

SINGAPORE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
UNCONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE 53RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

**Held on 7 April 2013 (Sunday) at 2 pm at the Alumni Auditorium, Level 2,
2 College Road, Alumni Medical Centre, Singapore 169850**

Members Present: 32

In Attendance:

Mr Martin Ho, Chief Administrator

Mr Lee Sze Yong, Deputy Manager

At 2 pm, there were 23 members and were insufficient for quorum required under Article XI (3)(i) of the SMA Constitution. The Honorary Secretary, Dr Tammy Chan, adjourned the meeting for thirty minutes in accordance to Article XI (3)(ii). At 2.30 pm, with 28 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 the 17 members of the Association who passed away since the last AGM.

1 OPENING ADDRESS

- 1.1 President, A/Prof Chin thanked the members present for taking time out to attend the AGM. He was glad to see members of all ages attending the AGM, a healthy sign for SMA.
- 1.2 A/Prof Chin highlighted that 2012 was a year where the SMA Council kept up the momentum set by previous Councils, and also look into areas which could be enhanced, in response to rapid changes in healthcare.
- 1.3 One of the key areas of emphasis last year was to be a more visible voice of the profession. SMA also focused on enhancing the competency of members, through workshops, seminars, and conferences conducted by the Academy arm of SMA. Engagement with policy-makers was also an important role that SMA continued in 2012.
- 1.4 A/Prof Chin called on the new Council to adopt a collaborative spirit with stakeholders, to enable a reasonable and constructive voice of the profession. The various activities by SMA should tie back to helping and enhancing our members' ability to serve the needs of our patients and our nation's healthcare.
- 1.5 The potential epidemics lurking over the horizon are opportunities to remind policy-makers that both public and private sectors are needed to tackle these major issues. SMA will continue to work to enhance the relationship between public and private sectors.
- 1.6 Citing our aging population as an example, A/Prof Chin highlighted that this issue cannot be tackled by the public sector alone. SMA will carry on building trust between policy-makers and the private sector, to help both parties see beyond any historical baggage, and to work together.
- 1.7 A/Prof Chin looked forward to harness on the wisdom of the seniors, and the energy of the juniors, for both groups to come together, to enhance the role of the medical profession in Singapore.

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 CORRIGENDUM

- 3.1 Dr Tammy Chan highlighted that Item 9 on the AGM Agenda should read "*Appointment of Professional Auditors for the ensuing year*" instead of "*Appointment of B P Yap & Co as Professional Auditors for the Ensuing Year.*"

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 52nd SMA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

4.1 The minutes were adopted as proposed by Dr Chong Yeh Woei and seconded by Dr Wong Tien Hua.

5 REVIEW OF ANNUAL REPORT

5.1 Dr Chan took members through several sections in the annual report, and also highlighted upcoming events like the Annual Dinner (11 May), SARS 10th Anniversary Symposium (31 May), and National Medical Convention (31 August).

5.2 The Annual Report was adopted as proposed by Dr Bertha Woon and seconded by Dr Tan Tze Lee.

6 AUDITED STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

6.1 A/Prof Tan Sze Wee, Honorary Treasurer, presented the accounts for Singapore Medical Association ("SMA"), updating members that SMA's financial status remained healthy. He reiterated the intent for SMA to continue working hard for members, and to plough back income earned into membership benefits, such as through subsidising course fees for members.

6.2 Dr Wong Chiang Yin, Chairman, Board of Directors for Singapore Medical Association Pte Ltd ("SMAPL"), provided an introduction to SMAPL's functions as an investment holding entity, and its direction to earn a reasonable rate of return that match up to inflation in Singapore.

6.3 Dr Abdul Razakjr Omar proposed and Dr Chia Ghim Song seconded to adopt the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012.

7 ELECTION OF SMA HONORARY MEMBERS

7.1 In accordance with Article IV (iv) of the SMA Constitution, the House considered the proposal of the 53rd SMA Council to elect Professor Low Cheng Hock and Emeritus Professor Robert Pho as SMA Honorary Members.

7.2 The members present affirmed Council's proposal to elect Professor Low Cheng Hock and Emeritus Professor Robert Pho to SMA Honorary Membership. The conferment of Honorary Membership will be held during the SMA Annual Dinner 2013 on 11 May 2013 at Sheraton Towers Singapore.

8 ELECTION OF 54th SMA COUNCIL

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

Dr Chia Ghim Song
A/Prof Chin Jing Jih
Dr Chong Yeh Woei
Dr Chow U-Jin
Dr Daniel Lee Hsien Chieh
Dr Lee Yik Voon
Dr Noorul Fatha As'art
A/Prof Tan Sze Wee
Dr Toh Han Chong
Dr Wong Tien Hua

8.2 By the stipulated deadline of 8 March 2013, 10 nominations were received for the 10 vacancies. The 10 nominees were therefore elected to the 54th Council.

