

**SINGAPORE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION**  
**UNCONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE 56TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**

**Held on 17 April 2016 (Sunday) at 2 pm at the Alumni Auditorium, Level 2,  
2 College Road, Alumni Medical Centre, Singapore 169850**

**Members Present: 19**

**In Attendance:**

Mr Martin Ho, Chief Administrator

Mr Lee Sze Yong, Deputy Manager

At 2 pm, there were 13 members and were insufficient for quorum required under Article XI, Section (3)(i) of the SMA Constitution. The President, Dr Wong Tien Hua, adjourned the meeting for thirty minutes in accordance to Article XI, Section (3)(ii). At 2.30 pm, with 18 members signed in, President, Dr Wong Tien Hua called the meeting to order.

At the request of Dr Wong, all who were present rose and observed a minute of silence in memory of 10 members of the Association who passed away since the last AGM.

**1 OPENING ADDRESS**

- 1.1 President, Dr Wong thanked members present for taking time out to attend the AGM.
- 1.2 In his address to members at the meeting, Dr Wong thanked
  - President Tony Tan, for gracing the SMA Annual Dinner 2015, and accepting the SMA Honorary membership;
  - Dr Ng Chee Kwan, for chairing and organising the SMA Medical Convention 2015;
  - Prof Tommy Koh, for taking up the 2015 edition of the SMA Lecture;
  - all council members for their volunteer service to SMA;
  - A/Prof Toh Han Chong, for his contributions to SMA, including the Editor of SMA News. A/Prof Toh is stepping down from the SMA Council this year;
  - Dr Tan Yia Swam, Editor of SMA News, and the whole SMA News team;
  - Prof Poh Kian Keong, Editor of Singapore Medical Journal;
  - Dr Lee Pheng Soon, for assisting in matters relating to medical indemnity;
  - A/Prof Thirumoorthy, for his contributions to SMA, including as the Executive Director of the SMA Centre for Medical Ethics and Professionalism (SMA CMEP). A/Prof Thiru stepped down as the Executive Director of SMA CMEP at the end of March 2016;
  - A/Prof Gerald Chua, the current Executive Director of SMA CMEP for helming a very important work of the SMA;
  - the SMA secretariat, for running the daily activities in SMA
- 1.3 Dr Wong highlighted SMA's new slogan, For Doctors, For Patients, which serves to remind all that SMA's focus is not just to serve members, but towards society as a whole, and for our patients. SMA's aim is to protect and enhance the doctor-patient relationship.

**2 GROUND RULES**

- 2.1 Honorary Secretary, Dr Lee Hsien Chieh, highlighted the Ground Rules and sought members' cooperation to speak at the microphone and to identify themselves by name for the recording of the proceedings.

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 55TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

- 3.1 The minutes were adopted as proposed by Dr Wong Chiang Yin and seconded by Dr Toh Choon Lai. There were no matters arising from the 55th AGM minutes.

**4 REVIEW OF ANNUAL REPORT OF THE 56TH SMA COUNCIL 2015/2016**

- 4.1 Dr Lee referred members to the SMA 56th Annual Report 2015/2016. He also reminded attendees of the upcoming SMA Annual Dinner on 14 May 2016 at Raffles Town Club

- 4.2 The SMA 56th Annual Report 2015/2016 was adopted as proposed by Dr Wong Chiang Yin and seconded by Adj. Prof Tan Sze Wee.

