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2013/2014 Newsletter No. 1

Dear Colleagues,

On Valentine's Day and in this first newsletter of the year, may I extend the warmest regards from the Executive Committee to our new and current members, and wish you all a prosperous and fruitful year ahead.

In this year, I am pleased to serve you again as the Honorary Secretary and would like to inform you of the following news:

1. Annual General Meeting (2013/14)

The Annual General Meeting was held on 20 November 2013 and 158 members attended, which was encouraging indeed. We were very happy to have invited the Honourable Anna Wu Hung-yuk, GBS, JP, member of the Executive Council, to share with us on the topic "Education, as I see it". I am sure those who have attended the talk have found it inspiring. In the Open Forum that followed, we are pleased to have our Honorary Adviser and former chairman Mr. Wong Wai Yu Michael and the Chairlady Miss Lee Suet Ying to join Miss Wu. The Forum has stimulated good exchanges of views which we can further relish. Attached please find the draft minutes of the AGM for your reference and perusal. Please inform me of any suggested amendments by e-mail at rl@ywgs.edu.hk or through telephone at 2548-6047.

2. Membership drive and membership list

At present we have 366 Full members and 69 Associate members. Your warm and continuing support for the Association is highly appreciated. We are also glad that a number of principals who have either retired or taken early retirement have joined us on a one-off subscription to show their support. We strive to include every colleague who is interested in the Association and shares with us our mission and vision. If you know of a colleague who is not yet a member, please invite him/her to join us. Application forms could also be downloaded from our website (www.hkahss.edu.hk).

The updated Membership List (with name of members and schools only) will be available for download on our website in due course.

3. Executive Committee and Co-opted Members

The Executive Committee members met immediately after the AGM and the various posts were filled by election at the meeting. At the same time, we have invited some colleagues to help with the various task groups. The complete list is attached as follows for your reference.

Post	Name	School
Honorary Adviser	Mr. Wong Wai Yu Michael 黃謂儒先生	
Chairperson	Ms. Lee Suet Ying 李雪英女士	Ho Yu College and Primary School (Sponsored by Sik Sik Yuen) 畚色園主辦可譽中學暨可譽小學
Vice-chairperson	Mr. Choi Sung Ki 蔡崇機先生	Kowloon Technical School 九龍工業學校
	Dr. Ho Sai Mun 何世敏先生	LST Wong Chung Ming Secondary School 樂善堂王仲銘中學
Hon. Secretary	Mrs. Lee Shek Yuk Yu Ruth 李石玉如女士	Ying Wa Girls' School 英華女學校
	Ms. Yau Kit Ying Veronica 邱潔瑩女士	Fanling Kau Yan College 粉嶺救恩書院
Hon. Treasurer	Mr. Tang Chun Keung Teddy 鄧振強先生	The HKMA K S Lo College 香港管理專業協會羅桂祥中學
Committee members	Mr. Chau Hau Fung 周厚峰先生	CUHKFAA Chan Chun Ha Secondary School 香港中文大學校友會聯會陳震夏中學
	Mrs. Cheung Cheung Wai Yee Addy 張張慧儀女士	The Salvation Army Shek Wu School 救世軍石湖學校
	Ms. Lau Yiu Hung 劉瑤紅女士	Kit Sam Lam Bing Yim Secondary School 潔心林炳炎中學
Co-opted members	Dr. Cheng Kin Tak 鄭建德先生	Tsung Tsin Christian Academy 基督教崇真中學
	Ms. Pang Wai Lan 彭惠蘭女士	Ho Dao College (Sponsored by Sik Sik Yuen) 可道中學 (畚色園主辦)
	Mrs. Tam Cheung Kit Ying Grace 譚張潔凝女士	St. Margaret's Co-educational English Secondary and Primary School 聖瑪加利男女英文中小學

Post	Name	School
Task Group members	Ms. Cheng Lai Yun 鄭麗恩女士	Tin Shui Wai Government Secondary School 天水圍官立中學
	Ms. Kwan Wai Fong 關蕙芳女士	
	Dr. Law Chan Fai 羅燦輝先生	Lingnan Secondary School 嶺南中學
	Mr. Lin Chun Pong 連鎮邦先生	Ng Yuk Secondary School 五育中學
	Mr. Lo Shiu Ming Tommy 羅紹明先生	The Church of Christ in China Kei Long College 中華基督教會基朗中學
	Mrs. Luk Sze Yin Yin 陸施燕燕女士	Cheung Chau Government Secondary School 長洲官立中學
	Mr. Tai Ming Kee Eric 戴明基先生	Shun Tak Fraternal Association Leung Kau Kui College 順德聯誼總會梁銶琚中學
	Sister Wong May May 黃美美修女	
	Ms. Yan Kin Foon Alice 殷見歡女士	Sheung Shui Government Secondary School 上水官立中學

4. Task Groups for 2013/2014

The Executive Committee set up the following Task Groups to monitor, address, and resolve various issues, and to take action where appropriate. We believe that will foster our professionalism. Some reorganization has been made this year to better cater for the needs of the members and keep in line with the various developments in the field.

