



Blue and Gold Alumni Association

Incorporating Adelaide Technical High School, Glenunga High School and Glenunga International High School

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Notice : February 2017

To all members of the Blue and Gold Alumni Association, the President and Committee wish you and your families all the best for the coming year.

This notice provides information about the proposed activities of the Association for the coming year including the dates for the Annual General Meeting and Annual Luncheon. Subscription Renewal Forms, Nomination Forms for Committee Members and Proxy Voting Forms for the AGM for 2017 are also enclosed.

Subscriptions

Members are reminded that the Association's subscription year runs from 1 January to 31 December. This means that except for those members who have taken up 10-Year memberships and those who have already paid, subscriptions for 2017 are now due. The Subscription Form is enclosed with this Notice for those who are still to pay – if there is no form enclosed you are already financial for 2017.

The Committee has just reviewed the Association's operating costs as a result has set the following range of subscription fees for the coming year:

- Membership for year ending 31 December 2017 receiving the magazine and newsletters by post
Cost: \$40.00 for 1 year or \$280 for 10 years
- Membership for year ending 31 December 2017 receiving the magazine by post and the newsletters by email.
Cost: \$35.00 for 1 year or \$245 for 10 years
- Membership for year ending 31 December 2017 receiving the magazine and newsletters by email.
Cost \$30.00 for 1 year or \$210 for 10 years

Joint memberships are available to old scholars living at the same address who share single copies of Newsletters and the Magazine for the same price as the options listed above.

Unfortunately, due to changes in BankSA charges, we are no longer able to offer credit card facilities for the payment of subscriptions. Payments must now be made by EFT, cheque, money order or cash. When paying by EFT it is important that members attach a copy of the payment receipt to the Subscription Form to ensure we know who made the payment. Any payments that cannot be identified will be treated as donations to the Association.

Please note that the Subscription Form also seeks information on how members prefer to be addressed and of any awards they may have received. The purpose of this is to enable us to ensure that the information in our database is up to date. When filling out the form members are asked to provide all of the information requested. As in past years, the Subscription Form includes a provision for donations to the Scholarship Fund which is used to finance the scholarships and awards to high-achieving students of GHIS. Ideally, the scholarships would be financed from interest on the funds invested so that they may continue into the future regardless of Association membership. Unfortunately, the recent falls in interest rates means that more of the Association's subscription income must be used to make up the shortfall between the interest received and the actual cost of the scholarships which have risen steadily in the past few years. The Association's long-term objective is to continue building its financial reserves to the point where the scholarships can be financed from interest on the funds invested so that all donations will help achieve that goal and would be greatly appreciated.

Scholarships and Awards

All Old Scholars should be aware that the Association sponsors two scholarships for students to undertake the International Baccalaureate Diploma Course at Glenunga International High School. These scholarships assist students who might otherwise not have the resources to undertake the International Baccalaureate Diploma Course and are named the Sidney Moyle and Cedric J Cannell Scholarships to commemorate the two longest serving Headmasters of Adelaide Tech. The scholarships are awarded at the end of the student's third year and cover the fees for the following two years of the Baccalaureate course. They are very highly regarded by the school community and are attracting applications from many students on the basis of the prestige of winning the award rather than necessitous circumstances.

The Association also presents \$500 prizes to the students achieving the best results in each of the Baccalaureate and SACE Courses. (These awards are equivalent to the Dux of the School medal that was presented to the top students of the Commercial and Technical Courses during Adelaide Tech's North Terrace years.) In recent years there have been multiple award winners in both courses resulting in the prizes being shared which has tended to downgrade their prestige. The Committee is therefore considering changes to the award criteria before holding discussions with the School about how best to restore the importance of the awards.

Annual General Meeting:

Old Scholars are advised that the Association's AGM will be held on Sunday 19 March 2017 at the home of President David Stoba and his wife Dana, 1 Regent Court, Oakden in conjunction with the Annual Picnic. The formal Meeting will commence at 4.00 pm with the following Agenda:

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| 1. Welcome by the President | 7. Treasurer's Report |
| 2. Apologies | 8. Secretary's Report |
| 3. Declaration of Proxies | 9. Election of President (Nomination – D. J. Stoba) |
| 4. Minutes of Previous Meeting | 10. Election of Committee for 2017 |
| 5. Business Arising from Minutes | 11. Election of Auditor |
| 6. President's Report | 12. Other Business |

While all Old Scholars are encouraged to attend the Meeting and Picnic, it should be noted that only those members who were financial for the year ending 31 December 2016 are entitled to take part in the business of the meeting. However, this should not deter anyone from taking the opportunity to meet other Old Scholars in an informal setting to share a few memories of Adelaide Tech, as well as the chicken and salad picnic. Attendees are asked to bring their own drinks.

Committee Membership

Like any club or organisation, the longevity of the Association is highly dependent on the continued regeneration of its administration. Over the years the Association has been fortunate in having long-serving Committee members who have dedicated themselves to the task of bringing it to its present position. Nevertheless, the time comes when even the most committed must seek pastures new. It is very important that at such times there is someone else ready to step into their shoes, someone with experience and knowledge which can only be gained by serving on the Committee as a member.

