

SINGAPORE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
UNCONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE 55TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

**Held on 12 April 2015 (Sunday) at 2 pm at the Alumni Auditorium, Level 2,
2 College Road, Alumni Medical Centre, Singapore 169850**

Members Present: 24

In Attendance:

Mr Martin Ho, Chief Administrator

Mr Lee Sze Yong, Deputy Manager

At 2 pm, there were 21 members and were insufficient for quorum required under Article XI, Section (3)(i) of the SMA Constitution. The President, A/Prof Chin Jing Jih, adjourned the meeting for thirty minutes in accordance to Article XI, Section (3)(ii). At 2.30 pm, with 24 members signed in, President, A/Prof Chin Jing Jih called the meeting to order.

At the request of A/Prof Chin, all who were present rose and observed a minute of silence in memory of 12 members of the Association who passed away since the last AGM.

1 OPENING ADDRESS

- 1.1 President, A/Prof Chin thanked members present for taking time out to attend the AGM. Regardless of the attendance level, the AGM is a good opportunity to take stock of what happened during the past year.
- 1.2 In his address to members at the meeting, A/Prof Chin shared that SMA is not a union, but has union-like functions. He said that the practice environment is evolving, with changing expectations from patients. It is therefore beneficial to work closely with patients, in shared decision making.
- 1.3 Preserving the doctor-patient relationship is at the core of SMA's work. Doctors need a suitable environment to operate in. SMA is fulfilling its position as a rational, reasonable, and fair body that engages with various policy-makers, by taking a longer, broader perspective.
- 1.4 Recruiting and retaining membership remains a challenge at SMA. Often, members who resign cite the lack of personal benefits. A/Prof Chin explained that SMA regularly advocates for members, however, some of these actions are not publicised due to the confidential nature of the discussions.
- 1.5 A/Prof Chin concluded his opening address by thanking his fellow council members, volunteers in SMA's various committees, and the secretariat staff. A/Prof Chin alerted members to a spelling error in Page 3 of the Annual Report. The correct spelling should be Dr Low Lip Ping, and not "Pin" as printed.

2 GROUND RULES

- 2.1 Honorary Secretary, Dr Tammy Chan 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 2014 SMA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 3.1 The minutes were adopted as proposed by Dr Wong Tien Hua and seconded by Dr Wong Chiang Yin. There were no matters arising from the 2014 AGM minutes.

4 REVIEW OF 2014/15 ANNUAL REPORT

- 4.1 Dr Chan referred members to the SMA Annual Report 2014/2015, highlighting that Dr Ng Chee Kwan and A/Prof Tan Choon Kiat Nigel have been co-opted to the 55th SMA Council during the year, after Dr Abdul Razakjr and Prof Wong Tien Yin stepped down from the SMA Council respectively. Dr Ng and A/Prof Tan made brief introductions to those present at the AGM.
- 4.2 The 2014/15 Annual Report was adopted as proposed by Dr Wong Tien Hua and seconded by Dr Wong Chiang Yin.

5 AUDITED STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

- 5.1 Dr Lee Hsien Chieh, Honorary Treasurer, presented the accounts for SMA, SMA Trust Fund, and SMA Pte Ltd (SMAPL).
- 5.2 He highlighted an increase in surplus for 2014. The main bulk of income came from services rendered to indemnity providers. The main bulk of expenses were for staff costs. Staff is important to run the organisation, and SMA has invested in them, but SMA is mindful of its non-profit status, and will manage this component in future years.
- 5.3 The SMA Trust Fund has been dormant for the past 5 years, with no transaction during these 5 years.
- 5.4 For SMAPL, profit has increased in 2014. The main source of income is from investments, and main expenses are for administrative and operating expenses. Investment portfolio value has increased to \$4.2 million.
- 5.5 Dr Chong Yeh Woei proposed and Dr Tan Tze Lee seconded to adopt the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014.

