A.B. Goonetilleke.

Vice Patrons: Mr. Prasanth Cherubim and Dr. Hilarian Codippily

Honorary Members

The Honorary Members of the Association are: Mr. Clement Abeyagoonewardene, and Mrs. Pathma Liyanapathirana.

Non-resident Honorary Members

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Jr. & Nancy P. Noble – Vermont

Sustaining Members

The following are recognized by the Board as Sustaining Members, who continue to pay annual dues, without regard to their Honorary or Life member status are:

Dr. and Mrs. Raj & Deepika Barr-Kumar, and
Dr. & Mrs. Hilarian & Sheila Codippily

Life Members

ABEYWICKRAMA, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth & Bernie
BADDELIYANAGE, Mr. & Mrs. Don & Mangala
BARR-KUMAR, Dr. & Mrs. Raj & Deepika
CODIPPILY, Dr. & Mrs. Hilarian & Sheila
DE FONSEKA, Dr. & Mrs. Kamal
DE ZOYSA, Ms. Rani
FERNANDOPULLE, Dr. & Mrs. Greg & Sulocha
FONSEKA, Mr. & Mrs. Lalin & Ranmalee
GUNASEKERA, Mr. Ronald
HERATH, Mr. Saliya
KURUPPU, Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Ranjini
LOOS, Ms. Janine
MUSHIN, Mr. & Mrs. Mohamed & Sithy
NANAYAKKARA, Mr. & Mrs. Iroshana & Shayami
PERERA, Mr. & Mrs. Cecil & Therese
PERIES, Mr. Kumar
RANASINGHE, Mr. & Mrs. Bandula & Geetha
RUDRAN, Dr. Rudy & Mrs. Ranji
SALGADO, Mr. & Mrs. Ranil
SENANAYAKE, Ms. Shantini
TANTULA, Mr. & Mrs. Kosala
WIJETILLEKE, Drs. Lakdasa & Padma

AMERASINGHE, Dr. & Mrs. Ranjan & Wimla,
BADDELIYANAGE, Mr. & Mrs. R.
BASNAYAKE, Mr. & Mrs. Sena & Nelum
DAHANAIKE, Mr. Lasantha
DE SILVA, Mr. & Mrs. Dakshi & Romanie
DON, Mr. Milroy
FERNANDO, Mr. & Mrs. Vijitha & Sarla
GOONEWARDENE, Mr. & Mrs. Nihal & Crystal
HAPANGAMA, Mr. & Mrs. Ratna & Anoma
KARUNARATNE, Mr. & Mrs. S.
LENORA, Mr. & Mrs. Nihal
MCCOY, Ms. Billie
NANAYAKKARA, Mr. & Mrs. Jim & Badhra
PERERA, Mr. Alex
PERIES, Mr. & Mrs. Edward & Anna
RAJAKUMARAN, Mr. & Mrs. Basil & Devika
RANGANATHAN, Mr. & Mrs. A.
SALGADO, Dr. & Mrs. Ranjith & Surangani
SAMARASINGHE, Drs. Stanley & Vidya
STORK, Mr. Ralph Ainslie
VITHANAGE, Ms. Charmini
WIRATUNGA, Mr. & Mrs. Ranjith & Christine

Membership

The Association is proud to announce a membership of 191 single and family dues paying members in addition to the 76 life members (4 of whom are also sustaining members), and two Honorary Members.

Finances

SLAWDC ended its financial year with a healthy balance of \$8414.51.

Annual General Meeting

The following members retained their two-year positions as office bearers for 2007/2008.

President: Lasantha Dahanaike
Secretary: Sandra Ismail
Treasurer: Dhanu Ponnampereuma
(SLAWDC)

President Elect: Dakshi De Silva
Asst. Secretary: Rashika Padmakumara
Treasurer: Suraj Navaratne
(SLAGW)

The following members were elected to serve on the Board for 2007/2008 at the Annual General Meeting held on March 25, 2007.

Directors:

Upul Abeywarna
Kamal Dorabawila
Saman Karunaratne

Iroshana Nanayakkara
Devika Wimalkantha

Election of Honorary Auditor for 2007/2008

Mr. Gayanga Opatha was proposed by Mr. Edward Peries and seconded by Dr. Hilarian Codippily to serve as Honorary Auditor of the Association for 2007/2008.

Board Meetings

The Board had four regular meetings and one emergency meeting during the year. Ms. Sandra Ismail stepped down from her post as Secretary in June 2007 and continued to serve as a Director. Ms. Rashika Padmakumara succeeded her as Secretary and Mr. Iroshana Nanayakkara was nominated to be the Assistant Secretary.

