

MINUTES OF THE 70TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE DOON SCHOOL OLD BOYS' SOCIETY HELD AT HOTEL MADHUBAN, RAJPUR ROAD, DEHRA DUN ON SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2009 AT 11: 00 A.M.

PRESENT : The President K Vipin Malhotra, the Vice President Mr Kishore Lahiri, Mr Mahesh Sahai, C.A, Dr Peter Mclaughlin, Headmaster, Mr Sheel Sharma, Executive Secretary, Mr Gurdial Singh, Associative Member and 100 members including various Executive Committee Members

I The President, K Vipin Malhotra, welcomed all members to the 70th Annual General Meeting of the DSOBS. He warmly welcomed the new Headmaster of The Doon School, Dr Peter Mclaughlin to his first annual general meeting of the DSOBS. He thanked all members present for making the effort to be present at this meeting despite the cancellation of Founder's due to swine flu. The President informed the House that as of now there was no swine flu in school.

II A condolence resolution was passed and a minute silence was observed in respectful remembrance of the following DOSCOS who were no longer with us.

1	MR	R P	JAISWAL	Ex 036-K	1938
2	COL	HARI SHANKAR	KAPUR	Ex 048-H	1938
3	MR	NARESH C	TANDAN	Ex 195-K	1939
4	MR	J C	MALHOTRA	Ex 156-K	1940
5	MR	JAGDISH RAJ	BAMMI	Ex 226-K	1942
6	MR	AMRIT KUMAR	SANGHI	Ex 084-H	1942
7	BRIG	JAGJIT	SINGH	Ex 220-K	1942
8	MR	KESHAV CHANDRA	RAI	Ex 270-K	1943
9	KR	PREM LAL	MALHOTRA	Ex 155-H	1943
10	MR	NAZIR ALI	JAIRAZBHOY	Ex 275-J	1944
11	MR	MINOO N	KARANI	Ex 026-K	1944
12	COL	BAWA GURVACHAN	SINGH	Ex 193-K	1944
13	REAR ADM	RAN VIJAI	SINGH	Ex 294-J	1949
14	MR	SUSHIL CHAND	JAIN	Ex 221-H	1950
15	MR	VIJAYA	LAMBA	Ex 192-K	1950
16	MR	PARVESH	SWANI	Ex 106-T	1952
17	MR	VINOD KUMAR	GOYAL	Ex 277-H	1955
18	MR	AJAY	MALLIK	Ex 259-K	1955
19	MR	ARUN	SOMDUTT	Ex 194-K	1955
20	MR	NARSINGH BAHADUR	SINGH	Ex 25-J	1955
21	MR	DILSHER	SINGH	Ex 219-K	1957
22	MR	ANAND	PRASAD	Ex 192-H	1959
23	BRIG	RANJAN	DAS	Ex 168-H	1961
24	MRS	VIJAYA	TIWARI (JOSHI)	Ex 321-K	1962
25	MR	GIRIJIT S	MAJITHIA	Ex 212-K	1964
26	MR	PREET	DAVAR	Ex 056-H	1965
27	MR	RANJAN	BARUAH	Ex 199-K	1967
28	MR	NARESH	GARG	Ex 357-H	1967
29	MR	HARBIR	AULAKH	Ex 280-K	1969
30	MR	MUKESH	DHAWAN	Ex 029-H	1974
31	MR	ADITYA	BEHL	Ex 226-J	1984

III Confirmation of the Minutes of the 69th Annual General Meeting held on 12.10.2008

The Minutes of the 69th Annual General Meeting, which had been circulated to all members in advance were tabled before the House for discussion and confirmation.

Since there were no points raised, the President requested that the minutes be confirmed as passed. Gautam Thapar (200-H'79) proposed that the minutes be passed, seconded by Gurmeet Singh(883-T'82).

The minutes were duly passed.

IV Discussion of matters arising out of the Minutes.

No matter arose out of the Minutes.

V A report by the President on the activities of the DSOBS over the year.

**THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON DSOBS ACTIVITIES FROM
OCTOBER 2008 TO SEPTEMBER 2009**

Good morning Ladies & Gentlemen,

On behalf of your Executive Committee, I welcome you all to the 70th Annual General Meeting of your Society.

I want to extend a special welcome to the Class of 1984 (who celebrate their Silver Jubilee), the Class of 1959 (who celebrate their Golden Jubilee), the Class of 1949 (who celebrate their Diamond Jubilee), the Class of 1969 (who celebrate their 40th re-union having begun their celebrations in Delhi), the Class of 1974 (who have already celebrated their 35th re-union in Goa) and to all other batches who are celebrating their various jubilees and reunions. I know that many of you have returned to Dehra Dun after several years (even decades) and would be disappointed at having lost out on the chance to spend more time in Chandbagh which was your home for several years. However, this was a matter entirely beyond either School's or our control. School had to cancel all Founder's events due to swine flu on the Health Authorities' directions though we at the DSOBS had to proceed with all our events *albeit* outside the campus. Thank you all for your understanding and importantly, for being present here today.

A warm welcome to our new Headmaster, Dr. Peter McLaughlin who attends a DSOBS AGM for the first time. Welcome, Sir, and may you have a long, happy and memorable tenure at the Doon School.

Before I deal with the work and activities undertaken by the various Sub-Committees of the DSOBS, let me first outline the various events and achievements of your Society during the past year. I have set out the events of the past year in chronological order for your convenience.

