



SINGAPORE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE 61ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

HELD ON 25 APRIL 2021 (SUNDAY) AT 2 PM, VIA TELECONFERENCE (ZOOM)

Members Present: 25

In Attendance:

Ms Krysanja Tan, Chief Administrator
Ms Angeline Teoh, Senior Manager
Mr Lee Sze Yong, Manager
Ms Priseillia D/O Govindasamy, Executive

At 2 pm, 20 members had signed in, which was insufficient for a quorum as required under Article XI, Section (3)(i) of the SMA Constitution. Dr Ng Chew Lip (Ng CL), Honorary Secretary of the 61st Council, adjourned the meeting for thirty minutes in accordance to Article XI, Section (3)(ii). At 2.30 pm, with 25 members signed in, Dr Tan Yia Swam (Tan YS), President of the 61st Council called the meeting to order.

All who were present observed a minute of silence in memory of 13 members of the Association who passed away since the last AGM.

1. OPENING ADDRESS

1.1 2020 was an eventful year for SMA and the medical profession. Dr Tan YS highlighted 3 main points in her Opening Address:

- (a) Adapting to change: The start of the new decade was a momentous one, as COVID-19 became a global pandemic, and the way we live was disrupted and changed almost overnight. The past year has also brought about many new developments for SMA, including a change in leadership at SMA with the election of a new President; a new Chief Administrator was also recruited to manage the Secretariat.
- (b) Adversity: COVID-19 brought about several challenges, including loss of income, and the many adjustments that had to be made in our personal lives and at work. The SMA Secretariat had to continue operating and providing services to members even as it transitioned to a work-from-home arrangement. SMA worked closely with various stakeholders to provide COVID-19 support to members, including sale of masks, distribution of hand sanitisers, timely information updates, mental health support, and webinars on telemedicine and COVID-19 vaccination.
- (c) Advocacy: SMA initiated a successful action to get the DoctorxDentist website to remove the particulars of doctors after members complained about being listed without their permission. SMA is also working together with stakeholders to review the Integrated Shield Plans and bring about positive changes that will improve the care of patients. The Doctors-in-Training Committee continues to reach out to younger members, as well as both local and overseas medical students. In the new term, SMA hopes to look into the area of harassment and bullying.

2. GROUND RULES

- 2.1 Honorary Secretary, Dr Ng Chew Lip (Ng CL) highlighted the Ground Rules, including recommending the usage of the Chat function in Zoom to post questions or comments. Members present were reminded to keep their microphone muted, unless they were speaking. He sought members' cooperation to identify themselves by name for the recording of the proceedings.
- 2.2 Members present were informed that the Polling function in Zoom would be used for voting.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 3.1 The 2020 minutes were taken as adopted in accordance with Article XI Section 4. There were no matters arising from the 2020 AGM minutes.

4. REVIEW OF ANNUAL REPORT OF THE 61ST SMA COUNCIL 2020/2021

- 4.1 Dr Ng CL referred members to the SMA 61st Annual Report 2020/2021. The PDF link to the Annual Report was circulated to members via email, prior to the AGM. A QR code was also included in the AGM presentation, for attendees to access the Annual Report.
- 4.2 The SMA 61st Annual Report 2020/2021 was adopted as proposed by Dr Tan Choon Kiat Nigel and seconded by Dr Loo Kai Guo Benny.

5. AUDITED STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

- 5.1 Dr Lim Kheng Choon (Lim KC), SMA Honorary Treasurer, presented the accounts for the SMA Group.
- 5.2 He highlighted that the SMA Group closed 2020 with a surplus of about \$812K, mainly due to cost savings from cancelled events/activities, increased sales from electronic direct mails, and \$289K from the government Jobs Support Scheme.
- 5.3 Dr Lim KC also highlighted that membership arrears continues to be a challenging area. Adding value to SMA membership, in order to retain members, will continue to be a key area of focus.
- 5.4 Adj. Prof Tan Sze Wee (Tan SW) presented the accounts for SMA Pte Ltd (SMAPL), and highlighted that the bulk of SMAPL is focused on investments, which has been managed by UBS for about 10 years.
- 5.5 The performance of SMAPL's investments over the past year was a story of 2 halves. The investments declined when COVID-19 hit, but as the investment market recovered, SMAPL ended 2020 with about \$110K surplus from investment dividends. As of March 2021, the portfolio value has crossed \$6.3 million, which is a new record for SMAPL.
- 5.6 Adj. Prof Tan SW also highlighted that due to the Monetary Authority of Singapore guidelines on the criteria of an "Accredited Investor", which SMA does not meet, UBS will no longer be able to handle SMAPL's investments. SMAPL is currently transitioning the investments to DBS.
- 5.7 Dr Wong Chiang Yin proposed and Dr Toh Choon Lai seconded to adopt the audited SMA and SMAPL financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

6 SMA CHARITY FUND (SMACF)

- 6.1 Dr Chong Yeh Woei (Chong YW), Chairperson of SMACF presented the report. He provided an introduction of the SMACF Board of Directors, and also SMACF's strategic initiatives, which remain focused on helping needy medical students.

