INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTS OF GUYANA ANNUAL REPORT 2021

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OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Institute are:

(a) To promote and increase the knowledge, Skills and proficiency of its member and registered students.

(b) To regulate the discipline and professional conduct of its members and registered students by maintaining a strict standard of professional ethics.

(c) To foster, promote and protect the welfare and interests of the accountancy profession.

(d) To make provision for the training, education and examination of persons engaged in or intending to engage in the accountancy profession.

(e) To maintain contact with other recognized professional bodies with similar objects as the institute, whether within or outside Guyana, on all matters pertaining or of interest to the accountancy profession and to make representations to those bodies or any of them on matters affecting the interest of members of the Institute.

(f) To submit the views of members to the Government and public bodies on legislation or other members of professional interest to or affecting members.

(g) To provide opportunities for its members to meet to exchange views and to discuss matters of interest, particularly between practicing and non-practicing members.

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the 56th Annual General Meeting of The INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF GUYANA will be held on Thursday, March 31, 2022 at 15:00 hours via a Zoom video-conferencing, in order to:

1. **Receive and consider the Report of the Council for the year ended 31 December 2021.**
2. **Receive and consider the audited Financial Statements for the year 31 December 2021.**
3. **Elect members of the Council for the ensuing year in accordance with 4:7 of the Institute's By-Laws.**
4. **Appoint an Auditor for the ensuing year.**
5. **Transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Annual General Meeting.**

It should be noted that:

a) Nomination for election to the Council shall be in writing, signed by the proposer and seconder; such nomination shall be delivered to the Secretary at least three (3) days before the time of the meeting at which the election is to take place. (Section 4.2- By- Laws)

b) Election of the Council shall be by ballot of those present. (Section 4.3 – By-Laws)

c) In the event of an equality of votes between two or more candidates, there shall be a further election to decide between them. The declaration of the Chairman as to the results of the election shall be final. (Section 4.4 – By-Laws)

d) The Council shall consist of eight (8) members, and of the members of the Council at least three (3) shall be members in practice or in service of the members in practice and at least three (3) shall be members not in practice or in service of the members in practice. (Section 4.1 – By-Laws)

e) At each succeeding Annual General Meeting, four members of the Council shall retire, and shall be eligible for re-election without nomination. Those retiring shall be those with the longest period of unbroken membership on the Council. Any retiring member of Council who is in the office as the President or the Vice President shall be returned as a member of Council without re-election, unless he declines. (Section 4.7 – By-Laws)

f) Only those members who have paid up their current subscription are eligible to vote at the meeting.

The members of the Council are:

(1) Pramila Persaud
(2) Vishwamint Ramnarine
(3) David Dharamraj
(4) Arron Fraser
(5) Harryram Parmesar
(6) Khalil Alli
(7) Ramesh Seebarran
(8) Colin Thompson

The members retiring are: David Dharamraj, Arron Fraser, Harry Parmesar and Colin Thompson.

David Dharamraj

Secretary
March 10, 2021

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

The Council is pleased to submit to Members, the 56th Annual Report of the Council and the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021. This report was adopted by the Council on March 24th, 2022.

COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL

The members of the Council for 2021 / 2022 were:

President	-	Pramila Persaud
Vice President	-	Vishwamint Ramnaraine
Secretary	-	David Dharamraj
Treasurer	-	Arron Fraser
Members	-	Ramesh Seebarran
	-	Colin Thompson
	-	Khalil Alli
	-	Harryram Parmesar

ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

Meetings attended by members of Council since the last AGM were:

P. Persaud	-	10/10	H. Parmesar	-	10/10
V. Ramnarine	-	9/10	K. Alli	-	8/10
D. Dharamraj	-	9/10	R. Seebarran	-	10/10
A. Fraser	-	8/10	C. Thompson	-	2/10

MEMBERSHIP

The number of members at 31 December 2021 was one hundred and forty-seven (147). The following chart shows a classification of members and their employment, as held on record.

Parent Body	Total	Not in Practice		In Practice or in Service of Members in Practice	Retired
		Private Enterprise	Public Corp & Public Sector		
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants	135	80	12	42	1
Institute if Chartered Accountants in England & Wales	3	1	0	2	0
Certified Public Accountants	9	3	1	5	0
	147	**84**	**13**	**49**	**1**

The new members admitted during January 2021 to December 2021 were:

1. Abbas Hamid
2. Beenakshi Shamlall
3. Bibi Farida Khan
4. Devika Persaud
5. Floyd Clayton
6. Krishna Steve Nauth
7. Nadia Dasrat
8. Ramkumar Ramcharitar
9. Robeina Persaud

Members admitted during January 2022 to March 2022:

1. Daneile Hicks
2. Mohinie Persaud
3. Safraz Alli

CERTIFICATES OF PRACTICE

Certificates of Practice were issued in 2021 to thirty-five (35) members. Their names and the firms to which they are attached are as follows:

PRACTICING MEMBER	NAME & ADDRESS OF PRACTICING FIRM
Alli, Khalil G.	Jack A. Alli, Sons & Co., 145 Crown Street, Georgetown.
Alli, Ronald	Jack A. Alli, Sons & Co., 145 Crown Street, Georgetown
Alli, Javed A.	Jack A. Alli, Sons & Co., 145 Crown Street, Georgetown
Atherly, Lancelot A.	L. A.Atherly & Co., 64 Brickdam, Stabroek, Georgetown
Churaman, Sremala	D. Bahadur & Co.,125 Laluni Street, Queenstown, Georgetown
Drubahadur	D. Bahadur & Co., 125 Laluni Street, Queenstown, Georgetown
Drubahadur, Haimwattie	D. Bahadur & Co., 125 Laluni Street, Queenstown, Georgetown
Hinds, Clifton Nigel	Nigel Hinds Financial Services., 1 Croal Street, Stabroek, Georgetown
Jadunandan, Daneza	DJ Chartered Accountants, 2920 Providence Phase Three, East Bank Demerara
Jaskaran, Terrence	Jaskaran, Terrence Chartered Accountants, 49 Delph Street, Campbellville, Georgetown
Lal, Rameshwar	TSD Lal & Co., 77 Brickdam, Stabroek, Georgetown
Latchana, Rakesh	BDO, Chartered Accountants, Unit 1, Upper Level, 127 Quamina, Street, South Cummingsburg, Georgetown
Layne, Nicola	Layne Chartered Accountants, Lot M, Providence, Amazonia Mall, East Bank Demerara
McRae, Robert V.	Ram & McRae., 157 'C' Waterloo Street, Georgetown
Nandalal, Rajiv	TSD Lal & Co., 77 Brickdam, Stabroek, Georgetown
Motilall, Raan	TSD Lal & Co., 77 Brickdam, Stabroek, Georgetown
Narine, Harry N.	PKF, Barcellos, Narine & Co., 106 - 107 Lamaha Street & Carmichael Streets, Georgetown
Parmesar, Harryram	Parmesar., 1 Delph Street & Durey Lane, Campbellville, Georgetown
Parmesar, Jai	Parmesar., 1 Delph Street & Durey Lane, Campbellville, Georgetown

CERTIFICATES OF PRACTICE CONT'D

PRACTICING MEMBER	NAME & ADDRESS OF PRACTICING FIRM
Persaud, Gavin	Persaud & Associates, 163 Sunflower Circle, South Ruimveldt Park, Georgetown.
Persaud, Malinda	TSD Lal & Co., 77 Brickdam, Stabroek, Georgetown
Rahaman, Saeed	PwC Assurance Guyana, Ground & 1st Floor, New Trafalgar Building, 165 Waterloo Street, North Cummingsburg, Georgetown
Ram, Christopher	Ram & McRae., 157 'C' Waterloo Street, Georgetown
Rambajan, Alvin	Maurice Soloman & Co., 92 Oronoque Street, Georgetown
Ramdihal, Chateram	Chateram Ramdihal Chartered Accountants, Professional Services Firm, 128 Carmichael Street, South Cummingsburg, Georgetown.
Ramnarain - Sham Narine	128 LBI Housing Scheme, East Coast Demerara.
Ramnarine, Vishwamint	PKF, Barcellos, Narine & Co., 106 - 107 Lamaha Street & Carmichael Streets, Georgetown
Ramcharitar, Ramkumar	PKF, Barcellos, Narine & Co., 106 - 107 Lamaha Street & Carmichael Streets, Georgetown
Seebarran, Ramesh	HLB R. Seebarran & Co, Lot 73 Canje Street & Stone Avenue, Section K, Campbellville, Georgetown.
Seesankar, Jitanjali	Nizam Ali & Company., 215 'C' Camp Street, North Cummingsburg, Georgetown
Singh, Dave B.	Nizam Ali & Company., 215 'C' Camp Street, North Cummingsburg, Georgetown
Solomon, Maurice	Maurice Soloman & Co., 92 Oronoque Street, Georgetown
Sookhai, Mark Anthony	M. Sookhai & Co, 29 Main Street New Amsterdam, Berbice
Sukhdeo, Motilall	Nizam Ali & Company., 215 'C' Camp Street, North Cummingsburg, Georgetown
Veerasammy, Leslie	Nizam Ali & Company., 215 'C' Camp Street, North Cummingsburg, Georgetown

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

REGULATORY/MONITORING ACTIVITIES

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Guyana (ICAG), as a member body of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of the Caribbean (ICAC) continued its audit monitoring services with the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA). The audit monitoring programme was initiated in 2008 through ICAC in partnership with ACCA and ICAG.

The visit cycle was revised in keeping with Statement One (1) of the Membership Obligations of the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) which mandates that the review cycle period for firms performing audits of financial statements of public interest entities be three years while retaining the six-year cycle for firms with no audits of financial statements of public interest entities.

Review cycle periods were recognised in a service contract awarded to the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants which was effective January 1, 2022 for an initial term of three (3) years and for a further three (3) years in an extended term.