WWW.SLAWDC.Com

The SLAWDC website continued to keep the community informed of SLAWDC activities as well as other events by keeping the community calendar updated. The community was also encouraged to advertise their businesses under "Community Businesses" for a nominal fee of \$100 per year.

Serendib

The redesigned newsletter continued to include community news in addition to that of SLAWDC. The Board successfully tested out sending the newsletter by e-mail and mailing hard copies only to those who requested it thus saving SLAWDC \$620.00 when compared to last year.

EVENTS HELD DURING THE YEAR

(Photographs can be found on the SLAWDC website at www.slawdc.com)

Sinhala and Tamil New Year Celebrations

Over 200 Sri Lankan Washingtonians attended the Aluth Avurudu celebrations organized by the Sri Lanka Association of Washington D.C. The event was attended by clergy from the DC and Wheaton Buddhist temples and other dignitaries. Master Drushan De Silva and Miss Shehani Nanayakkara greeted the Sri Lankan Ambassador to Washington, D.C., Mr. Bernard Goonetilleke with “bulath hurulu”.

The selection of little Avurudu Kumaraya and Kumari was the most celebrated event of the day with more than 25 children taking part. There were many traditional games for kids and adults to enjoy with the most popular events being breaking the candy pot blindfolded and the Tug-O’-War.

The special Avurudu treats of Kavun, Kokis, Kiribath and other sweetmeats spread across the tables was enjoyed by all throughout the day.

Sri Lankan Law students hosted by SLAWDC

SLAWDC Director Rashika Padmakumara hosted Ruwanthi Herat Gunaratne, Rehan Almeida and Irshad Hameed – all Law students from the Sri Lanka Law College in March 2007. These students who were here for the Jessup Moot court competition were also hosted for dinner by past President and Vice Patron of SLAWDC Dr. Hilarian Codippily and Mrs. Sheila Codippily.

SLAWDC Cricket fans well represented at the World Cup Cricket Tournament

The exciting Sri Lanka vs. India match in Trinidad had the support of SLAWDC Director Upul Abeywarne and member Manjula Dissanayake. The two weeks of super 8s in Grenada saw past president Greg Fernandopulle and wife Sulocha, Terry and Ranji Kuruupu, Prad Perera, Prasad Dissanayake, Kishan Wijethunga, PK William, Sudammi Ranasinghe along with President of SLAWDC Lasantha Dahanaike and Asst. Secretary Rashika Padmakumara.

PK and Treasurers Dhanusha Ponnampereuma and Suraj Navaratne made the trip to Jamaica to watch our team beat the mighty New Zealanders to reach the finals. Also present in Jamaica were Tissa Pilapitiya, and Dinesh Weerakoon. The final in Barbados was supported by past president and vice patron Prasanth Cherubim, past president Sena Basnayake, members Sumith Wijegoonewardena, Russel Cramer, PK William, Shanta Karunaratne, Sudammi Ranasinghe, Directors, Rashika Padmakumara, Upul Abeywarne, Iroshana Nanayakkara, and Lasantha Dahanaike.

Sri Lanka Day and the DC vs. NY Cricket Encounter

The much-anticipated Sri Lanka Day was held on September 2, 2007 at the North Chevy Chase Local Park in Maryland, under the patronage of His Excellency the Ambassador of Sri Lanka, Mr. Bernard Goonetilleke. We were also privileged to have Honorable Minister Anura Bandaranaike grace the occasion as Chief Guest.

With the generous support of the Catholic Association, Ranga Kala Kavaya, COSLA, Educate Lanka and Sri Lankan Airlines, the event was a great success with an incredible participation and represented by all communities with over 300 members turning up for this wonderful day of festivities.

The annual cricket encounter between New York and Washington DC was the main highlight of this day. The game was closely contested until the very end, with New York ultimately edging out DC with a narrow margin of 9 runs. The program extended with many children’s events including sprints, bicycle racings and soccer and events for adults including a tennis and basketball tournament.

The raffle draw for a return ticket on Sri Lankan Airlines courtesy of Sri Lankan Airlines, raised \$1500 which was donated to the “Walkagain” campaign by SLAGW.

Shramanda at the Buddhist Temples

SLAWDC Directors organized two successful shramadanas, one at the DC temple and another at the Wheaton temple. Both events were held on October 27, 2007 in order to have the temples cleaned and ready for the upcoming katina pinkams.

Children's Christmas Party

The annual Children's Christmas party was held together with the The Sri Lankan American Catholic Association of Metropolitan Washington (SLACAMW) during its Christmas celebrations held on December 8, 2007.