- 6.2 Dr Chong YW highlighted that donations have fallen during COVID-19. Fortunately, SMACF was able to draw on a dollar-for-dollar matching government grant of about \$435K. As such, SMACF managed to award bursaries to 55 medical students in 2020, disbursing a total of \$275K.
- 6.3 SMACF's fundraising efficiency ratio remains good at 11.85%. Key initiatives in 2021 include a new SMACF website, leveraging Tote Board's dollar-for-dollar matching grant as part of fundraising efforts, and a meeting with bursary recipients.

7 ELECTION OF SMA HONORARY MEMBERS

7.1 In accordance with Article IV, Section (iv) of the SMA Constitution, the Meeting considered the proposal of the 61st SMA Council to elect Dr Cheong Pak Yean and Dr Thirumorthy s/o Thamothersampillai as SMA Honorary Members.

7.2 The members present unanimously affirmed the Council's proposal.

8 ELECTION OF 62ND SMA COUNCIL

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

Dr Anantham Devanand	Dr Low Tchern Kuang Lambert
Dr Chie Zhi Ying	Dr Ng Chew Lip
Dr Daniel Lee Hsien Chieh	Adj Prof Tan Sze Wee
Dr Loo Kai Guo Benny	Dr Tan Zhenwen Tina
Dr Ivan Low Jinrong	Dr Wong Tien Hua

8.2 By the stipulated deadline, 10 nominations were received for the 10 vacancies. The 10 nominees were therefore elected to the 62nd SMA Council.

Dr Tammy Chan Teng Mui	Dr Raj Kumar Menon
Dr Lee Pheng Soon	Adj Asst Prof Tan Tze Lee
Dr Lee Yee Mun	Dr Tan Yia Swam
Dr Lim Kheng Choon	Dr Toh Choon Lai
Dr Ng Chee Kwan	Dr Wong Chiang Yin

8.3 The 2 new Council Members, Dr Lee Yee Mun and Dr Raj Kumar Menon made their introductions to members present.

8.4 The meeting recorded a vote of thanks to the 2 outgoing SMA Council Members, A/Prof Tan Choon Kiat Nigel and Dr Woon Yng Yng Bertha, for their contributions to SMA.

8.5 The 20 members of the 62nd SMA Council were announced:

Dr Anantham Devanand	Dr Ng Chee Kwan
Dr Tammy Chan Teng Mui	Dr Ng Chew Lip
Dr Chie Zhi Ying	Dr Raj Kumar Menon
Dr Daniel Lee Hsien Chieh	Adj Prof Tan Sze Wee
Dr Lee Pheng Soon	Dr Tan Tze Lee
Dr Lee Yee Mun	Dr Tan Yia Swam
Dr Lim Kheng Choon	Dr Tan Zhenwen Tina
Dr Benny Loo Kai Guo	Dr Toh Choon Lai
Dr Ivan Low Jinrong	Dr Wong Chiang Yin
Dr Low Tchern Kuang Lambert	Dr Wong Tien Hua

9 ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS FOR YEAR 2021/2022

9.1 Dr Ng CL conducted the election for Office Bearers. 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.

9.2 The following were elected Office Bearers of the 62nd SMA Council:

OFFICE	NOMINEE	PROPOSER	SECONDER
President	Dr Tan Yia Swam	Dr Ng Chee Kwan	A/Prof Tan Choon Kiat Nigel
1st Vice President	Dr Ng Chee Kwan	Dr Chie Zhi Ying	Dr Tan Zhenwen Tina
2nd Vice President	Dr Tammy Chan Teng Mui	Dr Tan Yia Swam	Dr Loo Kai Guo Benny
Honorary Secretary	Dr Ng Chew Lip	Dr Tan Yia Swam	Dr Loo Kai Guo Benny
Honorary Assistant Secretary	Dr Loo Kai Guo Benny	Dr Tan Yia Swam	Dr Chie Zhi Ying
Honorary Treasurer	Dr Lee Hsien Chieh Daniel	Dr Tan Yia Swam	Dr Loo Kai Guo Benny
Honorary Assistant Treasurer	Dr Chie Zhi Ying	Dr Tan Yia Swam	Dr Tan Zhenwen Tina

10 APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES FOR SMA TRUST FUND

10.1 Members present approved unanimously the appointment of the following as Trustees to the SMA Trust Fund, for a 3-year term from 2021 to 2024:

- (a) A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean
- (b) Dr Lee Pheng Soon
- (c) Prof Low Cheng Hock
- (d) Dr Tan Kok Soo
- (e) Dr Tan Yew Ghee

11 APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AUDITORS

11.1 Members present approved unanimously the appointment of Kreston David Yeung PAC as Professional Auditors for the ensuing year.

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 Dr Wong Tien Hua proposed a motion of thanks, to outgoing Minister for Health, Mr Gan Kim Yong, for his service and contributions to the healthcare profession, and support of SMA. The motion of thanks was approved by the meeting.

There being no other matters, Dr Ng CL declared the AGM closed at 3.20 pm.

DR NG CHEW LIP

Honorary Secretary
62nd SMA Council