ACCA has its own independent monitoring unit, known as the Practice Regulation Department with personnel having the required qualifications, expertise, skills, experience and integrity of character to discharge the duties of monitoring – which was developed over a 25-year period following the statutory requirement for the monitoring of licensed auditors introduced in the United Kingdom by the Companies Act 1989 and continued in the Companies Act 2006.

ICAG has appointed a Regulatory Committee as a mechanism for reports from auditing visits to be considered for identification of actions to be taken in respect of deficiencies found at individual firms and the general trends emerging from such visits as a basis for pro-active technical programmes to be developed. The Regulatory Committee is composed of non-practicing members supported by a legal counsel.

The Regulatory Committee has identified the need for remedial actions and sanctions in respect of auditors who have repeated unsatisfactory outcomes at their monitoring visits, in keeping with the requirements of IFAC Statement of Membership Obligations (SMO) 1 on Quality Assurance which sets out the requirements of an IFAC member body with respect the quality assurance review systems for its members who perform audits, review, other assurance and related services engagements of financial statements.

Council has been advised and so recognise that it is not responsible regulation to allow non-compliant firms to continue to audit where firms persistently have unsatisfactory outcomes and fail to make the necessary improvements.

These are issues that ICAG will have to be responsive to in order to provide assurance to the public that it continues to work to strengthen the profession in the country through compliance with internationally acceptable standards.

The continuation of this programme, including remedial actions and sanctions, are necessary for the ICAG to remain compliant with SMO 1.

TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES

The ICAG continues to work with other member bodies to ensure that adequate professional development sessions are conducted including collaborated sessions with ICAC and ACCA.

- Collaborated with ACCA for update on IFRSs
- The accountancy profession and Anit-money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism.

TAXATION

The review of various inconsistencies within the tax legislation is ongoing, The Committee is in the process of collating the various points. Arrangements are being made to have a workshop with members of the Institute, representatives from the Ministry of Finance and the Guyana Revenue Authority.

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Guyana continues to engage regulatory bodies on the following:

- Financial Intelligence Unit – Defining the supervisory function of the ICAG in the accountancy fraternity and the responsibility of members.
- Ministry of Natural Resources - Guyana Petroleum Sector.
- Ministry of Legal Affairs – Improvements to the Companies Act.

Local Content Policy.

The ICAG held several engagements with the representatives from the Ministry of Natural Resources. Some included:

- Local Content Policy Review – March 11, 2021;
- Consultation on the Full Draft of the Local Content Act – December 13, 2021; and
- Implementation of the Local Content Act, the Local Content Register and Relevant Requirements – January 28, 2022

Throughout these engagements and through various submissions, the ICAG consistently advocated for a substantial threshold in the schedule of the Local Content Act for local content in the entire accountancy profession, both in practice and in industry. To this end, submissions were made on the importance of the accountancy profession, competence and capacity, to support the suggested threshold for inclusion in the Local Content Act.

On the issue of 'Cost Recovery Audits' the ICAG continues to emphasize that its members considered themselves as capable of executing such exercise. The ICAG offered to have a collaboration among members in practice to perform cost recovery audits.

The ICAG offered to nominate individuals with expertise and experience to membership of any committee established to ensure operation and oversight of the Local Content Bill.

MEMBERSHIP / PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Membership Committee approved nine (9) applications for membership during the year.

Council continues to defend certain decisions taken in the application process for practice licenses.

STUDENTS' AFFAIRS

ICAG / ACCA Examinations Scheme

During the year 2021 nineteen (19) students successfully completed the ACCA final examinations, while twenty-three (23) students completed the last level in the Foundations in Accountancy (FIA).

Years	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total
No. of Graduates	16	21	41	46	31	31	54	42	282

High Achievers-Individual ACCA Paper

December 2021

STUDENT	SUBJECT
Mr Chirag Chandwani	Audit & Assurance
Ms. Malika Ramnauth	Advanced Audit & Assurance
Ms. Maria Molhu Hanoman	Advanced Performance Management
Ms. Reshma Latchman	Advanced Taxation
Mr. Devendra Roopchand	Financial Management
Ms. Keisha Wilson	Financial Reporting
Mrs. Hang Jiang	Performance Management
Ms Fazeena Khan	Strategic Business Leader
Ms Tarefa Samaroo	Strategic Business Reporting
Mr. Raphael Bobby Singh	Taxation

High Achiever - Top Guyana Affiliate December 2021

- Malika Ramnauth (Top Guyana Affiliate 2021)

STUDENTS' AFFAIRS CONT'D

Student's Recognition Ceremony

Due to the various restrictions implemented as a result of the COVID – 19 pandemic, no Student's Recognition Ceremony was held for 2021. ICAG is seeking to have Recognition Ceremony in the coming year.

