

**MINUTES OF THE**  
**DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION OF SINGAPORE**  
**2005 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Date & Time** : 24th September 2005, 3.00pm  
**Venue** : Dyslexia Centre  
2 Bukit Merah Centra, #05-00  
Training Room.

**Members Present :**

Jimmy Daruwalla	Eric Lee	Kaka Singh
Paul Lim	Derek McCully	Cynthia Tan
Francis Xavier	Rajaram	Robin Moseley
Lee Siang	Corina Lai	Roslan Saad
Seng Kok Kwee	Ong Bee Gek	Nelly Yanty
David Mackenzie	Fang Mei Ling	Ho Koon Wee
Lee Swee Boey	Lim Jessica	Lee Lay Hoon
Lee Shirely	Jayapal	Juliana Sui
Ko Karen	Soh Maggie	Low Priscilla
Wong Min Fook	Chia Susie	Tan Jennifer
Lim Lai Chen	Koh Lee Hwa	Toh Chai Keng
Jenny Khng Siew Lee	Chua Sylvia	Wong Patricia
Phiong Shook Mei	Tay Mui Joo	Leong Lai Peng
Chue Veronica	Wu Sun Tai	Baldeep Kaur D/O Santa Singh
Shan Ho	Tan Sen Sen	Amy Tan
Wee Bee Cheng	Tan Beng Hong	Ho Lai Kuen
Ang Soon Lin	Lim Sok Mui May	Ee Poh Ling Eileen
Chan Poh Geok	Goh Helen	Tan Choon Choo Doris
Mohd Kamil Yusoff		

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The meeting commenced promptly at 3.00 pm. Dr. Daruwalla thanked all the parents for taking the time to attend this AGM.

**1 Minutes of the 2004 Annual General Meeting**

The minutes of the 2004 AGM was passed without amendments.

**2 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

**2.1 Increasing DAS tuition fees.** Dr Daruwalla informed that after consultation with MOE, the DAS will be raising its tuition fees by 5% from 1 January 2006. The DAS had delayed earlier suggestions for fee increases in view of the recent poor economic situation and this is the first time in 7 years that the DAS is increasing tuition fees. To help parents, instead of quarterly payments, they can make monthly payments by GIRO from January 2006.

2.2 **MOE guidelines for exam accommodations.** Dr Daruwalla informed that we have requested MOE to publish their guidelines but MOE's present position is that they will not be doing so.

### 3 **Annual Report including Treasurer's Report**

**3.1 Operating Deficit and Fund Raising.** Dr Daruwalla announced an operating deficit of \$398,350 for the financial year ending 31 March 2005.

Mrs Patricia Wong suggested that we approach the government for funding. Mr Kaka Singh explained that we are presently partially funded by the Ministry of Education.

Mrs Koh Lee Hwa suggested that we network with Rotary and Lion Clubs to help raise funds. Mr Eric Lee pointed out that about half the current Executive Committee belong to various Rotary Clubs and they have raised funds but the DAS would welcome all suggestions to raise funds. All parents were requested to help initiate contacts for fund-raising as well.

**3.2 Investment of reserves.** Dr Daruwalla informed that to overcome low returns from fixed deposits, the DAS has also invested its reserves in SGX bonds.

**3.3 Expanded scope of services.** Dr Daruwalla highlighted that back in 2002, the DAS provided just one service – our teaching service. We have now expanded the scope of our services to include psychological assessments, speech and language therapy, counselling, accredited training courses, awareness activities, research, etc. All these have also served to enhance the quality of our teaching service. Dr. Daruwalla acknowledged the efforts of Mr. Robin Moseley in making this possible.

**3.4 Increased staffing.** Dr Daruwalla reported that in line with our increasing enrolment and expanded scope of services, our staff strength has increased to 69 full-time and part-time staff.

**3.5 Alternate textbooks for dyslexic students.** Mdm Baldeep Kaur suggested that the DAS produce alternate textbooks for dyslexic students to use in MOE classrooms. Mr Robin Moseley replied that the DAS will look into this matter but cautioned that it would be a big and difficult project.