6 SMA CHARITY FUND (SMACF)

- 6.1 Dr Wong Chiang Yin, one of the Directors of the SMA Charity Fund (SMACF), provided a brief on SMACF's objectives, past projects and activities, and upcoming plans.
- 6.2 \$1.45 million has been raised for student bursaries since 2007. \$610,000 in financial assistance has been disbursed since 2007. Dr Wong highlighted a healthy fundraising efficiency ratio of 8.26.
- 6.3 SMACF successfully renewed its Institution of a Public Character (IPC) status for another 2 years. Dr Wong encouraged members to donate to SMACF, highlighting the 300% tax benefit for the year 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 55th SMA Council to elect Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam as a SMA Honorary Member.
- 7.2 The members present unanimously affirmed Council's proposal to elect Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam to SMA Honorary Membership. The conferment of Honorary Membership will be held during the SMA Annual Dinner on 16 May 2015 at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel.

8 APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES FOR SMA TRUST FUND

- 8.1 A/Prof Chin thanked Dr Khoo Chong Yew and Dr Low Lip Ping for their service to SMA as Trustees of the SMA Trust Fund.
- 8.2 Members present unanimously affirmed the appointment of A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean and Dr Lee Pheng Soon, as Trustees of the SMA Trust Fund.
- 8.3 A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean, Dr Lee Pheng Soon, Prof Low Cheng Hock, Dr Tan Kok Soo, and Dr Tan Yew Ghee will serve on the SMA Trust Fund for a 3-year term from 2015 to 2018.

9 APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES FOR SMA PTE LTD

- 9.1 A/Prof Chin thanked Dr Yong Nen Khiong for his service to SMA as a Trustee of SMAPL.
- 9.2 Members present unanimously affirmed the appointment of Prof Chee Yam Cheng as Trustee of SMAPL.
- 9.3 Prof Chee Yam Cheng, Prof Low Cheng Hock, and Dr Tan Cheng Bock will serve as Trustees for SMAPL for a 5-year term from 2015 to 2020.

10 ELECTION OF 56th SMA COUNCIL

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

Dr Anantham Devanand	Dr Benny Loo Kai Guo
A/Prof Chin Jing Jih	Dr Noorul Fatha As'art
Dr Chong Yeh Woei	A/Prof Tan Sze Wee
Dr Daniel Lee Hsien Chieh	A/Prof Toh Han Chong
Dr Lee Yik Voon	Dr Wong Tien Hua

10.2 By the stipulated deadline of 12 March 2015, 10 nominations were received for the 10 vacancies. The 10 nominees were therefore elected to the 56th SMA Council.

10.3 The 20 members of the 56th SMA Council were announced:

Dr Anantham Devanand	Dr Ng Chee Kwan
Dr Tammy Chan Teng Mui	A/Prof Tan Choon Kiat Nigel
A/Prof Chin Jing Jih	A/Prof Tan Sze Wee
Dr Chong Yeh Woei	Dr Tan Tze Lee
Dr Lee Hsien Chieh Daniel	Dr Tan Yia Swam
Dr Lee Pheng Soon	Dr Toh Choon Lai
Dr Lee Yik Voon	Dr Toh Han Chong
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

11 ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS FOR YEAR 2015/2016

11.1 A/Prof Chin Jing Jih conducted the election for office bearers, except for the post of 1st Vice President. Dr Tammy Chan conducted the election for the post of 1st Vice President. One nomination was received for each of the posts of President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Assistant Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Assistant Treasurer.

11.2 The following were elected Office Bearers of the 56th SMA Council:

Office	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
President	Dr Wong Tien Hua	A/Prof Chin Jing Jih	Dr Chong Yeh Woei
1st Vice President	A/Prof Chin Jing Jih	Dr Wong Tien Hua	Dr Chong Yeh Woei
2nd Vice President	Dr Toh Choon Lai	Dr Tammy Chan	Dr Tan Tze Lee
Honorary Secretary	Dr Lee Hsien Chieh Daniel	Dr Wong Tien Hua	Dr Chong Yeh Woei
Honorary Assistant Secretary	Dr Lim Kheng Choon	Dr Wong Tien Hua	Dr Chong Yeh Woei
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	Dr Chong Yeh Woei

12 APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AUDITORS

12.1 Dr Lee PS proposed, and Dr Wong Chiang Yin seconded, for SMA to appoint Kreston David Yeung PAC as Professional Auditors for the coming year.