We need the participation of and contribution from our members and gratefully welcome your input. Please contact the Convener of each Task Group directly for information, comments, suggestions and participation.

A. Self-Regulated Learning (SRL)

Ms. Yau Kit Ying Veronica (Convener), Mr. Chau Hau Fung (Convener), Ms. Cheng Lai Yun, Dr. Ho Sai Mun, Ms. Lau Yiu Hung, Mr. Lin Chun Pong, Mrs. Luk Sze Yin Yin, Mr. Tang Chun Keung Teddy

B. New Academic Structure

Dr. Ho Sai Mun (Convener), Mrs. Cheung Cheung Wai Yee Addy, Mr. Lin Chun Pong, Mr. Lo Shiu Ming Tommy, Mr. Tai Ming Kee Eric

C. Continuing Professional Development

Mrs. Lee Shek Yuk Yu Ruth (Convener), Ms. Lau Yiu Hung (Convener), Dr. Cheng Kin Tak, Ms. Kwan Wai Fong, Ms. Pang Wai Lan, Sr. Wong May May, Ms. Yan Kin Foon Alice

D. Integrated Education

Mrs. Cheung Cheung Wai Yee Addy (Convener), Mr. Choi Sung Ki, Dr. Law Chan Fai, Ms. Lee Suet Ying, Mr. Lin Chun Pong

E. Teachers' Day

Mr. Choi Sung Ki (Convener), Ms. Lee Suet Ying

F. 50th Anniversary and Annual Conference

Mr. Tang Chun Keung Teddy (Convener), Ms. Yau Kit Ying Veronica (Convener), Mr. Choi Sung Ki, Mrs. Tam Cheung Kit Ying Grace

G. Communication Support

Ms. Lee Suet Ying (Convener), Mr. Wong Wai Yu Michael (Convener), Ms. Yau Kit Ying Veronica

H. Constitution Amendments

Mrs. Lee Shek Yuk Yu Ruth (Convener), Mr. Choi Sung Ki, Ms Yau Kit Ying Veronica, Mr. Tang Chun Keung Teddy

5. Focus of Work for the year

a. Self-regulated Learning (SRL)

The SRL Task Group will continue its efforts in the previous years. Plans include :

Reading sharing session in March or April

School visit in Zhong Shan in May

Joint Schools Professional Development Week in November

b. Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

The CPD Group would be organizing a retreat for members in March. We will continue this year to arrange for other Happy Hour Forums to facilitate the discussion of issues of concerns among principals and vice-principals on an informal platform. We are making a more ambitious attempt to work on comprehensive CPD framework to cater for the needs of different members. More will be shared with you in due course.

c. The preparation for the celebration of the 50th anniversary

Established in 1964, the Association is entering its 50th anniversary. A task group has been specially set up to prepare for the celebration which will be kicked off in the AGM 2014 in the last quarter of the year. The theme "Tomorrow's Education" has been set, around which all celebration activities will focus.

d. The amendments of Constitution

The proposal for the amendment of the Constitution was presented in the Annual General Meeting on 20 November 2013. In the meeting, some queries were raised and clarified with good and in-depth discussion among members. In general, members welcomed a more refined categorization of memberships which will help foster professionalism of the Association. The Task Group was entrusted to further work on the following:

- i. the criteria for inviting Life Members to become Honorary Members
- ii. the criteria or circumstances that warrant termination of membership

The Task Group would follow the issues raised. A revised proposal together with the subscription and transition arrangement would be presented in the EGM in June 2014.

e. The New Academic Structure (NAS)

The group has been working consistently over the years on 5 main areas related to the implementation of the new academic structure and its review, namely the goals, the review mechanism, curriculum, SBA and multiple pathways. In view of the most recent development, the group will focus its work this year on multiple pathways and the needs of the disadvantaged students.

f. Integrated Education (IE)

The focus of work will be on the enrichment of members' understanding of IE and its implication on the education provisions to students with various needs (including ethnic minorities). Efforts will also be made to enhance sustainability and cross-collaboration.

