

Association for Living Values Education International

Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Assembly

Held on
Thursday, 24 November 2016
at
Sambi Resort, Yogyakarta, Indonesia,

Present:

The following representatives of ALIVE Associates (members of ALIVE) were present at the Assembly:

Christopher **Drake**, representing **Association for Living Values Education, Hong Kong**
Sophie **Fried**, representing **B.E.K.E., Hungary**
Hendrina **Khanyile**, representing **Living Values Association South Africa (LIVASA)**
Nguyen Thi Bich Ha, representing **Living Values Research and Consultancy Centre, Vietnam**
Diane **Tillman**, representing **Living Values: An Educational Program, Inc., USA,**
Peter **Williams**, representing **Living Values Association (British Isles), the UK**
Philip **Yusenda**, representing **Yayasan Karuna Bali, Indonesia**

Also in attendance (as non-voting observers)

a) Focal Points

- Chamroeun Chim – representing Sambo Tey, the Focal Point for LVE in Cambodia
- Roger (Raj) Miles and Suzanne Stallard – Co-Focal Points for LVE in Australia

b) About 15 LVE facilitators, staff of Karuna Bali and others involved with LVE in Indonesia, including:

- Wayan Rustiasa, Co-Founder of Karuna Bali
- Dr. Budhy Munawar-Rachman, Programme Officer of The Asia Foundation
- Dr Moqowim Qowim of the Islamic State University, Yogyakarta

The following individuals, named above, also hold positions on the ALIVE Board or as members of the International Advisory Committee as stated below.

a) Board Members

- Peter Williams, President of ALIVE
- Nguyen Thi Bich Ha – Vietnam

b) IAC members

- Chris Drake
- Diane Tillman

Apologies for absence

- Rebeca Flor – El Salvador
- Marlies Ludding van Loon – Netherlands
- Shahida Abdul-Samad – Malaysia
- Frances Burkhalter – Switzerland

Unsuccessfully attempted to phone in for the meeting (heavy rainstorm hindered the connection)

- Areti Foupoulou – ALIVE Deputy President – Greece
- Maria-Pia Artola – ALIVE Treasurer – Switzerland
- Helen Sayers – ALIVE IAC – Oman (connected at 5:30 for a few minutes to give greetings only)

1. Welcome

Peter Williams opened the meeting at 4:25 p.m. and welcomed each attendee.

2. Minutes of the last AGA

Approval of the last minutes was proposed by Chris Drake, seconded by Philip Yusenda and accepted by all. There were no matters arising from the minutes that needed to be dealt with.

3. Treasurer's Report; Approval of Accounts and Appointment of Auditor

The audited accounts of ALIVE for 2015 were reviewed, including the Profit and Loss account from January 1st to December 31st 2015 were presented and briefly commented on by Chris Drake who also explained that the accounts were audited in Switzerland. Key points in the accounts (in summary form) were:

Income: 1,863 Swiss Francs – including royalties;

Expenses: 1,387 Swiss Francs – including for hosting the European Conference in 2014 in Greece; plus bank charges of 100 Francs;

Surplus: 371 Swiss Francs; and

Balance in the bank at the end of 2015: 6,935 Swiss Francs.

It was proposed by Peter Williams and seconded by Diane Tillman and agreed by all that the audited accounts for the year to 31st December 2015 and the Treasurer's report thereon be accepted and adopted as a true record; confirming that the Treasurer and the auditors have fulfilled all their responsibilities in this regard.

There was then a discussion regarding auditing. The constitution says the G.A. may decide if the accounts need to be audited but, as Chris pointed out, there are advantages if the accounts are audited, including that if there are sponsors or funders they know that the money they donate is spent as intended, and the Treasurer gains peace of mind in knowing that everyone knows the accounts have been properly done and that all the finances are properly accounted for. It was proposed by Peter that the accounts continue to be audited. Diane and Hendrina supported the recommendation and it was approved by all. Hendrina noted that the audit is important now with a change in leadership and that thereafter we might consider an audit every two years.

It was noted that the auditor, Finova Genève SA, had ceased to carry on business and that a new auditor, Sofigest SA, had taken over the audit; it was unanimously resolved to confirm and ratify the appointment of **SOFIGEST S.A.**, Rue Adrien-Lachenal 20, Genève 1207 in place of Finova as auditor for the 2015 accounts and further resolved to appoint them as auditor of ALIVE's 2016 accounts.