December 10, 2008	Bombay Chapter get-together
December 18, 2008	Jagadhri Chapter get-together
December 20, 2008	Gibson Golf tournament (Doon -v- Mayo) at Classic Golf Resorts
December 21, 2008	Gibson Golf dinner
January 03, 2009	Bolshoi Ballet performance at Siri Fort Auditorium, New Delhi
January 03, 2009	DSOBS Dinner at the Uzbekistan Embassy, New Delhi.
January 25, 2009	Jaipur Chapter get-together
February 13, 2009	Chandigarh Chapter get-together
March 06, 2009	2 nd Gibson Golf in Singapore (Doon -v- Mayo)
March 15, 2009	DSOBS Annual Inter-House Hockey at Central Secretariat grounds, New Delhi.

March 21, 2009	DSOBS Inter-House Cricket at Central Secretariat grounds, New Delhi.
March 21, 2009	DSOBS Inter-House Hockey, Cricket and Dr. Kanti Bajpai's farewell dinner at 7 – Safdarjung Lane, Opp: Delhi Gymkhana Club, New Delhi.
April 12, 2009	AMQ Cricket & Dinner, Dehra Dun.
April 25, 2009	Bombay Regional Chapter Cricket (Doon –v- Mayo)
May 08 to 11, 2009	Dosco Goa get-together at Fort Aguada and Taj Holiday Village, Goa.
May 22, 2009	Dubai Chapter get-together.
June 18 & 19, 2009	New York Chapter get-togethers including lunch meeting with FODs ('Friends of Doon')
June 21, 2009	San Francisco Chapter get-together
June 23, 2009	Washington DC Chapter get-together
June 26, 2009	London Chapter get-together
July 17 to 19, 2009	Annual Agra Weekend
August 16, 2009	Dehra Dun Regional Chapter dinner to welcome Elizabeth and Dr. Peter McLaughlin
September 05, 2009	Singapore Chapter get-together
September 25, 2009	DSOBS Annual Inter-House Golf Tournament at Jaypee Greens, Greater Noida.
September 27, 2009	DSOBS Annual Golf dinner and award presentation at the 'Manre', MGF Metropolitan Mall, Saket, New Delhi.

Having briefly set out the various events between October 2008 and September 2009, let me highlight some of the events and point out some firsts.

Soon after the current Executive Committee came into existence from and after October 12, 2008, the Establishment Sub-Committee headed by Kishore with able support from our University Rep, Rishabh Jain, took stock of all the records in the Secretariat and thereafter collated, put in serial order, page numbered, indexed and hard bound:-

- (i). All issues of the Rosebowl from 1985 (since inception) till date. These are available in three bound volumes at the Secretariat.
- (ii). All minutes of Annual General Meetings from October 29, 1979 till date spanning about three decades. These minutes are available in two bound volumes at the Secretariat. Unfortunately, there are no records available from October 5, 1945 till 1979. We are working with Mr. Sheel Vohra to trace these records in School's archives.
- (iii). Similarly, all minutes of EC meetings from December 11, 1979 till date have been bound in three volumes and are available at the Secretariat. No records are available even insofar as EC meetings are concerned from October 5, 1946 till 1979. As in the case of AGM minutes, searches are on to locate them.

Our priority was (and is) The Doon School's 75th year celebrations in October 2010 acronymed DS-75. While the Board of Governors set up a Committee under Mr. Dhruv Sawhney, former Chairman of the Board of Governors, we set up a DSOBS Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. Anoop Singh Bishnoi, former President of the DSOBS. Enormous work has been put in by Anoop and his Committee during the run up to DS-75. Amongst others, Haripal Singh is looking after logistics while Karam Puri is working on the Coffee Table (DS-75) Book to be released next October.

To broad base our activities beyond the sports field to the sphere of arts, culture and literature and music, the DSOBS organized a Bolshoi Ballet performance at the Siri Fort Auditorium, New Delhi on January 3, 2009 by the Navoi Opera and Ballet Grand Academic Theatre in Tashkent, Uzbekistan followed by a dinner at the Uzbekistan Embassy. The troupe comprised 110 members with about 50 ballet dancers/ballerinas and a 50 member philharmonic orchestra. Kishore single handedly led this effort with able assistance from the likes of Jaswinder, Haripal and others. Infact, the dinner which followed was almost single handedly put together by Haripal Singh.

The Sports Sub-Committee under Nalin Khanna has been extremely active and apart from the usual Inter-House Cricket fixture on March 21, 2009 and the Inter-House Golf on September 25, 2009, we have had the second edition of AMQ Cricket between the DSOBS team and the Doon School XI in Dehra Dun on April 12, 2009. Sunil (Melly) Gupta, Anirudh Chaudhry, Jaswinder Singh Bull, Rohit Badhwar, Vivek Seth and Rajesh Wadhwa played stellar roles in supporting Nalin in organizing the Golf tournament. Some of these gentlemen greatly supported Nalin in the Hockey and Cricket fixtures as well. Of course nothing would have been possible without the support of the House Cricket Captains and stalwarts such as Arun Khanna, Donny Singh, Sandeep Chandra and Raghav Mallik.

Another first was the institutionalization of Inter-House Hockey as a DSOBS fixture which took place on March 15, 2009. This was possible only due to the efforts of Nalin Khanna and Kunal Sharma. Kunal has played an extremely active role over the years in promoting Old Boys Hockey. In addition, we have had a Doon-Mayo Cricket match in Bangalore, a Doon-Mayo Golf Tournament in Singapore and a Doon-Mayo Cricket tournament in Mumbai.

Football is in progress under Anandbir Singh, Nalin Sayal and Prithvi Gill. Prithvi has also introduced Basketball to DSOBS sporting activities. We hope to also institutionalize these events in the near future.

