Global OGB Association (GO) – Modus Operandi

Aims:

GO aims to provide financial support to Dr. Graham's Homes, Kalimpong (Homes) and to bring awareness of the work the Homes does to support impoverished and needy children. It seeks to achieve this by strengthening alumni ties to the Homes, connecting with other OGB organisations and working closely with the Homes Board of Management (BOM) and Overseas Committees (OVCs).

Background:

At the Kolkata International Conference in November 2013, the BOM and the OVC called for increased OGB participation in the future support of the Homes. The OGBs present at the conference undertook to develop a global OGB organisation, with objectives supported by the BOM and OVC's. GO was born!

Objectives:

- To provide a platform for the alumni to communicate, meet and arrange activities to foster growth and support the Homes.
- To further ties between the students, the Homes staff and the Alumni and organise reunions and get-togethers. ○ To encourage the younger generation of OGBs to actively support the Homes to ensure continuity of the legacy of its founder, Dr. JA Graham. ○ To foster a working relationship with the Board of Management, Local Advisory Committee, the International Overseas Committees and OGB associations, in support of the betterment of the Homes.
- To promote GO as a secure and robust organisation so it can be entrusted to receive funds and legacies in its support of the Homes.

Organisation:

The Global OGB Association is a self-financing autonomous organisation, administered by elected Managing Members whose powers are enshrined in its Constitution. The Management Team elects managing members for an initial period of three years who may be re-elected for a further period not exceeding three years.

To rebuild OGB trust with the BOM and to effectively participate in the decision-making process of the Homes, GO will seek OGB representation in the two Homes governing bodies i.e. The Board of Management and the Local Advisory Committee.

GO is not a registered charity nor is it an NGO. As such it does not have to comply with charity / government regulations. Membership to GO is free although registration is required. GO invites membership from OGBs, former staff, and friends and supporters of Dr. Graham's Homes, Kalimpong.

The Managing Members are required to meet at least 4 times per annum (Skype Conference)

Systems & Processes:

Key to GO's operations is its voluntary group of dedicated and committed OGB Managing Members who are sourced from the Indian sub-continent and globally. The GO website http://www.dghogbs.com is an essential platform to communicate news and information to its membership. It offers access to the GO Community Forum, where a database of all members is held and members are able to communicate and interact.

Via the website, support for the Homes is provided in the following areas:

- Facilitation of donations and legacies, via its UK based GO Bank Account, to support Dr. Graham's Homes, Kalimpong;
- Provide awareness of child sponsorship at the Homes. The process for executing this activity is complex. Currently, we direct interested parties to appropriate OGB organisations and overseas committees with established processes based on Homes sponsorship policies and guidelines;
- Projects & Improvements. GO works closely with the BOM and the Homes Administration to identify projects and improvement ideas and seek alumni resources to finance & execute;
- Skills Development. We will work with the school's academic and childcare functions to identify opportunities that OGBs could support by drawing on their professional standing & experience;

Finance & Treasury:

GO Finances are currently donations from generous benefactors and funds are used to support projects approved by the Management team. There are no membership fees although donations from members will be requested to support approved projects. An approved procedure exists for reporting and managing financial transactions.

GO Finances are held in a UK Bank account with the Bank of Scotland. The current members authorized to sign and authorise payments are GO Patron Kenneth Hammond and GO Honorary Member Mrs. Margaretta Purtill. Every cheque payment/online cash transfer requires a dual signature authority.

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