6. Retreat Camp for members

In the previous two years, Executive Committee members had the privilege of inviting our Honorary Adviser Mr. Michael Wong and Sister Wong May May to lead us through retreat programmes which have proved to be very inspiring and enlightening. We feel that similar opportunity should also be provided for our members. We are able to realize this goal and a retreat will be organized for all who treasure some quiet time for an inward and soul-searching journey. At the same time, there are ample opportunities for participants to build up professional, collegial and spiritual support amongst themselves. A separate letter has been sent to members some time earlier. You can click here for more details and registration.

7. AHSS representation in various professional organizations and committees

Some of our Executive Committee members have participated in various professional committees and organizations on behalf of the Association. The information is listed below for your reference. Please contact the relevant representatives related to issues of your concern.

Name	Organization	Position
Miss Lee Suet Ying	Joint Committee of the Secondary School Councils and Secondary School Principals' Association of 18 Districts (中學議會與十八區中學校長會聯席會議)	Secretary
	EDB's Integrated Education Task Force	Member
	HKEAA SBA workgroup	
	Watsons Sportsman	
Dr. Ho Sai Mun	EDB's Principals' Liaison Meeting for 334	Member
	HKEAA's Advisory Committee on Public Examinations Administration	Member
Mrs. Lee Shek Yuk Yu Ruth	Secondary School Places Allocation Committee	Chairperson
Mr. Tang Chun Keung Teddy	Apera 2014	
Mr. Choi Sung Ki	The Council on Professional Conduct in Education (commence from Feb 2014)	Member (To be elected)
Mr. Choi Sung Ki Ms. Lee Suet Ying	Respect Our Teachers Campaign	Chairman
Ms. Kwan Wai Fong	Hong Kong Teachers' Centre	Member

8. Meeting with Permanent Secretary of Education

The Executive Committee members met with the Secretary for Education Mr. Eddie Ng on 3 January 2014 to discuss education issues before the release of the Chief Executive's Policy Address. During the meeting, issues discussed included :

- a. Our expectation on the Chief Executive Policy Address 2014 especially on the part related to education
- b. NAS and its review mechanism
- c. Our concern for the government's long-term planning and provisions in education
- d. Equal learning opportunities for students with disabilities under integrated education system
- e. The Population strategy and its implications on education provisions

It was a pity that the meeting was not as fruitful as we had wished and it was therefore essential to voice our professional views through various channels.

9. Papers and letters on our views on education policies

Besides meeting officials from the Education Bureau, we have kept on our efforts in taking proactive action and providing feedback to policies that have far-reaching impact on education. Executive Committee members have had very thorough discussion on these policies and sent in various letters and submission to the relevant government authorities. The letters and submissions have all been uploaded on our website. Our recent letters and papers included :

- a. The Chief Executive's Policy Address 2014
Two different letters have been sent to the Chief Executive, one before and one after his Policy Address speech.
- b. The review of the DSS policy
While recognizing the contribution made to education through the DSS sector, the Association is appealing to the government to review the DSS policy so as to enhance fair and equitable education provisions in Hong Kong. We are well aware of the needs and concerns of our DSS members and our focus of discussion is solely on the government policy.
- c. The Population Policy
The paper will be submitted before its deadline for public consultation which is 23 February 2014.

10. Student-LED project

The Student-LED Project co-organised by AHSS, CDI and HKUST is now entering its fourth year. A briefing session was held on 23 January 2014 to introduce the forming of a school network in the coming months and to report the findings of a newly completed research. Qualitative and quantitative analyses have shown positive impact of the project on students' self-regulated learning, leadership for learning practices and reflective habits. The whole report has already been uploaded to the CDI website: http://www.edb.gov.hk/cd/ole/student_LED/.

11. Going electronics, contributing to conservation and better communication network

The Executive Committee decided to go electronics to save paper and postage some years ago. The move has proved smooth and successful. So besides the correspondence at the beginning of the school year, we will send you the newsletter and all news through e-mail or fax or SMS. Newsletters and notices will also be put onto our website for your perusal.

To avoid technical errors and bouncing back of mails, please add *info@hkahss.edu.hk* to your address book or contact list. If you have any trouble in getting the e-version, please contact Ms. Yau Kit Ying Veronica at 2144-4545 (*veronicayau@fkyc.edu.hk*). Thank you for your kind assistance in going green.

The Year of the Horse has just begun and on behalf of the Executive Committee, may I wish you all gallop with bounteous blessings and strength (physical, mental and spiritual). God bless you all.



Mrs. Lee Shek Yuk Yu Ruth
Honorary Secretary

Encl. - 2013 Draft AGM minutes