With our Delhi Rep, Indrave Singh Mann having joined the Executive Committee in the 60 years plus category and Nalin Khanna having joined the Executive Committee in the 40 to 49 years age group, we appointed Rajesh Wadhwa and Jaswinder Singh Bull as the new Delhi Reps whose tremendous work have been evident during the Bolshoi Ballet and dinner on January 3, 2009, the Inter-House Hockey, Cricket & Dr. Kanti Bajpai's farewell dinner on March 21, 2009, the DOSCO Goa get-together between May 8 & 11, 2009 and the Inter-House Golf Tournament and dinner on September 25 & 27, 2009.

We have also had the following new members join the DSOBS in the past year, namely:-

Ashvin Dayal 497 J '85,
Sharadashish Ghosh 533-K '94
Amit Chugh 310
Sahil Vohra 56-J 2002
Kunal Sandhu 340-O '99
Uday Nath 562-H '88
Zubin Masani 439-J '99
Nikhil Gera 604-T '88
Siddharth Kumar 668-J '95

We have contributed Rs.5 lakhs to the Bihar Flood Relief Fund through our Navodaya Account.

The Secretariat has set in place facilities for mass-emailing and has also acquired a new scanner and a facsimile machine.

The Admissions Advisory Committee headed by Indrave Singh Mann has achieved singular success in ensuring that of the 35 DOSCO wards who appeared for the interview, 33 were admitted to School.

Another first is the School allocating a dedicated room for DSOBS memorabilia which will greatly facilitate our sale of memorabilia from Chandbagh.

Yet another first has been the great synergy which this year has seen between the School/Board of Governors/IPSS on the one hand and the DSOBS on the other with the Board of Governors (represented by Gautam Thapar and Jayant Hari Har Lal) and the DSOBS (represented by Kishore and me) undertaking joint trips to various regions to generate enthusiasm for DS 75 and to explain to Regional Chapters as to what has been done with the funds collected over the last five years. It has been decided that in future, fundraising would be jointly undertaken by the IPSS and the DSOBS. It was as a part of this new synergy and combined efforts that visits were made in May, June and September 2009 to meet up with the Dubai, New York, San Francisco, Washington DC, London and Singapore Chapters of the DSOBS which were enormous successes.

Apart from continuing with the tradition of holding a joint meeting between EC members, Class Reps and Regional Reps, we have also established another first by holding a special meeting of EC Members with Members of the Board of Governors which led to tremendous interaction, exchange of views and greater communication between the two bodies.

I have highlighted the above only to save you the agony of having to hear me read out the report on each individual Sub-Committee of the DSOBS which I have set out below. This report is available in print form for you to go through at leisure.

Sub-Committee Reports

Currently, we have 14 Sub-Committees. Their constitution are as follows:-

DSOBS Sub-Committee Members – 2009

Dosco Card/Affinity Program Rajat Banerji(Convenor) Arun Murugappan Hemant Sharma	Sports Nalin Khanna(Convenor) Arun Murugappan Anandbir Singh	Rose Bowl Kishore Lahiri(Convenor) Nalin Khanna Valentina Trivedi
Dosco Register/Record Nalin Khanna(Convenor) Hemant Sharma Nirmal Gaur Rishab Jain	Bursary K. Vipin Malhotra (Convenor) Kishore Lahiri Indrave Singh Mann	Memorabilia Vivek Seth(Convenor) Nirmal Gaur Anandbir Singh Rohit Badhwar Surinder Singh – Class 1964
Finance, Fund Raising and Credit Card Rajat Banerji(Convenor) Arun Murguppan Pradeep Narain Vivek Seth	Navodaya Hemant Sharma(Convenor) Vivek Seth Arun Murugappan Rajat Banerji	Founder's and Events Indrave Singh Mann (Convenor) Vivek Seth Pradeep Narain Valentina Trivedi
Website Coordination Shiv Singh(Convenor) Govind Dhar	Admissions Advisory Indrave Singh Mann(Convenor) Nirmal Gaur	Website Hemant Sharma(Convenor) Rishab Jain
Establishment/Office Premises Kishore Lahiri(Convenor) Indrave Singh Mann Nalin Khanna Pradeep Narain	Young Old Boys K Vipin Malhotra(Convenor) Valentina Trivedi Anandbir Singh Rishab Jain	

Let me now deal with each Sub-Committee in the order in which they appear in the aforesaid chart.

1. **DOSCO CARD/AFFINITY PROGRAMME**

Rajat Banerji heads this Sub-Committee assisted by Arun Murugappan and Hemant Sharma.

The affinity card program was initiated to generate revenue for the Society and primarily to assist the Rose Bowl Newsletter. By paying Rs.75,000/- an affinity partner became entitled to 3 strip ads and one full page ad in the Rosebowl. The affinity partner also extended discounted benefits to DOSCOS and in turn benefited from the ads and its association with the DOSCO Brand. However, if a prospective affinity partner desires to join the affinity programme for less than Rs.75,000/-, then it is for the Executive Committee to decide. It was felt that if a prospective partner was willing to pay Rs.15,000/- for one strip Ad and give a discount of say 25% then he/it should be admitted. In fact it was felt that if a prospective partner committed to paying for 4 strip Ads he should be allowed to do so at a total cost of Rs.50,000/-.

During the year 2009 Max Healthcare renewed their Affinity with our Programme for another one year.

School of Inspired Leadership (SOIL) has become our Affinity partner for one year.

2. **Sports**

This Sub-Committee is headed by Nalin Khanna ably assisted by Arun Murugappan and Anandbir Singh. Nalin and his team have given you excellent sports fixtures in the Inter-House Hockey matches in Delhi on March 15; Inter-House Cricket Matches on March 21; the dinner to follow on March 21; Inter-House Golf on September 25; and the Golf dinner on September 27, 2009. The events were well attended and saw enormous participation from the DSOBS fraternity.

