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President's Message

Telecommunication is an instantaneous mode of modern communication that enables rapid interaction, therefore a vital component at all times to initiate and improve the understanding among our members; a catalyst too, to maintain a viable association. I sincerely wish to thank all those who co-operated and coordinated with me in planning, organizing and conducting the events of our association to its pinnacle of success. This commendable contribution from our members should continue to blossom in future too. SLPTOAC.COM, our web site is the face of our association to the world at large, enabling our colleagues to strengthen our membership, therefore our association too.

Our association inaugurated in 1994, annually conducts five events with publication of quarterly newsletters and a souvenir during the cultural event. It also rewards the social events' participants in games, sports etc. Donations to the Sick Kids of Toronto and the Red Cross represent SLPTOAC's generous philosophy of philanthropy towards the Canadian Community. It is important to remember the CE records such as our souvenir that contains messages and well wishes from the Hon. Prime Minister down to councilors, quarterly newsletters, appreciation letters, and trophies. These constitute the indelible records of our events.

It is imperative that absolute discipline is maintained at all our events in order to sustain our non-profit organization status. The onus lies with our BOD. By a smooth and systematic process, it is indeed possible for an organization like ours to become eligible for state grants and funding. It is therefore the joint responsibility of both the BOD and the members to organize and conduct such events that are recognized by the concerned authorities to win grants and funding for our SLPTOAC.

SLPTOAC & Postelecom: It is the joint onus for both parties to reconcile and formulate a simple and mutually acceptable solution that can wipe off all the animosity and bring both parties together, again for the enhancement of SLPTOAC's future. Those who cannot forgive others, break the bridge over which they themselves must pass. Decision is the spark that ignites action. Until a decision is made nothing happens.

Whenever it is possible, the act is certainly good; if not
Endeavor to employ some more successful method. Thirukkural 673

The main aim of this association is to maintain a platform to meet and conduct social events for the retired P & T staff domiciled in Canada. It is time for the new members to assume responsibilities at committee level, to achieve its stated goals.

Thanks for affording me the opportunity to serve as the President of SLPTOAC. During these three terms as President, my message was mainly about Peace & Unity, in our publications. These promote Faith - the first step in achieving our objectives. In conclusion, I do hope my thoughts reflected above, do help in the progress and prosperity of SLPTOAC and its members.

P. Pathmanathan
August 07, 2010.

EDITORIAL

We look forward to meeting many of you at the AGM. Each one of you please encourage another to be present. Your presence in large numbers inspires us to go forward and confirms our faith in you and in what we do to the general membership.

We give below the minutes of the last AGM and the Yearly accounts for your information and ratification. May this AGM be the dawn of a new era

Members are requested to subscribe articles to our NL, which would be highly appreciated.

Annual General Meeting - Final Notice

The 16th AGM of the SriLankan Post & Telecommunication Officers Association - Canada will be held on Saturday 7th August 2010 at Daily Needs Party Hall, 2541 Pharmacy Avenue, Scarborough, Ontario (Pharmacy/Finch), commencing at 10.30 A.M.

AGENDA

1. Reading of the notice of convening the meeting
2. President's Address
3. Reading of the minutes of the 15th AGM
4. Presentation of the Annual Report
5. Presentation of the Annual Accounts
6. Resolutions and Amendments to the Constitution
7. Election of Office Bearers
8. Any other business
9. Vote of thanks by the secretary

Snacks and lunch will be provided

S. Velautham
Secretary

SLPTOAC NEWS

The 9th committee meeting was held on the 11th of July, with Mr.P.Pathmanathan in the chair and was attended by 11 members. Past Family day event activities reviewed & responsibilities of BOD discussed. The AGM agenda, the nominations for the new board was discussed. There was no nomination received until July 6, 2010 (Nomination dead line). The BOD proposed the following names for 2010/2011 BOD, for the house approval at the AGM on the 7th August 2010. Also discussed was ways and means to encourage increasing the membership.

Proposed Nominations for 2010/2011

President:	Mr.A.P. Manuelpillai	Committee Members
Vice President:	Mr.V.Paramalingam	1) Mr.K.Thuraisingam
Secretary:	Mr.S.Velautham	2) Mr.D.C.Aloysius
Asst Secretary:	Mr.C.Egbert	3) Mr.S.Wijeyachandran
Treasurer:	Mr.A.K.Alvapillai	4) Mr.S.E.Anandarajah
Asst Treasurer:	Mr.K.Kanagarajah	5) Ms.Consy.Sathiyandan
Asst Editor:	Mr.S.Vettivelu	

The annual Family-Day event was held at Neilson Park, there was a fair amount of gathering, mainly children inspite of the rain. All planned events were held and we wound up with awards to the winners and lunch to all present.

