News from **SMA Council**

By Dr Tham Tat Yean, Honorary Secretary

1. SMA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date : Sun, 30 Mar 2003 Time : 2.00 – 5.00 pm Venue : Alumni Auditorium

a. Resolutions and Proposed Constitution Amendments

- i. "Any member desirous of moving any resolutions at the AGM shall give notice in writing thereof to the Honorary Secretary not less than thirty (30) days before the date of such meeting." [Article XI Section 1 (iii)]
- ii. "Proposed amendments to the Constitution and Rules shall be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary at least thirty (30) days before the date of the Annual General Meeting." [Article XII Section 2]

Resolutions and proposed constitution amendments should reach the Honorary Secretary by 12.00 noon on Monday, 24 February 2003, at the latest.

b. Nominations of Candidates for 44th SMA Council

The following 8 SMA Council Members shall retire and are eligible for re-election:

Dr Foo Chuan Kit

Dr Lee Pheng Soon

Dr Lim Teck Beng

Prof Low Cheng Hock

Dr Ivor Thevathasan

Dr Toh Choon Lai

Dr Theodor Wee Tit Gin

Dr Wong Chiang Yin

Members are invited to submit nominations of candidates to fill the 8 vacancies in the 44th SMA Council. [Article VIII Section 3a] Completed nomination forms (circulated in this month's mailbag) must reach the Honorary Secretary by 12.00 noon on Monday, 24 February 2003, at the latest.

Members are reminded to mark the AGM date on your calendar and to attend the AGM.

2. SMA ANNUAL DINNER

Date : Sat, 12 Apr 2003

Look out for more details in next month's mailbag.

3. A VISION OF HEALTH

Date : Wed, 19 Feb 2003 Time : 6.30 – 8.30 pm Venue : Alumni Auditorium

A Vision of Health is a CME-accredited seminar organised by the Association of Women Doctors (AWDS), and jointly supported by SMA and the Alumni Association. All doctors are welcome and admission is free. Look out for more details in last month's mailbag.

4. SMA-UOB VISA GOLD SMART CARD – CLARIFICATIONS / UPDATE

Members would by now, have received the circular announcing the adoption of the SMA-UOB Visa Gold Smart Card as the SMA Membership Identification Card, with effect from 2003.

- i. For members who are already holding the SMA-UOB Visa Gold Card, you can continue to use the same card (there is no need to reapply).
- ii. For members who are not holding the SMA-UOB Visa Gold Card and wish to convert their personal cards to the SMA-UOB Visa Gold Smart Card, you would need to settle any outstanding amounts in your current cards before the conversion can be effected.
- iii. For the few members who prefer to use the SMA silver card, instead of applying for the SMA-UOB Visa Gold Smart Card, SMA will accommodate and make arrangements to prepare the SMA silver card for you.

5. FEEDBACK NEWS

Feedback News is a quarterly publication of the Feedback Unit. The Unit was started in 1985 as part of a consultative government which wants to listen to the voices of the people. The 17 Feedback Groups (FBG) have since been streamlined to 8 broad groups to make them more effective. The **Health Development FBG**, which discusses healthcare issues, is chaired by **Dr Lee Kheng Hock**, who is also Executive Director of the College of Family Physicians Singapore.

The January issue of Feedback News is now available online at

http://app.internet.gov.sg/data/mcds/mcdsfeedback/pubs/upload/fb%20news%20jan03,%20english.pdf

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