3. **Rose Bowl – The Newsletter**

The Rosebowl Sub-Committee is chaired by Kishore K. Lahiri, ably assisted by Nalin Khanna and Valentina Trivedi. The quality and content of the Rosebowl continue to improve and increase over the years.

We have had four issues of the Rosebowl published this year in January, May, August and October. These issues were of 32 pages, 32 pages, 36 pages and (a record breaking) 64 pages.

Kishore has brought about several welcome changes in the Rosebowl by creating a core Committee of Editors, an Editorial Board and Overseas Correspondents leading to far greater communication and giving a larger representation to the erudite DoscOs to pen down their thoughts.

Importantly, the Rosebowl Corpus has been established which now has a princely sum of approximately Rs.34.19 Lakhs in the corpus. Someday, the Corpus should hold enough funds to generate sufficient interest to finance not only the printing and postage costs (which is currently funded through strip ads from generous DoscOs and others) but also to meet the cost of paper which is currently supplied free of cost by Gautam Thapar.

Our sincere and continued thanks to Gautam Thapar, 200-H '79 who after having supplied free paper for the Rosebowl for several years till the middle of this year, has not only continued it for another three years but has promised his continued support to our newsletter, the Rosebowl.

Since currently strip ads remain our primary source of funding the printing and postage cost, I once again urge all members of our fraternity to come forward with ads to help our Editorial Board with their good work. Even now, less than 20% (788) of the total Members (4500) have contributed to the Rose Bowl Newsletter. I would urge all members to generously contribute to the Rosebowl Corpus to make our dream of the Rosebowl being a self-financing venture a reality. I also urge members of our fraternity to continue to send in their articles, write ups and photographs to the Editor to continue to enhance the quality of our newsletter.

I also wish to thank all members of our fraternity who have over the year contributed towards advertisements and the corpus and others who may come forward. This Sub-Committee requires your help which I know you will readily give.

4. **DSOBS Register/Dosco Record –**

The DSOBS Register/Dosco Record Sub-Committee is headed by Nalin Khanna and ably supported by Hemant Sharma, Nirmal Gaur and Rishabh Jain.

Work on the Register is nearing completion and we hope to publish the new Register by the end of this year or early next year. our thanks to Vikram Lal for having offered to have the Register printed free of cost. The last edition of the Register was published in 2002 and the last Record in 1996. Unfortunately, we could not conclude the task at hand of having a 2006 Edition of the Dosco Register, particularly because the response from Old Boys had been very poor. This was primarily because of the length of the form to be filled in for submission. This form had then been edited and a more concerted effort led to greater data collection. I now urge all members who have not so far submitted their data to this Sub-Committee to do the same at the earliest. Your cooperation will greatly help in keeping our database updated and complete.

5. **Bursary/Scholarship –**

This Sub-Committee is headed by me. I am assisted by Kishore Lahiri and Indrave Singh Mann.

This year, the DSOBS has disbursed bursaries in the amount of Rs.3.5 lakhs to the sons of five Old Boys of The Doon School. This included a part of the Singapore Chapter's Bursary. In addition, we also disbursed 7 bursaries amounting to Rs.1,05,000/- to The John Martyn Memorial Trust, which runs the Salangaon Primary School. The total sum disbursed was Rs.4.55 lakhs.

DSOBS now has Rs.43 lakhs in the Bursary Corpus Fund which includes Rs.7 lakhs of the Singapore Bursary Fund. This needs enhancement and I would urge all Old Boys to donate as much as possible towards this Fund.

6. **Memorabilia –**

This sub-committee is chaired by Vivek Seth and assisted by Nirmal Gaur, Anandbir Singh, Rohit Badhwar and Surinder Singh. Dosco memorabilia is available from the Secretariat, and also at School. Last year, the sales of memorabilia was to the tune of Rs.7.65 lakhs. Several new items of memorabilia have been added. We also have plans to bring new (limited edition) items for DS 75.

7. **Finance, Fund Raising and Credit Card –**

This Sub-Committee is headed by Rajat Banerji and assisted by Arun Murugappan, Pradip Narain and Vivek Seth.

Since most of the fundraising efforts have now been concentrated with the Anoop Singh Bishnoi Committee for DS 75, we have during the last year not had specific fundraisers for the DSOBS apart from small amounts which have come in from various activities or from donors.

8. **Navodaya**

This Sub-Committee is headed by Hemant Sharma and assisted by Vivek Seth, Arun Murugappan and Rajat Banerji.

This Sub-Committee has disbursed an amount of Rs.5 lakhs this year towards the Bihar Flood Relief Fund.

9. **Founder's and events –**

This Sub-Committee is headed by Indrave Singh Mann who is assisted by Vivek Seth, Pradip Narain and Valentina Trivedi.

Members of this Sub-Committee have individually and collectively helped out with all DSOBS events which are listed in the former portion of this address. Infact, this Sub-Committee will have a greater role to play in the years to come because with the passage of time we have realized that a large part of DSOBS activities have now become event management.

10. **Website Coordination –**

This Sub-Committee is headed by Shiv Singh and assisted by Govind Dhar. Since both are abroad, they are also ably assisted by Mr. Sheel Sharma and Mr. A.P. Narayanan at the Secretariat when it comes to day-to-day uploading of information on the website. Over the next year, we intend to concentrate on making our website a more vibrant and active site. It must be mentioned that Hemant Sharma has been roped in by the Dhruv Sawhney and Anoop Singh Bishnoi Committees to create the special DS 75 website which he has. The website is <http://www.trisoft.net/doon/>. This site can be accessed from either the Doon School website doonschool.com or the DSOBS website dosco.org.

