

## ST. EDMUND'S COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

(Registered under the Meghalaya Societies Registration Act, 1983)

(Meghalaya Act 12 of 1983)

## MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

- 1. The Name of the Society is St. Edmund's College Alumni Association (hereinafter referred to as 'the Association' or 'the Society' or in its abbreviated form 'SECAA').
- 2. The Registered Office of the Society will be located in Shillong and is presently located in the St. Edmund's College Campus, Laitumkhrah, Shillong 793003, East Khasi Hills, Meghalaya, with the approval of the College administration.
- 3. The aims of the Association are:
  - 3.1. To carry on and promote activities for charitable purposes and advancement of any other object of general public utility or welfare, being non-profit and non-political in nature.
  - 3.2. To foster a strong and lifelong connection between the Alumni of St. Edmund's College, Shillong, (hereinafter referred to as 'the College' or 'alma mater') themselves and with their alma mater.
  - 3.3. To create a lasting bond between the Alumni and the College and to contribute to the College's success by providing a platform for the Alumni to connect and give back.
  - 3.4. To promote the rich legacy, heritage and achievements of the College.
- 4. The objectives for the attainment of which the Association is formed are:
  - 4.1. To establish and maintain a vibrant platform for the Alumni to connect, network, and contribute to the College's success.

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- 4.2. To maintain open communication channels with the College administration. fostering a collaborative and enduring relationship between the Alumni and their alma mater.
- 4.3. To collaborate with the College in organizing competitions, conferences, contests, conventions, convocations, projects, research-work, seminars, symposiums, undertakings, ventures and all types of events, programmes and growth initiatives for its students and the Alumni.
- 4.4. To support the students of the College by offering alumni expertise, mentorship programs, guest lectures, career counseling, dissemination of information and initiatives promoting academic excellence.
- 4.5. To empower the students of the College by providing access to professional development opportunities, career resources and fairs, internship opportunities and involvement in social impact initiatives.
- 4.6. To cultivate a spirit of philanthropy and support for the College's development in the Alumni and its students, guided by and upholding the values of Blessed Edmund Rice
- 4.7. To respect the autonomy of the educational and other institutions run by the Christian Brothers and refrain from any form of interference in their management or admission process.
- 4.8. To undertake all such other lawful acts deeds or things as are conducive, incidental, ancillary or allied to the aims and objects of the Society.
- 5. The Society's area of operation shall be throughout North East India.
- 6. Every act done in the genuine belief that it serves the aims and objects of the Society, shall be deemed to be covered in its aims and objects, even if not specifically mentioned therein.
- 7. The Society shall have the power to frame Rules and Regulations and to modify or alter the same from time to time.
- 8. This Memorandum of Association shall serve as the foundation for SECAA's operations, with amendments possible with the approval of the College administration and two-thirds of the members of SECAA present in its General Meeting.

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- SECAA may raise funds or accept contributions and donations in cash or in kind from any person or entity, including its Members, the Government, any Institution including the College, any Body whether incorporated / registered or not and the public at large.
- 10. All funds raised or accepted by SECAA shall be utilised solely towards attaining its aims and objects.
- 11. The Management of the Society shall be carried on as follows:
  - 11.1. The Management and control of the Society shall be in the hands of an elected Governing Body consisting of Alumni representatives and the Patron and shall be carried on in accordance with the Rules and Regulations as may be framed or modified from time to time.
  - 11.2. The Governing Body will oversee the Association's activities, manage finances, and ensure adherence to this Memorandum.
  - 11.3. Christian Brothers and faculty members of the College, other than the Patron who shall have no voting rights, will not be eligible to serve on the Governing Body of SECAA.
- 12. Membership of SECAA will be open to all individuals who have successfully completed at least one full academic year of study at the College and subscribe to the ethos of the Founder, Blessed Edmund Rice. The right of admission shall, however, be reserved by the Governing Body.
- SECAA recognizes the generosity of Alumni who contribute to the College's wellbeing.
- 14. To ensure transparency and proper management of such contributions, the following guidelines shall be adhered to:
  - 14.1. Contribution Options: Alumni can choose to support the College through various means, including monetary donations, in-kind contributions, and material donations.
  - 14.2. *Transparency and Recognition:* SECAA will maintain transparent records of all Alumni contributions and recognize donors appropriately.

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- 14.3. Use of College Logo and Fundraising: SECAA cannot utilize the official logo of the College for fundraising or any other purposes without explicit permission in writing for a specified duration.
- 14.4. Infrastructure Funded by Alumni: Infrastructure created through Alumni contributions will be gifted to the College upon completion.
- 14.5. Use of Unspent Funds: Unspent funds from Alumni contributions may be allocated to support the College's growth and development.
- 12. SECAA is recognized by the Management of the College as its official Alumni Association.
- 13. The date of establishment of the Society is 17th May 2024.

We agree that the above furnished information is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Place: SHILLONG

Dated 8 JULY 2024

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