SARASWATHI POOJA & MEET AND GREET

The date for the “Saraswathi Pooja” ceremony & Annual “Meet and Greet” for the year 2010 will be notified later

SOCIAL NEWS

OBITUARY

Mrs Selvi Sinnathamby beloved wife of Mr. V.A.Kandasamy (retired Post master), and loving sister of Secretary SLPTOAC Mr. S.Velautham passed away in Jaffna on the 6th June 2010.

Mrs. Manonmani Rajadurai, mother in law of Late Mr B.Xavier (retired I.I),and A.P.Manuelpillai, Editor SLPTOAC,passed away on the 12 June 2010.

On behalf of the general membership of the SLPTOAC, we convey our heartfelt condolences to all members of the family.

SLPTOAC
Annual Report for 2009-2010

The Board of directors of the SLPTOAC has great pleasure in presenting the 15th annual report.

Membership

Life members - 34, Paid members - 34, New members - 2, Subscription due – 46. Total = 116.

Office

We continue to run our office at 2541 Pharmacy Ave, Scarborough. The Board meetings, AGM and other events are held here. We are thankful to the new management of daily needs for their cooperation extended to us.

Meeting of Board of Directors

We had 9 meetings during the year under review.

News letter

Tele post was published on a regular basis.

Website:

Now we have a website www.slptoac.com for our association. Here the current term NL, SL pensioners circular and SLPTOAC activities and information are made available to all. We thank President Mr. P.Pathmanathan and the directors who contributed to have the website. Special thanks to the daughter- in - law of Princely (Editor), who designed our lovely web site.

Welfare fund

Our financial position has improved from previous year. We continued to provide eye glasses. During this year, two members m/s Daisy Heinsman & S.Velautham received eye glasses. Three members passed away and their families received the death donations.

Bereavements

The following members passed away this year:

Mr. A.K. Sivapathasandaram (November 13th 2009)

Mr. S. Sivanantham (October 22nd 2009)

Mr. K. Sivapragasam (January 6th 2010)

The association paid its respect with floral tributes. We convey our sincere condolences again to their families.

Donations

It is a pleasure to inform you that a donation of \$200.00 was sent for Haiti relief fund when earthquake hit that country. Another \$200.00 was sent to sick children Hospital Toronto.

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Meet & Greet

This socializing function was held on November 7th 2009 and was well attended by members and their families. Bingo, silent auction and delicious food were enjoyed by the participants. Certain members contributed several items for the auction and several others brought different kind of food items for dinner. The boards of directors are thankful to those who helped to bring this event a success.

Saraswathy Pooja

The Saraswathy Pooja was celebrated at Nallur Murugan Kovil Kalyana mandapam on September 26th 2009. It was well attended, a spiritual speaker brother Nathan from the organization "Bhrama Kumari", delivered a spiritual speech. Mr.P.Pathmanathan, Mr. K. S Ananthan and Mr.S.Velautham also spoke on the significance of the "Navarathiri", and about "Saraswathi Pooja". President Mr. P. Pathmanathan presented a book to Brother Nathan in appreciation. We appreciate and thank Mr. Anurudran Chandrasekaram for his thevaram singing. Also we thank the ladies who conducted religious Bajan and all the members who helped to make the event success especially Mr. Karalamoorthy for bringing the Saraswathy Vikrakam.

Annual Dinner & Cultural Show

It was held on December 12th 2009. A souvenir was printed for this event which shows in detail how the event was conducted. M/S S. Wijayachadram, V. Paramalingam, P. Pathmanathan, D.C.Aloysius & S.Velautham, had collected advertisements to meet the needy financial assistance for the printing of the souvenir and for the success of the event.

We thank Prime Minster of Canada, Premier of Ontario, Mayor of Toronto & others for their greeting messages, and Scarborough Rouge River MP Mr. Derek Lee for attending the cultural show and all artists who entertained the audience.

Family Day

The family day was held on June 12th 2010 at Neilson Park. Though it was a rainy day the attendance was good and the participants enjoyed the sports and lunch.