It was suggested that the monthly webmaster fee of US\$150 for ALIVE's website, paid for by LVEP, Inc. (the ALIVE Associate in the USA) could in future be noted as a donation in kind to ALIVE

Noting the limited resources available to ALIVE, Peter noted that it is important that each Associate be financially self-sustaining. Raj shared that he tried to raise funds for LVE years ago, and could not find acceptable corporate groups with the same ethical standards. Peter shared that ALIVE applied for several grants this last year, from an American foundation, an Islamic Bank and from Erasmus. The latter two wanted measurable results with a set short term outcome. The discussion evolved into the need for measuring the results of implementing LVE.

4. Need for measuring the results of implementing the LVE Approach

Budhy shared that the MSC method (Most Significant Change) has been used in Indonesia. Their results, using objective measures, have been uneven, but the stories collected for MSC have been powerful. He has written a book with some of the stories. Diane noted a need to collect results. It would be very helpful, as Chris has previously pointed out, to have findings published in international journals although so far this has not happened and perhaps someone on the Board could take up this task. Philip noted that in Educare, an LVE programme in Indonesia run by Karuna Bali, students have more enthusiasm for their studies and are willing to ask questions now. This showed up as a significant change, but was not consistent. Sometimes the teachers see a change while the students still doubt

themselves. In some schools there are significant changes but there are not the same changes in other schools. Diane noted that there can be problems with teacher ratings as their perception about what it really means to live a value can change as they understand a value more deeply. She noted that it may be good to have independent observers. For example, they could rate pre- and post-videos of 10-minute student and student-teacher interactions; whole school indicators are also a reliable measure of change and she will send the file of the latter to those who want it.

One of the LVE teachers shared that in her school a smile and greetings has become the usual way of being. The administrators evaluate the qualitative qualities of the teachers, giving from 12 to 15 points during observations, and students also give their opinions; this is scored and a grade is given.

Wayan is thinking of another way of measuring values and said that if I evaluate myself, if my understanding is not very deep, then the score may be high. But when I realise I am not that honest then my humility might increase, etc. Then later the honesty would rise too. This approach also brings out the connectedness of values.

Hendrina shared that Nazreen in South Africa did her Ph.D. thesis on LVE and is willing to let others use her methods of measurement. Foundations appreciate benchmark studies that are done prior to the implementation. Hendrina can make that available.

In Australia, Terry Lovat did excellent research as part of a government funded programme until there was a change of government and the focus changed away from values education. The evaluation methods have been shared with Diane; she and Chris can send details to Philip, Budhy and Hendrina. Raj is also aware of the research.

Peter spoke of an experience with students and of a gap relating to honesty because of language differences and cultural perceptions and that he finds it important to work within the language and cultural context. Apparently the Institute of Heart Math in the USA found a direct neural pathway between head and heart, that 90% of all communication within the body is from the heart to the head and that 5 minutes of peace empowers a student to study for 5 hours while 5 minutes of criticism disempowers them for five hours.

Raj said that he would like to see a National Values Self-Development Programme, offering the LVE Long Distance programme. He will look for criteria to meet the requirements of the foundations.

5. Approval of Applications for Membership of ALIVE and Recognition as Focal Points for LVE

Peter reported that applications had been received from **Paul Kabao** for recognition as the Focal Point for LVE in **Kenya** and **T.T. Mayuran** for recognition as the Focal Point for LVE in **Sri Lanka**. Both applications were unanimously approved. Formal notification and congratulations will be sent.

6. Appreciation to board members whose terms have ended

It was noted that the second term of office of the following board members has now come to an end:

Aminath Ismail from the Maldives

Miriam Fozam from the United Arab Emirates

Rebeca Flor from El Salvador

Peter gave his deep thanks and appreciation to these three retiring Board members who have all done wonderful work. Peter noted that his second term of office is also at an end and that therefore he too would be stepping down. Warm thanks and appreciation to him were expressed by all.

7. Election of New Members to the Board

After some discussion, which continued over dinner, the following new Directors were elected:

Hendrina Khanliye, South Africa

Dr. Budhy Munawar-Rachman, Indonesia.

Raj Miles, Australia

Chris Drake, China;

All Board members present requested that Chris serve as President, which he agreed to do, with thanks for the trust reposed in him. They will all hold office for a three-year term commencing with immediate effect.

8. Election of additional International Advisory Members

Diane proposed and Chris seconded that the G.A. suggest to the Board that they invite Peter Williams to be on the International Advisory Committee. The G.A. approved; Peter was invited and accepted.

9. The Way Forward

A discussion was then held about the way forward as follows, for the board to follow up on when it meets.