11. **Admission Advisory –**

This Sub-Committee is headed by Indrave Singh Mann and assisted by Nirmal Gaur.

This year, out of 35 DOSCO wards who appeared for the interview, 33 finally gained admission. This was possible only after the DSOBS took up the matter up with the Board.

12. **DSOBS WEBSITE: - dosco.org**

This sub-committee is chaired by Hemant Sharma of Trisoft. Hemant is assisted by Rishabh Jain. The DSOBS website is undoubtedly the most powerful medium of communication for all members of the fraternity. It is therefore, the endeavour of the society to keep improving this facility so that our widely spread fraternity can be in touch with activities of the Society and be able to share information on a daily basis.

The website is constantly being redesigned to meet current needs but a lot more work needs to be done. The Rose Bowl is also added to the site almost simultaneously when the publication is mailed to members. To increase revenue for the Society we could advertise on our website. All members are requested to please make a note of this and give advertisements for our website.

13. **Establishment/Office Premises –**

This Sub-Committee is headed by Kishore Lahiri and ably assisted by Indrave Singh Mann, Nalin Khanna and Pradip Narain.

This Sub-Committee has in the past year not only collated, organized, indexed and bound all DSOBS records relating to minutes of EC meetings, minutes of AGMs and the Rosebowl but has also looked after the day to day repair and maintenance of the Secretariat. Kishore and his Sub-Committee are currently involved in locating land for an independent Secretariat-cum-auditorium, etc.

14. **Young Old Boys**

This Sub-Committee is headed by me and ably assisted by Valentina Trivedi, Anandbir Singh and Rishabh Jain

Rishabh, Pradip Narain and I visited School in April this year for an induction ceremony of the latest entrants to the Dosco fraternity, the Class of 2009. The Dehra Dun representatives, Ashu Goyal and Samir Dhingra were present during the induction in their capacities of Dehra Dun Representatives. I inducted the young old boys. Rishabh addressed a Power Point presentation prepared by Valentina and Rishabh. Memorabilia was given complimentary to each young old boy including old boys ties, CDs of School songs and prayers, mugs, etc.

We would like to record our appreciation at the generosity exhibited by this youngest batch who had from their pocket money collected over Rupees one lakh and donated it to School. They would later indicate what should be done with their donation.

Having given you a bird's eye view of the work and activities undertaken by the various Sub-Committees, let me conclude by once again thanking you all for being here at the AGM inspite of a cancelled Founder's weekend.

I would also like to thank you all for all your help in making every DSOBS event a success. I would be failing in my duties if I did not extend a special thanks to Gurmeet Singh for organizing the Agra Weekend in July 2009; to Anil (Paps) Malhotra for all his help and assistance with the 21st March Dinner and the AMQ Cricket and Dinners on April 11 & 12, 2009; and to the various Regional Reps of various Chapters in India and overseas for making the events and get-togethers hosted by them great successes.

I hope to have even greater support and participation as we enter the final phase in the run up to DS 75 in October 2010.

Thank you once again, ladies and gentlemen. Have a great Diwali weekend and let me, in advance, wish you all a very happy 2010.

Yours sincerely

Kanwar Vipin Malhotra

President, DSOBS

VI **Approval of accounts as on 31st March 2009**

The accounts had been presented to the House and the president requested that if there was no objection it could be passed. Mr Gurmeet Singh(883-T'82) proposed that the Accounts be passed , seconded by Rahul Kohli (81-J'75)and the House unanimously passed the accounts

VII Appointment of Auditors

Mr Anil Malhotra proposed that Mr Mahesh Sahai(145-J'53) continue to remain Auditor for the year 2009-2010. This was seconded by Mr Haripal Singh Gill and unanimously approved by the House. Here it was clarified that Mr Mahesh Sahai's company V Sahai & Co. that had been our Auditors for years had now become V Sahai Tripathi & Co.

VIII Proposal to amend Rules 5 and 6 of the Rules and Regulations of the DSOBS

The President announced that a proposal to amend the rules 5 and 6 of the Rules and Regulations of the DSOBS had been circulated to all earlier and if there was no objection the same could be passed. Rahul Kohli suggested some corrections in clauses 5 and 6 of the DSOBS Rules and Regulations that had been circulated.

These corrections were accepted and the proposal was unanimously passed provided the corrections were incorporated. Mr Haripal Singh Gill proposed that the proposed rules may be passed , seconded by Mr Sati Puri.

The following are the new amended Rules 5 and 6

5. OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY:

- (1) The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, a Vice President and a Secretary/Treasurer, the last named not necessarily being a member of the Society. The election/selection of all officers shall be ratified at the Annual General Meeting.
- (2) Insofar as the election of the President and Vice President are concerned, while the Vice President will automatically be elevated to the post of President after he has served as Vice President for two years but the new incumbent to the post of Vice President shall be elected in the following manner:-
 - (a) The process for the election of the Vice President will be initiated by the 31st of January of the year in which the vacancy is to arise. Notice of the vacancy will be posted on the Society's website, sent by e-mail or other means of communication and also published in the appropriate issue of the Rosebowl.
 - (b) Those individuals from amongst the DSOBS who wish to offer their candidature for the post of Vice President shall confidentially send their applications to the President of the DSOBS through any member of the DSOBS as a proposer and two other members of the DSOBS (from different age bands) as seconders. The proposer and the seconders shall be from each of three age bands prescribed for this purpose, namely, 39 years and below, 40 to 49 years, 50 years and above. While forwarding the application of a prospective candidate, the proposer and the seconders shall briefly state as to why they feel that the candidate they recommend should be the Vice President of the Society. No other recommendation in favour of a prospective candidate apart from the one sent by/through the proposer and two seconders referred to above shall either be considered or given any weightage. The proposer and seconders of one candidate cannot nominate or recommend the name of any other candidate that year.
 - (c) The applications shall be accompanied by the following, which should also reflect the key elements stipulated in Rule 5(2)(d), namely:-
 - (i). *A brief Curriculum Vitae.*
 - (ii). The candidate's contributions to the Doon School and the Doon School Old Boys' Society in the past.