Postelecom Inc

The negotiation between the special committee appointed by the Board of Directors of SLPTOAC and the Directors of Postelecom Inc took place and a memorandum of understanding signed by both parties on May 24th 2010. We are still awaiting tangible outcome of the discussion.

It is possible for an organization like ours to become eligible for state funding. Working towards the same is highly appreciated by all. As regards the Postelecom, it is time for all concerned to come up to an amicable settlement to meet the aspirations of our members. Association extends its thanks to all those who made donations & all other form of assistance towards the success of its events: Saraswathy Pooja, Meet & Greet, Cultural Event and the Family Day.

Secretary,
S. Velautham
July 11th 2010

S.L.P.T.O.A.C

The minutes of the 15th AGM

The 15th annual general meeting of the SLPTOAC was held on the 18th of July 2009, 10:30AM to 2:00PM at 2541 Pharmacy Ave, Toronto. Sixty one members attended the meeting. The meeting was presided by president, Mr. P Kanagalingam. The meeting began with the observance of 2 minutes of silence followed by the president's announcement. The president informed the house that the secretary, Mr.A. P Manuelpillai was away from Canada and requested the assistant secretary Mr. S Velautham to act as secretary.

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The president welcomed all the members and delivered a brief speech which was based on his message published in the telepost (Issue 44). He also extended his appreciation and thanks to all directors and members for their support in his two terms as president. On his invitation, asst secretary presented the minutes of the 14th AGM. Mr. P. Pathmanathan made the following correction with regard to the medical reimbursement resolution, which is that the maximum to be \$300.00 and a portion of the \$300.00 ie \$175.00 will be deducted from the total awarding of the death donation. This was accepted by the house. The minutes was proposed by Mr.S. Gananathan and seconded by Mr.M.J. Gunaratnam and was adopted by the house. Then the asst. secretary presented the annual report for the year 2008-2009. Mr. D.C. Aloysius proposed the report as correct and Mr. S Kandiah seconded.

As per agenda, the president invited the treasurer to present the annual account. Treasurer Mr.N. Rajaratnam presented the report and passed on to the house for adoption. Mr. S.Gananathan suggested that the names of the eye glasses and death donation recipients be mentioned, and this was accepted by the house. The treasurer provided the following names:

Eyeglasses

- 1) Mr. Joseph Peter
- 2) Mr. N. Rajaratnam
- 3) Mr. K. Thuraisingam
- 4) Mrs. S. Saravanamuttu
- 5) Mr. C. Saravanamuttu

Death Donations

- 1) Late Mr. S. Vignarajah
- 2) Late Mr. S. Logasunderam
- 3) Late Mr. A. Kathirgamu
- 4) Late Mr. E.P. Raja

Mr. Gananathan was concerned about the annual rent paid was somewhat high. The president justified the rent by saying 1) Address for SLPTOAC 2) A room for office storage 3) Place for board meetings, AGM etc. The vice president suggested that if anyone could arrange an alternate, suitable and cheaper place, then it would be considered. There was none. The auditor for 2008-2009, Mr.S.Wijayachandran informed the house about the deficit \$970.00. The asst secretary Mr.S.Velautham explained that it was due to the cancellation of activities like Christmas/New year celebration, which had brought in a considerable loss of income but it will ease in the future course. As no further clarifications of account was called, the adoption was proposed by Mr. K. Arumugam and seconded by Mr. S. Sivaramalingam and was adopted by the house.

The next item was the resolutions, regarding the resolution published in the telepost (issue 44) concerning the Postelecom inc to be debated by the house. The resolution was moved by Mr. D.C. Aloysius and seconded by Mr. V Paramalingam. Mr D.C Aloysius withdrew section 5 and 6 of the original resolution and explained to the house the purpose of introducing this resolution. Several members were enthusiastic and energetic to discuss the resolution in length. Amongst them Ms S. Wijaychandran, N.Rajaratnam, S.Markandan, K.S. Ananthan, S. Balasingam, Peter Joseph, and K.S Raguwaram could be mentioned.

In the opening of the debate MrV.Karalamoorthy expressed his concern that the general membership was not kept informed by the board of directors and the actions being taken so far in regards to Postelecom inc. He also pointed out that the time is lapsing for a civil case. Further, any future plan was not clearly stated and any correspondence already made was not made available to the members. Mr.D.C Aloysius in his reply said that the letters to the ministry of consumer and commerce may help to settle the issue.