## **5 AUDITED STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015**

- 5.1 Dr Tammy Chan, Honorary Treasurer, presented the accounts for SMA Group.
- 5.2 Dr Chan highlighted a surplus of \$294K for 2015. Compared to 2014, SMA's surplus dipped by 31% or (\$133K), mainly due to a lower fair value gain in investment and increased expenditure towards membership.
- 5.3 The main bulk of income came from services rendered to indemnity providers. The main bulk of expenses were for staff costs. SMA has embarked on initiatives to improve staff productivity, specifically via usage of technology. Examples include online learning tools, online registration for courses and events, self-service membership portal, and online payment portal.
- 5.4 Although membership subscription contributes 22% of total income to SMA, expenditure on membership is about 28% of total expenditure, before we factor in publication expenses.
- 5.5 Adj. Prof Tan Sze Wee, Chairperson of SMA Pte Ltd (SMAPL), presented the accounts for SMAPL.
- 5.6 He highlighted that SMAPL's main role was to invest SMA's surplus to generate a better return as compared to bank deposits. The total value of the investments is about \$4.2 million, with roughly 2.5% returns yearly. UBS is SMAPL's appointed agent for managing investments.
- 5.7 Due to expected market movements in 2016, SMAPL is undertaking a rebalancing of its portfolio, towards a growth focus. There are also plans to consider a capital purchase for a building, either for usage as a secretariat office, or for better returns. A property committee has been set up to look into these plans.
- 5.8 Dr Bertha Woon proposed and Dr Toh Choon Lai seconded to adopt the audited SMA financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015.
- 5.9 Dr Toh Choon Lai proposed and Dr Wong Tien Hua seconded to adopt the audited SMAPL financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015.

## **6 SMA CHARITY FUND (SMACF)**

- 6.1 Prof Wong Tien Yin, Chairperson of the SMA Charity Fund (SMACF), provided a brief on SMACF's objectives, past projects and activities, and upcoming plans.
- 6.2 Prof Wong thanked the SMACF Board of Directors who has contributed time and energy, and new ideas for the charity.
- 6.3 He highlighted the unique nature of SMACF's approach, to help cover living expenses for needy medical students. He hoped that these beneficiaries will become SMA members and contribute back to SMA and society. The key indicators for SMACF were highlighted.
- 6.4 Prof Wong thanked the many donors and SMA members who make regular contributions to SMACF.
- 6.5 Upcoming projects include a survey on the living expenses of medical students and fund-raising activities.
- 6.6 Dr Lee YV proposed and Dr Toh Choon Lai seconded to adopt the audited SMACF financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015.

## **7 ELECTION OF SMA HONORARY MEMBERS**

- 7.1 In accordance with Article IV, Section (iv) of the SMA Constitution, the House considered the proposal of the 56th SMA Council to elect Professor Balasubramaniam Ponnampalam, Adj. Associate Professor Lim Lean Huat, and Professor Ong Yong Yau, as SMA Honorary Members.

- 7.2 The members present unanimously affirmed Council's proposal to elect Prof Bala, Adj. A/Prof Lim, and Prof Ong to SMA Honorary Membership. The conferment of Honorary Membership will be held during the SMA Annual Dinner.

## 8 ELECTION OF 57TH SMA COUNCIL

- 8.1 The names of the 10 Council Members who would be serving their second year on the Council were announced.

Dr Tammy Chan Teng Mui	Dr Tan Tze Lee
Dr Lee Pheng Soon	Dr Tan Yia Swam
Dr Lim Kheng Choon	Dr Toh Choon Lai
Dr Ng Chee Kwan	Dr Wong Chiang Yin
A/Prof Tan Choon Kiat Nigel	Dr Bertha Woon Yng Yng

- 8.2 By the stipulated deadline of 12 March 2016, 10 nominations were received for the 10 vacancies. The 10 nominees were therefore elected to the 57th SMA Council.
- 8.3 The Dr Charles Tan Tse Kuang, a new member to the SMA Council, made a short introduction. Dr Tan is currently a general surgeon in private practice.
- 8.4 The 20 members of the 57th SMA Council were announced:

Dr Anantham Devanand	Dr Ng Chee Kwan
Dr Tammy Chan Teng Mui	A/Prof Nigel Tan Choon Kiat
A/Prof Chin Jing Jih	Adj Prof Tan Sze Wee
Dr Chong Yeh Woei	Dr Charles Tan Tse Kuang
Dr Daniel Lee Hsien Chieh	Dr Tan Tze Lee
Dr Lee Pheng Soon	Dr Tan Yia Swam
Dr Lee Yik Voon	Dr Toh Choon Lai
Dr Lim Kheng Choon	Dr Wong Chiang Yin
Dr Benny Loo Kai Guo	Dr Wong Tien Hua
Dr Noorul Fatha As'art	Dr Bertha Woon Yng Yng