2021 ACCA GRADUATES

The following candidates successfully completed the ACCA examinations during the year:

1. Abdool NaseerAzis
2. Anisah Wickham
3. Annalisa Beharry
4. Christine Scarce
5. Jonathan Patterson
6. Keisha Katie Minoo-Prescott
7. Latoya Judyann Pollord
8. Malika Ramnauth
9. Rafeal Bharrat
10. Ram Kellawan
11. Raquel Ann Bacchus
12. Renee Sanasie
13. Safraz Nawaz Alli
14. Satish Ramasar
15. Schnell Mackila Miller
16. Shivana Devi Babulall
17. Teneisha Agard
18. Totaram Ramadhar
19. Tracy Sutton

Twenty-Three (23) students successfully completed the Foundations in Accountancy in 2021.

FINANCE

The financial results of the Institute for the year ended are as follows:

Education Trust Fund

Net operational loss	(1,042,269)
Fair value gain on investment	9,473,022
Net comprehensive income for the year	**8,430,753**

General Account

Net comprehensive income for the year	**1,259,949**
	9,690,702

Council is currently examining options to construction its Secretariat which will provide meeting facilities and a training center. A team was identified to re-engage other member bodies on the lands situated in Queenstown and on Mandela Avenue and derive a position to move forward. Council will communicate with Members on this development prior to a final determination.

INVESTIGATIONS, DISCIPLINARY AND APPEALS

A review of the Governance structure of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Guyana is currently being carried out and will include formal recommendation on policies and procedures to be adopted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Guyana.

One (1) matter is currently being addressed by the Investigations Committee.

AFFILIATIONS

The Institute maintained its membership with IFAC and ICAC during the year.

IFAC

The Institute's compliance with IFAC's SMOs continues to be guided by the approved Action Plan, which outlines our Institute's progress in maintaining or achieving compliance with respect to the membership obligations. The Plan is available on the IFAC website.

The Governance Committee is continuing its work to update the Institute's Bye-Laws including provisions for licensing, monitoring, investigation, disciplinary and continuing education. Best practices from regional PAOs and recommended governance features from IFAC are serving as references for the Committee.

ICAC

The ICAG maintained its membership of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of the Caribbean during the year. The Board of Directors of the ICAC for the 2021/22 year comprises of David Simpson (Barbados) as President, Andrea St. Rose (OECS as Vice-president, Gowon Bowe (Bahamas), Pramila Persaud (Guyana), Claude Burrell (Belize), Michael Lutchman (Suriname), Sixto Coy (Jamaica) and Denise Chinpire O'Reilly (Trinidad & Tobago).

Some key areas of focus for the ICAC during 2021/2022 were:

- Renewal of the regional practice monitoring program, of which Guyana is part, from 2022 for another three-year term.
- Improvement in the Investigations and Disciplinary procedures of member bodies, with assistance from ACCA UK.
- Promotion of best practices in Public Financial Management, including the application IPSAS, in the Caribbean.
- Representation of the Caribbean on emerging financial reporting issues, including Sustainability Reporting and Reporting by Small and Medium-sized Entities.
- Assisting member bodies to access on-line CPD offerings given challenges to in-person events.
- Sensitization of members engaged in assurance services on the International Standards on Quality Management.
- Representation of the regional profession on international standard-setting and advisory bodies.

The work of the ICAC Board continues to be supported by sub-committees focused on technical matters, practice monitoring and public sector financial management. The ICAC's 2021 Annual Conference was held virtually and successfully, for the first time, on June 24th and 25th under the theme, 'Envisioning our Future; Managing our Reality'.

APPRECIATION

The Council wishes to record its appreciation to all members who served and volunteered their services to the various tasks executed during the year. We also wish to record our appreciation to the administrative staffs of the Institute for their services during the year.

FOR AND BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL

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PRAMILA PERSAUD
President

DAVID DHARAMRAJ
Secretary

STANDING COMMITTEES 2021/2022

Committees	Members
Investigation Committee	Mr. Garfield Wiltshire Mr. Lekhnarine Shivraj Mr. Paul Chan-A-Sue
Disciplinary Committee	Mr. Komal Samaroo Mr. S. S. Prashad
Appels Committee	Members of Council except those serving on the Investigations or Disciplinary Committees
Student Affairs Committee	Mr. Ramesh Seebarran
Technical Committee	Mr. Harry Parmesar Mr. Aaron Fraser Mr. Christopher Ram Mr. Khalil Alli
Membership	Mr. David Dharamraj Mr. Fazal Bacchus Ms. Uma Daniels
International Relations	Mr. Colin Thompson Mr. Khalil Alli
Regulatory	Mr. Garfield Wiltshire Mr. Lekhnarine Shivraj Mr. Paul Chan-A-Sue
Building	Mr. Vishwamint Ramnaraine Mr. Colin Thompson
Governance	Mr. Arron Fraser Mr. Khalil Alli
Taxation	Mr. Ronald Alli Mr. Harry Parmesar Mr. Raan Motilall Mr. Ramesh Seebarran