Mr. P Pathmanathan spoke on the resolution, after the withdrawal of section 5 and 6 of the resolution. He explained to the members regarding the talks they had with Postelecom Inc. that, the option of the Postelecom Inc was for an amicable settlement, by paying from the Postelecom profit, to a few selected senior members of SLPTOAC individually, whereas the SLPTOAC's suggestion was to direct the profit payment with their account details to SLPTOAC and not to the members directly. The latter option was not accepted by the PostTelecom Inc. At this point of time, Mr.P.Pathmanthan joined Mr.V. Karalamoorthy and Mr.S. Velautham in support of availing the Postelecom Inc's option for an amicable settlement and requested the members too, to support the latter. When acting secretary Mr.S Velautham spoke, he detailed the actions being taken so far and negotiations they had since 2007 to date.He pointed out that, sending three

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representatives to the board of management of the Post Telecom Inc in 2007 was not successful and more than three negotiations with certain board of directors of the Post Telecom Inc's to reach a settlement and sign the letter of memorandum was not possible. He requested the house to consider Mr.P. Pathmanathan's request too before passing the resolution. The vast majority of the members supported the resolution and it was adopted. Five members voted against. The next item was the election of office bearers for 2009-2010. All the board of directors were elected uncontested as was published in the Telepost (issue 44).

President: Mr.P. Pathmanathan Vice President:Mr.V. Paramalingam
Secretary: Mr.S. Velautham Asst.Secretary: Mr.K. Kanagarajah
Treasurer: Mr.A.K. Alvapillai Asst.Treasurer: Mr.S.A.Mann
Asst.Editor: Mr.S.Vettivelu

Committee Members: (7 positions)

1. Mr.C. Egbert 2. Mr.N.Rajesan 3. Mr.K.Thuraisingam 4. Mr.K.S Ananthan 5.Mr.S. Wijeyachandran 6. Mr.K. Chandrasegaram 7. Mr.N.Rajaratnam

The president Mr.P. Kanagalingam called upon Mr. P. Pathmanathan, president (elect), to come forward and take up the chair. Mr. Pathmanathan thanked the members for their unanimous decision of electing him for the 3rd time as president. He sought support from both the members and the board of management for the future progress of the association. Further, he informed the house, his understanding as president of SLPTOAC regard to the Post Telecom Inc issues, the new board of directors will not further any action, because of all the options were exercised in the past. He understands that now the members who supported the resolution 1:2 and 1:3 are awaiting the outcome of the action taken by the members who moved the resolution who are in correspondence with the Ministry of Government & Consumer Services and Government Revenue Agencies. He also informed the house regarding the importance of a web site for SLPTOAC and the house unanimously agreed for the same. When the newly elected president's speech was over, he invited all the board of directors to step up to the stage, and allow them to introduce themselves to the house.

Then one of the active members, Mr. K Arumugam wished to honour the great service rendered by outgoing president Mr.P. Kanagalingam, Secretary Mr. A.P Manuelpillai, Editor Mr. D.C Aloysius and Treasurer Mr.N. Rajaratnam by awarding them with trophies which were nicely crafted with their names. Then, the house appointed a member audit for the year 2009-2010. Mr. M.J. Gunaratnam was proposed by Mr.K.S. Raguwaran and seconded by Mr.K.J. Nehru and house unanimously accepted him.

Next item was any other business where the acting Secretary Mr.Velautham brought two subject matters for the approval by the house. He sought support to continue the tradition of placing wreaths when our members pass away. He pointed out that, there was a difference of opinion among board of directors in the past regarding this and wanted an approval. The house unanimously supported to continue the tradition. The other subject matter was the letter from the D.P.M.G Jaffna for some assistance, regarding this matter former. D.P.M.G, Mr.N Jeyaratnam at the house was invited by secretary and assistant secretary Mr.K. Kanagarajah to comment. Mr.N. Jeyaratnam supported the issue, but there were no comments from the members. As such, the matter was left to the board of management to decide.

At this juncture, all the process of the AGM was complete. The secretary delivered the vote of thanks and meeting came to an end. The refreshment and lunch were served.

