



# National Defence Academy

## Alumni Association

### Australian Chapter

### Meeting Minutes

(01/2018)

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## Establishment of National Defence Academy Alumni Association - Australian Chapter (NDAAA-AC)

### Minutes – 01/2018

Venue: 27, Sigvard Boulevard, Hallam, Victoria 3803

Date: 08 April 2018

Attendees:

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| Arvind Sinha (Proposer)                | : 46 <sup>th</sup> Course |
| Anil Kumar Nayyar                      | : 59 <sup>th</sup> Course |
| <del>Rajesh Keswan</del> RAJESH KESWAN | : 77 <sup>th</sup> Course |
| Suresh Pangal                          | : 80 <sup>th</sup> Course |
| Samir Shrivastava                      | : 65 <sup>th</sup> Course |
| Rajiv Seth                             | : 59 <sup>th</sup> Course |
| Sudhir Kumar Sakhuja (Recorder)        | : 47 <sup>th</sup> Course |

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Agenda

- Introductory Remarks by Arvind (to include Purpose of the Meeting)
- Discussion on Draft Provisional Charter
- Allocation of Founding Committee Roles

Introductory Remarks by Arvind

As known to the attendees, The National Defence Academy (NDA) is the Joint Services academy of the Indian Armed Forces, where cadets of the three services - the Army, the Navy and the Air Force train together before they go on to respective service academies for further pre-commissioning training. The NDA is located at Khadakwasla near Pune, India. It is the first tri-service academy in the world with its training modeled on the pattern of the one at United States Military Academy at West Point.

The National Defence Academy Alumni Association (NDAAA) has since been established at NDA, Khadakwasla, Pune and it has further resulted in the formation of Chapters within India. There are several NDA Alumni who have settled overseas, including those in Australia. The formation of Chapters in India provides an opportunity to form Overseas Chapters of NDAAA. We in Australia propose to pioneer the Overseas Chapter



with a Founding Chapter Committee and Members. This meeting is exploratory in nature to discuss the feasibility of forming the Australian Chapter of NDAAA.

The founding operation and activity scope, is proposed to be chartered keeping in view the Australian way of work and life perspective, but adhering to NDAAA prime conduct characteristics. This founding Charter may be revisited for amends/ additions as required for making it in-line with NDA-AA Charter.

It is also proposed that the National Defence Academy Alumni Association- Australian Chapter (NDAAA-AC) provides an avenue to NDA Graduates settled in Australia for professional and social network and continued bonding as Ex NDA alumni.

Discussion on Points to be inclusion in Provisional Charter

Arvind and other attendees thereafter discussed the issues which need to be included in the provisional charter. After discussion, the decisions taken were:

The membership of NDA-AA (Australian Chapter -AC) is for NDA Graduates only who are settled in Australia on a permanent basis. Temporary membership may be granted to NDA-AA visiting Australia with minimum one year Visa validity and minimum three months stay at one stretch. Serving officers posted as Defence Advisor, and those undergoing courses in Australia; if non Ex-NDA, may be granted "Guest Membership", as a "Special Case" to provide them an avenue to link with local veterans for socialising/advise/ support/ assistance. The decision discretion will rest with the National Committee.

The Founding Committees will be state wise and comprise of: a) National President – Rotational between State VPs on a yearly basis b) National Secretary b) State Vice Presidents c) State Secretary – Activities and d) State Secretary – Membership.

The NDA-AA (AC) will meet socially along with families on a periodic basis (quarterly), state wise on first Sat evening of March, June, September and December.

The NDA-AA (AC) is to provide all assistance/advise to NDA-A migrating to Australia from a settling/social/professional/work front. This is to be coordinated by State Secretaries (membership/ meetings/liaison), the state the NDA-A has settled.

The December meet will be on a national basis and rotational between states.

Committee meetings will be held prior to the social meeting.



Keeping the spread of NDA-AA in Australia will be through four subchapters to cover all states; a) Victoria & Tasmania; b) South Australia and Western Australia; c) Australian Capital Territory and New South Wales; and d) Queensland and Northern Territory.

Routine social meetings venue will be on rotation basis in NDAAA (AC) member homes under support of members with minimum administration (on meals and drinks) and low costs.

Social meeting to cover excursion/tours within country or neighboring countries, may be planned during long holiday breaks

Special social meetings may be organised in honour of official visit of an NDA-A from India

The NDA-AA (AC) will operate as a Not-for-Profit Organisation and Registration if needed, will be progressed.

Membership fees and banking requirements, will be progressed by Arvind Sinha, assisted by Rajesh Kaswan.

The Provisional Charter of NDA-AA (AC) will be provided to Secretary NDA-AA for further advise for developing an Interim Charter towards finalization.

Allocation of Founding Role

- National President : Arvind Sinha
- National Vice President and Treasurer : Volunteer from any state other than Victoria
- National Vice President International Liaison (India) : Col Vipin Khullar : 51<sup>st</sup> Course
- National Secretary – Social Activities : Col Rakesh Kaswan : 77<sup>th</sup> Course
- National Secretary – Membership/Meetings/Liaison : Maj Rajiv Seth : 59<sup>th</sup> Course
- State Vice Presidents:
  - Victoria & Tasmania: : Col Sudhir Sakhuja : 47<sup>th</sup> Course
  - South Australia & Western Australia: : Cdr Atul Garg : 43<sup>rd</sup> Course
  - Australian Capital Territory & New South Wales : Col Yogesh Kashyap : 32<sup>nd</sup> Course
  - Queensland & Northern Territory : Vacant
- State Secretaries – Social Activities
  - Victoria & Tasmania : Volunteer pl
  - South Australia & Western Australia : Volunteer pl
  - Australian Capital Territory & New South Wales : Volunteer pl
  - Queensland & Northern Territory : Vacant
- State Secretaries – Membership, Meetings and Liaison
  - Victoria & Tasmania : Maj Rajiv Seth : 59<sup>th</sup> Course

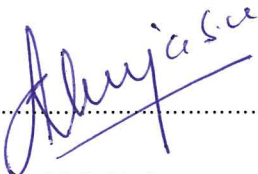
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- o South Australia & Western Australia : Col Pramod Kapoor 41<sup>st</sup> Course
- o Australian Capital Territory & New South Wales : Volunteer pl
- o Queensland & Northern Territory : Vacant

Next Meeting: The next meeting to be conducted on Saturday, 05 May, 2018 for finalizing the Interim Charter to commence operating and finalising the Charter .

**Minuted by:**

  
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Col Sudhir Sakhuja

**Approved on behalf of attendees:**

  
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Arvind Sinha:

Distribution:

Attendees

State VPs



