



KIS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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KIS Alumni Newsletter

KISAA: the KIS Alumni Association

Get ready! You are going to start hearing a lot more about KISAA in the weeks and months ahead. The Association has been quiet for the past few years. We hope to now revitalize it and bring it back to vibrancy and vitality.

- **What is KISAA?**

KISAA is an organization. It has a constitution and byelaws. It has been in existence since 1982 when the KIS alumni in north America founded the organization.

- **Who is KISAA?**

All KIS students and staff who become alumni when they leave KIS are members of KISAA. In the early 1980s KISAA was established in north America due to the return of KIS alumni to their “homes” in north America. Remember, our base was north American at that time and KIS had just become an international school in the mid 1970s.

A further question is, will KISAA today be the same as the KISAA formed in 1982?

Groups of us have met, looked back at the history and origins of KISAA and KIS and discussed this issue. We have come to the conclusion that the KISAA of today must be different from the KISAA of yesterday: the school and our alumni are now truly international. Therefore, it would seem that KISAA respect and use the strong base formed in 1982 and re organize itself to also meet the needs of emerging KIS alumni.

- **How are we going to proceed?**

Good question! We have been pondering that here at KIS with a small group, taken the matter up with KFI (Kodai Friends International) and then to the KIS Council of Directors.

This needs to be an alumni initiative and I hope you will consider the following steps:

1. KISAA's constitution and byelaws need to be amended to include changes like including “International” when “Kodai School” is mentioned.
2. A KISAA Council needs to be nominated and elected.
3. KIS Council of Directors approved to support this initiative by providing financial support for the next five years for the appointment of a KISAA Executive Director. KIS will hire a KISAA Executive Director to oversee alumni initiatives to work out of the KIS Alumni Office and oversee / work as a team with the Alumni Officer.
4. Strengthen and build the alumni association into a vibrant pro active association.

- **When will it happen?**

The anticipated timeline is:

Draft all the necessary documents (update the constitution and byelaws), announce, hold an annual KISAA meeting in Kodai over the Field Day weekend 13-14 March 2009.

At this meeting we hope to ratify the constitution and bylaws, elect members to the KISAA Council, review / amend / approve the roles and responsibilities of KISAA and set the date for the next meeting.

As stated earlier in this message to you, the attached roles and responsibilities outlined for the three organizations: KIS, KFI and KISAA were considered by KIS and KFI and now need to be considered by the alumni. Your feedback is welcome and called for!

• **Why do we need KISAA?**

Many reasons:

1. To meet the needs of KIS alumni.
2. The number of KIS alumni is growing dramatically each year due to the increased class sizes.
3. Strengthen and build a world wide network amongst the alumni
4. To support KIS and its programs through interest, involvement, advertising through word of mouth, financial, service on governing and leadership bodies, expertise, mentorship program to name a few.

Please review the document (link given below), paying particular attention to the roles and responsibilities laid out for KISAA. If you have any suggestions or concerns, please feel free to address them to me. If you have a concern you do not wish to address to me, please contact Principal Geoffrey Fisher at principal@kis.in.

I'm excited. I see so much potential for building our KIS alumni association, but I'm just one person with limited time and resources. I need your help to expand the role of the Alumni office at KIS to ensure that alumni needs are met. The progress made thus far determining the roles of each organization is encouraging and in my opinion, definitely a step in the right direction.

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For the Roles & Responsibilities of
 KIS, KFI & KISAA:
http://www.netdirectories.com/~kis/attach/0809_rr.pdf

**1989 Annual Meeting of the
 Kodai Alumni Association**

The Annual Meeting of the Kodaikanal International School Alumni Association will be held at the Kodai reunion at Camp Casey on Whidbey Island near Seattle, Washington on Saturday, July 29th, 1989 at 2:00 p.m. Items on the agenda include election of members to the Alumni Council, and discussion of present and future alumni programs. Suggestions of persons to be nominated for the Alumni Council should be sent before July 1st to Basil Manns, 5066 White Flint Drive, Kensington, MD 20895.



KISAA Council in 1997: Back row: Jean Towle Reed, Dharman Niles, Ruth Meinzen-Dick, Sally Nichol Reindel, Nancy Sandlin, Lucile Carman
 Middle row: Eugene Betts, Jane Gibbs Cummings, John Lindell, Tiki Akerkar, Krishnan Ramanthan
 Front row: John Sipsogson, Ben Kim, David Otten

KISAA's beginnings and into the late 1990s:
 Taken from *Kodai and Kodai Road* magazines

Constitution of the Kodaikanal School Alumni Association

We, the undersigned alumni and friends of Kodaikanal School, situated in the City of Kodaikanal, State of Tamil Nadu, India, for the purpose of forming an organization of the alumni of the School, do hereby associate ourselves and do hereby adopt the following Articles as the Constitution of said organization:

ARTICLE I.

The name of this organization shall be the Kodaikanal School Alumni Association (hereinafter the "Association").

ARTICLE II.

The purpose of the Association shall be to promote a close relationship and understanding between Kodaikanal School (hereinafter the "School") and its alumni, to foster a spirit of friendship and loyalty among members of the Association and to contribute to and promote the best interests of the School.

ARTICLE III.

The Association may engage in any lawful business or activity not inconsistent with its purpose. The Association shall not, however, carry on any activity not permitted to be carried on (i) by an association exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or (ii) by an association, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provisions of any future Internal Revenue Law of the United States).

ARTICLE IV.

The regular members of the Association shall be (i) all students who have attended the School as a member of a class which has graduated; and (ii) any present or former staff member of the School. The honorary members of the Association shall be (i) parents of students who have attended the School; and (ii) any other person who may from time to time be designated by the Alumni Council as an honorary member because of friendship or distinctive service to the School.

ARTICLE V.

The business of the Association shall be run and managed by the Alumni Council, which shall consist of nine regular members of the Association. Members of the Alumni Council shall be elected by the regular members of the Association in the manner prescribed by the By-Laws and shall serve for terms of two years and thereafter until their respective successors are elected and qualified. The principal of the School shall be an ex-officio (non-voting) member of the Council.

ARTICLE VI.

The names of the first members of the Alumni Council are as follows:

David Lockwood	Maureen Aung Thwin
Eugene Betts	Jane Cummings
Anne Althouse	Robert Edwards
Barth Lewellen	Lois Young
Tarun Edwin	

Those persons named in the first column shall hold office as members of the Alumni Council until elections are regularly held in accordance with the By-Laws in 1983, and those persons named in the second column shall hold office as members until elections are held in 1984.

ARTICLE VII.

The Alumni Council shall govern its business and affairs in accordance with By-Laws duly adopted from time to time by the Alumni Council.

ARTICLE VIII.

This Constitution shall be deemed to be ratified by acclamation, in the absence of appropriate objection by any regular member, sixty (60) days following notice hereof first being given to all regular members of the Association whose addresses are now known and listed in the 1981 Directory of the Association. Thereafter, this Constitution may be amended by the vote of a majority of regular members present, either in person or by proxy, at an annual meeting of the Association duly called and convened in accordance with the By-Laws.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands as of the first day of January, 1982.

Anne Althouse	Tarun Edwin
Maureen Aung Thwin	Barth Lewellen
Eugene Betts	David Lockwood
Jane Cummings	Lois Young
Robert Edwards	