Yours Truly,

S. Velautham
Secretary

July 11, 2010

SRILANKAN POST & TELECOMMUNICATION OFFICERS ASSOCIATION - CANADA

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD - APRIL 01, 2009 TO MARCH 31, 2010

REVENUE

<u>Donation</u>		
Saraswathi Pooja	0186.00	
Cultural Event	<u>0160.00</u>	<u>0346.00</u>

Binco Rental	<u>0016.00</u>	<u>0016.00</u>
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MEET & GREET

Binco	0150.00	
Auction	<u>0374.00</u>	<u>0524.00</u>

CULTURAL EVENT

<u>RAFFLE</u>		
	0236.00	
<u>DINNER TICKETS</u>	<u>1815.00</u>	<u>2051.00</u>

ADVERTISEMENTS

2007/2008 (A/R)	0380.00	
2009/2010	2675.00	
2009/2010 (A/R)	<u>0485.00</u>	<u>3540.00</u>

MEMBERSHIP

2008/2009	0090.00	
2009/2010	2250.00	
2010/2011	<u>0360.00</u>	<u>2700.00</u>

BANK INTEREST

	0673.59	
	<u>0036.24</u>	<u>0709.83</u>

TOTAL REVENUE - 9886.83

EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES 9886.83

EXPENSES

B/F April 01-July 31, 2009	1488.51
B/F April 01-July 31,2009 Vision Care	0250.00
SARASWATHY POOJA	0176.00
MEET & GREET	0298.67
Printing NL : 45 & 46	0055.00
Web Site Aug 25,2009-Aug 24,2010	0066.43
POSTAGE	0183.70
BANK CHARGES	0044.55
Photo copies/Film Roll	0039.99
Miscellaneous	0076.52
TICKETS C/E	0050.00
GRP PHOTO C/E	0100.00
ANNUAL DINNER C/E	1125.00
SOUVENIR C/E	0800.00
Medal SLPTOAC Logo C/E	0087.50
Magician/Announcer - C/E	0200.00
Refreshment C/E	0225.90
Hall (Advance) C/E	0500.00
Gifts for Children C/E	0351.35
Wreath	0240.00
Death Donation	1500.00
Neilson Park June 12, 2010	0072.61
Office Rent Jly 2009- Jan 2010	0700.00
Coffee Maker	0050.83
Donation Sick Kids & Haiti	<u>0400.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES - 9082.56

0804.27
9886.83

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF MARCH 31, 2010

ASSET

CASH ON HAND	00,142.68
BANK- C/ACCOUNT	01,346.33
TERM DEPOSITS	30,693.56
ADVERTISEMENT A/R	<u>00,865.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>33,047.57</u>

Term Deposits - March 31, 2010

5 Yr Redeemable GIC	-	24448.40
Term Deposit	-	01848.25
Money Market GIC	-	02090.01
GIC	-	<u>02306.90</u>
TOTAL	-	<u>30693.56</u>

Fund Balance, Beginning of the Year 32,243.30

Excess of Revenue over Expenses 00,804.27

FUND Balance, End of Year 33,047.57

Treasurer: Mr. A.K. Alvapillai Sgd: A.K. Alvapillai

Date: 30-04-2010

I certify that I have gone through the accounts with the relevant receipts and found the accounts to be correct.

Audited by Mr. M.J. Gumaratnam - Member Auditor Sgd: M.J. Gumaratnam

Date: April 30, 2010

Prepared on: April 30, 2010

A KIND REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS

**MEMBERS ARE KINDLY REQUESTED TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP
BY FORWARDING THEIR SUBSCRIPTIONS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.**

CHEQUES and MONEY ORDERS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO:

THE TREASURER, SLPTOAC AND MAILED

TO

SLPTOAC, 2541 PHARMACY AVENUE, SCARBOROUGH, ONTARIO, M1W 2K2.

Your contribution is what sustains us.

LIFE

Life is too short to wake up with regrets...
So love the people who treat you right...
Forget about the ones who don't.
Believe everything happens for a reason.
If you get a second chance, grab it with both hands.
If it changes your life, let it.
Nobody said life would be easy.
They just promised it would be worth it.

SECRET OF SUCCESS

Anyone who has accomplished anything worthwhile has never done so without discipline.
Discipline takes self-control, sacrifice, and avoiding distractions and temptations.
It means staying focused. Steam does not move the engine unless it is confined,
Niagara falls would not generate power unless it were harnessed.
The total secret of success lies in two words, persistence and resistance.
Persist in what must be done and resist what ought not to be done.
People who lack conviction take the middle of the road;
Guess what happens in the middle of the road? you get run over.
People without conviction do not take a stand.
They go along to get along because they lack confidence and courage.
Winners may analyze but never rationalize.
Losers always have a book full of excuses to tell you why they could not.
Some people live and learn, and some only live.
Wise people learn from their mistakes.