New Year's Eve Dinner Dance

This year's New Year's Eve Gala was at the newly renovated Marriott Hotel in Tysons's corner, VA. Approximately 250 members and friends of the Sri Lankan community joined in the spirit and fun of celebrating the New Year in a beautiful setting with delicious food and great music!

The popular local band “Sihasara” along with DJ Anil who played a great mix of international music provided live music. President Dahanaike welcomed those present and thanked the board members for their support and hard work during the year. The guests were treated to “Kiribath” and “lunumiris” after midnight.

COMMUNITY EVENTS SUPPORTED BY SLAWDC

Col. Olcott Centennial Meeting

The Colonel Olcott Centennial Meeting, to remember the life and work of Col. Henry Steele Olcott and his influence on colonial Sri Lanka, organized by the Coalition of Sri Lankans in the US, was held in Washington DC on February 17, 2007.

Walkagain Campaign

Walkagain campaign reached its goal of \$8,888 to provide prosthetic legs to all 22 soldiers housed at Ranaviru Sevena. SLAGW donated \$1500 raised from the Sri Lanka Day event raffle draw.

Catholic Association Christmas Celebrations

Christmas celebration presented by the The Sri Lankan American Catholic Association of Metropolitan Washington (SLACAMW) celebrated the festive season on December 8, 2007 at the Temple Emanuel, 10101 Connecticut Ave, Kensington, MD 20895

Acknowledgements

We thank -

Our Patron, Ambassador Hon. Mr. Bernard A. B. Goonetilleke;

Vice Patrons, Mr. Prasanth Cherubim and Dr. Hilarian Codippily;

Advisory Board comprising of, Dr. Guy Motha, Attorney Sri Lal Perera, Attorney Sena Basnayake, Mr. Ed Peries and Mrs. Sheila Codippily;

Our Honorary Auditor, Mr. Gayanga Opatha;

Our Past Presidents;

Clergy of the Washington Buddhist Vihara and the Wheaton Temple;

Our good friends of Sri Lanka Ranga Kala Kavaya, Sri Lanka Catholic Association, Educate Lanka and the Coalition of Sri Lankan Americans;

Our spouses and families;

Our advertisers and well wishers; and

Our counterparts in the Sri Lanka Association of New York and its President Ms. Rajini Jagoda

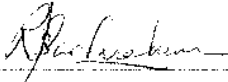
Conclusion

It is with much appreciation and gratitude that I take this opportunity to thank the rest of the Board for their hard work and dedication throughout the past year, and I wish to thank members of this Association who have volunteered their personal time to help this Association grow.

I also take this opportunity to encourage new membership and urge participation in all activities carried out by the Association.



We look forward to your continued support in the future.

For and behalf of the Board of Directors



Rashika Padmakumara
Secretary

Sri Lanka Association of Washington, D.C.
Balance Sheets
as of January 31, 2008

	<u>1/31/2008</u>	<u>1/31/2007</u>	
ASSETS			
Bank Balance	\$ 8,404.51	\$ 8,608.55	
Checks in Transit	\$ (1,450.00)	\$ (861.60)	
Receivable	\$ 1,460.00	\$ 456.00	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$8,414.51	\$8,202.95	
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Beginning Balance	\$6,887.95	\$6,326.00	
Net Surplus	\$951.56	\$561.95	
Ending Balance	\$7,839.51	\$6,887.95	
Pre-Paid Membership	\$ 575.00	\$ 1,315.00	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$8,414.51	\$8,202.95	
	2/13/2008		2/13/2008
Mr. Dhanu Ponnampereuma Treasurer	Date	Mr. Gayanga Opatha Honorary Auditor	Date

Sri Lanka Association of Washington, D.C.
Statements of Income & Expenditure
For the Period ending January 31st, 2008

	2007	
INCOME		
Membership Fees - 2007	\$2,900.00	
New Year Dinner Dance 2007-2008	\$273.81	
		\$3,173.81
EXPENDITURE		
General Expenditures - 2007	(498.64)	
Annual General Meeting - 2007	(190.00)	
Sinhala/Tamil New Year - 2007	(396.70)	
Sri Lanka Day / DC-NY Cricket Encounter - 2007	(692.63)	
Newsletter - 2007	(444.28)	
		(2,222.25)
Operating Surplus		951.56
Transfers from SLAGW		
Total Transfers	\$0.00	
		\$0.00
Transfers to SLAGW		
Total Transfers	\$0.00	
		\$0.00
NET Surplus		\$951.56

ANNUAL REPORT

2007-2008

(February 1, 2007 to January 31, 2008)