- (iii). The candidate's strengths and the areas in which he expects to contribute to the Doon School and the Doon School Old Boys' Society in particular and the society at large in general.
 - (iv). The candidate's Vision Statement for four years and beyond.
 - (v). The Batch or Class to which the candidate belongs.
- (d) The following key elements are required in a candidate who offers himself for the post of Vice President, namely:
- i) He should have commitment to the objectives of the Society,
 - ii) He should be able to devote time to its functions,
 - iii) He should have a good standing in Society,
 - iv) He should have reached a certain level of achievement in his profession,
 - v) Membership of the Executive Committee of the Society would be desirable, though not mandatory, and
 - vi) He should be able to travel outside New Delhi to meet OBs and carry out the work of the society in a suitable manner.

Provided that inability to [in the context of Rule 5(2)(d)(vi) above] shall not be considered as reason to debar an interested individual so long as between the President and Vice President, at least one of them is able to represent the society outside New Delhi, as needed.

- (e) All applications in conformity with Rule 5(2)(b), (c) and (d) above shall be submitted on or before the 31st of March of the year the vacancy for the post of Vice President is to arise. This date will be prominently indicated in the notice prescribed by Rule 5(2)(a) above.
- (f) Once the nominations for the post of Vice President are received by the President, the President shall constitute a Committee to examine the applications and deliberate thereupon with the objective of arriving at a consensus to recommend one name for the Executive Committee to place before the House for approval at the Annual General Meeting.
- (g) The President shall constitute this Committee by the 31st of May of the year in which the vacancy arises.
- (h) This Committee shall comprise of the President and the Vice President of the DSOBS. The Chairman of the Board of Governors shall be requested to nominate one Old Boy Governor to be a member of this Committee. The President will also request one past President to join this Committee as member. Apart from these four members of this Committee, five members will be chosen from the three age bands of the DSOBS referred to in Rule 5(2)(b) above who volunteer to work for this Committee. Two (2) volunteers shall be selected from the age band of 39 years and below; two (2) from the age band of 40 to 49 years and one (1) from the age band of 50 years and above. Requests for such volunteers will also be posted on the Society's website, sent by e-mail or other means of communication as also published in the appropriate issue of the Rosebowl by the last date of February of the year in which the vacancy arises. The names of such volunteers shall be received by 31st of March and placed in a sealed box. At an Executive Committee meeting to be held by 30th April of the

concerned year, the President will, in the presence of the Executive Committee members, draw five names from the said box containing the names of volunteers. All members of the DSOBS will be at liberty to attend this meeting. The first name drawn from each age band will be selected for the Committee. Any vacancy caused by lack of volunteers from a particular age band shall remain vacant. Any person whose relative, whether by blood or marriage, is a potential Vice Presidential candidate shall automatically stand disqualified from being a member of such Committee. Similarly, any person who has been a proposer or a seconder of any candidate shall also stand disqualified from being a member of such Committee. Any person, apart from the President and Vice President of the DSOBS, who has earlier been a member of this Committee shall also stand disqualified from being a member of such Committee for four years. Such Committee members shall also stand precluded from applying for the post of Vice President or Executive Committee member for a period of four years.

- (i) This Committee will on its constitution begin the process of examination of the details of the prospective candidates and deliberate on their suitability. During such deliberations, this Committee will be at liberty to ask any candidate or candidates for further information and/or data for further consideration.
- (j) To preserve the ethos and value system of the Doon School and the DSOBS, all proceedings and deliberations of this Committee shall remain confidential. To further ensure such confidentiality, the President will select one of the members of such Committee to act as the Secretary of the Committee.
- (k) After such deliberations, the Committee shall by 31st of August recommend one name to the Executive Committee for being placed before the House at the Annual General Meeting.
- (l) The name recommended by this Committee to the Executive Committee shall be considered at a meeting of the Executive Committee to be convened within two weeks of the 31st of August and in any event by or before the 15th of September of the given year. The recommendation of the Committee will be reviewed by the Executive Committee and after consideration be placed before the house at the Annual General Meeting for approval by the House.
- (3) The Vice President will serve a two year term and will subsequently (automatically) assume the position of President for two years. Both the President and the Vice President shall serve in their respective positions for two years each without the requirement for re-election for the second successive year.
- (4) No person who has served as President of the DSOBS shall be entitled to ever apply again for the post of Vice President which would consequently lead him to once again becoming the President of the DSOBS.