- Continuation of start-up grants.
- To do LVE with refugee educators in one refugee camp in Africa – hopefully with an organisation that works with refugee camps such as Save the Children. (Diane will work with Hendrina on this.)
- Suzanne talked about looking at funding and developing capacity – perhaps Associates that are doing well can support capacity building and give monetary support to those who would like to grow. She gave the example of Karuna Bali where students are individually sponsored and sponsors are invited to visit regarding this and other needs.
- Hendrina noted that we do not need to reinvent the wheel, but use systems that work and obtain funding. It is a matter of what we want to do first.
- Raj would like to see further diffusion of his Long Distance LVE work.
- Religious freedom is a big issue in Indonesia; some children are discriminated against by teachers.
- It would be good and people will be happy if there is an increased sense of connectivity and inclusiveness; for example, through more communication within each country and additional members on the LVE team, with the possibility of having access to board members and finding best practices in other countries. The website can be updated and more use made of social media.
- Cham said he would like people to share best practices and offered to work on the website to update it and on a platform for people to share. We could have greater brand identity and some guidelines.
- Budhy said that he at first thought LVE was only for schools, and then found it worked in other areas too and that LVE can contribute to social inclusion, social tolerance and fighting corruption. We can use the values-based atmosphere to help with human rights, religious freedom, he said, and welcomes suggestions for using the LVE Approach outside schools.
- How do we sustain children in living values?

10. The President's Report

Peter shared his report and Chris and Diane expressed their deep appreciation for Peter's consistent and wonderful work in the last four years as President. He has been the embodiment of living values in replying with care, encouragement and sound advice to the many emails from around the world and has organised board meetings and G.A.s and otherwise helped keep ALIVE functioning well. He was presented with a gift of appreciation for his generous and loving heart.

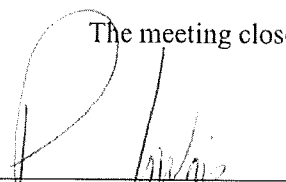
11. Appreciation for the 20th Anniversary Conference and Celebrations

Peter thanked everyone for giving their time to attend the Assembly and for sharing so openly their wishes and hopes for LVE. He especially thanked the following individuals and organisations and presented them with gifts of appreciation for their part in organising the very successful conference: Wayan and Iluh of Karuna Bali; Budhy and Silvi of The Asia Foundation; and Muqowim of the State Islamic University, Yogyakarta

12. Proposed Venue and Date of next AGA

This will be decided in due course but Hendrina tentatively invited everyone to an international LVE gathering in November 2018 in South Africa at which the G.A. could take place. She will only be able to confirm the invitation after consultation with others within the ALIVE Associate in South Africa.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m. with thanks to all.



Peter Williams
President of the Assembly

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RAPPORT DE L'ORGANE DE REVISION
SUR LE CONTROLE RESTREINT
A L'ASSEMBLEE GENERALE

EXERCICE 2015

S O F I G E S T S A

Rapport de l'organe de révision sur le contrôle restreint
à l'assemblée générale de

ASSOCIATION FOR LIVING VALUES EDUCATION INTERNATIONAL - GENEVE

En notre qualité d'organe de révision, nous avons vérifié les comptes annuels (bilan, compte de profits et pertes et compte capital) de l'ASSOCIATION FOR LIVING VALUES EDUCATION INTERNATIONAL, Genève, pour l'exercice arrêté au 31 décembre 2015.

La responsabilité de l'établissement des comptes annuels incombe à la direction alors que notre mission consiste à contrôler ces comptes. Nous attestons que nous remplissons les exigences légales d'agrément et d'indépendance.

Notre contrôle a été effectué selon la Norme suisse relative au contrôle restreint. Cette norme requiert de planifier et de réaliser le contrôle de manière telle que des anomalies significatives dans les comptes annuels puissent être constatées. Un contrôle restreint englobe principalement des auditions, des opérations de contrôle analytiques ainsi que des vérifications détaillées appropriées des documents disponibles dans l'entreprise contrôlée. En revanche, des vérifications des flux d'exploitation et du système de contrôle interne ainsi que les auditions et d'autres opérations de contrôle destinées à détecter des fraudes ne font pas partie de ce contrôle.

Lors de notre contrôle, nous n'avons pas rencontré d'élément nous permettant de conclure que les comptes annuels ne sont pas conformes à la loi et aux statuts.