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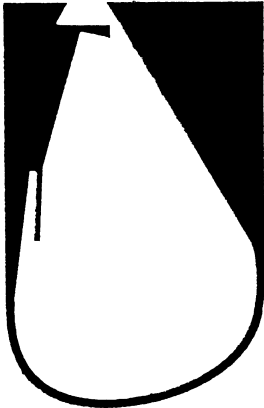
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February 10, 2008

Dear Members:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Sri Lanka Association of Washington D.C. (SLAWDC), I wish to invite you to the Association's 33rd Annual General Meeting on Sunday March 02, 2008. The 2007/2008 Annual Report for the Sri Lanka Association of Greater Washington, Inc. (SLAGW), our charitable affiliate organization, describes the activities sponsored or supported by us. The organization of the SLAGW Annual Report separates its discrete activities and the Financial Statement from that of the parent organization, SLAWDC. The Board of Directors of SLAWDC provides governance for the charitable endeavors of SLAGW.

Unfortunately, in spite of several appeals throughout the year, our members have not been very generous with their checkbooks this year. During economic downturns it is normal for donors to be a bit tight with their generosity and this is understandable. I hope that this trend will not continue into the coming year. The total amount received in donations this year was \$2410.

We will continue to assist The NEST, Richmond Fellowship Lanka, Manrosa Home of Love, HelpAge and The Ceylon School for the Deaf and Blind in Ratmalana and Jaffna. All of these organizations are registered charities in Sri Lanka and you can be assured that your donations are reaching the intended recipients. Periodically we will continue to assist other charitable and humanitarian causes recommended and supported by our members.

I urge you to please be generous with your contributions during this coming year.

Sincerely,

Lasantha Dahanaiké
President

SRI LANKA ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WASHINGTON, INC. (SLAGW)
ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1, 2007 to JANUARY 31, 2008

The Board of Directors are pleased to present the following Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Association of Greater Washington, Inc. (SLAGW).

Governance

The Board of Directors of the Sri Lanka Association of Washington, D.C. (SLAWDC), duly elected at the 32nd Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on March 25, 2007, provides the overall guidance, stewardship and management to SLAGW. As the affiliate organization of SLAWDC, responsible for its humanitarian, charitable and educational activities, SLAGW receives support from the parent organization in carrying out the mandate granted by its members. The Board held five meetings during the course of the year.

Annual General Meeting

The following members retained their two-year positions as office bearers for 2007/2008.

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Board Meetings

The Board had four regular meetings and one emergency meeting during the year. Ms. Sandra Ismail stepped down from her post as Secretary in June 2007 and continued to serve as a Director. Ms. Rashika Padmakumara succeeded her as Secretary and Mr. Iroshana Nanayakkara was nominated to be the Assistant Secretary.

WWW.slawdc.com

The SLAWDC website continued to keep the community informed of SLAWDC activities as well as other events by keeping the community calendar updated.

Serendib

The redesigned newsletter continued to include community news in addition to that of SLAGW.

Finances

SLAGW total funds collected for the period ending January 31, 2008 is \$2,410. The total distribution of funds for the period from February 1, 2007 thru January 31, 2008 was \$2,625. The Balance as of January 31, 2008 is \$2920.00.

Donors for 2007

Name	Amount
Ms. Sudammi Ranasinghe	\$500
Board of Directors SLAWDC/SLAGW	\$360
Dr. & Mrs. Codippily	\$250
Mr. Sanjaya Ranasinghe	\$200
Mr. Lasantha Dahanaike	\$100
Mr. Nimal Karunathilake	\$100
Mr. Selvaraj Periyasamy Pillai	\$100
Raffle Sales – Sri Lanka Day	\$800

General Fund Distribution

Organization	Amount	Organization	Amount
HelpAge	\$500	NEST	\$500
Pubudu Home	\$125	Walkagain Campaign	\$1500

SLAGW APPROVED CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

HelpAge (Donated \$500.00 in 2007)

Helpage is an organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life of all senior citizens in Sri Lanka, irrespective of religion, caste or race. They have two decades of experience working with vulnerable senior citizens and providing health and eye care, training of volunteers for voluntary home care, youth education on respecting and caring for senior citizens, providing livelihood assistance and construction of houses, latrines and wells for the tsunami affected. SLAGW contributed \$140.00 to the \$360.00 donated by the Board of Directors of SLAWDC/SLAGW. During the pledge drive conducted by SLAGW, a \$50.00 pledge was made to this fund and will be disbursed in 2008.