LIST OF MEMBERS

1 Adams, Elizabeth Mayglen
2 Ali, Nizamudin
3 Ali, Waheeda Farzana
4 Alli, Khalil
5 Alli, Ronald
6 Alli, Waheeda
7 Atherly, Lancelot
8 Bacchus, Alia
9 Bacchus, Fazal
10 Bassoo, Hema
11 Beckles,Shonette
12 Beenakshi, Shamlall
13 Beharry, Troy T.
14 Bennett-Blair, Christine
15 Bissondail, Romel
16 Boucher,Neil
17 Branche, Chavez
18 Calvan, Naomi Candasia
19 Chan-A-Sue, Paul
20 Chintamani, Chandradat
21 Chitnarine, Marlon
22 Churaman, Sremala
23 Clarke, Prince
24 Clifford, Adrian
25 Dalton, Clayton Floyd
26 Daniels,Uma
27 Dasrat, Nadia
28 Davis, Andre
29 Dharamraj, David Anthony
30 Douglas, Clyde
31 Drubahadur
32 Drubahadur, Haimwattie
33 Eastman, Joseph
34 France-Cummings, Lancelot
35 Fraser, Arron
36 Goberdhan, Khemraj
37 Gowkarran, Diana
38 Grant-Peters Cherri
39 Gurcharran, Shawn
40 Hamid, Abbas
41 Haniff, Azzarudeen
42 Haripaul, Rajendra
43 Harripershad, Jagdesh
44 Hinds,Clifton Nigel
45 Indar, Deodat
46 Jadunandan, Daneza
47 Jamuna, Nalini
48 Jarad, Chevez
49 Jaskaran, Terrence
50 Javed Alli
51 Kalladeen, Anand
52 Kamrouz, Nigel
53 Karimullah, Mohamed
54 Kellawan, Davon
55 Khan, Farida Bibi
56 Khan, Hema N.
57 Khemraj, Devan
58 Lal, Rameshwar
59 Latchana, Rakesh
60 La-Toya Barton
61 Layne, Nicola
62 Lowe, Derick
63 Mahendra Balkisoon
64 Manohar Hance
65 Mars-Toney, Melissa
66 Mc Donald, Kezia
67 Mc Rae, Robert V.
68 Mohamed, Bibi Faria
69 Mohamed,Timur
70 Moonilall, Lisa
71 Motilall, Raan
72 Nandalal,Rajiv
73 Narine, Harry N.
74 Narine, Soraya N.
75 Nauth, Krishna Steve
76 Nauth, Ravin
77 Nokta, Malisa
78 Norville, Hakeem

LIST OF MEMBERS CONT'D

79 Pamesar,Goswami
80 Parmesar, Harryram
81 Parmesar, Jai
82 Patterson Stephen
83 Persaud, Christopher
84 Persaud, Devika
85 Persaud, Gavin
86 Persaud, Malinda
87 Persaud, Netendra
88 Persaud, Nikita
89 Persaud, Pramila
90 Persaud, Ramesh
91 Persaud, Robeina
92 Persaud, Yesu
93 Persaud,Peter
94 Phillips, Dwyane
95 Prasad, SueSarran
96 Prashad, Amrita
97 Rahaman, Saeed
98 Ram, Christopher
99 Rambajan, Alvin
100 Rambajan, Stephen
101 Rambharose, Moonalisa
102 Ramcharan, Navindra
103 Ramcharitar, Roopnarine
104 Ramdihal, Chateram
105 Ramjeawan-James,Shivangali
106 Ramjewan, Mahendra
107 Ramkumar Ramcharitar
108 Ramnarain, Sham, Narine
109 Ramnarine, Vishwamint
110 Ramsoondar, Gavin
111 Resaul, Gobardhan
112 Richards, Anna
113 Roopnarine Singh
114 Samaroo, Komal
115 Samaroo,Jermaine
116 Sammy, Mahindra
117 Sanichara, Bibi
118 Seebarran, Ramesh
119 Seeraj, Ramakrishna
120 Seesankar, Jitanjali
121 Seonarine,Savitri
122 Shivjantan, Anil Madan
123 Shivraj, Lekhnarine P.
124 Singh, Addel
125 Singh, Ashri
126 Singh, Bhashkarand
127 Singh, Dave
128 Singh, Geetanjali
129 Singh, Omadatt
130 Singh, Suresh
131 Singh, Taramatie
132 Singh, Vasudeo
133 Solomon, Maurice
134 Sookhai, Mark
135 Stanley, Ronald
136 Statia, Godfrey
137 Sukhai, Brian
138 Sukhai, Roopnarine
139 Sukhdeo,Motilall
140 Thompson, Colin
141 Tiwari,Shivdatt
142 Vaughn, George
143 Veerasammy, Leslie
144 Williams,Troy
145 Wiltshire, Garfield
146 Xavier, Melissa
147 Yusuf, Shelliza

Admitted in 2022

1 Persaud, Mohinie
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Guyana

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

I have audited the financial statements of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Guyana (General and Education Trust Fund), which comprise the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2021, and the statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statements of changes in accumulated funds and statements of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements, present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Institute as at December 31, 2021, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs).

Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I am independent of the Institute in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board of Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Guyana, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Going Concern

The Institute's financial statements have been prepared using the going concern basis of accounting. The use of this basis of accounting is appropriate unless management either intends to liquidate the Institute or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. As part of our audit of the financial statements, I have concluded that management's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the Institute's financial statements is appropriate. Management has not identified a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt on the Institute's ability to continue as a going concern, and accordingly none is disclosed in the financial statements. Based on my audit of the financial statements, I also have not identified such a material uncertainty. However, neither management nor the auditor can guarantee the Institute's ability to continue as a going concern.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRSs, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Institute's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Institute or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Institute's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they can reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Institute's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements, continued

- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Institute's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Institute to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I am required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

I am also required to provide those charged with governance with a statement that I have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on my independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, I determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

The financial statements comply with the requirements of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Guyana Act 1991.

Leslie Veerasammy - ***FCCA***
Chartered Accountant
Georgetown, Guyana

March 24, 2022

THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF GUYANA - GENERAL ACCOUNT

Statement of Financial Position
As at December 31, 2021
With comparative figures for 2020
(Expressed in Guyana dollars)

	Notes	2021 $	2020 $
Assets			
Current assets			
Due from Education Trust Fund		10,172,644	4,654,202
Accounts receivable	3	-	919,608
Fixed deposits	4	4,481,050	4,452,556
Cash and bank	5	1,084,225	4,464,202
Total current assets		15,737,919	14,490,568
Total assets		15,737,919	14,490,568
Equity and liabilities			
Equity			
Accumulated funds		15,612,919	14,352,970
		15,612,919	14,352,970
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable		125,000	137,598
Total current liabilities		125,000	137,598
Total equity and liabilities		15,737,919	14,490,568

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

The Council approved these financial statements for issue on March 24, 2022.

President

Vice President

THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF GUYANA - GENERAL ACCOUNT

Statement of Comprehensive Income
For the year ended December 31, 2021
With comparative figures for 2020
(Expressed in Guyana dollars)

	Notes	2021 $	2020 $
Income			
Membership subscription and application fees		3,633,000	3,586,600
Practicing certificate fees		875,000	775,000
Practicing monitoring fees		3,013,420	2,187,950
Surplus on members' activities		-	27,944
Interest on deposit		186,520	28,546
Total income		7,707,940	6,606,040
Expenses			
Dues			
International Federation of Accountants		1,082,500	1,089,000
Institute of Chartered Accountants of the Caribbean		557,271	561,060
General expenses		4,500	4,500
Depreciation		9,609	-
Employment costs		845,140	898,326
Stationery, postage and printing		65,954	97,925
Practice monitoring		3,102,017	2,181,454
Legal and professional fees		456,000	-
Maintenance		125,000	-
Impairment of receivables		200,000	761,429
Total expenditure		6,447,991	5,593,694
Net income for the year		**1,259,949**	**1,012,346**

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

Statement of Changes in Accumulated Funds
For the year ended December 31, 2021
With comparative figures for 2020
(Expressed in Guyana dollars)

	Accumulated funds $
As at January 1, 2020	13,340,624
Net income for the year	1,012,346
As at December 31, 2020	14,352,970
As at January 1, 2021	14,352,970
Net income for the year	1,259,949
As at December 31, 2021	15,612,919

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF GUYANA - GENERAL ACCOUNT

Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended December 31, 2021
With comparative figures for 2020
(Expressed in Guyana dollars)

	2021	2020
	$	$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income for the year	1,259,949	1,012,346
Adjustments for:		
Impairment of receivables	300,000	761,429
Interest income	(186,520)	(28,546)
Operating income before working capital changes	1,373,429	1,745,229
Change in due to Education Trust Fund	(5,518,442)	(581,409)
Change in accounts receivable	619,608	750,589
Change in accounts payable	(12,598)	(364,567)
Net cash flow used in operating activities	(4,911,432)	(195,387)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Change in fixed deposit	(28,494)	(28,546)
Interest received	186,520	28,546
Net cash from investing activities	158,026	-
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(3,379,977)	1,549,842
Cash and cash equivalent at the beginning of the year	4,464,202	2,914,360
Cash and cash equivalent at the end of the year	1,084,225	4,464,202
Cash and cash equivalent comprises:		
Cash on hand and at bank	1,084,225	4,464,202

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THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF GUYANA - EDUCATION TRUST FUND

Statement of Financial Position
As at December 31, 2021
With comparative figures for 2020
(Expressed in Guyana dollars)

	Notes	2021 $	2020 $
Assets			
Non-current assets			
Furniture and equipment	6	166,563	-
Investments	7	22,405,662	12,932,640
Total non-current assets		22,572,225	12,932,640
Current assets			
Accounts receivable	3	4,023,943	873,713
Fixed deposits	4	73,560,573	72,477,038
Cash and bank	5	7,208,159	7,171,202
Total current assets		84,792,675	80,521,953
Total assets		107,364,900	93,454,593
Equity and liabilities			
Equity			
Accumulated funds		74,545,998	75,588,267
Investment reserve		22,309,146	12,836,124
		96,855,144	88,424,391
Current liabilities			
Due to general account		10,172,644	4,654,202
Advance student subscription		-	376,000
Accounts payable		337,112	-
Total current liabilities		10,509,756	5,030,202
Total equity and liabilities		107,364,900	93,454,593

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

The Council approved these financial statements for issue on March 24, 2022.