6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- (1) The management of the affairs of the Society, its investments and the power of development, payment and disbursement of its funds and properties shall vest in the Executive Committee, which will consist of the President, the Vice President and not less than six or more than twelve other members. All members (except the President's nominee) will be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. The Executive Committee will comprise of the following representatives:-
 - (i) Age group 60 years and above will be represented by one member
 - (ii) Age group of 50 to 59 years will be represented by two members,

- (iii) Age group 40-49 will be represented by three members,
- (iv) Age group 30-39 will be represented by three members,
- (v) Age group 20-29 will be represented by one member; and
- (vi) In addition, each incoming President will have the option to nominate one person as an Executive Committee Member who shall not be required to be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

(2) Selection of new Executive Committee Members

- (a) The process of selection of Executive Committee will be initiated by the President by or before the 31st of January of the year in which the vacancies are to arise.
- (b) All such vacancies will be posted on the Society's website, sent out by e-mail or other means of communication and also published in the appropriate issue of the Rosebowl.
- (c) Those individuals from amongst the DSOBS who wish to offer their candidature for being a member of the Executive Committee shall confidentially send their applications to the President of the DSOBS through any member of the DSOBS as a proposer and two other members of the DSOBS as seconders. The proposer and the seconders must be from the same age band (but not the same batch) as the candidate. The five age bands are 29 years and below, 30 to 39 years, 40 to 49 years, 50 to 59 years and 60 years and above. No other recommendation in favour of a prospective candidate apart from the one sent by/through the proposer and seconders referred to above shall be either considered or given any weightage. The proposer or seconders cannot nominate or recommend the name of any other candidate that year.
- (d) The proposer and the seconders alongwith their recommendations should also briefly state as to why the candidate they are recommending should be a member of the Executive Committee.
- (e) The applications should be accompanied by the following:-
 - (i). *A brief Curriculum Vitae.*
 - (ii). The candidate's contributions to the Doon School and the Doon School Old Boys' Society in the past.
 - (iii). The candidate's strengths and the areas in which he expects to contribute to the Doon School and the Doon School Old Boys Society in particular and the society at large in general.
 - (iv). What the candidate proposes or expects to achieve in four years should he be selected as a member of the Executive Committee.
 - (v). The Batch or Class to which the candidate belongs.
- (f) All applications shall be received by 31st March of the concerned year.

- (g) On receiving all such applications by 31st March of the concerned year, the President shall constitute a Committee to examine the applications and deliberate thereupon with the objective of arriving at a consensus and recommend the name(s) of one or more candidates as vacancies permit for the Executive Committee to place before the house for approval at the Annual General Meeting.
- (h) The President shall constitute this Committee by the 31st of May of the year in which the vacancy or vacancies arise.
- (i) This Committee shall comprise of the President and the Vice President of the DSOBS and two members of the Executive Committee as decided by the Executive Committee. The said two Executive Committee members shall be ineligible to apply for the post of Vice President for a period of four years thereafter. Apart from these four members of this Committee, six others will be chosen from the five age bands referred to in Rule 6(2)(c) above. One (1) volunteer will be chosen from the age band of 29 years and below, one (1) from the age band of 30 to 39 years, two (2) from the age band of 40 to 49 years, one (1) from the age band of 50 to 59 years and one (1) from the age band of 60 years and above. Requests for such volunteers will be posted on the Society's website, sent by e-mail or other means of communication as also published in the appropriate issue of the Rosebowl by the last date of February of the year in which the vacancies arise. The names of such volunteers shall be received by 31st of March and placed in a sealed box. At an Executive Committee to be held by 30th of April of the concerned year, the President will, in the presence of the Executive Committee members, draw six names from the box containing the names of volunteers. All members of the DSOBS will also be free to attend such meeting. The first name(s) drawn from the age bands of 29 years and below, 30 to 39 years, 50 to 59 years and 60 years and above shall be selected for the Committee. Similarly, the first two names drawn from the age group of 40 to 49 years shall be selected for this Committee. Any vacancy caused by lack of volunteers from a particular age band shall remain vacant. If this Committee is one of even numbers e.g. ten (10) or eight (8) etc., the President of the DSOBS shall have the casting vote in case of a deadlock. Any person whose relative, whether by blood or marriage, is a potential Executive Committee candidate shall automatically stand disqualified from being a member of such Committee. Similarly, any person who has been a proposer or a seconder of any candidate shall also stand disqualified from being a member of such Committee. Any person, apart from the President and Vice President of the DSOBS, who has earlier been a member of this Committee shall also stand disqualified from being a member of such Committee for four years. Additionally, the said six Committee members shall be ineligible to apply for membership to the Executive Committee or for the post of Vice President for the next four years.
- (j) The recommendation of the Committee will be reviewed by the Executive Committee and shall after consideration be placed before the House at the Annual General Meeting.
- (3) No person who has been an Executive Committee member within a period of eight years before the vacancy arises (unless the person was a President's nominee) shall be eligible to again apply for being a member of the Executive Committee.
- (4) Vacancies among officers or the Members of the Committee occasioned by death, retirement or refusal to serve shall be filled up in the same manner as prescribed by Rule 6(2) above.

(5) The business of the Society may be transacted by correspondence.

Mr Rajbir Singh 4-H enquired as to why only Rule 5 and 6 were being changed. The entire rules needed to be updated. Mr Dhruv Sawhney fully endorsed this view and urged the President to go ahead and update the entire Rules and Regulations of the DSOBS. All amendments will be posted on the website.

IX Presentation of report of DS-75 (IPSS) by Dhruv Sawhney

X Presentation of report of DS-75(DSOBS) by Anoop Singh Bishnoi

XI NEW DSOBS MEMBERSHIP –

i) Kanishk Raghuvanshi 75-TB Joined School Feb 2002 and left Dec 2003.

ii) Gopal Srinivasan 447-JA Joined July 1970 left July 1972 Class 1974

Since both the candidates had not completed the requisite three years of stay at the school nor had they done their class XII exams from the school they were not eligible and so their application was not accepted.

XII (i) Re-election of Office Bearers

Mr Indrave Mann Singh had completed his two year tenure was eligible for re-election. Mr Gurmeet Singh proposed that he may be re-elected, seconded by Mr Jaspreet Singh and the house unanimously approved the re-election of Mr Indrave Mann Singh for a further two year period.

