



St. Mary's Past Students' Association

Chairman's Report for the year 2014-2015

I. Duration

This Chairman's Report covers the period from 22 March 2014 to 20 March 2015.

II. Executive Committee

The current Executive Committee was originally elected at the 2013 Annual General Meeting held on 16 March 2013, and was re-elected at the Extraordinary General Meeting on 20 July 2013 under the requirements stipulated in the revised Constitution adopted during the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 22 June 2013.

During the Report period, the Executive Committee held six meetings.

III. Composition

Council Members elected to form the Executive Committee were as follows (in alphabetical order):

Council, St. Mary's Canossian College (SMCC)	Council, St. Mary's Canossian School (SMCS)
Ms. Annie Choi	Ms. Susanna Chung
Ms. Barbara Chu	Ms. Petty Lai
Ms. Angela Leung	Ms. Justina Law
Ms. Mabel Leung	Ms. Angela Liu
Ms. Heidi Lee	Ms. Katherine Mak
Ms. Becky Lui	Ms. Teresa You
Ms. Jody Sin	
Ms. Ellie Wong	
Dr. Monica Wong	

The composition of the Executive Committee is as follows:

Chairman	:	Ms. Justina Law
Vice-Chairmen	:	Ms. Annie Choi Ms. Angela Liu
Hon. Secretary	:	Ms. Ellie Wong



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Hon. Treasurer	:	Ms. Teresa You
Hon. Legal Secretary	:	Ms. Jody Sin
Membership Secretary	:	Dr. Monica Wong
Social Convenor	:	Ms. Becky Lui
Publication Secretaries	:	Ms. Petty Lai
		Ms. Heidi Lee
Committee Members :		Ms. Barbara Chu
		Ms. Susanna Chung
		Ms. Angela Leung
		Ms. Mabel Leung
		Ms. Katherine Mak

During the Report period, three sub-committees continued to run – (1) the Mentorship Programme Committee, (2) the Incorporated Management Committee (IMC) Task Force and (3) the SMCC Development Fund Committee.

IV. Tasks Carried Out During the Report Period

(1) Continuing the Membership Drive

- As at 20 March 2015, the membership of the PSA stood at 6,309, and 5,787 members could be contacted by mail or email.
- The Membership Secretary, Dr. Monica Wong, continued to contact members to update their contact details.
- Ms. Justina Law introduced the PSA and its activities to F.6 graduates on 11 July 2014 and welcomed them as new members.

(2) Publication of Newsletters

- We published two newsletters during the Report period, one in October 2014 and one in March 2015.
- Hard copies were mailed to members with the help of current SMCC students. The newsletters were also uploaded onto the PSA website. Emails were sent to inform members of the release of the latest newsletter.
- The PSA continues to encourage members to opt out of receiving the hard copy and read the newsletter online as a means to save paper and reduce



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postage cost. As at 20 March 2015, 4,245 members opted to read the newsletter online, while 1,353 received hard copies by mail.

(3) Maintaining the PSA Website

- During the Report period, the website *www.stmaryspsa.org* was updated by our webmaster Ms. Justina Law. The website continued to serve as the link between our Alma Mater and past St. Marians near and far.

(4) Supporting the SMCC Mentorship Programme

- The composition of the Programme Committee is as follows:
PSA Coordinators : Ms. Angela Liu, Ms. Angela Leung and
Ms. Mabel Leung
School Adviser : Ms. Amelia Tsang
- The 2013/14 Mentorship Programme was successfully completed in the summer of 2014. Like before, voluntary mentee participation was implemented, and mentors were encouraged to participate in pairs so that they can support each other. Two scheduled and structured meetings were arranged for mentors and mentees to get together, allowing opportunities for discussion as well as group activities. Feedback from both mentors and mentees was positive. Over 90% of mentees found the programme useful, and 99% would recommend it to their juniors.
- In the 2014/15 academic year, 52 mentors were recruited to care for 155 mentees from F.5. 26 groups were formed in accordance with the mentees' indication of interests in a specific sector/industry. Nine sectors/industry groups are formed this year, including:

1	Art, Architecture, Culture & Media
2	Engineering, Manufacturing & IT
3	Finance, Banking, Insurance
4	Legal
5	Management & Administration
6	Sales & Marketing
7	Medical, Health, Nursing
8	Education, Government & NGO
9	Travel, Leisure & Tourism



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- The first mentor-mentee gathering took place on 8 November 2014 (Sat). 42 mentors and 149 mentees turned up. They got acquainted with each other and planned out further informal meetings, through which mentors can provide advice on personal growth, further studies and careers planning.
- The second meeting will take place on 28 March 2015 (Sat). Apart from group activities and sharing, parallel career seminar sessions are also scheduled to give further inspiration to the mentees.
- The PSA continued to sponsor drinks and refreshments on mentorship days.
- SMCC underwent an External School Review in April 2014 and the results were overall very positive. Specific reference was made to the Mentorship Programme: *“Past students have been playing a very significant role in upholding the school’s vision, spirit and heritage. The Past Students’ Association has been serving the school in various ways, and the mentorship scheme, its signature programme, is a prime example of how the very dedicated past students support the present ones.”*

(5) Organising the Alumnae Day Activity 2014

- With the indispensable support from our Patrons, the PSA organized a Poon Choi (盆菜) dinner on campus on 29 November 2014 (Sat). 26 tables were set in the covered playground of the Magdalen Building.
- Tickets were HK\$150 each and more than 250 participants turned up to enjoy an unforgettable evening in their Alma Mater.