NEST, Hendala (Donated \$500.00 in 2007)

NEST is an organization that offers rehabilitation and support services to people diagnosed with long-term illnesses such as AIDS, victims of drug abuse, mental illness, etc. Two main goals of NEST are: 1) to steer people away from prolonged institutionalization by bringing them in to the halfway home surrounded with peace, calm and tranquility and medications when deemed necessary. They are then taught life-skills, and reunited with family and the community. 2) to take a firm stand on denouncing stigmatization, as it plays a major role in the recovery process, and enhancing the quality of life. SLAGW made a 100% matching contribution to the \$250 received from Dr. and Mrs. Hilarian Codippily. During the pledge drive conducted by SLAGW, a \$20.00 pledge was made to this fund and will be disbursed in 2008.

Ceylon School of The Deaf & Blind, Ratmalana (No Donations in 2007)

Founded in 1912, Ceylon School of The Deaf & Blind is a residential institution, catering to nearly 600 impaired children in 3 schools, irrespective of race or religion. The school provides free board and education to the children most of whom come from very poor backgrounds and the largest expense is food as the children are served 3 main meals and evening tea each day, where the emphasis is on wholesome nutritious food. During the pledge drive conducted by SLAGW, members pledged \$130.00 to this fund, which will be disbursed in 2008.

Manrosa Home Of Love, Dankotuwa (No donations in 2007)

Manrosa home of love is a home that accommodates female elders selected from among the poorest of the poor in society, who have been left destitute for various reasons. The home does not receive government or international funding and the local community brings in donations of dry rations and alms. The home does not

discriminate against race, community or religion. During the pledge drive conducted by SLAGW, members pledged \$100.00 to this fund, which will be disbursed in 2008.

Richmond Fellowship (No Donations/pledges in 2007)

Richmond Fellowship is a registered NGO under the Voluntary Social Services Act in Sri Lanka that offers skilled care to those who are mentally and emotionally disturbed and who require rehabilitation in addition to medication before they can re-integrate with family and the community. RFL provides accommodation for twenty males and females and is linked to similar organizations offering a global network of therapeutic communities.

OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED BY SLAGW in 2007

Pubudu Home (Donated \$125.00 in 2007)

SLAGW received \$125 which was donated to All Ceylon Women's Buddhist Congress towards assisting this home for the physically disabled children. This donation was made by a life member.

Walkagain Campaign (Donated \$1500.00 in 2007)

Former Directors of SLAWDC, Gayanga Opatha and Mahil Abeywarna organized Walkagain campaign along with their friends Kanch Algama and Lasitha Gunawardena to raise funds to donate "Above knee prosthetic limbs" produced at Ranaviru Sevana to the 22 disabled soldiers currently at the Ranaviru Sevana Rehabilitation center in Sri Lanka. SLAGW raised \$1500 for this cause by organizing a raffle during Sri Lanka Day with the assistance of Sri Lankan Airlines.

EducateLanka Foundation (No Donations/pledges in 2007)

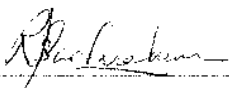
Educate Lanka is an independent non-profit organization established to assist financially underserved students in Sri Lanka to continue their Education. The mission of EducateLanka is to be a helping hand to the financially underserved students in Sri Lanka to continue their education and the intent is to act as an independent entity to bring together groups of sponsors and donors from around the world to provide financial assistance to those students. EducateLanka believes this could be achieved throughout in Sri Lanka, regardless of ethnicity, color, or religion.

Conclusion

The officers and members of the Board of Directors have worked tirelessly with much personal sacrifice during this past year and it is with much gratitude that I take this opportunity to thank the Board for their hard work and dedication.

I would like to thank the members who have made donations and supported SLAGW through out the past year. I also take this opportunity to encourage the membership to take advantage of our tax-exempt status and to keep us in mind when making your annual charitable contributions.

For and behalf of the Board of Directors



Rashika Padmakumara
Secretary

Sri Lanka Association Of Greater Washington, Inc


Statement of Financial Position

For the Year Ending January 31st, 2008

	Year 2007-08	Year 2006-07
Current Assets	Amount	Amount
Cash- Chevy Chase Operating A/C	2,274	2,386
Cash - Citigroup Colombo (\$ Equivalent)	646	765
Total Current Assets	2,920	3,151
Fund Balances		
The Barr-Kumarkulasinghe Endowment	1,000	1,000
Anura Karunaratne Fund	1,585	1,585
General Fund*	335	566
Total Fund Balance	2,920	3,151



 Suraj Navaratne 2/14/2008
 Date



 Mr. Gayanga Opatha

02/14/08
 Date

Treasurer, SLAGW

Hon. Auditor