## 9 ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS FOR YEAR 2016/2017

- 9.1 Dr Wong Tien Hua and Dr Lee Hsien Chieh Daniel conducted the election for executive officers. One nomination was received for each of the posts of President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Assistant Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Assistant Treasurer.
- 9.2 The following were elected Executive Officers of the 57th SMA Council:

Office	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
President	Dr Wong Tien Hua	Dr Chong Yeh Woei	Dr Bertha Woon
1st Vice President	Dr Toh Choon Lai	Dr Wong Tien Hua	Dr Wong Chiang Yin
2nd Vice President	Adj Prof Tan Sze Wee	Dr Wong Tien Hua	Dr Wong Chiang Yin
Honorary Secretary	Dr Lee Hsien Chieh Daniel	Dr Wong Tien Hua	Dr Wong Chiang Yin
Honorary Assistant Secretary	Dr Lim Kheng Choon	Dr Wong Tien Hua	Dr Toh Choon Lai
Honorary Treasurer	Dr Tammy Chan	Dr Wong Tien Hua	Dr Tan Tze Lee
Honorary Assistant Treasurer	Dr Loo Kai Guo Benny	Dr Wong Tien Hua	Adj Prof Tan Sze Wee

## 10 APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AUDITORS

- 10.1 Adj Prof Tan Sze Wee enquired on the audit fees that SMA is currently paying. The amount is approximately \$18K for the most recent audit of SMA, SMAPL, and SMACF and this has not changed from the previous year.

10.2 Members present approved by majority via show of hands, the appointment of Kreston David Yeung PAC as Professional Auditors for the ensuing year.

## **11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

11.1 Dr Wong Tien Hua highlighted the SMA Council has been concerned by feedback regarding the business practices of some managed care organisations (MCOs). Some MCOs are charging doctors a 10-15% admin fee. This amount is of concern, especially when levied on a substantial operation fee, as it may be construed as a form of fee-splitting. SMA has written a letter to the Singapore Medical Council to seek guidance on this matter.

There being no other matters, Dr Wong Tien Hua declared the AGM closed at 3.05 pm.

**DR LEE HSIEN CHIEH**

Honorary Secretary  
57th SMA Council

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<b>Present at AGM</b>		<b>Absent with Apologies</b>	
<b>S/No.</b>		<b>S/No.</b>	<b>Name</b>
1	Anantham Devanand	1	Au Eong Kah Guan
2	Chan Teng Mui Tammy	2	Chan Heng Chun
3	Chong Yeh Woei	3	Chan Kwai Lin Daisy
4	Laxmanan Raja Rajeswari	4	Chee Yam Cheng
5	Lee Hsien Chieh Daniel	5	Cheng Wei Chen
6	Lee Pheng Soon	6	Chin Jing Jih
7	Lee Yik Voon	7	Chio Tze Wei Martin
8	Loo Kai Guo Benny	8	Foo Keong Tat
9	Ng Chee Kwan	9	Goh Kong Tek
10	Soh Choon Wee	10	Gordon Ian Munt
11	Tan Sze Wee	11	Gwee Jin Hwa (Mrs Lee Jin Hwa)
12	Tan Tse Kuang Charles	12	Kwan Pak Mun
13	Tan Tze Lee	13	Lee Chon Sham
14	Tan Yia Swam	14	Lee Kae Meng Thomas
15	Toh Choon Lai	15	Lee Siew Chin
16	Wong Chiang Yin	16	Lim Dolly Irene Nee Pakshong
17	Wong Tien Hua	17	Lim Heng Lee Lawrence
18	Wong Tien Yin	18	Lim Kheng Choon
19	Woon Yng Yng Bertha	19	Lim Kian Peng
		20	Nares Smitasin
		21	Ng Eik Tiong
		22	Noorul Fatha As'art
		23	Ong Chee Meng Robert
		24	Oon Chong Jin Gabriel
		25	Paul Anantharajah Tambyah
		26	Sheah Ban Joo Kenneth
		27	Soong Yoke Lim
		28	Tam Tak Chuen Elias
		29	Tan Choon Kiat Nigel
		30	Tan Kong Chin
		31	Tan Lian Ching Audrey
		32	Tan Tiong Tee Clarence
		33	Tan Tze Chin
		34	Tham Siew Nee
		35	Toh Han Chong
		36	Yeoh Kian Hian