The Constitution states that the Committee of the Association will be made up of a President, up to two Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Secretary plus five Members, a total of eleven. All seven members of the present committee, Mark Brindal, Tom Frossinakis, Phillippa Horsell, Neil Merkel, Ian Saunders, Sue Thomson and Warren West, have indicated their willingness to continue in 2017 so that a further three positions remain to be filled. Applications are now being sought from members interested in helping to maintain the Association in the years ahead by joining the Committee now. For more information about the duties and responsibilities of Committee members, contact the Secretary, Warren West –'phone 8376 0938 (home) 8118 6470 (work) or 0417 816 603 (mobile) – or by email - warren@gjc.com.au.

Nominations for positions on the Committee may be submitted using the Nomination Form on Page 4. Or by direct nomination at the meeting. Additional forms may be obtained from the Secretary if required. Nominations may be submitted by any person who was a member of the Association in 2016 in favour of any candidate who must be prepared to become a financial member in 2017 if elected. It should be noted that for a nomination to be valid, it must be signed by the candidate to indicate his or her preparedness to accept the position.

Appointment of Proxies

As members, it is important that your voices be heard when decisions on the future policies of the Association are under review. The Constitution allows for the appointment of proxies to vote for those unable to attend the meeting in person. Those who were financial members in 2016 but are unable to attend the AGM are urged to appoint a proxy to vote on their behalf using the form on Page 4. The person appointed as a proxy may be any financial member of the Association and you may direct how your proxy is to vote on a particular issue. Should members have no person in mind to appoint as their proxy, they may nominate the Association President, any member of the Committee or any other financial member. In the event that no nomination is made, the President will be assumed to be their Nominee.

Membership Drive

Members will be aware of the Committee's concern at the decline in Association membership over recent years. If the Association is to continue, this decline must be arrested. The Committee is seeking the assistance of all members in encouraging other old scholars to join. There is a significant difference between the number of members who attended the school on North Terrace years and those who attended Glenunga, but this is thought to be at least partly due to many of the latter group still being in full time employment. Of more significance is the disparity between membership rates for different classes. For example, the membership rate for the Class of 1952 is about 5% whereas that for the Class of 1953 is 25%. During 2017 the Committee will be seeking contact with old scholars who are not members of the Association, especially those who attended the school at Glenunga, with the view to encouraging them to join. Members can assist with this recruiting drive by promoting membership of the Association among their former school friends.

100th Anniversary Celebrations

Next year marks the 100th anniversary of the adoption of the name "Adelaide Technical High School" for the original school on North Terrace. During the coming year the Committee will be seeking ideas for how best to celebrate the occasion and organising a range of activities to take place in 2018. Members' suggestions of what activities would be of interest to them or those wishing to contribute to the organising of events should contact the Secretary, Warren West – phone 8376 0938 (home) 8118 6470 (work) or 0417 816 603 (mobile) – or by email - warren@gjc.com.au.

Details of the events and when they will be held will be provided in future Newsletters,

Annual Picnic

The annual Picnic will take place immediately after the conclusion of the AGM. The Picnic has become a tradition of the Association, presenting an opportunity for Old Scholars to meet not only with their contemporaries but also with those from other years in an informal atmosphere. Following the AGM the Association will provide chicken and salads. Drinks will be the responsibility of individual attendees.

Class Functions

Committee members have quite frequently been approached by members asking about the possibility of organising a class reunion or a function to celebrate the anniversary of their commencement at the school or some other notable event during their school years. The Committee sees such events as an important part of meeting our objective of fostering relationships amongst Old Scholars. However, there is a limit to what the Committee can do. It is really up to people from the particular class or group to do whatever is necessary to decide the form of the event and make the arrangements for it. Where the Association can assist is with the contacting of members of the Class or Group and with advice about how similar functions have been organised in the past.

However, if all else fails, why not organise a group to attend the Annual Luncheon. Anyone who is interested in exploring either of these possibilities should contact the Secretary, Warren West, to find out what has been done by others in the past and where the Association can help.

Annual Luncheon

Just an early reminder – the Annual Luncheon will be held on Wednesday 11 October 2017. Details of the location and cost will be available in the September Newsletter. Make up a party and enjoy a lunch (and lots of talking!) with other Old Scholars.

Warren West

SECRETARY

Blue and Gold Alumni Association

Committee Member Nomination Form

To: The Secretary : Blue and Gold Alumni Association Inc

I, _____ (please print full name)

hereby nominate _____ (please print full name)

for the position of President / Member of the ATHSOSA Committee.(circle the nominated position)

Signed _____

Date _____

I accept this nomination.

Signed _____

Date _____

Received _____ Nomination Valid Yes / No Signed _____

Note: Nominations are to be submitted to the Secretary not less than seven days before the AGM

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Proxy Nomination Form

To: The Secretary : Blue and Gold Alumni Association Inc

I, _____ (please print full name)

hereby appoint _____ (please print full name)

to vote on my behalf at the 2013 Annual General Meeting of the Association.

Signed _____

Date _____

I accept this appointment.

Signed _____

Date _____

Received _____ Proxy Valid Yes / No Signed _____