(ii) Election of New Office Bearers

The President introduced the newsletter that he had circulated to all DoscOs pertaining to the process that had been adopted to select the new EC nominees.

Dear DoscOs,

You are aware that four vacancies will arise on and from October 11, 2009 in the Executive Committee. Of these, one is in the age group of 50 to 59 years, one in the age group of 40 to 49 years and two in the age group of 30 to 39 years.

In the age group of 50 to 59 years, we received one nomination; in the age group of 40 to 49 years we received three nominations and in the age group of 30 to 39 years we received five nominations.

Rule 6 governs the procedure for selection of new Executive Committee members. Rule 6(2) reads as follows:-

“(2) Selection of new Executive Committee Members – When a vacancy arises, approximately 6 months prior to the AGM, the President would inform all the class representatives of the concerned age group (10 classes in total) to collectively recommend a name to fill the vacancy. In the event, that there is more than one candidate, their details should be forwarded to the President who in consultation with the Executive Committee would finalize the name of who shall fill the vacancy. If the other candidates are in any case desirous of contributing to the activities of the Society, they could assist in the committees of their interest, as could any member of the Society.”

By August 16, 2009, the nine nominations referred to above had been received by the Executive Committee. On noting that there were more than one candidate in the age group of 30 to 39 years and in the age group of 40 to 49 years, it was decided at the EC meeting held on August 21, 2009 that each candidate should be asked to submit the following to enable the Executive Committee to arrive at a considered decision on the merits of each candidate, namely:-

- (i). A brief *curriculum vitae*.
- (ii). List of his contributions to the Doon School and the Doon School Old Boys' Society in the past.
- (iii). His strengths and the areas in which he expected to contribute to the Doon School and the Doon School Old Boys Society in particular and the Society at large in general.
- (iv). The reasons as to why the candidate wanted to join the Executive Committee of the DSOBS and what he wished or hoped to achieve over the next four years should he be selected to the Executive Committee.
- (v). The batch or class to which he belonged.
- (vi). His ability to attend at least three of the six meetings of the EC in a year.

I accordingly wrote to each candidate for the aforesaid information, pursuant to which, all nine candidates submitted the requisite details. These details were thereafter circulated to all EC Members well in advance of the EC meeting convened for this purpose on September 12, 2009. At this meeting, the merits of each candidate were considered in detail based on the information and data submitted by them. The EC and I considered the merits and demerits of each candidate on extremely objective yardsticks after which the names were finalized by consensus.

After following the above procedure and after due deliberations, the Executive Committee has made the following recommendations:-

- (i). Age group of 50 to 59 years (one) – Rahul Kohli, Class of 1975.
- (ii). Age group of 40 to 49 years (one) – Jaswinder Singh Bull, Class of 1986.
- (iii). Age group of 30 to 39 years (two) – Kunal Sharma, Class of 1993 and
Anirudh Chaudhry, Class of 1994.

As per the DSOBS Rules, these names are being placed before you for formal 'election' on the floor of the House at the AGM scheduled to be held on Sunday, October 11, 2009.

I must, before concluding, also express our deep appreciation and gratitude to Rohit Badhwar, Raguvendra (Donny) Singh and Prithvi Gill. In a spirit of magnanimity and in keeping with the highest traditions of the DOSCO community and respecting the convention of consensus. Rohit and Donny (in the age group of 40 to 49 years) gracefully accepted the decision of the Executive Committee. Infact, Donny sent a warm letter voluntarily stepping down in favour of Jaswinder and wishing Jaswinder success in his tenure as a Member of the EC. In a similar spirit, Prithvi Gill (in the age group of 30 to 39 years) exhibited the same magnanimity and stated that he respected the EC's decision and would abide by it. My heartfelt thanks to them all. We must collectively appreciate and applaud their decisions.

With best regards

Kanwar Vipin Malhotra

President, DSOBS

The President announced that in the age group of 50 – 59 the Executive Committee nominates Rahul Kohli 81-J '75. Mr Dilsher Singh Virk proposed that Mr Rahul Kohli may be elected, seconded by Mr Anil Malhotra. Mr Rahul Kohli was unanimously elected to the Executive Committee.

In the age group 40 – 49 the EC nomination was Jaswinder Singh 344-J '86. Mr Ashtosh Goyal proposed that Jaswinder Singh may be elected, seconded by Mr Sati Puri. Mr Jaswinder Singh was unanimously elected to the Executive Committee.

In the age group 30 -39 there were two vacancies and the EC nominated Kunal Sharma 473-J '93 and Mr Anirudh Chowdhry 557-J '94. Mr Haripal Gill proposed that both Kunal Sharma and Anirudh Chowdhury be elected to the Executive Committee, seconded by Mr Sati Puri. The house unanimously approved the election of both Kunal Sharma and Anirudh Chowdhury to the Executive Committee.

XIII Any other business with the permission of the chair

Mr Lalit Nirula said that at all costs we must follow rules as laid down.

Mr Aftab Seth said that manners and politeness were the essential qualities that we need to preserve.

Mr Gautam Thapar said that Doscocs who have done something noteworthy must have their names on the Board. He was full of praise for the present Executive Committee that they had correctly followed the policy laid down by the rules.

Dhruv wished to thank the Board of Governors for the excellent work that they had done.

Mr Sumant Rai Dewan presented to the school, on behalf of the Class of 1983 a cheque for Rs. 20,00,000 (Rupees Twenty Lakhs) for the Art School Project.

With a vote of thanks to the chair the meeting was duly adjourned.

Sheel Sharma
Executive Secretary

July 1, 2010.