

## ANNUAL REPORT 1990/1991

Following approval by the Registrar of Societies, amendments to the Constitution of the Association took effect on 13 January. As a result, at the 1990 Annual General Meeting some office-bearers were elected for periods of between one to two years to ensure that there is continuity in the Management Committee of the Association.

The following persons were elected at the AGM:-

President	: Mr Glenn Knight (2 years)
1st Vice President	: Mr S.P. Toh (1 year)
2nd Vice President	: Mr Victor Chia (2 years)
Secretary	: Mr David Wong (1 year)
Treasurer	: Mr Noris Ong (2 years)
Asst. Secretary	: Mr Mervyn Taye (2 years)
Asst. Treasurer	: Mr Gerald Loong (1 year)
Committee Members	: Dr Ivor Thevathasan ) 2
	Mr Timothy Chew ) years
	Mr Cecil Lim )
	Mr Leong Kwok Yan ) 1
	Mr Eugene Fang ) year

At subsequent meetings of the Management Committee, Mr Ong Siong Kai and Mr Low Wee Ping were co-opted as Committee Members.

### Board of Governors (BOG) Board of Management (BOM)

By virtue of amendments to the same Constitution, the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer were appointed to the Board of Governors. The President Mr Glenn Knight was elected Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors at the 1st BOG meeting.

OBA representatives were also appointed to the 4 ACS Boards of Management where they hold key positions. At the Junior College the Treasurer, Mr Noris Ong, is Vice-Chairman of the Board. Mr Leong Kwok Yan, a Committee Member, Mr Lim Jen Howe and Mr John Chia are 3 other OBA representatives who sit with Mr Ong on the College Board.

In the Independent School the President Mr Glenn Knight is Vice-Chairman. Mr Ong Hock Chye, Mr John Lee and Mr Low Wee Ping (a Committee Member) also represent the OBA on that Board.

In the Junior School the 2nd VP Mr Victor Chia is Chairman of the Board. Dr Ivor Thevathasan (Committee Member) Mr Gerald Loong (Asst. Treasurer) and Mr Mervyn Taye (Asst. Secretary) represent the OBA.

In the Primary School the President Mr Glenn Knight is Chairman. Mr David Wong (Secretary OBA), Mr Timothy Chew (Committee Member) and Ms Eng Hwee Cheng represent the OBA.

In these various positions OBA members actively participate in the management of the school.

### ACSian

Mr Cecil Lim is still in charge as Editor. We plan to continue with a new Image ACSian that Cecil launched successfully in 1989.

### Sports & ECA (SECA)

Under the Chairmanship of Mr Glenn Knight the new format Past v Present Games Festival was held in December 1989. It was a great success. Dinner followed a highly successful game. It was held at ACS Shaw Pool. Dr Arthur Beng and Mrs Beng graced the occasion. Dr Beng was Guest-of-Honour. He made an extremely supportive speech. He also gave away the prizes. The Glenn Knight Challenge shield was again won by the Past team. The Present did better this time and have "threatened" to wrench the shield from the Past this year.

The new Chairman for 1990/1991 is Mr Gerald Loong (Asst. Treasurer). The Committee will as in the past continue to host the Past v Present Games, the Teachers' Day functions and for the first time an Annual ACSOBA v ORA Games.

The first ACSOBA/ORO game planned is a golf game. It will also involve fund-raising for the 2 Independent Schools.

The Teachers' Day function was held on 30 August 1990 at Pasir Panjang Club 88 Restaurant. 390 staff members attended. They were entertained to good food and fun and games which Mr Larry Lai hosted. The Organising Committee led by Chairman SECA Gerald Loong are to be congratulated for the effort, which was the OBA's way of paying tribute to the teachers of ACS who have given of their best. President ACSOBA Mr Glenn Knight also presented OBA Long Service Awards to the teachers at the function.

### Scholarships & Awards

Dr Ivor Thevathasan continues to head the Sub-Committee. The Committee is streamlining its award system. This is to maximise the value of the awards to the most deserving.

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### **Membership**

Mr Noris Ong (Treasurer) continues to head this Sub-Committee. The total membership has increased as new members sign up. Noris is also responsible for establishing links with ACSians wherever they are. A group of Law students in the NUS intend to set up an ACSian chapter. It is hoped that links between the Chapter and the OBA can be established. In that way a wider base for the membership can be attained. This will also infuse younger talent into the rank of Management Committee in the future.

### **Fund-Raising**

President ACSOBA is also Co-Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee. The school units need close to \$10 m to fund building projects. Most of this will go to building the new Independent School at Dover Road. A Brochure will be sent to all sponsors and supporters and we expect a good response. The OBA plays an important role in fund raising. There are many projects in the pipeline. The principal ones being the OBA v ORA Gold Game and Charity events which will be held over the next 2 years. The OBA hopes to raise \$3 m in 2 years. The Methodist Church and the schools will raise the rest.

### **Seminar on Directions of the School**

Under the auspices of the BOG an OBA Committee headed by 1st Vice President S.P. Toh will organise a seminar that will address this important issue. The seminar is scheduled for 12 Jan 1991 and will involve all components involved in the school. They are the BOG, the Methodist Church, the 4 school units and the OBA.

### **Founder's Day Dinner**

Eugene Fang Committee Member successfully organised the 1990 Founder's Day Dinner. It was held at Shangrila Hotel. Mr Larry Lai led a group that took us back to the 60's with Veronica Young and the Trailers. Our Guest-of-Honour was prominent ACSian Major General Winston Chew. All ACSian MPs were also invited as guests. Close to 1,000 ACSians attended.

### **Active Issues**

The OBA is committed to support the BOG's plan for the 2 ACS Primary Schools to go single session. Following the Ministry of Education's approval it has recommended to the BOG that a Sub-Committee be set up to facilitate the implementation of the single school session programme as soon as possible.

**Mr Glenn Knight  
President  
September 1990**