P Persaud .... President

.... Vice President

THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF GUYANA - EDUCATION TRUST FUND

Statement of Comprehensive Income
For the year ended December 31, 2021
With comparative figures for 2020
(Expressed in Guyana dollars)

	Notes	2021 $	2020 $
Income			
Joint examination scheme subvention		2,661,600	3,351,197
Students' subscription and application fees		777,000	189,000
Interest received		980,138	1,013,951
CPD seminars surplus		297,575	445,164
Dividends received		227,266	181,814
Total income		4,943,579	5,181,126
Expenses			
Employment costs		2,535,421	2,694,980
Rental of building		2,052,000	1,949,400
Net graduation expenses		-	348,349
Telephone		258,648	147,270
Stationery and postage		197,862	293,775
Cleaning and sanitation		177,374	151,000
Compound maintenance		375,000	-
Electricity		65,799	77,469
Travelling		81,250	72,199
Bank charges		44,406	42,445
Depreciation		28,828	-
Advertisement		169,260	188,100
Total expenditure		5,985,848	5,964,987
Net loss for the year		**(1,042,269)**	**(783,861)**
Other comprehensive income			
Items that may be subsequently reclassified to profit and loss			
Fair value gain / (loss) on available for sale assets		9,473,022	(25,455)
Total comprehensive income / (loss) for the year		**8,430,753**	**(809,316)**

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Statement of Changes in Accumulated Funds
For the year ended December 31, 2021
With comparative figures for 2020
(Expressed in Guyana dollars)

	Accumulated funds $	Reserve $	Total $
As at January 1, 2020	76,372,128	12,861,579	89,233,707
Net loss for the year	(783,861)	-	(783,861)
Other comprehensive income	-	(25,455)	(25,455)
As at December 31, 2020	75,588,267	12,836,124	88,424,391
As at January 1, 2021	75,588,267	12,836,124	88,424,391
Net loss for the year	(1,042,269)	-	(1,042,269)
Other comprehensive income	-	9,473,022	9,473,022
As at December 31, 2021	74,545,998	22,309,146	96,855,144

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Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended December 31, 2021
With comparative figures for 2020
(Expressed in Guyana dollars)

	2021	2020
	$	$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net loss for the year	(1,042,269)	(783,861)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	38,437	-
Interest income	(980,138)	(1,013,951)
Investment income	(227,266)	(181,814)
Operating loss before working capital changes	(2,211,236)	(1,979,626)
Change in due to General Account	5,518,442	581,409
Change in accounts receivable	(3,150,230)	847,554
Change in advance student subscription	(376,000)	-
Change in accounts payable	337,112	356,170
Net cash flow from operating activities	2,329,324	1,785,133
Cash flows from investing activities		
Change in fixed deposit	(1,083,535)	(962,970)
Interest received	980,138	1,013,951
Dividend received	227,266	181,814
Purchase of equipment	(205,000)	-
Net cash (used in) from investing activities	(81,131)	232,795
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	36,957	38,302
Cash and cash equivalent at the beginning of the year	7,171,202	7,132,900
Cash and cash equivalent at the end of the year	7,208,159	7,171,202
Cash and cash equivalent comprises:		
Cash on hand and at bank	7,208,159	7,171,202

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

1. General information

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Guyana was registered on November 9, 1966 and became a corporate body with the enactment of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Guyana Act 1991. It is managed by elected members who serve on Council.

The objectives of the Institute are:

(a) to promote and increase the knowledge, skills and proficiency of its members and its registered students;

(b) to regulate the discipline and professional conduct of its members and its registered students by maintaining a strict standard of professional ethics;

(c) to foster, promote and protect the welfare and interests of the accountancy profession;

(d) to make provision for the tranining, education and examination of persons engaged in or intending to engage in the accountancy professions;

(e) to maintain conduct with other recognised professional bodies with like objects as the Institute, whether within or outside of Guyana, on all matters pertaining or of interest to the accountancy profession and to make representation to those bodies or any of them on matters affecting the interest of members of the Institute;

(f) to submit the views of members to the Government and public bodies on legislation or other matters of professional interest to or affecting members;

(g) to provide opportunities for its members to meet to exchange views and to discuss matters of interest, particularly between practicing and non-practicing members.

2. Significant accounting policies

(a) The practical accounting policies applied in these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to the years presented.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards under the historical cost convention as modified for revaluation of investments.

Standards and Interpretations published which are effective from the current financial year are reviewed and adopted by Council, where applicable. The Council is of the opinion that these new standards and amendments would not have a significant impact on these financial statements.

Specific to IFRS 9, all exposures considered at risk of default have particulary been provided for, taking into account future expectations. The remaining balances are considered recoverable based on characteristics of the counterparties and thus no material impairment adjustment is expected to arise.

