

News from SMA Council

I. NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 47th SMA Annual General Meeting will be held on **Sunday, 1 April 2007, 2 pm at the Alumni Auditorium.**

Resolutions and proposed constitution amendments should be made in writing and reach the Honorary Secretary by 12 noon on Thursday, 1 March 2007 at the latest.

Members are also invited to submit nominations of candidates to fill the 8 vacancies in the Council. Nominations (using the prescribed nomination form) must be signed by 2 Ordinary/Life Members and contain a consent to act, if elected, signed by the person nominated and must reach the Honorary Secretary by 12 noon on Thursday, 1 March 2007 at the latest.

Please see this month's mailbag for more details and the nomination forms.

2. MOM RELEASES 5TH EDITION OF GATIOD

The Ministry of Manpower has published the Fifth Edition of **A Guide to the Assessment of Traumatic Injuries and Occupational Diseases for Workmen's Compensation (GATIOD)**, which has taken effect from **1 January 2007**.

The two key changes are updates to existing chapters on renal function; respiratory function and upper and lower limb function to align with newer developments in the assessment of such disorders and the addition of three new chapters on Gastro Digestive Tract, Central Nervous System and Visual Function.

The soft copy of the Guide is available on MOM's website at http://www.mom.gov.sg/publish/momportal/en/communities/workplace_safety_and_health/maintaining_a_safe_workplace/tools.htm

Alternatively,

1. Go to <http://www.mom.gov.sg>

2. Under "Workplace Safety and Health (WSH)", select "Maintaining a Safe & Healthy Workplace".
3. Select "OSH Tools".

The Fifth Edition of the GATIOD applies to all initial medical assessments done on or after 1 January 2007 irrespective of the date of accident. For objection cases requiring re-assessment by the Workmen's Compensation Medical Board, where the initial assessment was based on the last edition, the re-assessment should continue to be based on the last edition for consistency. The Fifth Edition of GATIOD may be referred to in cases where there was no guidance given in the last edition.

The Workmen's Compensation Medical Report forms have also been revised and took effect from 1 January 2007.

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3. LIFE MEMBERSHIP

We would like to draw Members' attention to Article III, Section (i) of the SMA Constitution, and in particular, the amendment (see underlined) which has been adopted with effect from 1 January 2006:

"Life membership may be granted to:

- a. Ordinary Members who have been in continuous membership for at least five years, who have reached the age of 55 years and who have retired from active professional practice in Singapore; &
- b. Ordinary Members who have been in continuous membership for at least twenty years, on payment of a sum equivalent to ten years' annual subscription at Ordinary rate."

Ordinary Members who wish to apply for Life Membership can write in to the SMA Secret ■