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

13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 Dr Tammy Chan highlighted that a property committee has been set up to recommend options for SMA's office premises.

13.2 A/Prof Chin Jing Jih explained that the property committee will explore possibilities of the acquisition of a property for the future site of the SMA office, in view that the current lease of the Alumni Medical Centre will end in 2018.

- 13.3 Dr Wong Chiang Yin commented that a similar committee was formed previously, when SMA purchased a property at Bukit Pasoh Road. The property was subsequently sold for profit later.
- 13.4 Dr Lee Pheng Soon suggested for flexibility to allow the SMA Council to make a decision, without needing to wait till the next AGM, due to the time-sensitive nature of such transactions.
- 13.5 Dr Wong Chiang Yin commented that the committee will look for a suitable property, and make a recommendation. The decision will be made by the SMA Council.
- 13.6 Dr Ng Chee Kwan asked if members would be informed when the property is purchased. A/Prof Chin explained that members can be informed via SMA's usual communication channels, e.g. via SMA News, email, etc.
- 13.7 Dr Wong Tien Hua highlighted that there is some urgency regarding the 2018 deadline. SMA currently rents from the Alumni Association, which in turns leases from the Singapore Land Authority. Upon expiry of the lease, the rental rates will very likely be readjusted higher to match market rates, which may make it difficult for SMA financially. Discussions with the Alumni Association to continue at the current premises are also ongoing.

There being no other matters, A/Prof Chin Jing Jih declared the AGM closed at 3.17 pm.

DR LEE HSIEN CHIEH

Honorary Secretary
56th SMA Council

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Attendance

1. Abu Rauff
2. Anantham Devanand
3. Ang Lay Cheng
4. Chan Teng Mui Tammy
5. Chin Jing Jih
6. Chong Yeh Woei
7. Kwan Pek Yee
8. Lee Hsien Chieh Daniel
9. Lee Pheng Soon
10. Lee Yik Voon
11. Lim Kheng Choon
12. Ng Chee Kwan
13. Ng Mong Hoo Richard
14. Noorul Fatha As'art
15. Tan Choon Kiat Nigel
16. Tan Tze Lee
17. Tan Yia Swam
18. Teo Chee Yeow Aloysius
19. Toh Choon Lai
20. Toh Han Chong
21. Wong Chiang Yin
22. Wong Tien Hua
23. Woon Yng Yng Bertha
24. Seet Chong Meng

Absent with apologies

1. Chew Chay Noi
2. Soin Kanwaljit
3. Yap Gim Hong
4. Fung Mei Keng Janet
5. Thng Lip Mong
6. Goh Kong Tek
7. Suwandi Kojodjojo
8. Gwee Hak Meng
9. Koh Chong Cheng
10. Tan Seung Po
11. Lim Chien Wei
12. Ho Pui San
13. Nyam Ngian Choy Raymond
14. Yap Gim Hong
15. Tan Teng Kiat Robert
16. Tan Kay Soon
17. Chong Siew Yun
18. Choo Chee Hoe Ivan
19. Lee Suan Yew
20. Lee Kae Meng Thomas
21. Khoo Kei Siong
22. Thong Yu Mor Bernard
23. Ho Kee Hang
24. Lee Chu Ching
25. Omar Bin Saleh Talib
26. Lo Cher Kuan
27. Wong Siew Nee
28. Teo Sze Yang
29. Lee Michael
30. Chin Wah Seng
31. Chan Wai Ling Theresa
32. Yeo Chor Tzien
33. Tay Chong Kam
34. Yip Chin Ling William
35. Lee Chang Long
36. Andrea Rajnakova
37. Tan Beng Teck
38. Pradeep Raut
39. Yap Kian Sung
40. Tey Colin
41. Chan Kong Thoe
42. Venketasubramanian Narayanaswamy
43. Lee See Chung
44. Ng Pock Liok
45. Oon Chiew Seng
46. Wee Sip Leong
47. Ng Ang Lee Richard
48. Yoshikuni Susumu
49. Woo Lai Har Monica