2. Significant accounting policies, continued

(b) Furniture and equipment

Items of furniture and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment los

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of the assets less their residual values over their estimated useful lives, using the straight line method. The following annual rates are used to depreciate the assets:-

Furniture and equipment	10% - 50% per annum

(c) Investments

Investments are recognised in the financial statements to comply with International Financial Reporting Standards.

The Institute's investments are classified as financial assets through other comprehensive income. These are initially recognised at cost and adjusted to fair value in subsequent periods.

Gains and losses on financial assets through other comprehensive income are recognised through the statement of other comprehensive income until the asset is sold or otherwise disposed, at which time previously recognised gains or losses are transferred to the statement of income for that period.

(d) Revenue recognition

Annual subscription, practice fees, admission fees, dividends and interest are recognised on an accrual basis. Tuition fees are recognised over the duration of the course.

(e) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are held for the purpose of meeting short-term cash commitments. These are readily convertible to known amounts of cash, with maturity dates of three (3) months or less.

(f) Leases

At the inception of a contract, the Institute assesses whether a contract is, or contains a lease. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. To assess whether a contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset, the Institute assesses whether:

(i) The contract involves the use of an identified asset - this may be specified implicitly or explicitly and should be physically distinct and represents substantially all of the capacity of a physically distinct asset.

(ii) The Institute has the right to obtain substantially all the economic benefits from the use of the asset throughout the period of use.

(iii) The Institute has the right to direct the use of the asset.

2. Significant accounting policies, continued

(f) Leases, *continued*

The Institute recognises a right of use asset and a lease liability based on the outstanding duration of the lease.

At January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021, the Institute is a party to certain leasing arrangements. However, all lease arrangements are considered short term lease as they will expire in less than 12 months and the Institute does not have a renewal option.

(g) Financial instruments

A financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to both a financial asset in one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument in another entity. Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised in the Institute's statement of financial position when it becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instruments.

The financial instruments carried in the statements of financial position are:

Financial assets:

- Accounts receivable, cash and cash equivalents, investments and fixed deposits

Financial liabilities:

- Accounts payable

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of the financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. The Institute manages this risk by monitoring interest-earning assets and procuring the most advantageous interest rates.

The Institute invests excess cash in short-term deposits and interest-earning bank accounts with licensed financial institutions. Short-term deposits are invested in fixed deposit accounts for periods of twelve months at fixed interest rates and are not affected by fluctuations in market interest rates up to the dates of maturity. Interest rates on interest-earning, savings accounts are not fixed but are subject to fluctuations based on prevailing market rates.

Credit risk

The Institute faces credit risk in respect of its receivables and cash and cash equivalents. However, this risk is controlled by close monitoring of these assets by the Institute. In addition, cash and cash equivalents are maintained with licensed financial institutions assessed by Council to be stable. The maximum credit risk faced by the Institute is the total of these balances as reflected in the statements of financial position.

3. Accounts receivable

	2021	2020
	$	$
General account		
Members	-	916,608
	-	916,608
Impairment of receivables	-	-
	-	916,608
Education Trust Fund		
Electricity deposit	84,800	84,800
Rent deposit	100,000	100,000
Members receivable	488,630	-
ACCA	2,661,600	-
Reward Programme	688,913	688,913
	4,023,943	873,713

4. Fixed deposits

	2021	2020
	$	$
General account	4,481,050	4,452,556
Education Trust Fund	73,560,573	72,477,038

Interest is currently being earned at 0.60% - 2.25% per annum. Should interest on short term deposits increase/decrease by 50 basis points, with all other variable held constant, the net surplus for the year would increase/decrease by $312,166 (2020 - $308,961).

5. Cash and bank

	2021	2020
	$	$
General account		
Cash at bank (interest bearing and non-interest bearing)	1,053,616	4,429,263
Petty cash	30,609	34,939
	1,084,225	4,464,202
Education Trust Fund		
Cash at bank (interest bearing)	7,208,159	7,171,202

6. Furniture and equipment

	2021	2020
	$	$
Cost		
As at January 1	1,253,465	1,253,465
Additions	205,000	-
As at December 31	1,458,465	1,253,465
Accumulated depreciation		
As at January 1	1,253,465	1,253,465
Charge for the year	38,437	-
As at December 31	1,291,902	1,253,465
Net book value	166,563	-

7. Investments

	2021	2020
	$	$
Available-for-sale securities		
Banks DIH Limited - 156,735 shares	21,942,900	12,538,800
Demerara Distillers Limited - 3,282 shares	462,762	393,840
	22,405,662	12,932,640
Dividends earned from financial assets through other comprehensive income	227,266	181,814

8. Commitments and contingencies

Litigation

In the ordinary course of business the Institute has brought legal proceedings against defaulting members. Council does not believe that the outcome of these proceedings, in aggregate, will have a material adverse effect on the Institute's results of operations and accordingly, no provision for contingencies is necessary.

9. Subsequent events

There are no significant events that occurred after the reporting date that affects the financial performance, position or changes therein for the reporting period presented in these financial statements.