**3.6 Use of Edusave.** Mrs Veronica Chue enquired about the use of Edusave for DAS Tuition Fees. Mr Moseley explained that parents can approach their child's school principals for approval on this matter.

**3.7 Teaching DAS students social skills.** Mrs Patricia Wong suggested that DAS help students with social skills as well. Mr Moseley explained that much of the emphasis of DAS teachers was to instil self belief and confidence in our students. Mdm Fang Mei Ling informed that her son is presently with DAS teacher Adeline Chai and she has seen a marked improvement in his self confidence.

**3.8 Awareness Activities.** Mrs Jenny Khng enquired if the DAS could conduct more awareness activities in MOE schools as many MOE teachers are

still unfamiliar with the problems that dyslexic children face. Mr Moseley informed that we are already more proactive in conducting more awareness talks in MOE schools and called upon all parents to help us initiate contact with schools for this purpose.

**3.9 PTG.** Mrs Jenny Khng also requested that the PTG be indicated on the DAS Organization Chart. Mr Moseley explained that the PTG is akin to a parent support group and therefore not part of the staff organizational chart.

**3.10 Looking ahead to 2006.** Mr Moseley informed that the priorities for the DAS in 2006 included :

- Holding a successful first international conference
- Increasing our learning centres and student enrolment to 1000
- Initiating a pre-school service.

Ms May Lim queried with regards to the data collected from our pre-school survey. Mr Moseley explained that the information was for us to gauge the accuracy of imported assessment tools for local pre-school children who have to learn in a multilingual environment.

#### **4. Amendments to the DAS Constitution**

The meeting approved the changes proposed for the DAS Constitution. The approved changes are at Annex A. These changes will be forwarded to the Registrar of Societies and Commissioner of Charities and will come into force upon their approval.

#### **5. Election of the Office Bearers for 2004/2005**

5.1 The meeting then went into the business of electing the Office Bearers for 2005/2006. The positions of President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary, Assistant Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Assistant Honorary Treasurer and five Committee Members were put up for nomination and seconded. There were no other nominations.

The results of the Election were as follows:

<b>No</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Proposed / Seconded By</b>
1	President	Dr Jimmy Daruwalla	Proposed by : Mr Eric Lee Seconded by : Mr Rajaram
2	Vice President	Mr Eric Lee	Proposed by : Mrs Cynthia Tan Seconded by : Dr J Daruwalla
3	Hon. Treasurer	Mr Derek McCully	Proposed by : Mr Rajaram Seconded by : Mr Paul Lim
4	Asst. Hon. Treasurer	Mrs Cynthia Tan	Proposed by : Mr Francis Xavier Seconded by : Mr Eric Lee

5	Hon. Secretary	Mr Paul Lim	Proposed by : Mr Francis Xavier Seconded by : Mrs Cynthia Tan
6	Asst. Hon Secretary	Mdm Yat Swee Eng	Proposed by : Mr Paul Lim Seconded by : Dr J Daruwalla
7	Committee Member	Mr K Kesavapany	Proposed by : Mr Rajaram Seconded by : Mr Derek McCully
8	Committee Member	Mr Rajaram	Proposed by : Dr J Daruwalla Seconded by : Mr Kaka Singh
9	Committee Member	Mr Kaka Singh	Proposed by : Mr Eric Lee Seconded by : Mr Derek McCully
10	Committee Member	Mrs June Tham	Proposed by : Mr Paul Lim Seconded by : Mr Francis Xavier
11	Committee Member	Mr Francis Xavier	Proposed by : Mrs Cynthia Tan Seconded by : Mr Kaka Singh

## **6. Any other matters**

There being no other matters, the meeting came to an end at 4.00 pm.

### **Minutes recorded by :**

*Lee Siang*

*Head of Corporate Services*

### **Vetted by :**

*Mr Robin Moseley*

*Executive Director*

### **Approved by :**

*Dr Jimmy Daruwalla*

*President*