

Annual General Meeting

Reported by Krysanja Tan and Adeline Chua

This year's AGM was held on 1 April 2007 (Sunday) in the Alumni Auditorium, and saw a turnout of 57 members.

At the Council Elections, Dr Wong Chiang Yin was re-elected as SMA President for a second term. The new Council was also joined by another two lady doctors: Dr Tammy Chan Teng Mui and Dr Bertha Woon Yng Yng. Dr Chan is a general practitioner who served on the SMA Private Practice Committee last year. Dr Woon is a breast and general surgeon in private practice. The Installation Ceremony for the 48th SMA Council was held at its first meeting on 24 April 2007.



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The Council wishes to put on record its appreciation to retired Council Members, **Dr John Chiam Yih Hsing** and **Dr Soh Wah Ngee** for their invaluable contributions to the SMA Council and various SMA Committees.

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Here are other highlights from the AGM.

SMA HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Members present unanimously supported the election of Professor Foo Keong Tatt and Dr Lee Suan Yew to SMA Honorary Membership. The Honorary Membership will be conferred at the SMA Annual Dinner on 13 May 2007 (Sunday) at Raffles Town Club.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

As the quorum of at least 50 members was met, the meeting proceeded to consider and vote on the proposed amendments to the SMA Constitution – ALL were successfully passed. The following constitutional amendments (changes in bold) will take effect upon receipt of approval from the Registry of Societies:

Subscriptions – Article III Section (ii)

The Annual Subscription for Ordinary Members shall be:

1 st year after graduation	: 25% of full rate
2 nd to 4 th year after graduation	: 50% of full rate
5 th to 7 th year after graduation	: 75% of full rate
8 th year onwards	: 100% of full rate

The annual subscription for full-paying Ordinary Members from 8th year after graduation will be **\$200**.

Article III Section (iii)

The annual subscription shall be 50% of the full rate for Spouse Members and 75% of the full rate for Overseas Members.

Membership – Article III Section (ii)(c)*new
Life Membership shall be granted to Ordinary Members who have been in continuous membership for 30 years without any further payment of subscriptions.

Membership – Article III Section (iii)

Honorary Membership shall be conferred on persons who are distinguished in public life or who have rendered meritorious service to the medical profession or to this Association.

- (a) **Honorary Members shall remain on the Honorary Members Roll in perpetuity.**
(b) **SMA Honorary Membership may be conferred posthumously.**

Powers and Duties of the Officers of the Association – Article IX (5)(ii)

The Honorary Treasurer shall open such banking account as the Council may direct, and shall deposit therein all monies received by him on behalf of the Association. All cheques issued by the Association shall be signed by:

- (a) **The Honorary Treasurer OR the Honorary Assistant Treasurer AND by the President OR the Honorary Secretary OR the Honorary Assistant Secretary.**
(b) **For expenses related to the Singapore Medical Journal (SMJ), the Honorary Treasurer OR the Honorary Assistant Treasurer AND the President OR the Honorary Secretary OR the Honorary Assistant Secretary OR the Editor of the SMJ.**

Powers and Duties of the Officers of the Association – Article IX (3)(v)(b)

At least two weeks before the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting of the Association, the Honorary Secretary shall send to all members of the Association:

- (a) A report of the Council on the activities of the Association during the year preceding;
(b) **A list of the names of members of the Association who joined in the past year; and**
(c) An audited statement of accounts for the year preceding.

For more details on the AGM proceedings, please look out for the draft minutes of the AGM as well as our special report on the withdrawal of the SMA Guideline on Fees from pages 4 to 15. ■

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A WARM WELCOME TO OUR TWO NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS



DR TAMMY CHAN TENG MUI, MBBS(S)(1991), Grad Dip(Occ Med), is a general practitioner in private practice.

Dr Chan's mission as an SMA Council Member is to work towards achieving cohesiveness amongst private practitioners. She also hopes to collaborate with relevant persons/organisations for greater transparency and regulation of practices affecting delivery of best practices in primary healthcare and health maintenance.



DR BERTHA WOON YNG YNG, MBBS(S)(1996), MMed(Surgery), FRCSED(Gen), FAMS(Surgery), is a breast and general surgeon in private practice.

Dr Woon looks forward to serving and improving the welfare of fellow doctors in a time of change.