8.3 The 20 members of the 54th SMA Council were announced:

Dr Abdul Razakjr Omar	Dr Noorul Fatha As'art
Dr Tammy Chan Teng Mui	Dr Tan Tze Lee
Dr Chia Ghim Song	A/Prof Tan Sze Wee
A/Prof Chin Jing Jih	Dr Tan Yia Swam
Dr Chong Yeh Woei	Dr Toh Choon Lai
Dr Chow U-Jin	Dr Toh Han Chong

Dr Daniel Lee Hsien Chieh	Dr Wong Chiang Yin
Dr Lee Pheng Soon	Dr Wong Tien Hua
Dr Lee Yik Voon	Prof Wong Tien Yin
Dr Lim Kheng Choon	Dr Bertha Woon Yng Yng

- 8.4 The 2 new Council members were introduced. Dr Lim Kheng Choon is currently a Radiology resident, and is a graduate of the Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School. Dr Tan Tze Lee is a Family Physician in private practice, and also teaches at NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine and Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School.

9 ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS FOR YEAR 2013/2014

- 9.1 Dr Tammy Chan conducted the election for the post of President. A/Prof Chin Jing Jih was the sole nominee, and was elected as the President. A/Prof Chin then proceeded to conduct the election for the rest of the Executive Committee.
- 9.2 One nomination was received for each of the posts of 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Assistant Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Assistant Treasurer.
- 9.3 The following were elected Office Bearers of the 54th SMA Council:

Office	Nominee	Proposer	Seconded
President	A/Prof Chin Jing Jih	Dr Chong Yeh Woei	Dr Wong Chiang Yin
1st Vice President	Dr Wong Tien Hua	A/Prof Chin Jing Jih	A/Prof Tan Sze Wee
2nd Vice President	Prof Wong Tien Yin	A/Prof Chin Jing Jih	A/Prof Tan Sze Wee
Honorary Secretary	Dr Tammy Chan	A/Prof Chin Jing Jih	Dr Bertha Woon Yng Yng
Honorary Assistant Secretary	Dr Lee Yik Voon	A/Prof Chin Jing Jih	Dr Toh Choon Lai
Honorary Treasurer	A/Prof Tan Sze Wee	A/Prof Chin Jing Jih	Dr Chong Yeh Woei
Honorary Assistant Treasurer	Dr Lee Hsien Chieh	A/Prof Chin Jing Jih	Dr Chong Yeh Woei

- 9.4 Incoming President A/Prof Chin Jing Jih thanked members for re-electing him. He highlighted that it would be a challenging year ahead, with the possibility of a fresh epidemic over the horizon, changes in primary care, etc.
- 9.5 SMA will continue to engage medical students and doctors-in-training, to help cope with the everchanging medical landscape.
- 9.6 A/Prof Chin called on members present to tell other members to participate in SMA actively, to add to the strength of the voice of the profession.

10 APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AUDITORS

- 10.1 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 On behalf of Prof Wong Tien Yin (who is Chair of SMA's Social Concerns committee), Dr Wong Chiang Yin updated members on the SMA Charity Fund Limited.
- 11.2 He highlighted that the SMA Medical Students' Assistance Fund has raised about \$1 million since its inception. The fund is currently administered by the National University of Singapore. As Singapore now has 3 medical schools (NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School, NTU Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine), there is a need for SMA to setup its own Charity to better meet the needs of the various schools and society.
- 11.3 The SMA Charity Fund Limited has been incorporated as a Company limited by guarantee and is currently pursuing Charity status. Members will be informed when the Charity is ready to begin fund-raising activities.

- 11.4 A/Prof Chin Jing Jih updated members present on the status of SMA's feedback to the SMC Review Committee on SMC complaints and disciplinary processes. SMA had received a letter from the Review Committee. SMA then sought feedback from members, and also its honorary legal advisors. The feedback document was submitted on 5 April 2013.
- 11.5 A/Prof Chin highlighted that it is important for doctors to be able to practice medicine under a fair system. They should not have to worry about over-regulation. A fair process will ensure that doctors can continue to focus on patients.
- 11.6 Dr Tan Yia Swam took the floor to welcome young members present. She explained that SMA had been doing a lot of work quietly in the background. She called on the young doctors to step up, take up leadership positions, and not be apathetic about matters relating to the medical profession.
- 11.7 A/Prof Chin added that SMA will provide opportunities for old and young doctors to work together, to promote understanding and bridge the generational gap.
- 11.8 Dr Wong Chiang Yin asked if SMA's feedback to the Review Committee would be disseminated to members. A/Prof Chin confirmed that it will be published in the SMA News.

There being no other matters, A/Prof Chin Jing Jih declared the AGM closed at 3.14 pm.

DR TAMMY CHAN
Honorary Secretary
54th SMA Council