Genève, le 13 juin 2016


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Daniel EGGER
Expert réviseur agréé

Annexes: comptes annuels (bilan, compte de pertes et profits, évolution du compte capital)

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BILAN AU 31 DECEMBRE 2015

	<u>2015</u> Fr.	<u>Année précédente</u> Fr.
<u>ACTIF</u>		
Banque	<u>6'935.11</u>	<u>6'653.78</u>
Total de l'actif circulant	<u>6'935.11</u>	<u>6'653.78</u>
TOTAL DE L'ACTIF	<u><u>6'935.11</u></u>	<u><u>6'653.78</u></u>
<u>PASSIF</u>		
Passifs transitoires	<u>810.00</u>	<u>900.00</u>
Total des fonds étrangers	<u>810.00</u>	<u>900.00</u>
Capital	<u>6'125.11</u>	<u>5'753.78</u>
Total des fonds propres	<u>6'125.11</u>	<u>5'753.78</u>
TOTAL DU PASSIF	<u><u>6'935.11</u></u>	<u><u>6'653.78</u></u>

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COMPTE DE PROFITS ET PERTES DE L'EXERCICE 2015

	<u>2015</u> Fr.	<u>Année précédente</u> Fr.
<u>PRODUITS</u>		
Vente de cours et royalties	1'863.43	781.95
Intérêts créanciers	<u>0.10</u>	<u>0.95</u>
TOTAL DES PRODUITS	<u>1'863.53</u>	<u>782.90</u>
<u>CHARGES</u>		
Autres charges d'exploitation, board meeting	1'387.60	864.00
Intérêts et frais bancaires	<u>104.60</u>	<u>164.30</u>
TOTAL DES CHARGES	<u>1'492.20</u>	<u>1'028.30</u>
BENEFICE/(PERTE) DE L'EXERCICE	<u><u>371.33</u></u>	<u><u>-245.40</u></u>

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EVOLUTION DU COMPTE CAPITAL
AU 31 DECEMBRE 2015

	<u>2015</u>	<u>Année précédente</u>
	Fr.	Fr.
Capital au 1er janvier 2015	5'753.78	5'999.18
<u>Plus/Moins</u>		
Bénéfice/(Perte) de l'exercice	<u>371.33</u>	<u>-245.40</u>
Capital au 31 décembre 2015	<u>6'125.11</u>	<u>5'753.78</u>

President's Report 2016
With Gratitude

As my two terms of office come to a close, it is with heart-felt gratitude to you all, that I extend my very best wishes for the continuance of this gift to humanity.

The opportunity to learn from the world-wide family has re-affirmed one simple truth: 'Be a good person to know wherever you are in the world, in whatever clothes you wear, with whatever loving belief you follow, and in whatever circumstance you find yourself'.

Living Values Education has the enormous capacity to open doors, as witnessed by the truly altruistic giving by our colleagues, to re-affirm the values in us all and help to uplift all those who are troubled at this time. It is in these situations that the beauty of our innate values are automatically lived whether in urban settings, rural communities, in conflict zones or with displaced people and for children - of all ages - who simply need to feel loved, valued, respected, understood and safe.

During my terms of office, it has been both humbling and touching to witness how empathy, compassion and cooperation have strengthened active partnerships between Living Values Education and other like-minded groups, taken the program into places where we never thought possible, honored our success stories through our country pages, and almost overloaded us with requests that only timely and immediate communication within and between countries sustained.

As we envision the future, what possibilities lie ahead? What are your views? Perhaps, it will be the continuation of the country start-up grants to secure growth and self sustainability; or maybe the growth of distance learning programs that will reach communities 'isolated' by geographical distance and those who feel separated by war, conflict and fear? Perhaps, it will be the extension of the love, resilience, simplicity and determination of those who are giving from the heart in the most difficult of circumstances with no expectation of return; or maybe it will be that ever present nurturing of the inner wealth of values?

I'm recalling a little girl who, after celebrating World Values Day with her friends and wearing her 'own designed' values tee-shirt, wrote me a short letter. With bright eyes, a glow and beaming smile, she simply wrote: 'Thank you for the best day ever!!'

Wouldn't it be wonderful if every day could be like that for us all? With Living Values Education truly lived in our hearts, I believe that is isn't just a 'dream out there', but a strong possibility within the story of each one's life - to live, to give and know the beauty of the self - by simply being a 'Good person to know wherever you are in the world, in whatever clothes you wear, with whatever loving belief you follow, and in whatever circumstance you find yourself'.

Thank you, to you all, for allowing me to be part of your journey. I'm certainly a little wiser and, as I write this, deeply reflective of what can be. We each have our own part to play and to be the example.

Let's keep opening those doors to a better world.

Peter Williams
Retiring President
23.10.16