(6) Organising the 115th Anniversary Dinner

- The Executive Committee began the preparation work for the 115th Anniversary Dinner during the Report period.
- The dinner will be held on 3 October 2015 (Sat) at Palace, The One, Tsim Sha Tsui. There will be an Open Campus session in the afternoon, after which alumnae can join the dinner nearby. Tickets are \$500 each and bookings are currently in progress.



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- The Dinner sub-committee will be formed after the new term of Executive Committee is elected, and they will then process other arrangements accordingly.

(7) Selling PSA Souvenirs and Premiums

- A stock clearance sales drive was held on 14 February 2015 (Sat) during the Parents' Day of both SMCS and SMCC.
- 48 luggage belt & tag sets, 128 document bag sets, 27 figurine sets and 49 photo albums were sold on the day. 10 photo albums were reserved to be sent to libraries of universities and the two central libraries for their record.
- All stock of souvenirs and premiums is thus cleared.

(8) Supporting the 115th Anniversary Celebration Activities of SMCS and SMCC

- On 7 February 2015 (Sat), Ms. Justina Law, in the capacity of Chairman of the SMPSA, attended the 115th Anniversary Thanksgiving Mass and the Opening Ceremony of the Students' Work Exhibition of SMCS, sharing the joy with guests, staff, and our young sisters.
- For the Open Day of SMCC, Ms. Annie Choi assisted in the preparation of a special booklet, Nostalgia (溯), for sale by sourcing related articles from old school magazines to share with current readers. Ms. Angela Liu organised the preparation of a souvenir, which symbolises the school's motto of "One Heart One Way", to be presented to our Alma Mater.
- On 14-15 March 2015 (Sat-Sun), Ms. Annie Choi and Ms. Angela Liu, in the capacity of Vice Chairmen of the SMPSA, attended the 115th Anniversary Thanksgiving Mass and Open Day of SMCC. Ms. Choi and Ms. Liu took part in the opening ceremony, delivered a vote of thanks and presented the souvenir to the school.
- The PSA also hosted a games booth during the Open Day to have fun with all visitors.
- We publicised the school's 115th Anniversary Concert, to be held on 29 June 2015 (Mon), in our Newsletter with ticketing information listed, to reach out to members.



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(9) Supporting other School Functions

- Ms. Justina Law attended the SMCS Graduation Day on 9 July 2014 and the SMCC Speech Day on 11 July 2014 as special guest in the capacity of Chairman of the SMPSA.
- With the 2014 Drama production “Timeless” being a big success, we are currently promoting the 2015 production “The Gift”, which will be performed from 20-25 April 2015. Ticketing information is printed on the Newsletter for orders from alumnae.

(10) Monitoring the St. Mary's Development Fund

- Three members of the Executive Committee continued to sit on the St. Mary's Development Fund Management Committee – Ms. Annie Choi and Ms. Susanna Chung in the capacity as former Fundraising Committee members, and Dr. Monica Wong as representative of the PSA Executive Committee.
- The project “Replacement of Student Workstations in Information Technology Laboratories A & B” approved in the last Report period was completed in July 2014. The final amount used was HK\$140,800, which marked a saving of HK\$35,200 from the original budget.
- No funding request was made during the current Report period.

(11) Conducting the IMC Alumni Manager Elections

- After the first elections held in 2013, the IMC Task Force continued to review the logistics to improve the procedures for coming elections.
- The current term of Alumni Managers will end by 31 August 2015. The PSA will continue to work with both schools to arrange for Alumni Manager Elections according to legal requirements.

(12) Overseeing Donations to SMCC

- For the 2013/14 academic year, the SMPSA Scholarship of HK\$1,000 for Outstanding Performance and Active Promotion in Drama and Speech was awarded to Shirley Wong Hiu Lam (Form 5D).



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- A sponsorship of HK\$1,000 (book coupons) was made to the Magdalene of Canossa Club for their Christmas celebration in December 2014.

(13) Following up on Donations in Memory of Sr Ida Sala

- Sr. Cynthia Chan, Provincial Superior, reported to the PSA that the Canossian Missions had received a total amount of HK\$399,350 in the name of Sr. Ida Sala, following the Funeral Mass at the Canossian Chapel and the two subsequent requiem masses arranged by past students of SMCC and SHCC in March 2014.
- Of the donations received, HK\$254,000 would be used for scholarships and education purposes, HK\$45,900 for dedication to prayers and holy masses, and HK\$99,450 for other missions work.
- Sr. Cynthia thanked all St. Marians for their love and support at such time of loss.

(14) Other Liaison Work

- Overseas, we maintained contact with the SMCC Past Students' Association (Toronto) and the Canossian Colleges Association in Vancouver.

V. Focus of Work in the Coming Year

In the coming year, we will continue our work on various fronts.

We will continue to reconnect with St. Marians through direct contacts, visits, the PSA website, newsletters and social activities.

We will continue to collaborate with the school management and Parent-Teacher Associations of SMCC and SMCS on all matters that will benefit the schools, the teachers and the students, and we will work closely with the school management of SMCC and SMCS to ensure smooth implementation of the election of the Alumni Manager for the IMCs.